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## 第一部分 基础&强化

### 1.1 GRE 介绍

- GRE 全称 Graduate Record Examination
- 所属机构 Educational Testing Service (ETS)
- 分类: GRE General Test (GRE 普通考试)  
GRE Subject Test (GRE 专业考试) 本课程: General

#### 1.1.1 GRE General 考试内容

- A. Analytical Writing (分析性写作)
  - Analyze an Issue (分析一个问题)
  - Analyze an Argument (分析一段论证)
- B. Verbal Reasoning (语言推理)
  - Reading Comprehension (阅读理解)
  - Text Completion (文本完成)
  - Sentence Equivalence (句子等价)
- C. Quantitative Reasoning (数量推理)
  - Quantitative Comparison (数量比较)
  - Multiple-choice (单项选择和不定项选择)
  - Numeric Entry (填写数字)

#### 1.1.2 GRE 考试结构

总共分为六个 section, 具体为:

Analytical Writing: 一个 section, 每篇文章 30 分钟;

Verbal: 两个 section, 每部分 20 道题, 每部分时间 30 分钟;

Quantitative: 两个 section, 每部分包括 20 道题目, 每部分时间 35 分钟。

一个不计分的加试部分: 可能是 Verbal 或 Quantitative。

常见两种顺序分类:

顺序一: Section 1: Analytical Writing (Issue, Argument)

Section 2: Verbal

Section 3: Quantitative

Break 10 min

Section 4: Verbal

Section 5: Quantitative

Section 6: Verbal



顺序二：Section 1: Analytical Writing (Issue, Argument)

Section 2: Quantitative

Section 3: Verbal

Break 10 min

Section 4: Quantitative

Section 5: Verbal

Section 6: Quantitative

### 1.1.3 GRE 考试形式

分为两种：

一、计算机考试（在无法提供机考的地区，GRE 采用纸笔考试的形式。）

二、自适应考试：基于 Section，根据 V 和 Q 的第一个 section 的表现调整各自第二部分的难度。

常用网址：

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### 1.1.4 GRE 分数构成

总共由三部分构成：

A. Analytical Writing: 0-6      单位：0.5

B. Verbal: 130-170      单位：1

C. Quantitative: 130-170      单位：1

其中， $V+Q=260-340$

### 1.1.5 GRE General Verbal 题型分布（可能）

1-6      Text Completion

7-12      Reading Comprehension

13-16      Sentence Equivalence

17-20      Reading Comprehension



## 1.2 填空介绍

### 1.2.1 题目形式

#### A. Text Completion

①、单空：每空五个选项，选择一个正确答案

ETS GRE Practice Test 1

Section 2 of 5 | Question 1 of 20 00:29:54 Hide Time

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Dramatic literature often \_\_\_\_\_ the history of a culture in that it takes as its subject matter the important events that have shaped and guided the culture.

confounds
repudiates
recapitulates
anticipates
polarizes

Select one answer choice.

②、双空：每空三个选项，选择一个正确答案

ETS GRE Practice Test 1

Section 2 of 5 | Question 3 of 20 00:29:47 Hide Time

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Given how (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the shortcomings of the standard economic model are in its portrayal of human behavior, the failure of many economists to respond to them is astonishing. They continue to fill the journals with yet more proofs of yet more (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ theorems. Others, by contrast, accept the criticisms as a challenge, seeking to expand the basic model to embrace a wider range of things people do.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
overlooked	comprehensive
occasional	improbable
patent	pervasive

Select one entry from each column.



③、三空：每空三个选项，选择一个正确答案

ETS GRE Practice Test 1

Exit Section Quit w/Save Mark Review Help Back Next

Section 2 of 5 | Question 6 of 20 00:29:38 Hide Time

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

The question of (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in photography has lately become nontrivial. Prices for vintage prints (those made by a photographer soon after he or she made the negative) so drastically (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ in the 1990s that one of these photographs might fetch a hundred times as much as a nonvintage print of the same image. It was perhaps only a matter of time before someone took advantage of the (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ to peddle newly created "vintage" prints for profit.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
forgery	ballooned	discrepancy
influence	weakened	ambiguity
style	varied	duplicity

Select one entry from each column.

B. Sentence Equivalence

单空：每空六个选项，选择两个正确答案

ETS GRE Practice Test 1

Exit Section Quit w/Save Mark Review Help Back Next

Section 2 of 5 | Question 12 of 20 00:28:50 Hide Time

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Early critics of Emily Dickinson's poetry mistook for simplemindedness the surface of artlessness that in fact she constructed with such \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ astonishment
- ☐ craft
- ☐ cunning
- ☐ innocence
- ☐ naïveté
- ☐ vexation

Select two answer choices.



### 1.2.2 题目要求

A. Text Completion: For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Eg: In many science fiction films, the opposition of good and evil is portrayed as a \_\_\_\_\_ between technology, which is \_\_\_\_\_, and the errant will of a depraved intellectual.

Blank(i)

A. fusion

B. struggle

C. parallel

Blank(ii)

D. dehumanizing

E. unfettered

F. beneficent

B. Sentence Equivalence: Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Eg: Early critics of Emily Dickinson's poetry mistook for simplemindedness the surface of artlessness that in fact she constructed with such \_\_\_\_\_.

(A) astonishment

(B) craft

(C) cunning

(D) innocence

(E) naiveté

(F) vexation

### 1.2.3 题目数量

每 section 中, Text Completion 共 6 题, 分为:

单空: 2;

双空: 2-3;

三空: 1-2。

Sentence Equivalence 共 4 题。



### 1.3 做题思路

#### 1.3.1 原理

通过语境判断所填信息  
对应——空格

例：蒋介石是一个\_\_\_\_\_

- A. 委员长
- B. 帅哥
- C. 基督徒

↓

蒋介石是一个\_\_\_\_\_, 一个没有头发的人。

- A. 委员长
- B. 帅哥
- C. 基督徒
- D. 秃头

(一) 关键词：对应 已知 空格

1. What is most important to the monkeys in the sanctuary is that they are a group; this is so because primates are inveterately \_\_\_\_\_ and build their lives around each other.

- (A) independent
- (B) stable
- (C) curious
- (D) social
- (E) proprietary

2. Exposure to low-intensity gamma radiation slows the rate of growth of the spoilage microorganisms in food in much the same way that the low heat used in pasteurization \_\_\_\_\_ the spoilage action of the microorganisms in milk.

- (A) precludes
- (B) initiates
- (C) inhibits
- (D) isolates
- (E) purifies

3. The newborn human infant is not a passive figure, nor an active one, but what might be called an actively \_\_\_\_\_ one, eagerly attentive as it is to sights and sounds.

- (A) adaptive
- (B) selective
- (C) inquisitive
- (D) receptive
- (E) intuitive



4. Lizzie was a brave woman who could dare to incur a great danger for an adequate \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) risk
- (B) combat
- (C) object
- (D) event
- (E) encounter

5. A perennial goal in zoology is to infer function from \_\_\_\_\_, relating the \_\_\_\_\_ of an organism to its physical form and cellular organization.

- Blank(i)      Blank(ii)
- A. size      D. ancestry
  - B. structure      E. appearance
  - C. location      F. behavior

6. Although Shakespeare received little formal education, scholarship has in recent years \_\_\_\_\_ the view that he was \_\_\_\_\_ the work of classical authors.

- Blank(i)      Blank(ii)
- A. substantiated      D. obsessed by
  - B. supported      E. oblivious to
  - C. undermined      F. unfamiliar with

7. The poet W. H. Auden believed that the greatest poets of his age were almost necessarily irresponsible, that the possession of great gifts \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to abuse them.

- Blank(i)      Blank(ii)
- A. control      D. temptation
  - B. engender      E. propensity
  - C. obviates      F. resolution

(二) 关键词：逻辑 同向&反向

轻轻地我走了，正如我\_\_\_\_\_来。

- A. 悄悄地
- B. 嗷嗷地

你是个好人，但是\_\_\_\_\_。

- A. 我喜欢你
- B. ...

A. 同向

- 原词（可能有构词法变化）
- 广义同义
- 抽象或具体



1. Heavily perfumed white flowers, such as gardenias, were favorites with collectors in the eighteenth century, when \_\_\_\_\_ was valued much more highly than it is today.

- (A) scent
- (B) beauty
- (C) elegance
- (D) color
- (E) variety

2. Social tensions among adult factions can be \_\_\_\_\_ by politics, but adolescents and children have no such \_\_\_\_\_ for resolving their conflict with the exclusive world of adults.

Blank(i)      Blank(ii)

- A. intensified      D. attitude
- B. frustrated      E. mechanism
- C. adjusted      F. justification

B. 反向

包含中间状态

e.g.

上升的反面

下降

波动（既上升又下降）

不变（不上升不下降）

1. Some paleontologists debate whether the diversity of species has \_\_\_\_\_ since the Cambrian period, or whether imperfections in the fossil record only suggest greater diversity today, while in actuality there has been either \_\_\_\_\_ or decreased diversity.

Blank(i)      Blank(ii)

- A. changed      D. stasis
- B. declined      E. escalation
- C. increased      F. discontinuity

2. Nature's energy efficiency often \_\_\_\_\_ human technology: despite the intensity of the light fireflies produce, the amount of heat is negligible; only recently have humans developed chemical light-producing system whose efficiency \_\_\_\_\_ the firefly's system.

Blank(i)      Blank(ii)

- A. outstrips      D. stimulates
- B. inhibits      E. rivals
- C. determines      F. reproduces

有时考察信息间是同向还是反向关系

1. There is some \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that the author of a book as sensitive and informed as Indian Artisans did not develop her interest in Native American art until adulthood, for she grew up in a region rich in American Indian culture.



- (A) irony in
- (B) satisfaction in
- (C) doubt about
- (D) concern about
- (E) presumptuousness in

2. The powers and satisfactions of primeval people, though few and meager, were \_\_\_\_\_ their few and simple desires.

- (A) simultaneous with
- (B) commensurate with
- (C) substantiated by
- (D) circumscribed by
- (E) ruined by

否定表达能改变方向

not, never, stop, avoid, lack, fail to

While the delegate clearly sought to \_\_\_\_\_ the optimism that has emerged recently, she stopped short of suggesting that the conference was near collapse and might produce nothing of significance.

- (A) substantiate
- (B) dampen
- (C) encourage
- (D) elucidate
- (E) rekindle

### 1.3.2 步骤

#### (一) 题目

通读题目，判断空格所填对象的词义或方向

#### (二) 选项

结合判断选择选项

有时需要带入选项

过语境判断所填信息

对应——空格



## 1.4 逻辑

同向 & 反向

同向 -并列 -主次 -因果 -修饰 -指代 -行为

反向 -对比对立 -让步转折

### 1.4.1 同向

(一) 并列

and, also, besides, in addition, plus, as well

not ... or/nor

not only ... but also

furthermore, moreover

first, second, finally

then, next

similarly, equally, likewise

other, another,

分号

1.The new biological psychiatry does not deny the contributing role of psychological factors in mental illnesses, but posits that these factors may act as a catalyst on existing physiological conditions and \_\_\_\_\_ such illnesses.

- (A) disguise
- (B) impede
- (C) constrain
- (D) precipitate
- (E) consummate

2.It is to the novelist' s credit that all of the episodes in her novel are presented realistically, without any \_\_\_\_\_ or playful supernatural tricks.

- (A) elucidation
- (B) discrimination
- (C) artlessness
- (D) authenticity
- (E) whimsy

3.Without the psychiatrist' s promise of confidentiality, trust is \_\_\_\_\_ and the patient' s communication limited; even though confidentiality can thus be seen to be precious in therapy, moral responsibility sometimes requires a willingness to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| Blank(i)    | Blank(ii)    |
| A. implicit | D. sacrifice |
| B. assumed  | E. examine   |
| C. impaired | F. uphold    |



4. The hierarchy of medical occupations is in many ways a \_\_\_\_\_ system; its strata remain \_\_\_\_\_ and the practitioners in them have very little vertical mobility.

Blank(i) Blank(ii)

- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| A. caste    | D. flexible |
| B. training | E. intact   |
| C. health   | F. complex  |

5. He was regarded by his followers, as something of \_\_\_\_\_, not only because of his insistence on strict discipline, but also because of his \_\_\_\_\_ adherence to formal details.

Blank(i) Blank(ii)

- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| A. an acolyte | D. reluctant |
| B. a martinet | E. sporadic  |
| C. a tyrant   | F. rigid     |

6. One of archaeology's central dilemmas is how to reconstruct the \_\_\_\_\_ of complex ancient societies from meager and often \_\_\_\_\_ physical evidence.

Blank(i) Blank(ii)

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| A. Configuration | D. irrefutable |
| B. patterns      | E. equivocal   |
| C. intricacies   | F. flawless    |

## (二) 主次

上下级的关系，如举例

for example

for instance

such as

like

including

1. Their \_\_\_\_\_ of loyalties is first to oneself, next to kin, then to fellow tribe members, and finally to compatriots.

- (A) merging
- (B) hierarchy
- (C) definition
- (D) judgment
- (E) cognizance

2. Contrary to the popular conception that it is powered by conscious objectivity, science often operates through error, happy accidents, \_\_\_\_\_ and persistence in spite of mistakes.

- (A) facts
- (B) controls
- (C) hunches



(D) deductions

(E) calculations

3. Famous among job seekers for its \_\_\_\_\_, the company, quite apart from generous salaries, bestowed on its executives annual bonuses and such \_\_\_\_\_ as low-interest home mortgages and company cars.

