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1. Unwilling to admit that they had been in error, the researchers tried to _____ their case with more data obtained from dubious sources.
 - a. ascertain
 - b. buttress
 - c. refute
 - d. absolve
 - e. dispute
2. Archaeology is a poor profession; only _____ sums are available for excavating sites and even more _____ amounts for preserving the excavations.
 - a. paltry-meager
 - b. miniscule-substantial
 - c. average-augmented
 - d. judicious-penurious
 - e. modest-generous
3. The student was extremely foolhardy; he had the _____ to question the senior professor's judgment.
 - a. wisdom
 - b. temerity
 - c. interest
 - d. trepidation
 - e. condescension
4. The formerly _____ waters of lake have been polluted so that the fish are no longer visible from the surface.

- a. muddy
- b. tranquil
- c. stagnant
- d. pellucid
- e. rancid

5. After the accident, the nerves to her arm were damaged and so the muscles _____ through disuse.

- a. atrophied
- b. contracted
- c. elongated
- d. invigorated
- e. dwindled

6. Some critics maintain that Tennyson's poetry is uneven, ranging from the _____ to the _____.

- a. sublime-elevated
- b. trite-inspired
- c. vacuous-inane
- d. succinct-laconic
- e. sonorous-voluble

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