Using Context Clues!

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence. Decide what the word means based on clues from the sentence or knowledge you already have. Circle the letter of the word that most closely matches the underline word in the sentence.

1. After getting confused and then frustrated, Jim finally gave up in **exasperation**.
   A. happiness  
   B. irritation  
   C. fulfillment

2. I broke up with him because I got tired of the **hackneyed** expressions he used, like “stay tuned” and “my better half.”
   A. complicated  
   B. fascinating  
   C. unoriginal

3. If Gina would say hello to people occasionally and make eye contact, people might realize she’s not really haughty.
   A. arrogant  
   B. tired  
   C. friendly

4. He got an F on his project because he did all his work last-minute and reached some **spurious** conclusions.
   A. awesome  
   B. false  
   C. interesting

5. I didn’t really understand what **compassion** was until my mother got sick and I started taking care of her.
   A. sympathy  
   B. aggravation  
   C. hard work

6. His **impetuous** behavior is eventually going to get him into trouble.
   A. hasty  
   B. thoughtful  
   C. responsible

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