Blank(i) Blank(ii)

A. magnanimity D. reparations

B. largesse E. appropriations

C. altruism F. perquisites

(三) 因果

因为

because, since, as, for, in that, now that, because of, owing to, due to, as a result of in as much as

所以

so, thus, therefore, thereby, hence, accordingly, consequently, as a result

so/such that, so...as to

导致

cause, lead to, contribute to, result in,

give rise/birth to, be responsible for,

bring about

由...产生

come/arise/result/originate/derive/stem from

attribute/owe/credit/ascribe to

与条件逻辑类似

if, as/so long as, given, provided

unless=if not

隐性时间逻辑

when

1. Queen Elizabeth I has quite correctly been called a \_\_\_\_\_ of the arts, because many young artists received her patronage.

(A) connoisseur

(B) critic

(C) friend

(D) scourge

(E) judge

2. Dramatic literature often \_\_\_\_\_ the history of a culture in that it takes as its subject matter the important events that have shaped and guided the culture.



- (A) confounds
- (B) repudiates
- (C) recapitulates
- (D) anticipates
- (E) polarizes

3. Linguists have now confirmed what experienced users of ASL—American Sign Language—have always implicitly known: ASL is a grammatically \_\_\_\_\_ language in that it is capable of expressing every possible syntactic relation.

- (A) limited
- (B) economical
- (C) complete
- (D) shifting
- (E) abstract

4. The English novelist William Thackeray considered the cult of the criminal so dangerous that he criticized Dickens' *Oliver Twist* for making the characters in the thieves' kitchen so \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) threatening
- (B) riveting
- (C) conniving
- (D) fearsome
- (E) irritating

5. Although Johnson \_\_\_\_\_ great enthusiasm for his employees' project, in reality his interest in the project was so \_\_\_\_\_ as to be almost nonexistent.

Blank(i)      Blank(ii)

- |             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| A. generate | D. preemptive  |
| B. demanded | E. redundant   |
| C. feigned  | F. perfunctory |

6. Broadway audiences have become inured to \_\_\_\_\_ and so \_\_\_\_\_ to be pleased as to make their ready ovations meaningless as an indicator of the quality of the production before them.

Blank(i)      Blank(ii)

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| A. cleverness  | D. desperate   |
| B. histrionics | E. unlike      |
| C. mediocrity  | F. disinclined |

Scholars' sense of the uniqueness of the central concept of "the state" at the time when political science became an academic field quite naturally led to striving for a correspondingly \_\_\_\_\_ mode of study.

- (A) thorough
- (B) distinctive
- (C) dependable
- (D) scientific



(E) dynamic

The disjunction between educational objectives that stress independence and individuality and those that emphasize obedience to rules and cooperation with others reflects a \_\_\_\_\_ that arises from the values on which these objectives are based.

- (A) conflict
- (B) redundancy
- (C) gain
- (D) predictability
- (E) wisdom

Parts of seventeenth-century Chinese pleasure gardens were not necessarily intended to look \_\_\_\_\_; they were designed expressly to evoke the agreeable melancholy resulting from a sense of the \_\_\_\_\_ of natural beauty and human glory.

- |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Blank(i)        | Blank(ii)         |
| A. cheerful     | D. transitoriness |
| B. luxuriant    | E. immutability   |
| C. conventional | F. frivolity      |

(四) 修饰

修饰语与其修饰对象的相关性

修饰同一对象的不同修饰语的相关性

①、修饰语

Adjective — 修饰 Noun 或类 Noun

Adverb — 修饰非 Noun (V Adj Adv 短语 句子)

Preposition + Noun — 相当于 Adj 或 Adv

Conjunction + Clause — 相当于 Adj 或 Adv

doing, to do, done — 修饰 Noun 或类 Noun

Noun 或类 Noun — 修饰 Noun 或类 Noun

1. The self-important cant of musicologists on record jackets often suggests that true appreciation of the music is an \_\_\_\_\_ process closed to the uninitiated listener, however enthusiastic.

- (A) unreliable
- (B) arcane
- (C) arrogant
- (D) elementary
- (E) intuitive

2. Any language is a conspiracy against experience in the sense that it is a collective attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ experience by reducing it into discrete parcels.

- (A) extrapolate
- (B) transcribe



- (C) complicate  
(D) amplify  
(E) manage

3. Yellow fever, the disease that killed 4,000 Philadelphians in 1793, and so \_\_\_\_\_ Memphis, Tennessee, that the city lost its charter, has reappeared after nearly two decades in \_\_\_\_\_ in the Western Hemisphere.

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Blank(i)      | Blank(ii)     |
| A. decimated  | D. abeyance   |
| B. terrorized | E. secret     |
| C. corrupted  | F. quarantine |

4. The valedictory address, as it has developed in American colleges and universities over the years, has become a very strict form, a literary \_\_\_\_\_ that permits very little \_\_\_\_\_.

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Blank(i)       | Blank(ii)         |
| A. genre       | D. deviation      |
| B. feature     | E. rigidity       |
| C. achievement | F. grandiloquence |

5. Their \_\_\_\_\_ was expressed in quotidian behavior: they worshipped regularly, \_\_\_\_\_ all the regenerative processes of nature respect, and even awe.

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Blank(i)        | Blank(ii)       |
| A. selflessness | D. refusing     |
| B. piety        | E. according    |
| C. serenity     | F. exacerbating |

## ②、only 的限制作用

1. The corporation expects only \_\_\_\_\_ increases in sales next year despite a yearlong effort to revive its retailing business.

- (A) unquestionable  
(B) sequential  
(C) modest  
(D) exaggerated  
(E) groundless

2. Because they had expected the spacecraft Voyager 2 to be able to gather data only about the planets Jupiter and Saturn, scientists were \_\_\_\_\_ the wealth of information it sent back from Neptune twelve years after leaving Earth.

- (A) disappointed in  
(B) concerned about  
(C) confident  
(D) elated by  
(E) anxious for



3. In failing to see that the justice' s pronouncement merely \_\_\_\_\_ previous decisions rather than actually establishing a precedent, the novice law clerk \_\_\_\_\_ the scope of the justice' s judgment.

Blank(i)

Blank(ii)

A. neglected

D. overemphasized

B. overturned

E. nullified

C. qualified

F. underplayed

③、感情色彩的提示

1. The old man could not have been accused of \_\_\_\_\_ his affection; his conduct toward the child betrayed his \_\_\_\_\_ her.

Blank(i)

Blank(ii)

A. promising

D. adoration of

B. stinting

E. sympathy for

C. lavishing

F. tolerance of

2. In eighth-century Japan, people who \_\_\_\_\_ wasteland were rewarded with official ranks as part of an effort to overcome the shortage of \_\_\_\_\_ fields.

Blank(i)

Blank(ii)

A. conserved

D. arable

B. reclaimed

E. domestic

C. irrigated

F. forested

(五) 指代

重复出现

this, that, these, those, such, the

1. The proponents of recombinant DNA research have decided to \_\_\_\_\_ federal regulation of their work; they hope that by making this compromise they can forestall proposed state and local controls that might be even stiffer.

(A) protest

(B) institute

(C) deny

(D) encourage

(E) disregard

2. Word order in a sentence was much freer in old French than it is in French today; this \_\_\_\_\_ disappeared as the French language gradually lost its case distinctions.

(A) restriction

(B) license

(C) similarity

(D) rigidity



(E) imperative

3. The development of containers, possibly made from bark or the skins of animals, although this is a matter of \_\_\_\_\_, allowed the extensive sharing of forage foods in prehistoric human societies.

- (A) record
- (B) fact
- (C) degree
- (D) importance
- (E) conjecture

4. Though extremely \_\_\_\_\_ about his own plans, the man allowed his associates no such privacy and was constantly \_\_\_\_\_ information about what they intended to do next.

- |                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Blank(i)         | Blank(ii)     |
| A. candid        | D. soliciting |
| B. idiosyncratic | E. altering   |
| C. reticent      | F. eschewing  |

5. Longdale and Stern discovered that mitochondria and chloroplasts \_\_\_\_\_ a long, identifiable sequence of DNA; such a coincidence could be \_\_\_\_\_ only by the transfer of DNA between the two systems.

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Blank(i)       | Blank(ii)       |
| A. manufacture | D. contradicted |
| B. reveal      | E. explained    |
| C. share       | F. reproduced   |

6. People should not be praised for their virtue if they lack the energy to be \_\_\_\_\_; in such cases, goodness is merely the effect of \_\_\_\_\_.

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|----------------|---------------|
| Blank(i)       | Blank(ii)     |
| A. cruel       | D. effortless |
| B. wicked      | E. indolence  |
| C. magnanimous | F. impiety    |

(六) 行为

A. 行为反映前后一致

remain, retain, continue, represent,  
portray, betray, bespeak,  
suggest, indicate, mirror, reflect

1. Although he attempted repeatedly to \_\_\_\_\_ her of her conviction of his insincerity, he was not successful; she remained \_\_\_\_\_ in her judgment.

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|-----------|--------------|
| Blank(i)  | Blank(ii)    |
| A. remind | D. unfeigned |



- B. convince E. indulgent  
C. disabuse F. adamant

2. The First World War began in a context of jargon and verbal delicacy and continued in a cloud of \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ as language and literature, skillfully used, could make it.

- Blank(i) Blank(ii)  
A. cliché D. literal  
B. euphemism E. deliberate  
C. subjectivity F. impenetrable

3. The techniques now available to livestock breeders will continue to be \_\_\_\_\_, but will probably be \_\_\_\_\_ by new ones under development.

- Blank(i) Blank(ii)  
A. refined D. preserved  
B. inconvenient E. supplemented  
C. used F. uprooted

4. This final essay, its prevailing kindness \_\_\_\_\_ by occasional flashes of savage irony, bespeaks the \_\_\_\_\_ character of the author.

- Blank(i) Blank(ii)  
A. untainted D. dichotomous  
B. exemplified E. chivalrous  
C. marred F. ruthless

B.特征人物的行为

1. Though feminist in its implications, Yvonne Rainer's 1974 film \_\_\_\_\_ the filmmaker's active involvement in feminist politics.

- (A) preserved  
(B) portrayed  
(C) encouraged  
(D) renewed  
(E) antedated

2. The fortresslike facade of the Museum of Cartoon Art seems calculated to remind visitors that the comic strip is an art form that has often been \_\_\_\_\_ by critics.

- (A) charmed  
(B) assailed  
(C) unnoticed  
(D) exhilarated  
(E) overwhelmed



3. Although the revelation that one of the contestants was a friend left the judge open to charges of lack of \_\_\_\_\_, the judge remained adamant in her assertion that acquaintance did not necessarily imply \_\_\_\_\_.

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|----------------|------------------|
| Blank(i)       | Blank(ii)        |
| A. detachment  | D. tolerance     |
| B. exoneration | E. foreknowledge |
| C. prejudice   | F. partiality    |

4. During periods of social and cultural stability, many art academies are so firmly controlled by \_\_\_\_\_ that all real creative work must be done by the \_\_\_\_\_.

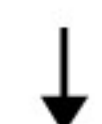
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| Blank(i)      | Blank(ii)          |
| A. dogmatists | D. elite           |
| B. reformers  | E. disenfranchised |
| C. impostors  | F. academicians    |

#### 1.4.2 反向

对比对立

让步转折

例：我喜欢吃榴莲，但是...



对比对立 (Counter)

我喜欢吃榴莲，但是

-他不喜欢吃榴莲

-我不喜欢吃苹果

让步转折 (Concession)

我喜欢吃榴莲，但是

-吃多了容易上火 (转换话题)

-我没有那么喜欢 (转换程度)

虽然 although while

但是 but however yet

#### (一) 对比对立

##### ①、对比

-相等：as as (可同向可反向)

-不相等 (反向)

more than

rather than

other than

different than



not so much ... as

不相等（反向）

no more than

相等（同向）

1. Having fully embraced the belief that government by persuasion is preferable to government by \_\_\_\_\_, the leaders of the movement have recently \_\_\_\_\_ most of their previous statements supporting totalitarianism.

Blank(i)

Blank(ii)

A. coercion

D. issued

B. participation

E. deliberated

C. demonstration

F. repudiated

2. Liberty is not easy, but far better to be an \_\_\_\_\_ fox, hungry and threatened on its hill, than a \_\_\_\_\_ canary, safe and secure in its cage.

Blank(i)

Blank(ii)

A. angry

D. well-fed

B. imperious

E. lethargic

C. unfettered

F. content

3. Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations* (1776) is still worth reading, more to appreciate the current \_\_\_\_\_ of Smith's valid contributions to economics than to see those contributions as the \_\_\_\_\_ of present-day economics.

Blank(i)

Blank(ii)

A. disregard

D. outgrowths

B. presumptuousness

E. precursors

C. relevance

F. vestiges

4. Ironically, the party leaders encountered no greater \_\_\_\_\_ their efforts to build a progressive party than the \_\_\_\_\_ of the progressives already elected to the legislature.

Blank(i)

Blank(ii)

A. benefit from

D. success

B. obstacle to

E. reputation

C. praise for

F. resistance

5. The popularity of pseudoscience and quack medicines in the nineteenth century suggests that people were very \_\_\_\_\_, but the gullibility of the public today makes citizens of yesterday look like hard-nosed \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank(i)

Blank(ii)

A. sophisticated

D. pragmatists

B. rational

E. idealists

C. credulous

F. skeptics



6. Though dealers insist that professional art dealers can make money in the art market, even an \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge is not enough: the art world is so fickle that stock-market prices are \_\_\_\_\_ by comparison.

