

**SAT Verbal Practice – Set II**  
**Time to answer all questions – 14 minutes**  
**15 questions**

**Directions:**

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

- Throughout history great ancient civilizations including the Egyptians, Mongolians, Romans, and Greeks can trace their downfalls to a certain societal \_\_\_\_\_ and general failing of moral values.  
  
A. approach  
B. acceptance  
C. indifference  
D. decadence  
E. latitude
- Had Newton not been such a \_\_\_\_\_ scientist, many of our engineering accomplishments may have taken many years before even reaching the drawing board.  
  
A. prodigious  
B. great  
C. seasoned  
D. prophetic  
E. prosaic
- Had it not been for his \_\_\_\_\_ prowess, Shakespeare, would not be considered one of the worlds' greatest poets of all time.  
  
A. elocutionary  
B. prestidigitation  
C. ponderous  
D. lyrical  
E. pugilistic
- Were I indeed \_\_\_\_\_, I likely would not still be teaching, for I would have long ago played the winning lottery numbers and be traveling the world sending postcards to the classroom.  
  
A. rich  
B. clairvoyant  
C. prescient  
D. intellectual  
E. perspicacious
- Given the seeming \_\_\_\_\_ of alternatives to charcoal, it seems rather \_\_\_\_\_ to continue on our current path without fully directing our collective resources to develop independence from questionable suppliers.  
  
A. dearth. . .wise  
B. plethora. . .pernicious  
C. readiness. . .curious  
D. availability. . .understandable  
E. capacity. . .forgiving

**Directions:**

Choose the pair of words that best express a relationship similar to that of the original pair.

6. FLATTER: REBUFF
  - A. stigmatize : criticize
  - B. implicate : involve
  - C. horrify : concern
  - D. abstain : refrain
  - E. entice : repulse
  
7. BOMBASTIC: TURGID
  - A. whimsical : capricious
  - B. maligned : beneficent
  - C. experienced : inchoate
  - D. robust : disillusioned
  - E. intelligent : ingenuous
  
8. LECHER: SALACIOUS
  - A. conjecture : supposed
  - B. anomaly : explicable
  - C. mosaic : ruined
  - D. pastry : bitter
  - E. rabbi : foreign
  
9. ECCENTRIC:CODGER
  - A. evil : courtesan
  - B. admirable : hero
  - C. generous : pedant
  - D. powerful : supplicant
  - E. spicy : marinade
  
10. LEGERDEMAIN : DECEPTION
  - A. ornament : tree
  - B. lemonade : glass
  - C. television : screen
  - D. demolition : implosion
  - E. alcoholism : addiction

**Directions:**

Each of the following sentences contains either a single error or no error at all. No sentence contains more than one error. The error, if there is one, is underlined and lettered. If the sentence contains an error, select the one underlined part that must be changed to make the sentence correct. If the sentence is correct, select choice E. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English.

11. A vast number of freshmen who take this course every year find that their knowledge of physics is inadequate. No error.
- A. who  
B. find  
C. their  
D. is  
E. No error
12. The last man on this planet will abandon his ruined cottage for a cave, and his woven clothes for an animal's skin. No error.
- A. will  
B. for  
C. and  
D. animal's  
E. No error
13. Neither Bradley, nor more recent critics who have written on Shakespeare's tragedies, has been able to provide a convincing explanation for the timing of events in *Othello*. No error
- A. more  
B. have written  
C. has  
D. timing of  
E. No error
14. Everyone who visits New Zealand is impressed by its cleanliness, which is primarily a result of rigorous implementation of their strict laws. No error.
- A. who  
B. is impressed  
C. which  
D. their  
E. No error
15. The company bowed to pressure, now it has removed the contentious advertisement from the hoarding. No error
- A. bowed  
B. pressure  
C. it  
D. from  
E. No error

**Answers:**

1. D
2. A
3. E
4. C
5. B
6. E
7. A
8. A
9. B
10. E
11. E
12. E
13. C
14. D
15. B