

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

1. A person who is clearly agitated after receiving bad news might be described as:
 - Ⓐ dissolute
 - Ⓑ collected
 - Ⓒ stoic
 - Ⓓ distraught
2. Another word for *encomium* might be:
 - Ⓐ eulogy
 - Ⓑ invective
 - Ⓒ panacea
 - Ⓓ frugality
3. Which of the following words would you use to describe someone's thinking if it is lacking in clarity and precision?
 - Ⓐ lucid
 - Ⓑ limpid
 - Ⓒ murky
 - Ⓓ muted
4. Which of the following is the opposite of *competent*?
 - Ⓐ feckless
 - Ⓑ capable
 - Ⓒ insipid
 - Ⓓ reckless
5. If a body has been removed from a grave, it has been:
 - Ⓐ embalmed
 - Ⓑ exhumed
 - Ⓒ interred
 - Ⓓ reburied
6. A community that is based on a visionary view of an ideal world can be described as:
 - Ⓐ utopian
 - Ⓑ remote
 - Ⓒ mythical
 - Ⓓ extinct

Shakespeare's villains have long fascinated actors, critics, and audiences; and Iago, the scheming army officer in *Othello*, is arguably the most fascinating of all these *nefarious* figures. Throughout the tragedy, Iago's actions are unquestionably compelling and dramatic. He sets in motion a series of events that cause the title character to *decry* the unfaithfulness of Desdemona, his wife, and then to smother her to death. Perhaps even more riveting than Iago's deeds, however, is his outwardly normal demeanor. He is able to *dissemble* and manipulate others while giving the appearance of being so-called honest man. Thanks to his skill at hiding his feelings of resentment and his devious intentions, others give *credence* to his reports and follow his suggestions.

7. Which of the following words could be used to replace *nefarious* (line 2)?
 - Ⓐ meritorious
 - Ⓑ scrupulous
 - Ⓒ complex
 - Ⓓ wicked
8. To *decry* (line 4) is to:
 - Ⓐ praise
 - Ⓑ mourn
 - Ⓒ denounce
 - Ⓓ discover
9. In line 5, the use of *dissemble* helps to convey Iago's:
 - Ⓐ fame
 - Ⓑ courage
 - Ⓒ loyalty
 - Ⓓ dishonesty
10. When you give *credence* (line 7) to something, you:
 - Ⓐ believe it
 - Ⓑ deny it
 - Ⓒ embellish it
 - Ⓓ publicize it