Blank(i)

Blank(ii)

A. amateur' s

D. booming

B. investor' s

E. erratic

C. insider' s

F. predictable

②、对立

instead, rather,

whereas, while,

on the contrary, by/in contrast, conversely,

on one hand, on the other hand,

unlike, alternatively, paradoxical, ironical, surprising,

either/whether...or; not...but; far from

1. In contrast to the substantial muscular activity required for inhalation, exhalation is usually a \_\_\_\_\_ process.

(A) slow

(B) passive

(C) precise

(D) complex

(E) conscious

2. The Neoplatonists' conception of a deity, in which perfection was measured by abundant fecundity, was contradicted by that of the Aristotelians, in which perfection was displayed in the \_\_\_\_\_ of creation.

(A) profusion

(B) precision

(C) variety

(D) clarity

(E) economy

3. Unlike many recent interpretations of Beethoven' s piano sonatas, the recitalist' s performance was a delightfully free and introspective one; nevertheless, it was also, seemingly paradoxically, quite \_\_\_\_\_.

(A) appealing

(B) exuberant

(C) idiosyncratic

(D) unskilled

(E) controlled



4. Far from viewing Jefferson as a skeptical but enlightened intellectual, historians of the 1960's portrayed him as \_\_\_\_\_ thinker, eager to fill the young with his political orthodoxy while censoring ideas he did not like.

- (A) an adventurous
- (B) a doctrinaire
- (C) an eclectic
- (D) a judicious
- (E) a cynical

5. The paradoxical aspect of the myths about Demeter, when we consider the predominant image of her as a tranquil and serene goddess, is her \_\_\_\_\_ search for her daughter.

- (A) extended
- (B) agitated
- (C) comprehensive
- (D) motiveless
- (E) heartless

6. Paradoxically, Robinson's excessive denials of the worth of early works of science fiction suggest that she has become quite \_\_\_\_\_ them.

- (A) reflective about
- (B) enamored of
- (C) skeptical of
- (D) encouraged by
- (E) offended by

7. It is ironic that a critic of such overwhelming vanity now suffers from a measure of the oblivion to which he was forever \_\_\_\_\_ others; in the end, all his \_\_\_\_\_ has only worked against him.

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|---------------|-------------------|
| Blank(i)      | Blank(ii)         |
| A. consigning | D. self-adulation |
| B. dedicating | E. self-sacrifice |
| C. condemning | F. self-analysis  |

8. The success of science is due in great part to its emphasis on \_\_\_\_\_: the reliance on evidence rather than \_\_\_\_\_ and the willingness to draw conclusions even when they conflict with traditional beliefs.

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Blank(i)        | Blank(ii)         |
| A. conservatism | D. facts          |
| B. creativity   | E. preconceptions |
| C. objectivity  | F. empiricism     |

9. Although the young violinist's \_\_\_\_\_ performance with the orchestra demonstrated his technical competence, his uninspired style and lack of interpretive maturity labeled him as a novice musician rather than as a truly \_\_\_\_\_ performer.

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|----------|-----------|
| Blank(i) | Blank(ii) |
|----------|-----------|



- A. blundering D. conventional  
B. marginal E. inept  
C. steady F. accomplished

10. Because of its lack of theaters, the city came, ironically, to be viewed as an \_\_\_\_\_ theater town, and that reputation led entrepreneurs to believe that it would be \_\_\_\_\_ to build new theaters there.

- Blank(i) Blank(ii)  
A. unprofitable D. difficult  
B. untapped E. risky  
C. unimpressed F. appropriate

11. The cultivation of the emotion of natsukashii, interpretable as "pleasant sorrow," brings Japanese to Kyoto in the spring, not to \_\_\_\_\_ the cherry blossoms in full bloom but to \_\_\_\_\_ the fading, falling flowers.

- Blank(i) Blank(ii)  
A. mourn D. rejoice over  
B. arrange E. grieve over  
C. savor F. preserve

③、先后；众寡；表里；公私

先后

先: previous, past, traditional

后: now, today, current, recent

众寡:

众: normal, general, prevail, widespread, common, popular

寡: occasional, specific

表里

表: seem, on the surface

里: in fact, actually, as a matter of reality

公私

公: public

私: private

1. Until the current warming trend exceeds the range of normal climatic fluctuations, there will be, among scientists, considerable \_\_\_\_\_ the possibility that increasing levels of atmospheric CO2 can cause long-term warming effects.

- (A) interest in  
(B) uncertainty about  
(C) enthusiasm for  
(D) worry about



(E) experimentation on

2. Created to serve as perfectly as possible their workaday \_\_\_\_\_, the wooden storage boxes made in America's Shaker communities are now \_\_\_\_\_ for their beauty.

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|----------------|-------------|
| Blank(i)       | Blank(ii)   |
| A. environment | D. employed |
| B. owners      | E. valued   |
| C. function    | F. designed |

3. The primary criterion for \_\_\_\_\_ a school is its recent performance: critics are \_\_\_\_\_ to extend credit for earlier victories.

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Blank(i)          | Blank(ii)    |
| A. investigating  | D. prone     |
| B. judging        | E. persuaded |
| C. administrating | F. reluctant |

4. Industrialists seized economic power only after industry had \_\_\_\_\_ agriculture as the preeminent form of production; previously such power had \_\_\_\_\_ land ownership.

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| Blank(i)      | Blank(ii)        |
| A. sabotaged  | D. resided in    |
| B. joined     | E. culminated in |
| C. supplanted | F. threatened    |

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6. While she initially suffered the fate of many pioneers — the incomprehension of her colleagues — octogenarian Nobel laureate Barbara McClintock has lived to \_\_\_\_\_ the triumph of her once \_\_\_\_\_ scientific theories.

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|-----------|------------------|
| Blank(i)  | Blank(ii)        |
| A. decry  | D. heterodox     |
| B. regret | E. authoritative |
| C. savor  | F. tentative     |

7. In a most impressive demonstration, Pavarotti sailed through Verdi's "Celeste Aida," normally a tenor's \_\_\_\_\_, with the casual enthusiasm of a folk singer performing one of his favorite \_\_\_\_\_.

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|--------------|-------------|
| Blank(i)     | Blank(ii)   |
| A. nightmare | D. ballads  |
| B. delight   | E. chorales |



C. routine F. recitals

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A. nightmare D. ballads  
B. delight E. chorales  
C. routine F. recitals

9. New research on technology and public policy focuses on how seemingly \_\_\_\_\_ design features, generally overlooked in most analyses of public works projects or industrial machinery, actually \_\_\_\_\_ social choices of profound significance.

Blank(i) Blank(ii)  
A. insignificant D. mask  
B. ingenious E. represent  
C. innovative F. hasten

10. Although scientists claim that the seemingly \_\_\_\_\_ language of their reports is more precise than the figurative language of fiction, the language of science, like all languages, is inherently \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank(i) Blank(ii)  
A. ornamental D. allusive  
B. subjective E. unintelligible  
C. literal F. complex

11. Although \_\_\_\_\_, almost self-effacing in his private life, he displays in his plays and essays a strong \_\_\_\_\_ publicity and controversy.

Blank(i) Blank(ii)  
A. conventional D. aversion toward  
B. monotonous E. penchant for  
C. retiring F. impatience with

#### ④、对比行为

Change、distinguish、mask、balance

1. The notion that cultural and biological influences \_\_\_\_\_ determine cross-cultural diversity is discredited by the fact that, in countless aspects of human existence, it is cultural programming that overwhelmingly accounts for cross-population variance.

(A) jointly  
(B) completely  
(C) directly  
(D) equally  
(E) eventually



2. During the 1960's assessments of the family shifted remarkably, from general endorsement of it as a worthwhile, stable institution to widespread \_\_\_\_\_ it as an oppressive and bankrupt one whose \_\_\_\_\_ was both imminent and welcome.

Blank(i)

Blank(ii)

A. censure of

D. dissolution

B. fascination with

E. ascent

C. flight from

F. vogue

3. The wonder of De Quincey is that although opium dominated his life, it never \_\_\_\_\_ him; indeed, he turned its use to \_\_\_\_\_ when he published the story of its influence in the London Magazine.

Blank(i)

Blank(ii)

A. conquered

D. altruism

B. intimidated

E. gain

C. distressed

F. enigma

4. Since 1813 reaction to Jane Austen's novels has oscillated between \_\_\_\_\_ and condescension; but in general later writers have esteemed her works more highly than did most of her literary \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank(i)

Blank(ii)

A. adoration

D. contemporaries

B. indifference

E. followers

C. dismissal

F. precursors

## (二) 让步转折

“我承认你对，但是我有自己真正想说的”

虽然

though, although, albeit,

even if, even though,

despite, in spite of,

granted, for all,

wh-ever, no matter wh-, regardless

admit, acknowledge, recognize, concede

certainly

of course

true

no doubt

但是

nevertheless

nonetheless

notwithstanding

still



even so

1. Current data suggest that, although \_\_\_\_\_ states between fear and aggression exist, fear and aggression are as distinct physiologically as they are psychologically.

- (A) simultaneous
- (B) serious
- (C) exceptional
- (D) partial
- (E) transitional

2. The labor union and the company's management, despite their long history of unfailingly acerbic disagreement on nearly every issue, have nevertheless reached an unexpectedly \_\_\_\_\_, albeit still tentative, agreement on next year's contract.

- (A) swift
- (B) onerous
- (C) hesitant
- (D) reluctant
- (E) conclusive

3. A recent survey shows that, while ninety-four percent of companies conducting management-training programs open them to women, women are \_\_\_\_\_ only seventy-four percent of those programs.

- (A) protesting against
- (B) participating in
- (C) displeased by
- (D) allowed in
- (E) refused by

4. It has been argued that politics as \_\_\_\_\_, whatever its transcendental claims, has always been the systematic organization of common hatreds.

- (A) a theory
- (B) an ideal
- (C) a practice
- (D) a contest
- (E) an enigma

5. Rumors, embroidered with detail, live on for years, neither denied nor confirmed, until they become accepted as fact even among people not known for their \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) insight
- (B) obstinacy
- (C) introspection
- (D) tolerance
- (E) credulity



6. We realized that John was still young and impressionable, but were nevertheless surprised at his \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) naiveté
- (B) obstinateness
- (C) decisiveness
- (D) ingeniousness
- (E) resolve

7. Although Johnson's and Smith's initial fascination with the fortunes of those jockeying for power in the law firm \_\_\_\_\_ after a few months, the two paid sufficient attention to determine who their lunch partners should be.

- (A) revived
- (B) emerged
- (C) intensified
- (D) flagged
- (E) persisted

8. Although the discovery of antibiotics led to great advances in clinical practice, it did not represent a \_\_\_\_\_ bacterial illness, for there are some bacteria that cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ treated with antibiotics.

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Blank(i)           | Blank(ii)       |
| A. breakthrough in | D. consistently |
| B. panacea for     | E. effectively  |
| C. resurgence      | F. efficiently  |

9. Although the minuet appeared simple, its \_\_\_\_\_ steps had to be studied very carefully before they could be gracefully \_\_\_\_\_ in public.

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|-----------------|--------------|
| Blank(i)        | Blank(ii)    |
| A. intricate    | D. discussed |
| B. rudimentary  | E. revealed  |
| C. entertaining | F. executed  |

10. Even those siblings whose childhood was \_\_\_\_\_ familial feuding and intense rivalry for their parents' affection can nevertheless develop congenial and even \_\_\_\_\_ relationships with each other in their adult lives.

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Blank(i)          | Blank(ii)      |
| A. dominated by   | D. competitive |
| B. devoid of      | E. intimate    |
| C. indifferent to | F. vitriolic   |

总结

- 第一部分 GRE 介绍
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## 第二部分 精讲精练

### Section 1

1. Scientists have argued not only that the chains of atoms called ladder compounds have \_\_\_\_\_ theoretical interest but also that studies of such systems can lead to important practical applications.

- A. limited
- B. dubious
- C. superfluous
- D. unidimensional
- E. intrinsic

2. While the writer was best known for her much-ballyhooed \_\_\_\_\_, her impact reached far beyond memorable quips.

- A. pensiveness
- B. erudition
- C. stoicism
- D. fastidiousness
- E. congeniality

3. Although the vast weight of evidence supports the contention that the products of agricultural biotechnology are environmentally (i)\_\_\_\_\_, many people still find them (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ unsettling.

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|----------------|------------------|
| Blank (i)      | Blank (ii)       |
| A. destructive | D. retroactively |
| B. sound       | E. innocuously   |
| C. intriguing  | F. intrinsically |

4. World demand for oil had been intensified, but it slackened because China's surge in oil consumption had (i)\_\_\_\_\_. Moreover, high oil prices had themselves started to act as a short-term (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the global economy, thus further dampening demand.

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|--------------|----------------|
| Blank (i)    | Blank (ii)     |
| A. spread    | D. spur to     |
| B. commenced | E. drag on     |
| C. slowed    | F. panacea for |

5. Although she admitted that her airport expansion plan had recently collapsed, the governor (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the significance of the failure, pointing out that competing economic development proposals are now more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)     |
| A. minimized    | D. tenuous     |
| B. touted       | E. complicated |
| C. acknowledged | F. important   |

6. It is possible for human to go 40 or more hours without sleep and still be able to (i)\_\_\_\_\_ information acquired at the beginning of the sleepless period. Thus, when we are considering a role



for sleep in human memory consolidation, we are referring to a possible role in the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ encoding of information and optimizing of recall, not a (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ of sleep for recalling events of the prior day.

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|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Blank (i)     | Blank (ii)     | Blank (iii)    |
| A. legitimate | D. longer-term | G. requirement |
| B. augment    | E. acute       | H. surplus     |
| C. disgorge   | F. qualitative | I. facet       |

7. Not only is the advent of bookless or largely bookless libraries too large and powerful a change to be \_\_\_\_\_, it also offers too many real advantages for it to be considered a tragedy.

