Here are some general hints for answering Sentence Completion questions.

1. Read the entire sentence to yourself.
2. Watch for introductory or connecting words and phrases like "but," "not," "because," etc.
3. In sentences with two blanks, make sure the words for both blanks make sense in the sentence.
4. Start by working with one blank at a time.
5. Stay within the meaning of the sentence.

6. Before you mark your answer, read the complete sentence with your

choice filled in.

**Directions:**

Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five words or sets of words labeled A through E. Choose the word or set of words that, when inserted in the sentence, best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Question 1:

A discerning publishing agent can ------- promising material from a mass of submissions, separating the good from the bad.

**(A)** supplant

**(B)** dramatize

**(C)** finagle

**(D)** winnow

**(E)** overhaul

Question 2:

The practice of storytelling for entertainment and instruction was at one time so widespread that it was virtually ---- .

**(A)** rigorous

**(B)** universal

**(C)** elevating

**(D)** uncommon

**(E)** unknown

Question 3:

Although some think the terms "bug" and "insect" are ---- , the former term actually refers to ---- group of insects.

**(A)** parallel . . an identical

**(B)** precise . . an exact

**(C)** interchangeable . . a particular

**(D)** exclusive . . a separate

**(E)** useful . . a useless

Question 4:

The advertised property, which ---- vast and unspoiled stretches, will undoubtedly ---- potential buyers who yearn for seclusion.

**(A)** spans . . interfere with

**(B)** abuts . . appeal to

**(C)** overlooks . . infuriate

**(D)** precludes . . assemble

**(E)** erodes . . inspire

Question 5:

The novel's protagonist, a pearl diver, naïvely expects that the buyers will compete among themselves to pay him the best price for his pearl, but instead they ---- to ---- him.

**(A)** venture . . reward

**(B)** pretend . . praise

**(C)** conspire . . reimburse

**(D)** refuse . . cheat

**(E)** collude . . swindle

Question 6:

The addition of descriptive details to the basic information serves to ---- the book by producing a fuller account.

**(A)** invalidate

**(B)** objectify

**(C)** incite

**(D)** celebrate

**(E)** enrich