Unit 2 Vocabulary Pre-Test

drivel infringe surmise precipitate epitome aplomb occult

1. They have a great deal to say on the subject, but unfortunately most of it is meaningless \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. “The rash and hot actions of that young hothead \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the battle, to say nothing of the war,” the general remarked sourly.
3. The mere fact that we cannot explain at the present time how she was hurt doesn’t mean that she was the victim of some \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ power.
4. We do not know what her motives were, but we may \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that she was mainly concerned for the child’s well-being.
5. A good definition of freedom is: The right to do anything you wish as long as you do not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on the rights of others.”
6. That dancer is very talented, but isn’t it going rather far to call her “the very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of feminine beauty and grace”?

stringent permeate exhort intrinsic ingratiate interloper

1. “If you think my training rules are too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and confining, the coach said,” “ then you probably shouldn’t be a candidate for the team. “
2. We looked up hungrily as the delightful odor of broiled steak and fried onions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the room.
3. How can we have any respect for people who try to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ themselves with their superiors by flattery and favors?
4. This old necklace has little \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ value, but it means a great deal to me because it belonged to my mother.
5. The people trying to “crash” our dance may think of themselves as merry pranksters, but they are really \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who would prevent us all from having a good time.
6. The prophets of old fervently \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the people to amend their lives.

**Answer key below**

Answer Key

1. Drivel 7. stringent
2. Precipitated 8. Permeated
3. Occult 9. Ingratiate
4. Surmise 10. Intrinsic
5. Infringe 11. interlopers
6. Epitome 12. Exhorted