- A. understood
- B. averted
- C. foreseen
- D. forestalled
- E. endured
- F. anticipated

8. Although men still dominate the ranks of full professors in the field of astronomy, the increasing numbers of younger women in the field could \_\_\_\_\_ a change in its gender mix.

- A. require
- B. alleviate
- C. block
- D. presage
- E. portend
- F. hinder

9. The life of a secret agent is dangerous enough, but the life of a double agent is infinitely more \_\_\_\_\_: a single slip can send an agent crashing to destruction.

- A. arduous
- B. precarious
- C. clandestine
- D. perilous
- E. covert
- F. exhilarating

10. An apparent paradox led the scientists to pursue their present line of research: they were struck by the fact that a single mathematic formula can be used to describe physical phenomena that appear to be so \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. rudimentary
- B. interdependent
- C. interrelated
- D. complex
- E. heterogeneous
- F. dissimilar



## Section 2

1. The students' \_\_\_\_\_ natures were in sharp contrast to the even-tempered dispositions of their parents.

- A. mercurial
- B. blithe
- C. phlegmatic
- D. apathetic
- E. cunning

2. Because people expect theater directors to be authoritarians, many were surprised that Clark was so \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. histrionic
- B. megalomaniacal
- C. egalitarian
- D. indolent
- E. charismatic

3. Although the political science professor's paper is quite (i) \_\_\_\_\_ about the government's problems, suggesting that they are part of a (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ process, the prognosis for the government is, on the contrary, actually quite auspicious.

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Blank (i)          | Blank (ii)       |
| A. straightforward | D. degenerative  |
| B. circuitous      | E. comprehensive |
| C. pessimistic     | F. spontaneous   |

4. The author of this biography gives an accurate and (i) \_\_\_\_\_ account of the subject's life story, but all of this carefully assembled detail fails to compensate for the general lack of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ in her writing.

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|---------------|----------------|
| Blank (i)     | Blank (ii)     |
| A. exhaustive | D. specificity |
| B. glib       | E. veracity    |
| C. selective  | F. vivacity    |

5. In adolescence, (i) \_\_\_\_\_ interactions are crucial in forging a self-identity. To be sure, this process often plays out in (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ as a means of defining and shoring up the sense of self. Kids will seek out like-minded companions, and spurn others who seem different. But when kept within reasonable bounds, this in-group (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ generally evolves into a more mature friendship pattern.

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|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)                         | Blank (iii)    |
| A. adult        | D. cliquish social behavior        | G. alienation  |
| B. wide-ranging | E. dramatic changes in personality | H. clustering  |
| C. peer         | F. heightened sociability          | I. competition |



6. The (i)\_\_\_\_\_ quality of much contemporary drawing may be attributable to the use of photography as a drawing shortcut. Photography (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ modern arts, but when it is used as a tracing tool in order to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the difficulties of achieving correct proportion, the resulting art often feels static and lifeless.

- Blank (i)      Blank (ii)      Blank (iii)
- A. inert      D. frequently enervated      G. augment
- B. jubilant      E. wonderfully enriched      H. foreground
- C. sensuous      F. inevitably circumscribed      I. circumvent

7. In matters of taste, the art patron and collector Peggy Guggenheim was \_\_\_\_\_: she was for the strangest, the most surprising, the most satisfying, the best, the unique.

- A. a neophyte
- B. a novice
- C. a realist
- D. an extremist
- E. a pragmatist
- F. a zealot

8. Even though his opponent is currently trying to portray him as a wild-eyed radical, voters will likely reject this charge because it does not \_\_\_\_\_ his moderate political record.

- A. defer to
- B. conform to
- C. accede to
- D. argue with
- E. meddle with
- F. square with

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the approval process for new drugs suggests that incentives to promote more expeditious decision making may be necessary.

- A. pecuniary
- B. commercial
- C. arbitrary
- D. sluggish
- E. capricious
- F. dilatory

10. The critic claims that, contrary to its reputation for \_\_\_\_\_, the novelist's prose is full of opaque language games.

- A. scrupulousness
- B. simplicity
- C. mendacity
- D. artlessness
- E. polish
- F. meticulousness



### Section 3

1. The identity of hominid remains found in a cave in the Altai Mountains was \_\_\_\_\_ until Paabo and his colleagues ended the speculation by showing that DNA sequences indicated the bones belonged to Neanderthals.

- A. extraneous
- B. conjectural
- C. improbable
- D. demonstrable
- E. consistent

2. Some novelists immodestly idealized and exaggerate the significance of their work, but others, \_\_\_\_\_ to exalt the role of the writer, question a transcendent view of the art.

- A. averring
- B. declining
- C. seeking
- D. feigning
- E. avowing

3. The economic recovery was somewhat lopsided: (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in some of the industries while (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ in others of them.

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| Blank (i)     | Blank (ii)     |
| A. unexpected | D. robust      |
| B. feeble     | E. turbulent   |
| C. swift      | F. predictable |

4. Attending with equal (i) \_\_\_\_\_ to any question that presents itself, the sociologist's work has strengths and weaknesses that flow from this energetically (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ approach.

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|---------------|-------------------|
| Blank (i)     | Blank (ii)        |
| A. skepticism | D. hybrid         |
| B. lethargy   | E. indiscriminate |
| C. fervor     | F. conciliatory   |

5. Evidence suggests that populations of migratory birds in both the New and Old Worlds have (i) \_\_\_\_\_, a (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ that carries the potential for significant ecological damage far beyond the shrinking numbers of the birds themselves.

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| Blank (i)     | Blank (i)       |
| A. scattered  | D. dispersal    |
| B. stabilized | E. decline      |
| C. plummeted  | F. displacement |

6. Inuit print making is less (i) \_\_\_\_\_ than carving in that it does not have substantial historical precedents, although there are (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ incised carvings on bone or antler, facial tattoo marks, or inlay skin work on clothing, mitts and footwear. Carving materials such as stone, bone, antler,



wood, and ivory were (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, but paper and drawing tools were unknown until introduced by early explorers and missionaries.

- Blank (i)      Blank (ii)      Blank (iii)
- A. traditional    D. affinities with    G. available locally
- B. prestigious    E. objections to      H. rarely used
- C. anomalous    F. regulations about    I. virtually interchangeable

7. Scientists should hope the faults in their theories will be \_\_\_\_\_ their peers since the refutation of one hypothesis can free its originator to develop a better one.

- A. discerned by
- B. disregarded by
- C. discovered by
- D. ignored by
- E. opaque to
- F. inspiring to

8. Though Edmund certainly had a dignified bearing and made a great first impression, those who became acquainted with him soon realized he had an essentially \_\_\_\_\_ nature.

- A. pugnacious
- B. deliberate
- C. punctilious
- D. courteous
- E. complacent
- F. truculent

9. Circulatory systems on organisms originated in widely separated epochs, according to the fossil record, and under a broad range of circumstances; the myriad forms they take attest to that \_\_\_\_\_ of origin.

- A. mysteriousness
- B. randomness
- C. ambiguity
- D. heterogeneity
- E. indeterminacy
- F. diversity

10. Compared to their predecessors, who were more nationalist than feminist in political orientation, Roman women activists of the younger generation are more inclined to \_\_\_\_\_ women's rights, often creating organizations focused primarily on women's issues.

- A. expand
- B. de-emphasize
- C. champion
- D. idealize
- E. downplay
- F. defend



## Section 4

1. That Seiberg and Witten lack celebrity can be explained by the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of their pursuit: the mathematical exploration of four-dimensional space.

- A. pedestrian
- B. esoteric
- C. compelling
- D. global
- E. unequivocal

2. In modern times, friendship has become a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship: a form of connection in terms of which all are understood and against which all are measured.

- A. conciliatory
- B. mercenary
- C. paradigmatic
- D. contentious
- E. supplementary

3. The era's examples of \_\_\_\_\_ that are cited by the author can be balanced in part by certain examples of dissent during the same period.

- A. diversity
- B. authoritarianism
- C. forbearance
- D. volatility
- E. lucidity

4. The politician's record while in office, though (i) \_\_\_\_\_, hardly accounts for her high standing three decades later—a standing all the more (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ because of continuing assaults on her reputation during those years.

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| Blank (i)        | Blank (ii)     |
| A. bewildering   | D. unusual     |
| B. admirable     | E. regrettable |
| C. unappreciated | F. persistent  |

5. For many years, Americans have had a love affair with ferryboats. Ferries are said to relieve our frayed nerves after we've stewed in bumper-to-bumper traffic, and conventional wisdom also says ferries (i) \_\_\_\_\_ congestion and air pollution by getting us out of our cars. Unfortunately, this (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ notion recently has (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ several West Coast mayors, who have in consequence eagerly pursued the implementation of ferry service in their cities.

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| Blank (i)        | Blank (ii)     | Blank (iii)   |
| A. contribute to | D. provocative | G. captivated |
| B. reduce        | E. misguided   | H. confused   |
| C. cover up      | F. cynical     | I. outraged   |



6. For Plato the art of music was so (i) \_\_\_\_\_ moral and political reality that any alteration to music system would necessarily require a corresponding political shift. But two and a half millennia later, when classical music is generally seen merely as a lifestyle accessory, Plato's conception seems (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. To be sure, there are still people who consider classical music to be of (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ cultural importance, but few of them are able to articulate this convincingly.

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| Blank (i)                 | Blank (ii)      | Blank (iii)  |
| A. rarely identified with | D. apt          | G. marginal  |
| B. tenuously connected to | E. absurd       | H. profound  |
| C. firmly anchored in     | F. disingenuous | I. uncertain |

7. Although scientific progress leads to constant revision of ideas, one observation that has remained \_\_\_\_\_ over the years is that there are a lot of insects in the world: some 950,000 species have been identified.

- A. robust
- B. significant
- C. strong
- D. perplexing
- E. confounding
- F. obscure

8. Even overt deficiencies in the author's work have not \_\_\_\_\_ its respectful reception by most modern critics.

- A. tainted
- B. hindered
- C. superseded
- D. inhibited
- E. proscribed
- F. forbidden

9. Shifting Fortunes take a conventional approach to American union history by simply explaining the reasons behind union growth and decline in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries: it is a chronologically and thematically \_\_\_\_\_ study and nothing more.

- A. complicated
- B. confined
- C. multifarious
- D. onerous
- E. circumscribed
- F. taxing

10. Titan, Saturn's largest moon, looks surprisingly \_\_\_\_\_, even though it is a cold, dimly lit world made from unknown materials.

- A. habitable
- B. familiar
- C. forbidding



- D. placid
- E. daunting
- F. recognizable

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## Section 5

1. In a production process that is complex and often unpredictable, roles that start out discretely defined may become quite \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. confused
- B. perfunctory
- C. independent
- D. overt
- E. exacting

2. Many creative photographers were delighted to find in instant photography a mode that encouraged them to stop viewing photography as \_\_\_\_\_ and start viewing it as something they could handle with spontaneity, even derision.

- A. sacrosanct
- B. ephemeral
- C. malleable
- D. egalitarian
- E. autonomous

3. While people complain about their hectic lives and demanding schedules, one might be justified in suspecting that they are being somewhat (i)\_\_\_\_\_: compulsive busyness seems to be, for many, a source of (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)    |
| A. disingenuous | D. pride      |
| B. guarded      | E. despair    |
| C. dilatory     | F. irritation |

4. The author argues that the field of sociology has been overly (i)\_\_\_\_\_, partly because, for many scholars, the edges of the social universe are defined by national borders. In this era of increasing globalization, however, sociology is presented with a historically distinct opportunity to transcend its former (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i)               | Blank (ii)        |
| A. narrow in scope      | D. utilitarianism |
| B. susceptible to fads  | E. parochialism   |
| C. averse to empiricism | F. historicism    |

5. Readers may initially be irked by the book's apparent (i)\_\_\_\_\_, but, once immersed in the author's prose, they may come to regard the work's (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ as an asset.

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| Blank (i)          | Blank (i)         |
| A. flippancy       | D. subtlety       |
| B. aimlessness     | E. discursions    |
| C. tendentiousness | F. exhaustiveness |



6. Those who took Clark's old-mannered compliance for obsequiousness (i)\_\_\_\_\_ him: his apparent (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ veiled a fervent (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ of the authority that others exercised over him, one that he occasionally expressed by discreetly sabotaging their most important projects.

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| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)        | Blank (iii)      |
| A. misconstrued | D. cynicism       | G. veneration    |
| B. condemned    | E. acquiescence   | H. justification |
| C. respected    | F. intractability | I. detestation   |

7. Although its director \_\_\_\_\_ that the movie uses a documentary approach in portraying the famous sit-down strike, in practice its characters are heavily fictionalized and fall into familiar Hollywood types.

- A. asserts
- B. concedes
- C. guarantees
- D. disputes
- E. grants
- F. maintains

8. When studying the ancient Greek astronomers, Copernicus realized that despite the intrinsic beauty of many of their arguments, the ancients often made claims that \_\_\_\_\_ logic.

- A. refuted
- B. questioned
- C. influenced
- D. swayed
- E. defied
- F. disregarded

9. For all the \_\_\_\_\_ the new CEO has received from the press recently, her staff have a decidedly less rosy view of her.

- A. encomiums
- B. tributes
- C. evaluations
- D. critiques
- E. attention
- F. publicity

10. Coagulation factors are useful proteins whose simple names—many are known only by Roman numerals—\_\_\_\_\_ their importance and the specificity of their roles in the thinning and clotting of blood.

