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1. Literary criticism has in recent years become increasingly ____; it is almost impossible for the non-literary person to understand its analyses.
 - a. abstruse
 - b. accessible
 - c. colloquial
 - d. wide-ranging
 - e. professional

2. The alchemists, though they are often supposed to have been ____ or confidence tricksters, were actually skilful technologists.
 - a. empiricists
 - b. polemicists
 - c. pragmatists
 - d. theorists
 - e. charlatans

3. Bullock carts and hand pumps seem ____ in a village whose skyline is dominated by telephone cables and satellite dishes.
 - a. anachronisms
 - b. exigencies
 - c. diversions
 - d. provocations
 - e. portents

4. A ____ child, she was soon bored in class; she already knew more mathematics than her junior school teachers.

- a. obdurate
 - b. querulous
 - c. precocious
 - d. recalcitrant
 - e. contemporary
5. Stuart reveled in _____; he would never seek _____ until all possibilities for debate had been exhausted.
- a. altercation-clarification
 - b. polemics-conciliation
 - c. ambiguities-consolation
 - d. asceticism-indulgence
 - e. digressions-direction
6. Turner claimed to paint what he saw; yet no painter ever departed further from close _____ or took more _____ with subjects.
- a. imitation-liberties
 - b. observation-care
 - c. definition-vagaries
 - d. imagination-pains
 - e. resemblance-trouble

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