

Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words, that, when inserted in the sentence, best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Example:

Although its publicity has been ----, the film itself is intelligent, well-acted, handsomely produced, and altogether ----.

- (A) tasteless. .respectable (B) extensive. .moderate  
(C) sophisticated. .amateur (D) risqué. .crude  
(E) perfect. .spectacular

● (B) (C) (D) (E)

23. Marie Curie's more ---- achievements often ---- the contributions of her daughter, Irene Joliet-Curie, even though each woman won a Nobel Prize for Chemistry.
- (A) perplexing . . clarify  
(B) neglected . . invalidate  
(C) pioneering . . duplicate  
(D) famous . . overshadow  
(E) inspiring . . complement
24. Although they never referred to it ----, the two actors had a ---- agreement never to mention the film that had almost ended their careers.
- (A) vaguely . . clandestine  
(B) systematically . . presumptuous  
(C) longingly . . haphazard  
(D) oblique . . verbose  
(E) directly . . tacit
25. The critics reacted to the new book with enthusiasm; not one of their reviews was ----.
- (A) derogatory (B) professional (C) episodic  
(D) didactic (E) unsolicited
26. Oddly, a mere stranger managed to ---- Joanna's disappointment, while even her closest friends remained oblivious.
- (A) arouse (B) discredit (C) warrant  
(D) perceive (E) misrepresent
27. At bedtime the security blanket served the child as ---- with seemingly magical powers to ward off frightening phantasms.
- (A) a talisman (B) an incentive (C) an arsenal  
(D) a trademark (E) a harbinger
28. Despite his frequent shifting of allegiance, Johnson is not a flagrant ----, but he is nonetheless a striking specimen of moral ----.
- (A) novice . . excellence  
(B) opportunist . . equivocation  
(C) idealist . . ignorance  
(D) malefactor . . earnestness  
(E) paragon . . immaturity
29. Scratching, though a useful self-remedy for an occasional itch, can ---- a problem by damaging the skin if performed too ----.
- (A) cure . . carefully  
(B) exacerbate . . vigorously  
(C) worsen . . refreshingly  
(D) clarify . . abrasively  
(E) exonerate . . violently
30. Crumbling masonry is ---- of the ---- that long exposure to the elements causes to architecture.
- (A) Evidence . . havoc  
(B) reflective . . uniformity  
(C) indicative . . amelioration  
(D) denial . . weathering  
(E) refutation . . damage
31. Company employees were quite pleased with their efficient new work area because it provided an ideal climate ---- increased productivity.
- (A) stifled by (B) inimical to (C) shadowed by  
(D) conducive to (E) precipitated by

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