- A. nullify
- B. obviate
- C. mitigate
- D. belie
- E. mask



F. accentuate

## Section 6

1. Though the volume of radioactive waste produced by nuclear power plants is \_\_\_\_\_, the problem of how to dispose of that waste is not; rather, it is of major importance.

- A. unmanageable
- B. troubling
- C. significant
- D. small
- E. deceptive

2. We often regard natural phenomena like rainfall as mysterious and unpredictable; although for short time spans and particular places they appear so, in fact on a truly global scale, nature has been a model of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. reliability
- B. diversity
- C. complexity
- D. plasticity
- E. discontinuity

3. The national bank has been uncommonly powerful in comparison to its counterparts in other nations. It retains this potency partly because its control of the nation's banking system is (i) \_\_\_\_\_ governmental interference, and thus its actions remain largely (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i)          | Blank (ii)       |
| A. unencumbered by | D. compulsory    |
| B. replete with    | E. discretionary |
| C. hindered by     | F. bureaucratic  |

4. The material covered in this article has been (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in previous publications, and since currently neglected areas remained unexplored, the article contains no (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i)      | Blank (ii)     |
| A. skirted     | D. revelations |
| B. scrutinized | E. distortions |
| C. countered   | F. conclusions |

5. Unambiguous texts can allow their readers to (i) \_\_\_\_\_ them quickly, but ambiguous texts can have the attractive (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ of multiple possible interpretations, all of which can be considered equally (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, and none of which is the single true meaning.

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| Blank (i)        | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii)   |
| A. misunderstand | D. stigma  | G. valid      |
| B. comprehend    | E. blemish | H. frank      |
| C. complicate    | F. allure  | I. inveterate |



6. Even the reader acquainted with the outlines of Pushkin's biography will be (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ so vividly conveyed in Binyon's biography. Not only was Pushkin's personal correspondence intercepted and his movements (iii)\_\_\_\_\_, but Tsar Nicholas I's decision to oversee Pushkin's career obliged Pushkin to submit all his manuscripts for inspection.

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| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)                               | Blank (iii)  |
| A. attracted to | D. suffocating lack of creative freedom  | G. ignored   |
| B. confused by  | E. concern for contemporary society      | H. monitored |
| C. struck by    | F. underlying sense of historical change | I. commended |

7. The uniquely human ability to rethink and revise our social arrangements is a weird blessing, allowing us to create systems that are as likely to \_\_\_\_\_ us as to liberate us.

- A. cheer
- B. shackle
- C. admonish
- D. educate
- E. stifle
- F. enliven

8. Although field studies have linked inbreeding to declines among song sparrow populations, some researchers argue that, in nature, inbreeding proves \_\_\_\_\_ as a factor when compared with crushing blows from weather changes.

- A. hazardous
- B. momentous
- C. trivial
- D. significant
- E. precarious
- F. inconsequential

9. Although the insistence on balancing spending against tax revenues has contributed to the economy's stagnation, unfortunately, the government does not seem likely to \_\_\_\_\_ this rigid policy.

- A. initiate
- B. persist in
- C. publicize
- D. repudiate
- E. continue
- F. recant

10. Since it was committed to the idea of science as an international, politically neutral enterprise, the Royal Society of London refused to \_\_\_\_\_ members from enemy nations during world wars of the twentieth century.

- A. betray
- B. expel
- C. endorse
- D. oust



E. sanction

F. condemn

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Section 7

1. Among the Mealcambut people of Papua New Guinea, legends are associated with specific caves in the Speik region, and the legends are \_\_\_\_\_: only cave owner can share its secrets.

- A. proprietary
- B. impenetrable
- C. immutable
- D. didactic
- E. self-perpetuating

2. It is a paradox of the Victorians that they are both \_\_\_\_\_ and, throughout the empire, cosmopolitan.

- A. capricious
- B. insular
- C. mercenary
- D. idealistic
- E. intransigent

3. Despite the scathing precision with which she satirizes the lives of the social aspirants and moneyed folk, the writer appears to (i) \_\_\_\_\_ being part of the world she presents as so (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii)      |
| A. abhor  | D. unattainable |
| B. relish | E. insufferable |
| C. evoke  | F. enchanting   |

4. The contemporary trend whereby fashion designers flout mainstream tradition is unique only in its (i) \_\_\_\_\_; earlier fashion designers experienced the same (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ impulse, albeit in a less extreme form.

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| Blank (i)         | Blank (ii)        |
| A. subversiveness | D. indiscriminate |
| B. intensity      | E. iconoclastic   |
| C. palpability    | F. temperate      |

5. Memory-exempt technology such as online birthday reminders does more than enhance our recall abilities; it induces us to (i) \_\_\_\_\_ ever more behaviors to automated process. Witness the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ a program that allows us to create computer greeting cards for the entire year in one sitting.

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| Blank (i)   | Blank (i)            |
| A. delegate | D. controversy over  |
| B. ascribe  | E. popularity of     |
| C. liken    | F. sophistication of |

6. Biologists have little (i) \_\_\_\_\_ drawing the link between the success of humanity and human (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. Indeed, many biologists claim that this attribute, the ability to (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, or, to put it



more sharply, to make individuals subordinate their self-interest to the needs of the group, lies at the root of human achievement.

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| Blank (i)              | Blank (ii)     | Blank (iii)    |
| A. consensus regarding | D. resilience  | G. reflect     |
| B. compunction about   | E. sociability | H. communicate |
| C. justification for   | F. uniqueness  | I. cooperate   |

7. Progressive and reactionary populist movements are not necessarily \_\_\_\_\_: each may, and usually does, possess the features of the other.

- A. dichotomous
- B. untenable
- C. unsustainable
- D. contradictory
- E. subversive
- F. efficacious

8. Flawed as it may be for it is constructed by subjective scientists, science itself has methods that help us \_\_\_\_\_ our bias and talk about objective reality with some validity.

- A. bypass
- B. reduce
- C. exacerbate
- D. magnify
- E. acknowledge
- F. circumvent

9. In Japanese aesthetics, especially but not only in Noh, beauty contains the idea of \_\_\_\_\_: beauty must have an air of evanescence, the intimation of its own demise.

- A. transience
- B. symmetry
- C. decay
- D. simplicity
- E. balance
- F. deterioration

10. Although one can adduce myriad of examples of ecosystem disruption by nonindigenous species, nevertheless most introduced species that survived in fact appear to have quite \_\_\_\_\_ effects on the ecosystem they have invaded.

- A. marked
- B. conspicuous
- C. minimal
- D. intriguing
- E. trifling
- F. deleterious



Section 8

1. Apparently, advanced tortoises evolved multiple times: the high-domed shells and columnar, elephantine feet of current forms are specializations for terrestrial life that evolved \_\_\_\_\_ on each continent.

- A. independently
- B. interchangeably
- C. paradoxically
- D. simultaneously
- E. symmetrically

2. Instead of demonstrating the \_\_\_\_\_ of archaeological applications of electronic remote sensing, the pioneering study became, to some skeptics, an illustration of the imprudence of interpreting sites based on virtual archeology.

- A. ubiquity
- B. redundancy
- C. limitation
- D. complexity
- E. promise

3. Given the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ committees and the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ nature of its investigation, it would be unreasonable to gainsay the committee's conclusions at first glance.

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| Blank (i)                 | Blank (ii)     |
| A. sterling reputation of | D. superficial |
| B. lack of funding for    | E. spontaneous |
| C. ad hoc existence of    | F. exhaustive  |

4. Though many professional book reviewers would agree that criticism should be (i) \_\_\_\_\_ enterprise, a tendency to write (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ reviews has risen, partly out of the mistaken belief that sharing personal details will help reviewers stand out of the pack.

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| Blank (i)        | Blank (ii)      |
| A. an anonymous  | D. scathing     |
| B. an evenhanded | E. confessional |
| C. a spirited    | F. superficial  |

5. Scientific papers often (i) \_\_\_\_\_ what actually happened in the course of the investigations they describe. Misunderstandings, blind alleys, and mistakes of various sorts will fail to appear in the final written accounts, because (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ is a desirable attribute when transmitting results in a science report and would be poorly served by (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i)        | Blank (ii)        | Blank (iii)                           |
| A. amplify       | D. transparency   | G. a comprehensive historical account |
| B. misrepresent  | E. efficiency     | H. a purely quantitative analysis     |
| C. particularize | F. exhaustiveness | I. an overly superficial discussion   |



6. Analysis of 47.5-million-year-old fossils from Pakistan has yielded fresh insights into the early ancestors of modern whales. For example, *Maiacetus inuus* was a land animal (i) \_\_\_\_\_ life in the sea. One *Maiacetus inuus* fossil encased a fetus positioned for a head-first delivery, which is typical of a land mammal and suggests the species gave birth onshore. But it probably spent much of its time (ii) \_\_\_\_\_: its big teeth were suited for catching fish, while its flipper-like feet must have been (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ walking.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

A. resistant to

D. in the water

G. incompatible with

B. removed from

E. fleeing from predators

H. clumsy for

C. adapted to

F. protecting its young

I. strengthened by

7. The Chavez Pass archaeological site was initially interpreted as indicative of \_\_\_\_\_ society, since it was thought to have been at the center of a cluster of smaller, contemporary settlements that it presumably controlled.

A. an expansionist

B. a hierarchical

C. an urban

D. a heterogeneous

E. a diverse

F. a stratified

8. Even if the story now seems a surprisingly innocuous overture to the author's later, more fully developed narrations, it \_\_\_\_\_ some of the key traits of those bleaker tales.

A. avoids

B. belies

C. undercuts

D. anticipates

E. possesses

F. prefigures

9. In the absence of a surface gradient, the new laws of refraction and reflection are \_\_\_\_\_ the conventional law, so they represent more of an extension than a complete revolution.

A. inferable from

B. entailed by

C. antithetical to

D. coincident with

E. antecedent to

F. oppositional to

10. While recognizing that recent reports of cyberwarfare, phone-hacking scandals, and identity thefts have tended to accent the destructive connotation of the word, Sue Halpern maintains that "hacking" is such \_\_\_\_\_ term that its meaning nearly always derives from its context.

A. a generic

B. an inclusive



- C. a positive
- D. a subjective
- E. an affirmative
- F. a technical

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Section 9

1. A new television documentary focuses on one of the prime minister's defining contradiction, portraying her as a woman who cultivated an image of \_\_\_\_\_, but who liked to live grandly.

- A. irascibility
- B. abstemiousness
- C. contentiousness
- D. surreptitiousness
- E. insouciance

2. In Protoscience times (in the ancient Greece), claims about the physical world were often accepted as true if they are reasonable; experimental verification, if thought necessary at all, was \_\_\_\_\_

- A. utilitarian
- B. empirical
- C. perfunctory
- D. inductive
- E. egregious

3. The irony of digital networking is that it can produce more (i) \_\_\_\_\_ than did the geographical confinement it supposedly transcended. As human interactions become (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ physical location, people are less likely to have regular dealings with others who do not share the same values and outlooks.

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| Blank (i)        | Blank (ii)             |
| A. provincialism | D. more determined by  |
| B. diversity     | E. less contingent on  |
| C. materialism   | F. less insensitive to |

4. Scholarly works on detective stories often begin with (i) \_\_\_\_\_, suggesting that there is something vaguely wrong with adults who spend their time reading such fiction and certainly something (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ those who devote energy to its analysis.

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| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)          |
| A. chronologies | D. awry in          |
| B. apologies    | E. astute about     |
| C. synopses     | F. courageous about |

5. Due to the extraordinary circumstances, British business owners found themselves in a (i) \_\_\_\_\_ position during the Second World War, forced to accept interference from the government and to acquiesce to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ role for labor unions in negotiating the terms and conditions of the employment.

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| Blank (i)    | Blank (i)        |
| A. defensive | D. a traditional |
| B. dominant  | E. an enhanced   |
| C. customary | F. a diminished  |



6. For almost two centuries, the German island of Sylt has offered various therapies for every conceivable (i) \_\_\_\_\_, from broken bones to liver complaints. The local mud, saltwater, thermal pools, and spas has been deemed (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ by the German medical system, which (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ some of these treatments. Consequently, these treatments are widely used.

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| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)   | Blank (iii) |
| A. malady       | D. healthful | G. doubts   |
| B. indiscretion | E. suspect   | H. denies   |
| C. prognosis    | F. innocuous | I. funds    |

7. Miller reminded his client that labor relations are inherently \_\_\_\_\_: the interests of business owners are diametrically opposed to those of the employees.

- A. constant
- B. immutable
- C. changeable
- D. variable
- E. antagonistic
- F. adversarial

8. Not only was this writer content to leave the reading public in the dark, she seems to have \_\_\_\_\_ the role of trickster, seeding her works with apparent clues that led nowhere.

- A. rejected
- B. disdained
- C. relished
- D. participated in
- E. delighted in
- F. developed

9. Even the cleverest use of time management techniques is powerless to \_\_\_\_\_ sum of minutes in a person's life, so people squeeze as much as they could into each one of them.

- A. justify
- B. quantify
- C. augment
- D. enrich
- E. measure
- F. extend

10. One of the vocalists who auditioned for a leading part in the local production of Sweeney Todd seemed to prefer \_\_\_\_\_ to any attempt at producing a melody; a more unpleasant voice was hard to imagine.

- A. warbling
- B. imitating
- C. improvising
- D. shrieking



E. crooning

F. caterwauling



## Section 10

1. The space travels described in science fiction stories always used to be epic adventures, in comparison to which current journeys in space seem quite \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. mundane
- B. risky
- C. exciting
- D. heroic
- E. dramatic

2. Medieval cathedrals still stand as marvels of architecture, but as far as modern science is concerned, medieval physics and chemistry are simply irrelevant, at best a dead end, at worst the very \_\_\_\_\_ of what science is supposed to be.

