

Vocabulary Quiz – 06-01-14

Directions: Choose the best word(s) to complete each sentence.

1. Hoping to stall a vote on the bill, the senator continued to _____ on at great lengths as part of her filibuster, a _____ measure used to keep debating an issue long enough to win new supporters or prevent a vote altogether.
A] babble; lackadaisical B] eulogize; ponderous
C] maunder; zealous D] ramble; dilatory
E] ratify; procrastinating

2. To many in the late nineteenth century, Theodore Roosevelt was the _____ of masculinity; despite his aristocratic East Coast background, he seemed to embody all the characteristics that defined the ideal male: a rugged outdoorsman of the West.
A] apostate B] apotheosis
C] aphorism D] appellation
E] apparition

3. The novelist refused to give in to those protesters who said the book was offensive and needed to be _____ before schoolchildren could be allowed to read it.
A] sanctioned B] expurgated
C] perused D] excerpted
E] prevailed

4. To garner a wider audience, Dante wrote *Inferno* in the _____ Italian language rather than the high Latin most poets still used in the Middle Ages, since most Italians could not read Latin.
A] stilted B] vernacular
C] mellifluous D] expository
E] grandiloquent

5. Many of the revisionist Western films of the 1960s and 1970s focus on _____ loners and drifters obsessed with revenge.
A] mendicant B] sympathetic
C] reverent D] saturnine
E] vindictive

6. One of the skills a good interviewer must quickly acquire is the ability to sort an interviewee's answers into separate antithetical categories of _____ and _____ so as to write out a truthful account.
A] fabrication; falsehood B] verity; mendacity
C] fact; palpability D] subtlety; stupor
E] mimicry; restitution

1. [B]
2. [D]
3. [C]
4. [A]
5. [C]
6. [E]