Choose the best possible definition for each word.

1. Susan’s abhorrence of darkness prevents her from leaving her house at night.
   
   **Abhorrence** means:
   
   A. Rationale
   B. Hatred
   C. Tremor
   D. Belief

2. The girl displayed distraught behavior when she found out her puppy was injured.
   
   **Distraught** means:
   
   A. Reckless
   B. Shifty
   C. Distressed
   D. Unreasonable

3. The somber crowd mourned the loss of their leader. **Somber** means:
   
   A. Angry
   B. Bitter
   C. Melancholy
   D. Excited

4. At age 65, the CEO of the company was retiring. He felt he had reached the **acme** of his profession. **Acme** means:
A. Highest point
B. End
C. Bottom
D. Entrance

5. The **genteel** Southern girl was known for her manners. **Genteel** means:
   A. Refined
   B. Ambitious
   C. Smug
   D. Loathsome

6. The mother attempted to **mollify** her son with toys. **Mollify** means:
   A. Teach
   B. Threaten
   C. Soothe
   D. Distract

7. Some people accused John of thinking too much. He would sometimes **ponder** a subject for months. **Ponder** means:
   A. Resolve
   B. Meditate
   C. Discuss
   D. Fret

8. The young artist had an **unbridled** passion for watercolors. **Unbridled** means:
   A. Unrestrained
   B. Unequaled
C. Underachieved
D. Distressed

9. The zephyr kept the students cool while they sat outside studying. **Zephyr** means:

A. Cloud
B. Tree
C. Shade
D. Wind

10. The pianist played a rendition of a **sonata**. **Sonata** means:

A. Instrumental composition
B. Piano
C. Play
D. Vocal score