- A. exemplar
- B. glorification
- C. reflection
- D. dilution
- E. antithesis

3. Although trains may use energy more (i) \_\_\_\_\_ than do automobiles, the latter move only when they contain at least one occupant, whereas railway carriages spend a considerable amount of time running up and down tracks (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, or nearly so.

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| Blank (i)      | Blank (ii)    |
| A. lavishly    | D. vacant     |
| B. efficiently | E. unimpeded  |
| C. routinely   | F. overloaded |

4. Historian Barbara A. Engel's task in writing a book about women in Russia must have been a (i) \_\_\_\_\_ one, because the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the Russian empire's people meant that Russian women could never be treated as a homogeneous group.

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| Blank (i)     | Blank (ii)        |
| A. motivating | D. unity among    |
| B. boring     | E. disinterest in |
| C. daunting   | F. diversity of   |

5. One sometimes hears that Marco Polo introduced pasta to the western world, having encountered it in China. This durable myth, which (i) \_\_\_\_\_ that nothing should have been known of pasta in Italy until 1295, when Marco Polo returned from the Far East, can easily be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ by pointing out that there are Italian references to pasta that (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)   | Blank (iii)             |
| A. requires     | D. augmented | G. praise its virtues   |
| B. demonstrates | E. debunked  | H. can be authenticated |
| C. symbolizes   | F. traced    | I. predated that event  |



6. Both very good and very bad books are easy to review. Praise and (i) \_\_\_\_\_ come easily. But what of books that contain a muddle of virtues and vices? Here the reviewer's task is more (ii) \_\_\_\_\_: the author's useful and thought-provoking observations need to be (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ the useless and tedious.

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| Blank (i)      | Blank (ii)    | Blank (iii)        |
| A. ambivalence | D. evident    | G. supplanted by   |
| B. compliment  | E. demanding  | H. sifted from     |
| C. censure     | F. manageable | I. overshadowed by |

7. Even though women in U.S. would not gain right to vote until 1920, throughout the 19-century many feminist goals were gradually \_\_\_\_\_, especially the rights of married women to control their own property.

- A. realized
- B. achieved
- C. abandoned
- D. eroded
- E. modified
- F. revised

8. It is hardly \_\_\_\_\_ the committee calls for: rudimentary competence would be an improvement on the current chaos.

- A. accountability
- B. faultlessness
- C. disarray
- D. loyalty
- E. unruliness
- F. perfection

9. Edited collections of scholarly essays generally tend to be somewhat uneven: they suffer from the \_\_\_\_\_ subject matter of the various essays, the lack of an overarching and consistent thesis, and the variable quantity of the contributions.

- A. intriguing
- B. disparate
- C. heterogeneous
- D. mediocre
- E. comprehensive
- F. engaging

10. Films that critics have slumbered through rarely generate industry excitement, even though the critics' \_\_\_\_\_ reception may be less the fault of the movie than of its unfortunate time slot near a fatiguing film festival's conclusion.

- A. somnolent
- B. impartial
- C. lethargic



- D. laconic
- E. befuddled
- F. evenhanded

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## Section 11

1. The governor might conceivably find a genuine resolution to the budgetary dilemma, but she may be tempted to engage in a deception: a \_\_\_\_\_ exercise in fiscal prudence.

- A. rigorous
- B. sparkling
- C. specious
- D. blatant
- E. convincing

2. Without seeming unworldly, William James appeared wholly removed from the \_\_\_\_\_ of society, the conventionality of academe.

- A. ethos
- B. idealism
- C. romance
- D. paradoxes
- E. commonplaces

3. The great (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of most books that examine the American presidency is their ideological bias, but for the most part, this volume on the presidency maintains an impressive degree of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)     |
| A. contribution | D. certainty   |
| B. limitation   | E. fluency     |
| C. paradox      | F. objectivity |

4. The reclusive clergyman may have lived and died in melancholy, but this doesn't seem to have (i) \_\_\_\_\_ his genius in any way. On the contrary, we find ourselves wondering whether his genius wasn't (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ in some mysterious way by his mood.

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| Blank (i)     | Blank (ii)    |
| A. influenced | D. served     |
| B. hampered   | E. controlled |
| C. triggered  | F. identified |

5. Many historians of the ancient world are wary of sounding (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Write so much as a sentence and the temptation is immediately to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ it. Even in cases when the sources for a given event are (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, uncertainties and discrepancies crop up everywhere.

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| Blank (i)        | Blank (ii)      | Blank (iii)   |
| A. fusty         | D. recapitulate | G. consistent |
| B. anachronistic | E. forswear     | H. plentiful  |
| C. dogmatic      | F. qualify      | I. biased     |

6. Applications of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) have fared best in contexts in which habitat condition is closely linked to species condition and the cause of habitat degradation is easily



identified. The achievement of ESA, in those contexts, however, have (i)\_\_\_\_\_ that other uses of the act can (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ that record even where such favorable conditions do not (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i)                     | Blank (ii)   | Blank (iii) |
| A. quelled the conviction     | D. mitigate  | G. vary     |
| B. presaged the uncertainty   | E. duplicate | H. pertain  |
| C. fostered the misconception | F. elucidate | I. diminish |

7. Since some contemporary western dietitians believe that the only function of food is to provide nourishment, these dietitians view an emphasis on the aesthetic dimension of the culinary art as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. unprecedented
- B. unwarranted
- C. illuminating
- D. groundless
- E. promising
- F. novel

8. Harper Lee's narration in To kill a Mocking Bird is \_\_\_\_\_, mixing an adult's and a child's perspective according to no logic other than the immediate exigencies of the plot.

- A. a paradigm
- B. a hodgepodge
- C. a model
- D. an innovation
- E. a patchwork
- F. an embarrassment

9. A clever form of diplomacy involves subtly inducing the other party to propose your preference so that your \_\_\_\_\_ their requests appear as the granting of concession.

- A. accession to
- B. inattention to
- C. subversion of
- D. abnegation of
- E. repudiation of
- F. acquiescence to

10. The employee had a reputation for fractiousness, but his coworkers found him to be, on the contrary, quite \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. insightful
- B. affable
- C. sagacious
- D. capable
- E. easygoing
- F. productive



## Section 12

1. The idea of a “language instinct” may seem \_\_\_\_\_ to those who think of language as the zenith of the human intellect and of instincts as brute impulses.

- A. jarring
- B. plausible
- C. gratifying
- D. inevitable
- E. conciliatory

2. In contrast to such sparsely populated terrestrial habitats as desert and tundra, the oceans \_\_\_\_\_ with a seemingly endless array of creatures.

- A. teem
- B. flow
- C. evolve
- D. reel
- E. ebb

3. As Ellen Donkin explains, in 18th century England, writing plays (i) \_\_\_\_\_ women. Even when the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ meant that playwriting did not bring personal fame, the work nevertheless enabled them to present their own views to the public and offered the possibility of acquiring capital.

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| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)            |
| A. empowered    | D. use of a pseudonym |
| B. overextended | E. lack of a producer |
| C. impressed    | F. poor remuneration  |

4. The genius of the scientific method is that it (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the dictum of Aristotle that the goal of science is knowledge of the ultimate cause of things. True science, we now know, advances human knowledge by (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ ultimate causes and focusing instead on the testing of empirical hypotheses.

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| Blank (i)    | Blank (ii)    |
| A. qualifies | D. ignoring   |
| B. jettisons | E. predicting |
| C. affirms   | F. confirming |

5. Just because, as a photographer, Friedlander (i) \_\_\_\_\_ places that most people consider ugly does not mean that he is out to prove they are beautiful. Instead, his work suggests that the photographer simply cannot ignore so much of the built American landscape but is obligated to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ what we pass through day in and day out, regardless of (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i)                 | Blank (ii)   | Blank (iii)     |
| A. tends to avoid         | D. document  | G. authenticity |
| B. is harshly critical of | E. emulate   | H. truthfulness |
| C. is interested in       | F. discredit | I. aesthetics   |



6. Traditional Vietnamese culture has long promoted the idea of gender equality. Founding myths (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the equal division of labor in child care for mothers and fathers. As is often the case, however, theoretical commitments are (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ actual processes. In reality gender-based (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ persists.

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| Blank (i)      | Blank (ii)             | Blank (iii)       |
| A. obscure     | D. incommensurate with | G. parity         |
| B. celebrate   | E. surpassed by        | H. inclusiveness  |
| C. countermand | F. inspired by         | I. stratification |

7. Culture, like speech, is primarily a human faculty, although both functions may exist in a more \_\_\_\_\_ form in lesser primates.

- A. indispensable
- B. crucial
- C. primitive
- D. intelligible
- E. recognizable
- F. rudimentary

8. In mathematics, judgments about the validity of proofs are mediated by peer-reviewed journals; to ensure \_\_\_\_\_, reviewers are carefully chosen by journal editors, and the identity of scholars whose papers are under consideration are kept secret.

- A. timelessness
- B. originality
- C. fairness
- D. comprehensiveness
- E. objectivity
- F. novelty

9. Jackie Wullschlager's biography of Mans Christian Andersen \_\_\_\_\_ the insipid sweetness with which Andersen coated his life and reveals a vulnerable gingerbread man with a bitter almond where his heart should be.

- A. conjures up
- B. imagines
- C. strips away
- D. overlooks
- E. removes
- F. ignores

10. While it is always clear that the author's message is heartfelt, it is mostly buried by shortcomings of style, organization and production, although the book does become more \_\_\_\_\_ toward the end.

- A. sincere
- B. intelligible
- C. orthodox



D. readable

E. frank

F. voluble



### Section 13

1. The subjects who are engaged in multi-tasks often \_\_\_\_\_ deterioration in their performance over time, and therefore the need to concentrate can apparently enhance long-term efficiency.

- A. elicited
- B. anticipated
- C. noticed
- D. displayed
- E. evaded

2. The medical professor's thesis—hardly new, but rarely \_\_\_\_\_ by a faculty member of his distinction—is that patients are more than the sum of the symptoms and systems.

- A. espoused
- B. subverted
- C. underestimated
- D. discounted
- E. ignored

3. Contrary to those who fear the impact of invasive species on native plants, the biologists contend that the threat posed to biodiversity by nonnative plants is often (i) \_\_\_\_\_. For instance, a study of garlic mustard, a nonnative plant thriving in the forest, found that the garlic mustard abundance in forest plots is not (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the number of other species there.

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| Blank (i)      | Blank (ii)         |
| A. uniform     | D. sustained by    |
| B. exaggerated | E. related to      |
| C. subtle      | F. consistent with |

4. Many of the towns that have voted to keep incinerators in the country's solid waste plan have done so not because they necessarily (i) \_\_\_\_\_ incinerators, but because they are (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ to narrow their waste-disposal options.

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| Blank (i)   | Blank (ii) |
| A. question | D. willing |
| B. favor    | E. eager   |
| C. oppose   | F. loath   |

5. Although movie critic Pauline Kael had a distaste for sycophancy, he also had the need for (i) \_\_\_\_\_, and as a consequence of his competing feelings, he often showed (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ signals to his relatives and friends.

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| Blank (i)    | Blank (ii) |
| A. solitude  | D. mixed   |
| B. obeisance | E. direct  |
| C. clarity   | F. subtle  |



6. A certain amount of theoretical frenzies about comics today is (i) \_\_\_\_\_. After all, similar frenzies have been seen in other art forms in the process of their rapid development, for instance, the debating about the paintings that roiled Renaissance Italy. But such intellectual (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ rarely preceded creative glory. On the contrary, it indicates that an artistic (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, having been made and recognized, is over, and that a process of increasingly strained emulation and diminishing returns is set in.

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| Blank (i)         | Blank (ii)      | Blank (iii)     |
| A. unprecedented  | D. arousal      | G. tradition    |
| B. understandable | E. torpor       | H. breakthrough |
| C. perplexing     | F. conservatism | I. pitfall      |

7. Scientists reported last month on a sign of relative solar \_\_\_\_\_.: the solar wind, a rush of charged particles continually spewed from the sun at a miles an hour, had diminished to its lowest level in 50 years.

- A. quiescence
- B. isolation
- C. remoteness
- D. calm
- E. turbulence
- F. instability

8. Publicity around the celebrities' donations to charity is often greeted with cynicism, but a study of the celebrities' donation shows that they do \_\_\_\_\_ other donation.

- A. bar
- B. replace
- C. draw
- D. elicit
- E. allow
- F. preclude

9. Aerial views of the gigantic stone horse attributed to the Native American Queehuan people fail to \_\_\_\_\_ the considerable artistry required to create the pieces: the horse appeared crudely constructed unless carefully examined from the ground.

- A. manifest
- B. reveal
- C. conceal
- D. mitigate
- E. diminish
- F. undercut

10. The laboratory maze has grown ever less \_\_\_\_\_ since it was invented; instead of hoping to lose a rodent in a labyrinth, today's scientists design mazes to elicit a few simple, easily measurable behaviors.

- A. intricate



- B. convoluted
- C. extensive
- D. prevalent
- E. effective
- F. useful

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## Section 14

1. The artist is known for making photographs that deals with political matters, yet because her art is open-ended and evocative, it would be wrong to characterize it as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. polemical
- B. edifying
- C. unobservant
- D. innovative
- E. ambiguous

2. Investors are grateful that the attorney general has stepped in to pursue inquiries into the misfeasance in the financial markets, given that the regulators officially charged with policing the industry have been \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. tenacious
- B. diffident
- C. meticulous
- D. implacable
- E. straightforward

3. The author of this travel guide (i)\_\_\_\_\_ to show readers Cairo as it really is, but his information is not reliable. For instance, his geography is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, with one walking tour covering areas of the city that are twenty miles apart.

