ENGLISH VOCABULARY TESTS

Precise Adjectives Quiz: Slender, Gaunt, Droll, Venerable

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1. Which word praises a thin person as graceful and elegant?
A) slender **B)** scrawny
C) gaunt **D)** lanky

2. Tall, thin and rather clumsy, the ___ teenager kept hitting his head on the door frame.
A) wiry **B)** lanky
C) slender **D)** emaciated

3. The marathon winner was small and ___: thin, but all muscle.
A) scrawny **B)** gaunt
C) wiry **D)** lanky

4. The pet shop sold us a ___ little chick that looked as if it might not survive the week.
A) venerable **B)** slender
C) wiry **D)** scrawny

5. After months of worrying about her son, her face looked ___, with hollow cheeks.
A) gaunt **B)** lanky **C)** wiry **D)** slender

6. In a charity report: “Many of the dogs we rescued were ___ and needed weeks of careful feeding.”
A) comical **B)** emaciated
C) lanky **D)** antiquated

7. The talk wasn’t hilarious, but it was mildly ___, and people smiled.
A) hysterical **B)** facetious
C) amusing **D)** decrepit

8. Watching my dad try to put up the tent in the wind was ___.
A) venerable **B)** facetious
C) emaciated **D)** comical

9. She has a ___ sense of humour: she says the funniest things with a completely straight face.
A) droll **B)** hysterical
C) comical **D)** antiquated

10. In a text: “OMG, that video of the goat in the kitchen is ___!” (= extremely funny)
A) facetious **B)** hysterical
C) droll **D)** amusing

11. Asked about rising food prices, the minister made a ___ joke about “eating less”, which angered many listeners.
A) amusing **B)** comical
C) facetious **D)** venerable

12. The newspaper’s ___ guide to “surviving your in-laws at Christmas” was not meant to be taken seriously.
A) emaciated **B)** antiquated
C) decrepit **D)** tongue-in-cheek

13. I’m taking a month off work to look after my ___ mother.
A) aged **B)** antiquated
C) decrepit **D)** venerable

14. Which pair fits? The ___ cathedral has stood for 800 years, and the town still holds its ___ summer fair on the green.
A) decrepit … antiquated
B) venerable … time-honoured
C) antiquated … venerable
D) emaciated … time-honoured

15. Which pair fits? The office’s ___ printer jams every day, and the ___ shed behind the building is about to fall down.
A) venerable … time-honoured
B) time-honoured … venerable
C) antiquated … decrepit
D) aged … slender

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