

Lesson One - Thinking as a Hobby

1. Multiple Choices

1) However ____ were Marvin Gaye's beginnings as a member of his father's church choir, he became a famous and esteemed performer.

A. powerful B. popular C. inspiring D. modest

2) Current software or engineering managers cannot afford to ____ behind new technical developments before finding themselves hopelessly outdated.

A. lag B. retreat C. retard D. linger

3) The main features of the telegraph were developed by two inventors, but it was Samuel Morse who successfully ____ their ideas.

A. integrated B. publicized C. financed D. conformed

4) Good nutrition is ____ essential for your health, or you will fall ill.

A. indistinctly B. utterly C. conditionally D. defectively

5) He cried out in ____ when they tried to move him from the scene of the accident.

A. aliment B. anger C. anguish D. anxiety

6) He was punished ____ he should make the same mistake again.

A. unless B. provided C. if D. lest

7) The rest of the family were invited to dine, but I was ____ in the cold.

A. left out B. left aside C. left behind D. left over

8) The solitary scientist ____ by himself or herself has in many instances been replaced by a cooperative scientific team.

A. to make important discoveries

B. important discoveries were made

C. making important discoveries

D. has made important discoveries

9) ____ most bamboo blooms every year, there are some species that flower only two or three times a century.

A. Whenever B. That C. While D. However

10) The ____ meanings of the individual words do not help define an expression like

“drop in any time”.

A. literary B. literature C. literal D. literate

2. Writing Devices: check out the definition of the following terms

- 1) Metonymy
- 2) Synecdoche
- 3) Irony
- 4) Hyperbole