Denotation & Connotation

This quiz will provide practice in choosing the word that has the intended denotation and connotation. Choose the most appropriate word so as to make your point but not offend!!!

1. "You look lovely in that blue dress; it shows off your __________ figure."
   - boney
   - undernourished
   - slender

2. Everyone in the office respects Casey because of her kind but __________ attitude.
   - confident
   - bossy
   - Know-it-all

3. “Some people might have found my comments __________,” the senator said cautiously.
   - inappropriate
   - ignorant
   - rude

4. "Well," said Curtis with an embarrassed smile, "I'm looking for __________ car."
   - a more economical
   - a cheaper
   - a bargain-basement

5. "Here's a scholarship that you might qualify for," said Mike's advisor. "It's for people who are __________."
   - dirt-poor
   - underprivileged
   - broke
7. "Since your son is __________, I recommend holding him back
   - retarded
   - slow
   - a late-bloomer

9. Pamela is much admired for her __________ business decisions.
   - sneaky
   - clever
   - scheming

10. "I'm afraid," said Luke's guidance counselor carefully, "that you might find advanced calculus a little too __________."
    - difficult
    - confusing
    - challenging

11. "And this particular neighborhood," said the realtor to the young married couple, "will suit families who are __________."
    - loaded
    - comfortable
    - in the money

12. Daniel's doctor said, "I recommend a low-fat, low-carbohydrate diet because you are becoming __________."
    - fat
    - overweight
    - flabby

   The company spokesperson said during the press conference that the president may have __________ during his speech.
   - been lying
   - been deceitful
   - given some misinformation
We were all so sorry to hear that you had gotten ___________ from the plant.
- canned
- fired
- let go

We like Sean as the shift supervisor because he has a(n) ___________ attitude.
- laid-back
- careless
- unconcerned

"Perhaps you would like to look at some of our ___________ cars," the salesperson suggested to the poor couple.
- used
- second-hand
- pre-owned

Welcome to our neighborhood. I heard that you have moved here from the ___________.
- the sticks
- the boondocks
- the country

"We understand," said the customer service representative, "that our new policy might be ___________ ."
- inconvenient
- infuriating
- a pain-in-the-neck

"Buying this particular stock right now would be ___________," said our financial advisor.
- ill-advised
- foolish
- stupid

Mariah is intriguing because of her ___________ innocence.
- juvenile
- stupid
- naive