

Question 1

One element, which may not justify violence itself but which _____ its use, is the belief that death in a sacred cause is the proper end of life.

A | incriminates

B | valorizes

C | indicts

D | abrogates

E | rescinds

Question 2

To some degree, no doubt, this rhetoric was a necessary _____ for a traumatized nation, but coming amidst a fierce and - in terms of international law - illegal assault on the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, it had sobering implications.

A | vassal

B | mien

C | decrepitude

D | palliative

E | claque

Question 3

Many surgeons continue to advocate (i) _____ analgesic treatment despite the fact that clinical studies and meta-analyses have failed to demonstrate (ii) _____ that such treatment reduces postoperative pain more effectively than one started after surgery.

Blank (i)

A | ameliorative

B | incipient

C | preemptive

Blank (ii)

D | dispassionately

E | unequivocally

F | intractably

Question 4

A country that has some success with (i) _____ Pyongyang's (ii) _____ but rapidly developing missile program, is probably safer than one that throws up its hands in despair.

Blank (i)

A | defanging

B | denigrating

C | divesting

Blank (ii)

D | mellifluous

E | voluble

F | fledgling

Question 5

Albert Baldwin Wood, who invented the first screw pump in 1913, later designed a 14-foot pump. There was (i) _____: Disease rates fell because (ii) _____ floodwater could be pumped out faster before mosquitoes had a chance to breed there and (iii) _____.

Blank (i)

A | lagniappe

B | avarice

C | recidivism

Blank (ii)

D | fascistic

E | fetid

F | macabre

Blank (iii)

G | obviate

H | proliferate

I | dwindle