

Choose the answer that best completes the sentence or answers the question.

1. To fill to overflowing is to
 - Ⓐ negate
 - Ⓑ embargo
 - Ⓒ crusade
 - Ⓓ teem
2. An order forbidding the trade in or movement of commercial goods is a(n)
 - Ⓐ fallacy
 - Ⓑ tenet
 - Ⓒ ruse
 - Ⓓ embargo
3. Which of the following is the opposite of *cramped*?
 - Ⓐ pivotal
 - Ⓑ caustic
 - Ⓒ capacious
 - Ⓓ ungainly
4. Someone who has a huge appetite for books could be described as what kind of reader?
 - Ⓐ voracious
 - Ⓑ tractable
 - Ⓒ capacious
 - Ⓓ medicant
5. If a wall has been covered by spray-painted words, it has been
 - Ⓐ abdicated
 - Ⓑ embargoed
 - Ⓒ negated
 - Ⓓ defaced
6. Which of the following is another word for *beggar*?
 - Ⓐ crusade
 - Ⓑ ruse
 - Ⓒ mendicant
 - Ⓓ tenet

If anyone thinks that making up and telling jokes is easy, I can assure them that this idea is a *fallacy*. In fact, after working for weeks on a comedy act in order to try out for a talent show, I have come up with a very different *tenet*—namely, that being funny takes serious effort. At first, when I tried my material out my brother Jack, he told me that it was only mildly amusing and perhaps even bland. I then went back to work and revised my act. When I performed it for Jack, however, I was surprised to hear that I had gone too far in the other direction and that my jokes were now rather *caustic*. It took one more try for me to find the right approach. According to Jack, my act now has the perfect degree of *levity* and I have a really good chance of making it into the show.

7. If an idea is a *fallacy* (line 1), it is
 - Ⓐ important
 - Ⓑ false
 - Ⓒ complicated
 - Ⓓ new
8. In line 3, *tenet* means
 - Ⓐ principle
 - Ⓑ joke
 - Ⓒ question
 - Ⓓ decision
9. Which of the following words could be used to replace *caustic* (line 6)?
 - Ⓐ saccharine
 - Ⓑ mild
 - Ⓒ serious
 - Ⓓ sarcastic
10. In line 7, *levity* means
 - Ⓐ seriousness
 - Ⓑ lightness
 - Ⓒ mystery
 - Ⓓ accuracy