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| Blank (i)   | Blank (ii)   |
| A. purports | D. erratic   |
| B. forbears | E. erudite   |
| C. designs  | F. extensive |

4. The museum's compelling new architectural exhibition looks at 11 projects that around the world that have had major (i)\_\_\_\_\_ impacts despite modest budgets. It is part of (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in the museum's architecture and designing department, which in the past has championed that artistic value over its real-world consequences.

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| Blank (i)    | Blank (ii)                   |
| A. aesthetic | D. an emphasis on theory     |
| B. pragmatic | E. a rejection of pragmatism |
| C. social    | F. a shift in philosophy     |

5. Given children's active fantasy lives, one might think of truthfulness as a young child's (i)\_\_\_\_\_ virtue. It turns out that lying is the more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ skill. A child who is going to lie must recognize the truth, intellectually conceive of an alternate reality, and be able to convincingly sell that new reality to someone else. Therefore, lying (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ both cognitive development and social skills that honesty simply doesn't require.

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| Blank (i)         | Blank (ii)   | Blank (iii)   |
| A. an instinctive | D. advanced  | G. undermines |
| B. an acquired    | E. practical | H. forgoes    |



C. a conscious F. mundane I. demands

6. Within the culture as a whole, natural science has been so successful that the word scientific is used in (i) \_\_\_\_\_ manner; it is often assumed that to call something “scientific” is to imply that its reliability has been (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ by research whose results cannot reasonably be (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i) Blank (ii) Blank (iii)  
A. an ironic D. maligned G. disputed  
B. an honorific E. challenged H. anticipated  
C. a literal F. established I. exaggerated

7. The researcher noted that microbes, though \_\_\_\_\_, make up far more of the living protoplasm on earth than all humans, animals and plants combined.

A. diminutive  
B. minuscule  
C. invisible  
D. omnipresent  
E. ubiquitous  
F. ethereal

8. Those who read Empson’s correspondence for the first time may be disappointed that so much of it is professional rather than personal, but the distinction in this case is \_\_\_\_\_: every letter bears the full stamp of Empson’s personality.

A. unambiguous  
B. artificial  
C. significant  
D. spurious  
E. clear-cut  
F. unique

9. In Inuit culture, elaborate carving has often been used to enhance \_\_\_\_\_ objects such as harpoon heads and other tools.

A. utilitarian  
B. functional  
C. domestic  
D. decorative  
E. manufactured  
F. ornamental

10. Benjamin Franklin’s reputation is so much one of approaching scientific investigation with common sense empiricism that it is somewhat startling to realize how \_\_\_\_\_ the great experimenter’s mentality truly was.

A. reasonable  
B. speculative  
C. pragmatic



D. conjectural

E. careless

F. judicious

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Section 15

1. Though humanitarian emergencies are frequent features of television news, such exposure seldom \_\_\_\_\_ the public, which rather seems resigned to a sense of impotency.

- A. paralyzes
- B. demoralizes
- C. assuages
- D. galvanizes
- E. exasperates

2. The science of astronomy was begun by amateurs and today remains dependent on their contributions, which are incisive by virtue of being \_\_\_\_\_ by the a priori assumptions that often vitiate the work of professional research scientists.

- A. characterized
- B. unencumbered
- C. supported
- D. contradicted
- E. inspired

3. In aquatic environments, the herbicide atrazine is more likely to (i) \_\_\_\_\_ developing amphibians when it is highly diluted than when it is much more concentrated, a new study suggests. Although counterintuitive, the finding is (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ some past research on atrazine and studies showing that other hormonally active compounds are most damaging at trace concentrations.

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| Blank (i)     | Blank (ii)             |
| A. supplant   | D. unanticipated given |
| B. kill       | E. consistent with     |
| C. circumvent | F. undiminished by     |

4. Mr. Billington, at times, can be a (i) \_\_\_\_\_. For instance, he deplores the Royal Shakespeare Company's eight-and-a-half hour version of Nicholas Nickleby, which many found (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i)   | Blank (ii)       |
| A. naysayer | D. perplexing    |
| B. pushover | E. unpredictable |
| C. braggart | F. absorbing     |

5. Except for a few passages in the biography in which the subject's flaws are (i) \_\_\_\_\_, the author's treatment of her subject is (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i)               | Blank (ii)     |
| A. too harshly judged   | D. erudite     |
| B. analyzed in depth    | E. judicious   |
| C. frankly acknowledged | F. acrimonious |

6. Given our species' increasing numbers and appetites which are reflected in and compounded by global climate change, even (i) \_\_\_\_\_ species are likely to become endangered within the



foreseeable future. If we are to avoid a calamitous loss of biodiversity, according to Golbe, we cannot simply let nature take its course. Ongoing conservation management is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, as we have, in a sense, become nature, and the responsibilities that come with the role cannot be (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i)     | Blank (ii)     | Blank (iii)   |
| A. exotic     | D. ineffective | G. jettisoned |
| B. vulnerable | E. obligatory  | H. assumed    |
| C. now common | F. promising   | I. contrived  |

7. There are great \_\_\_\_\_ in countries' greenhouse gas emissions, especially in per capita terms; while the United States and China are similar in aggregate emissions, United States' per capita emissions are a huge multiple of China's.

- A. distortions
- B. disparities
- C. fluctuations
- D. advances
- E. variances
- F. vacillations

8. Despite her rather \_\_\_\_\_ choices, Moreland was neither a rebellious spirit nor someone who saw herself as anything out of the ordinary.

- A. unconventional
- B. impractical
- C. quirky
- D. flamboyant
- E. successful
- F. lucrative

9. There is frequently a protracted time interval between the introduction of an innovative musical composition and its public acceptance: the concert-going public often spurns the \_\_\_\_\_ in favor of the familiar for a prolonged period.

- A. comprehensive
- B. intricate
- C. novel
- D. original
- E. intelligible
- F. complex

10. The concept of the Hellenistic period in ancient history has proved useful but also \_\_\_\_\_, with scholars disagreeing on the dates when the period began and ended.

- A. slippery
- B. elusive
- C. fruitless
- D. deceptive



E. futile

F. compelling



Section 16

1. History teaches us that science is not \_\_\_\_\_ enterprise; indeed, it is quite the opposite, a motley assortment of tools designed to safeguard researchers against their own biases.

- A. an opportunistic
- B. an anomalous
- C. a haphazard
- D. a collective
- E. a monolithic

2. There is \_\_\_\_\_ in the director's most recent film that keeps the melodramatic possibilities latent in its script safely at bay.

- A. a mawkishness
- B. a predictability
- C. an austerity
- D. an ostentatiousness
- E. an emotiveness

3. Few studies have been published on ground-squirrel dispersal, and most of them have involved very small sample sizes, thus most statement regarding ground-squirrel dispersal must be considered \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. invaluable
- B. unexceptional
- C. inveterate
- D. routine
- E. conjectural

4. Since fibromyalgia's symptoms can be (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and can (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ other disorder, and its diagnosis depends largely on patients' descriptions rather than blood tests or biopsies, fibromyalgia's cause and treatment have been the subject of much debate.

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| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)    |
| A. wide-ranging | D. mimic      |
| B. distinctive  | E. illuminate |
| C. debilitating | F. preclude   |

5. Many fairy tales are complex narratives of wish fulfillment. They teach the reader that a struggle against severe difficulties in life is (i) \_\_\_\_\_, that it is an intrinsic part of human existence, and that if one does not (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, but steadfastly meets unexpected and often unjust hardships, one masters all obstacles and at the end (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i)         | Blank (ii)   | Blank (iii)            |
| A. atypical       | D. persevere | G. elicits adversities |
| B. unavoidable    | E. improvise | H. emerges victorious  |
| C. insurmountable | F. shy away  | I. evades achievement  |



6. The writer argues that jewelry-grade diamonds, because they are both (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, prove one of two conclusions: their purchasers have so much money they can spend it on goods that (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, or their purchasers are so committed to making others think they have such wealth that they are willing to go into debt to do so.

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| Blank (i)    | Blank (ii)       | Blank (iii)                            |
| A. flawless  | D. durable       | G. many appreciate in value            |
| B. fungible  | E. useless       | H. reflect the buyer's connoisseurship |
| C. expensive | F. irreplaceable | I. serve no practical purpose          |

7. Given the \_\_\_\_\_ of solid case studies of environmental degradation, this new case study adds little to our knowledge of the field.

- A. erroneousness
- B. plethora
- C. surfeit
- D. inaccuracy
- E. vigor
- F. outcome

8. Many innovative breakthroughs come about when people venture beyond their own areas of expertise, because often it takes an outsider to ask the naïve question that may yield \_\_\_\_\_ solution.

- A. a constructive
- B. an unconventional
- C. an amicable
- D. an agreeable
- E. a practical
- F. an original

9. The author's latest novel may \_\_\_\_\_ those who generally spurn her writing: its unvarnished prose has little in common with the labyrinthine interior exploration of her earlier work.

- A. entice
- B. gall
- C. surprise
- D. placate
- E. rankle
- F. appease

10. People tend to \_\_\_\_\_ how distinct their own lives are, so the commonalities they enjoy with other people seem to them a series of small miracles.

- A. emphasize
- B. overestimate
- C. ignore
- D. exaggerate
- E. overlook



F. deny

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Section 17

1. For the urban researcher, the long lives of ancient cities can provide ample chronological data, making up for the paucity stemming from relative \_\_\_\_\_ of most present-day cities.

- A. complexity
- B. formlessness
- C. transparency
- D. diversity
- E. youthfulness

2. Even if he wants to serve again—and given his obvious love for the job, the assumption among insiders is that he is more likely to stay than go—there is at least one \_\_\_\_\_ his serving another term.

- A. impediment to
- B. incentive for
- C. precedent for
- D. benefit in
- E. rationale for

3. Nordhaus predicts that in the future we will increasingly be (i) \_\_\_\_\_ ecological problems like global warming rather than (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ them. We may, for example, make some headway in limiting emissions that contribute to warming, but much of our work will be in adapting to ecological problems and alleviating their effects.

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| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)    |
| A. managing     | D. solving    |
| B. analyzing    | E. addressing |
| C. transcending | F. mitigating |

4. What they see in Tanaka is the one candidate capable of (i) \_\_\_\_\_ leadership, in direct contrast to Williamson, whose term in office has been marred by (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i)        | Blank (ii)       |
| A. compassionate | D. grandstanding |
| B. decisive      | E. partisanship  |
| C. nepotistic    | F. vacillation   |

5. Partly because of Lee's skill at synthesizing (i) \_\_\_\_\_ trends drawn from many fields of study, her theories appeared to present, with uncanny aptness, ideas already (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ in the minds of her contemporaries.

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| Blank (i)     | Blank (ii)          |
| A. superseded | D. discredited      |
| B. irrelevant | E. well-established |
| C. emergent   | F. half-formulated  |



6. Unlike most other serious journals, which drain money from their owners, the Review has long been (i) \_\_\_\_\_. But the formula is not without its imperfections, which have grown more pronounced in recent years. The publication has always been erudite and (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ but not always lively and readable. (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, accompanied by a certain aversion to risk taking, has pervaded its pages for a long time.

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| Blank (i)    | Blank (ii)       | Blank (iii)         |
| A. lucrative | D. authoritative | G. An originality   |
| B. realistic | E. animated      | H. An impulsiveness |
| C. esteemed  | F. trendy        | I. A staleness      |

7. Far from \_\_\_\_\_ innovations, as the patent system was designed to do, the patenting of concepts such as gene sequences give individuals and corporations a legal choke to hold over ideas that should be useful to all.

- A. spurring
- B. recognizing
- C. codifying
- D. acknowledging
- E. fostering
- F. cataloging

8. During the Renaissance, the use of optical lenses, which were capable of projecting images onto blank canvases, greatly aided artists by allowing them to accurately observe and depict the external world; in other words, these lenses were instrumental in conveying \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. idealism
- B. optimism
- C. ambition
- D. realism
- E. sanguinity
- F. verisimilitude

9. The professor's habitual air of \_\_\_\_\_ was a misleading front, concealing amazing reserves of patience and a deep commitment to his students' learning.

- A. cordiality
- B. irascibility
- C. disorganization
- D. conviviality
- E. diffidence
- F. exasperation

10. Advocates for workers' right have adopted a new strategy, one that will require considerable ingenuity but that, if successful, could \_\_\_\_\_ a movement aimed at making labor rights an unassailable feature of American democracy.

- A. frustrate
- B. galvanize



- C. presume
- D. affect
- E. animate
- F. thwart

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Section 18

1. Barring the discovery of new letters, hidden diaries, or the like, fresh information about eminent people is hard to find because their lives have been so intensely \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. ridiculed
- B. scrutinized
- C. admired
- D. embellished
- E. underrated

2. Despite having only recently learned to walk, toddlers make the most (i) \_\_\_\_\_ dance students. Their joy in movement is so pure, so complete and so (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)                      Blank (ii)

- A. skilled                      D. futile
- B. inattentive                      E. irrelevant
- C. delightful                      F. contagious

3. Tagore had a sharply defined sense of the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of scientific inquiry. The fact that science dealt in statistics and numbers, that its logic was probabilistic, meant that the domain of moral questions (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ it: moral questions, for Tagore, required certainties, not probabilities.

