

401. Miranda considered it a matter of _____ to defend her classmate who was being taunted by the bully, even though she was just as scared.
- (A) abeyance
 - (B) integrity
 - (C) termination
 - (D) redolence
 - (E) extravagance
402. The friendship of a studious and _____ boy like Cliff will be a good influence on my _____ and disrespectful nephew.
- (A) factious . . observant
 - (B) bountiful . . statuesque
 - (C) intolerant . . frolicsome
 - (D) vulgar . . baritone
 - (E) benevolent . . enervating
403. The Texans in the Alamo were unwilling to _____ with or surrender to Mexican General Santa Anna, and they paid the ultimate price.
- (A) compromise
 - (B) bedeck
 - (C) ostracize
 - (D) vegetate
 - (E) convulse

404. I am not _____: I would much rather drive my dad's vintage Volkswagen Beetle than be seen in my sister's flashy new sports car.
- (A) disreputable
 - (B) fugacious
 - (C) pretentious
 - (D) impervious
 - (E) rampant
405. Roald Amundsen was a(n) _____ explorer; he was the first person to visit both the North and South poles.
- (A) abrupt
 - (B) pugnacious
 - (C) tranquil
 - (D) generic
 - (E) intrepid
406. Every minute of Lara's life was scheduled and carefully planned, leaving no room for fun or _____.
- (A) spontaneity
 - (B) grievance
 - (C) persecution
 - (D) absolution
 - (E) severance
407. Because of the threats against witnesses by gangs in the neighborhood, the best the police could hope for was to receive _____ tips about the brazen shooting.
- (A) versatile
 - (B) palatial
 - (C) brittle
 - (D) expressive
 - (E) anonymous
408. I asked Ellen many intimate questions about my relationship with deceased relatives to see if she could _____ her claim that she is clairvoyant.
- (A) contaminate
 - (B) substantiate
 - (C) percolate
 - (D) deluge
 - (E) stifle

409. I was amazed at how _____ the mother was in the courtroom, considering the fact that she was looking into the eyes of her daughter's killer; I could not have had the same remarkable self-control.
- (A) restrained
 - (B) studious
 - (C) astute
 - (D) livid
 - (E) expeditious
410. I did not believe that Madelyn was a _____ child until I heard her play the Mozart concerto.
- (A) litigious
 - (B) subservient
 - (C) precocious
 - (D) coercive
 - (E) mediocre
411. The detective _____ every piece of information in the cold case file in an attempt to find new leads.
- (A) scrutinized
 - (B) abominated
 - (C) deteriorated
 - (D) refracted
 - (E) transfused
412. None of what Katherine said about me is true, and I will confront her about making those _____ remarks.
- (A) tranquil
 - (B) spurious
 - (C) penitential
 - (D) circuitous
 - (E) tireless
413. We have such _____ ideas about how to approach economic policy that I don't know how we will ever come to an agreement.
- (A) mundane
 - (B) divergent
 - (C) negligent
 - (D) acoustic
 - (E) conformist

414. The _____ of the sixteenth-century church was expensive and time-consuming, but the visitors all agreed that it was remarkable to see the building restored to its former glory.
- (A) obstruction
 - (B) capitulation
 - (C) renovation
 - (D) jurisdiction
 - (E) malediction
415. I hope that there are _____ circumstances to justify your arriving home past curfew.
- (A) meticulous
 - (B) translucent
 - (C) voracious
 - (D) deplorable
 - (E) extenuating
416. Eric's ability to avoid jail time is _____ upon his performing 1,000 hours of community service.
- (A) devious
 - (B) nocturnal
 - (C) ambidextrous
 - (D) irritable
 - (E) conditional
417. It seems impossible after our decades-long friendship, but our former _____ has disappeared completely because of your betrayal.
- (A) camaraderie
 - (B) nomination
 - (C) rebelliousness
 - (D) intrusion
 - (E) subsistence
418. The teacher said that Iago was the _____ in Shakespeare's famous play, but I felt that Othello was not exactly the hero of the story, as he also acted cruelly and selfishly.
- (A) journalist
 - (B) matron
 - (C) laureate
 - (D) recluse
 - (E) antagonist

419. Gwendolyn did not apologize because she cares about Stacy's feelings; she only acted in a(n) _____ way to avoid _____ from her peers, who said she had behaved poorly.
- (A) diligent . . lunacy
 - (B) exemplary . . pantomime
 - (C) accessible . . mutiny
 - (D) contrite . . censure
 - (E) logical . . martyrdom
420. Because Carol was deathly allergic to peanuts, she was forced to _____ from eating many of the treats at Dustin's birthday party.
- (A) paralyze
 - (B) interrogate
 - (C) castigate
 - (D) abstain
 - (E) dilate
421. In this age of viral videos and social media, fame comes quickly, but it is also _____, since people swiftly move on to the next fad.
- (A) intracellular
 - (B) laborious
 - (C) pastoral
 - (D) evanescent
 - (E) redolent
422. The defense lawyer knew that the evidence against his client was unfavorable, so he would have to depend on _____ from the jury to gain _____ for his client.
- (A) reminiscence . . turpitude
 - (B) urgency . . venom
 - (C) empathy . . leniency
 - (D) courtesy . . repentance
 - (E) cynicism . . deformity
423. She was once a(n) _____ person, but she became angry and _____ after the car accident left her paralyzed and scarred.
- (A) effervescent . . reclusive
 - (B) degenerate . . nonpareil
 - (C) doleful . . obnoxious
 - (D) expeditious . . rigorous
 - (E) munificent . . perspicacious

424. The scientist worked around the clock to find an antibiotic that could eliminate this deadly, _____ strain of bacteria.
- (A) ribald
 - (B) seditious
 - (C) ignoble
 - (D) docile
 - (E) virulent
425. After taking the three-hour tour of the Grand Canyon on foot, the kids and I fell in love with the _____ but beautiful landscape of the Arizona desert.
- (A) parched
 - (B) resilient
 - (C) ecstatic
 - (D) inquisitive
 - (E) furtive
426. Your _____ explanation is making it hard for me to focus and fully understand the complicated physics problem you are talking about.
- (A) orthodox
 - (B) circuitous
 - (C) averse
 - (D) inseparable
 - (E) prominent
427. Eddie's _____ for the band was obvious; not only did he own every album, but he also collected Beatles memorabilia and studio-session recordings.
- (A) aversion
 - (B) coalescence
 - (C) reverence
 - (D) dismissal
 - (E) insomnia
428. Researchers are working diligently on ways to _____ the picture quality of the old films, which have become faded with age.
- (A) invert
 - (B) enhance
 - (C) paralyze
 - (D) abase
 - (E) reprimand