

- 1, It was purely a \_\_\_\_\_ that we both ended up in the same café in Paris.
- A. coincidence
  - B. superstition
  - C. likelihood
  - D. fate
- 2, Prices of raw materials \_\_\_\_\_ wildly depending on global supply and demand.
- A. meander
  - B. wobble
  - C. fluctuate
  - D. transpire
- 3, Scientists suspect that the virus has \_\_\_\_\_ into a more contagious strain.
- A. strayed
  - B. mutated
  - C. startled
  - D. ascribed
- 4, The company's success can be largely \_\_\_\_\_ to the CEO's visionary leadership.
- A. attributed
  - B. assigned
  - C. speculated
  - D. gambled
- 5, The sudden loud clap of thunder \_\_\_\_\_ the resting horses in the field.
- A. startled
  - B. wobbled
  - C. meandered
  - D. strayed
- 6, The police have yet to \_\_\_\_\_ the exact cause of the fire that broke out last night.
- A. attribute
  - B. determine
  - C. foresee
  - D. assign
- 7, The manager decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the task of organizing the event to her senior assistants.
- A. ascribe
  - B. assign

C. attribute

D. speculate

8, The old legend says that a witch put a \_\_\_\_\_ on the castle, causing it to remain empty for centuries.

A. blow

B. charm

C. curse

D. sign

9, The table is old and legacy legs are uneven, so it tends to \_\_\_\_\_ if you press too hard on one side.

A. wobble

B. meander

C. fluctuate

D. transpire

10, Recent \_\_\_\_\_ indicate a significant decline in unemployment rates over the last quarter.

A. superstitions

B. statistics

C. coincidences

D. odds

### Gap Filling

**Meander      stray      instrumental      deliberate      speculate      odds**

15. The river begins to \_\_\_\_\_ slowly through the flat countryside as it approaches the sea.

16. She made a \_\_\_\_\_ decision to ignore his rude comments and walk away.

17. Against all the \_\_\_\_\_, the young athlete managed to win the gold medal.

18. The police officer warned the hikers not to \_\_\_\_\_ from the main trail into the thick forest.

19. She was \_\_\_\_\_ in negotiating the historic peace treaty between the two nations.

20. Journalists continue to \_\_\_\_\_ on who will be appointed as the new minister.