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- (C) review
- (D) supervise

2. Her remarks were considered superfluous in such a concise report.

- (A) irrelevant
- (B) unnecessary
- (C) offensive
- (D) insightful

3. The minister sought to mitigate the impact of the economic downturn.

- (A) worsen
- (B) ignore
- (C) lessen
- (D) predict

4. His explanation was deliberately ambiguous.

- (A) clear-cut
- (B) confusing
- (C) detailed
- (D) reliable

5. The witness's testimony corroborated the defendant's account.

- (A) contradicted
- (B) supported
- (C) questioned
- (D) replaced

6. The company will distribute additional funds among different departments.

- (A) withdraw
- (B) hand in
- (C) hand out
- (D) request

7. She was widely esteemed by her colleagues.

- (A) criticised
- (B) well-liked
- (C) liked
- (D) steamed

8. The policy was introduced to curtail excessive spending.

- (A) follow-up
- (B) monitor
- (C) cut down on
- (D) drop off

9. His behaviour was wholly incompatible with the organisation's values.

- (A) irresponsible
- (B) incompetent
- (C) unsuitable
- (D) unforgettable

10. The CEO chose to refrain himself from commenting on the allegations.

- (A) avoid
- (B) reject
- (C) refuse
- (D) consider

**11.** The results were inconclusive, prompting further investigation.

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- (B) unclear
- (C) surprising
- (D) incomplete

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- (A) irrelevant
- (B) unacceptable
- (C) convincing
- (D) impossible

**13.** The proposal was met with widespread scepticism.

- (A) doubt
- (B) enthusiasm
- (C) confusion
- (D) indifference

**14.** He delivered a compelling argument in favour of change.

- (A) mandatory
- (B) persuasive
- (C) lengthy
- (D) emotional

**15.** The organisation remains committed to reducing carbon footprint.

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**i** Hand over is correct.  
Relinquish means to give up something such as a responsibility or claim, to hand over.

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- B unnecessary
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**i** Unnecessary is correct.  
Superfluous is the same as unnecessary.

3. The minister sought to mitigate the impact of the economic downturn.

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**i** Lessen is correct.  
Lessen means to become smaller or less, to mitigate  
\*Latin-rooted words are usually used in formal language.

4. His explanation was deliberately ambiguous.

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- B confusing
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**i** Confusing is correct.  
Ambiguous means having or expressing more than one possible meaning, sometimes intentionally, confusing

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**i** Supported is correct.  
Corroborated means to support something by facts.

6. The company will distribute additional funds among different departments.

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**i** Hand out is correct.  
To hand out means to distribute.

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**i** Well-liked is correct.  
Well-liked means respected, esteemed.

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**i** Cut down on is correct.  
To cut down on means to reduce, to curtail.

9. His behaviour was wholly incompatible with the organisation's values.

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**i** Unsuitable is correct.  
Unsuitable means not appropriate, not aligned to, incompatible with

10. The CEO chose to refrain himself from commenting on the allegations.

- A avoid
- B reject
- C refuse
- D consider

**i** Avoid is correct.  
To refrain yourself from means to avoid doing or stop yourself from doing something (The CEO chose to avoid commenting on the allegations)

11. The results were inconclusive, prompting further investigation.

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**i** Unclear is correct.  
Inconclusive means not giving or having a result or decision, unclear, uncertain

12. The judge deemed the evidence inadmissible.

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**i** Unacceptable is correct.  
Inadmissible means unable to be accepted in a law court, unacceptable.

13. The proposal was met with widespread scepticism.

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- B enthusiasm
- C confusion
- D indifference

**i** Doubt is correct.  
Scepticism means an attitude that shows you doubt whether something is true or useful

14. He delivered a compelling argument in favour of change.

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- B persuasive
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**i** Persuasive is correct.  
Compelling means forceful and persuasive.

15. The organisation remains committed to reducing carbon footprint.

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- B responsible to
- C dedicated to
- D aware of

**i** Dedicated to is correct.  
Committed means loyal and willing to give your time and energy to something that you believe in, to be dedicated to