- Blank (i)                      Blank (ii)
- A. irrationality                      D. guarded over
  - B. limits                      E. lay outside
  - C. futility                      F. was subject to

4. The modern iron suspension bridge dates from the early 19th century, but it did not have (i) \_\_\_\_\_ debut: many early suspension bridges were damaged, if not outright destroyed, by the wind. There were few (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, however, so the form (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

- Blank (i)                      Blank (ii)                      Blank (iii)
- A. a propitious                      D. obvious parallels                      G. declined
  - B. a conspicuous                      E. practical alternatives                      H. inspired
  - C. an equivocal                      F. unnoticed instances                      I. persisted

5. The experimental theater company's members know that their performances (i) \_\_\_\_\_ an audience, that they were dense and unpredictable and not always easy to digest. But none of the techniques used would be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ anyone with an interest in music or films. Indeed, they would seem strange only to people who expected to see traditionally crafted plays. The actors therefore felt that theater critics' derisive commentary showed only that the critics (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ the company's work.

- Blank (i)                      Blank (ii)                      Blank (iii)
- A. made demands on                      D. contemplated by                      G. lambasted
  - B. had to command                      E. alien to                      H. exploited
  - C. were sure to please                      F. intuitive for                      I. misunderstood



6. The characters in this comic strip fret about the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of their “little counterculture lives”, especially when terrible things are happening in the world. But the cartoonist makes their lives (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ in ways that do not seem (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ at all. Real things happen here – births, deaths, adoptions, affairs, breakups, commitments, ceremonies, civil union – and they matter.

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| Blank (i)           | Blank (ii)  | Blank (iii)        |
| A. unpredictability | D. stagnate | G. outlandish      |
| B. arduousness      | E. resonate | H. inconsequential |
| C. triviality       | F. compete  | I. intangible      |

7. One \_\_\_\_\_ is that so far, Web services have turned out to be much harder to deliver than their champions had hoped.

- A. hope
- B. snag
- C. prospect
- D. hitch
- E. upshot
- F. reason

8. Asserting a need to preserve the \_\_\_\_\_ that became the hallmark of her predecessor’s tenure, the new director of federal monetary policy refused to subscribe to rigid or mechanistic rules in policy making.

- A. firmness
- B. adaptability
- C. unpredictability
- D. autonomy
- E. strictness
- F. flexibility

9. Wilson is wont to emphasize the \_\_\_\_\_ of ants, how ants with full stomachs will regurgitate liquid food for those without, or how the old will fight so the young can survive.

- A. beneficence
- B. altruism
- C. unpredictability
- D. intelligence
- E. fecundity
- F. fertility

10. At first, most of the famous fairy tales seem so implausible and so irrelevant to contemporary life that their \_\_\_\_\_ is hard to understand.

- A. universality
- B. persistence
- C. appeal
- D. ephemerality
- E. survival



F. transience

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Section 19

1. Anthropologist Jane Goodall was \_\_\_\_\_ in her determination to anthropomorphize the animals she observed with such empathy, and so resisted her editors' attempts to recast her descriptions in more dispassionate language.

- A. fickle
- B. stalwart
- C. solicitous
- D. pretentious
- E. whimsical

2. In 1831, a domestic insurrection that had stirred central Italy was squelched by the Austrian army, but while this invasion destroyed the immediate results of the movement, it could not \_\_\_\_\_ the insurrection's causes, which continued to be felt.

- A. ignore
- B. extirpate
- C. fathom
- D. anticipate
- E. underscore

3. Far from (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the actions taken by the newspaper's executives, Willem praised the executives' resistance to corruption – yet he doubted that their policies were practical enough to warrant (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ by other papers.

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| Blank (i)    | Blank (ii)    |
| A. lionizing | D. criticism  |
| B. impugning | E. admiration |
| C. surveying | F. emulation  |

4. In the search for truth, the knowledge gained by scientists consists of approximations with varying degrees of certainty. Such (i) \_\_\_\_\_ truth can be highly (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, as the rapid and relatively steady progress of medical knowledge well exemplifies.

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| Blank (i)      | Blank (ii)     |
| A. unambiguous | D. useful      |
| B. esoteric    | E. equivocal   |
| C. provisional | F. contentious |

5. The prosecutor belied his hard-boiled reputation by submitting (i) \_\_\_\_\_ queries to the witness and accepting in turn (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ responses.

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| Blank (i)      | Blank (ii)     |
| A. innocuous   | D. evasive     |
| B. quizzical   | E. elaborate   |
| C. impertinent | F. informative |



6. The cowbird can seem a rather comical creature with a slow, awkward walk and often upraised tail. Less (i) \_\_\_\_\_ is the cowbirds' habit of laying their eggs in the nests of other birds. The (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ nesters will usually accept the cowbird egg and raise the baby cowbird as their own. Unfortunately, cowbird eggs hatch sooner than the eggs of other species and the young cowbirds (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, using their size to their advantage in getting more food from the parents.

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| Blank (i)  | Blank (ii)   | Blank (iii)         |
| A. amusing | D. feckless  | G. grow quickly     |
| B. painful | E. resistant | H. leave the nest   |
| C. galling | F. unwitting | I. share their food |

7. Despite a tendency to be overtly \_\_\_\_\_, the poetry does not consist solely of pious sentiments: it sparks the imagination and provides lively entertainment.

- A. preachy
- B. querulous
- C. insincere
- D. sanctimonious
- E. plaintive
- F. disingenuous

8. Today, the chair of the task force in charge of revising psychiatry diagnostic manual is a \_\_\_\_\_ post – people work for years to position themselves as candidates – but in the early nineteen, descriptive psychiatry was a backwater.

- A. a coveted
- B. an arduous
- C. a taxing
- D. a lucrative
- E. an enviable
- F. an influential

9. Scientific discovery calls for a difficult balance: intrepid advocacy of new ideas must often be \_\_\_\_\_ by the results of self-imposed trials.

- A. tempered
- B. moderated
- C. unhampered
- D. preempted
- E. superseded
- F. prefaced

10. Once the scientists began to research the matter, it didn't take them long to find out that life far beneath the ocean floor was not only possible, but \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. vulnerable
- B. prevalent
- C. conspicuous
- D. fragile



E. extensive

F. essential

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Section 20

1. My grandma has a strong belief in all things \_\_\_\_\_: she insists, for example, that the house in which she lived as a child was haunted.

- A. clamorous
- B. invidious
- C. numinous
- D. empirical
- E. sonorous

2. Consolidating a memory is not instantaneous, after all, or even \_\_\_\_\_: every memory must be encoded and moved from short-term to long-term storage and some of those memories are, for whatever reason, more vividly imprinted than others.

- A. salutary
- B. deliberate
- C. sequential
- D. momentary
- E. inevitable

3. Many of the unusual behaviors attributed to crows – such as drinking coffee or presenting gifts to people who feed them – are based on (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and therefore fall into the category of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ rather than science.

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| Blank (i)                 | Blank (ii)     |
| A. long-term observation  | D. anecdote    |
| B. controlled experiments | E. speculation |
| C. secondhand testimony   | F. hypothesis  |

4. The notion of film producers as the ogres of the movie business has proved an (i) \_\_\_\_\_ one, but according to The Producers by Tim Adler, it is not always granted in reality. Attacking what he calls the “auteur myth”—the idea of the director as the only purveyor of art in an industry otherwise peopled with (ii) \_\_\_\_\_—he places at the heart of his book an image of the producer, not the director, as the primary (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ force in the development and production of a movie.

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| Blank (i)      | Blank (ii)        | Blank (iii)  |
| A. accurate    | D. visionaries    | G. financial |
| B. hypercritic | E. profit mongers | H. inertial  |
| C. enduring    | F. innocents      | I. creative  |

5. The (i) \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the candidate’s comments is calculated. As a long-standing target of critics who regard him as a radical, he understands that he needs to be as (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ as possible if he is to overcome those critiques and appear as a (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ leader.

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| Blank (i)        | Blank (ii)      | Blank (iii)     |
| A. opprobrious   | D. innocuous    | G. polarizing   |
| B. platitudinous | E. truculent    | H. cautious     |
| C. pugnacious    | F. supercilious | I. conciliatory |



6. The new art museum's (i) \_\_\_\_\_ building augurs well for that ambitious institution because it speaks of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ contemporary architecture on the part of the board of directors that may (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ equal astuteness about contemporary art.

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| Blank (i)      | Blank (ii)             | Blank (iii) |
| A. nondescript | D. a discernment about | G. conceal  |
| B. outstanding | E. a hostility toward  | H. supplant |
| C. outdated    | F. an intoxication by  | I. promise  |

7. Members of the union's negotiating team insisted on several changes to the company's proposal before they would support it, making it clear that they would \_\_\_\_\_ no compromise.

- A. disclose
- B. reject
- C. brook
- D. tolerate
- E. repudiate
- F. weigh

8. Excessive focus on what might have been can cause in us feelings of restlessness and regret, but some scientists are beginning to think that fancying an alternative reality might have \_\_\_\_\_ effects as well.

- A. subtle
- B. adverse
- C. restorative
- D. pleasurable
- E. unfavorable
- F. tonic

9. Apparent flaws in the sculptor's work have not \_\_\_\_\_ its respectful reception by most modern critics.

- A. determined
- B. controlled
- C. undermined
- D. prevented
- E. overshadowed
- F. precluded

10. Williamson had a fierce commitment to achieving an accord, spending enormous amount of time trying to forge a consensus out of an often \_\_\_\_\_ assembly.

- A. apathetic
- B. fractious
- C. restive
- D. cynical
- E. compliant
- F. tractable



## Section 21

1. The novel presents him as a man who monitors his state of mind and emotions as though he were doing so \_\_\_\_\_, talking and thinking about himself as if he were someone else.

- A. guiltily
- B. instinctively
- C. furtively
- D. heedlessly
- E. externally

2. The sand paintings that McCall created—a synthesis of painting, sculpture, and photography—were meant to be \_\_\_\_\_, preserved only in the memories of witnesses.

- A. archetypal
- B. incendiary
- C. ephemeral
- D. naturalistic
- E. dazzling

3. People frequently attempt to relieve their workplace frustrations via surreptitious comments around the water-cooler but would be better able to resolve their resentments if they were less (i) \_\_\_\_\_ about their problem and initiated a more (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ dialogue.

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| Blank (i)        | Blank (ii)   |
| A. vexatious     | D. equitable |
| B. clandestine   | E. sincere   |
| C. opportunistic | F. open      |

4. Although the rich history of filmed versions of Shakespeare's plays reaches back to the early twentieth century, filmmakers still appear to (i) \_\_\_\_\_. They typically seek to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ their work by claiming that film techniques can improve upon Shakespeare's text and on the conditions of theatrical performance, and yet such claims, asserted too strenuously, can seem defensive.

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| Blank (i)                              | Blank (ii)  |
| A. doubt their own legitimacy          | D. adapt    |
| B. misinterpret theatrical conventions | E. validate |
| C. underestimate Shakespeare's appeal  | F. minimize |

5. Dirac may have (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the company of other theoretical physicals, but he often (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, rarely (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ group discussions and almost never collaborating with others in his own work.

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| Blank (i)      | Blank (ii)                 | Blank (iii)        |
| A. appreciated | D. kept them at a distance | G. cutting off     |
| B. analyzed    | E. welcomed their company  | H. contributing to |
| C. spurned     | F. pondered their insights | I. shrinking from  |

6. Environmental models—mathematical representations designed to simulate natural systems—are regularly used by litigants in legal disputes over environmental issues. Unfortunately, the (i) \_\_\_\_\_



scientific model is (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ in environmental tort litigation. Because of the adversarial nature of litigation, models are often used by one side to (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ empirical evidence presented by the other. And because modeling is a particularly technical field, the task of assessing a given model's relevance and reliability may exceed the abilities of judges and juries.

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| Blank (i)                  | Blank (ii)     | Blank (iii)  |
| A. evidentiary value of    | D. avoided     | G. adduce    |
| B. uncertainty inherent in | E. predictive  | H. obfuscate |
| C. increasing reliance on  | F. exacerbated | I. replicate |

7. Jaime Javier Rodriguez notes that popular art forms often conceal a daunting complexity: frequently what appears \_\_\_\_\_ becomes intricate and challenging when closely examined.

- A. tedious
- B. canned
- C. convoluted
- D. vacuous
- E. tortuous
- F. formulaic

8. Even the most hard-nosed critics could hardly deny that the novelist's best books are \_\_\_\_\_: they are filled with energy, imagination, and something close to a white-hot inspiration.

- A. inventive
- B. engaging
- C. spirited
- D. compassionate
- E. vigorous
- F. warmhearted

9. Reuters are not against \_\_\_\_\_ noteworthy architecture but suggests a cap on the amount to be protected at any one time: if you want to protect another ancient building, one should come off the list.

- A. preserving
- B. rehabilitating
- C. promoting
- D. restoring
- E. emulating
- F. safeguarding

10. In science, replicability comes with the idea that the pursuit of scientific truth should not be \_\_\_\_\_: researchers who make claims must allow others to test them empirically.

- A. incomplete
- B. settled
- C. private
- D. unfinished
- E. insular



F. unerring

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## Section 22

1. The combination of Isabella Beeton's short life and the \_\_\_\_\_ of evidence for some parts of her story means that at times her biographer, Kathryn Hughes, is forced to fill out her narrative with background information.

- A. reliability
- B. plethora
- C. relevance
- D. paucity
- E. transparency

2. If all stars are fiery gas balls like our own sun, and if the principle that the situation of our own solar system is not (i) \_\_\_\_\_ is (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, then one might think that many other stars should be surrounded by a retinue of planets and moons.

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| Blank (i)    | Blank (ii)   |
| A. obvious   | D. true      |
| B. permanent | E. redundant |
| C. special   | F. tested    |

3. Although strikes remain rarer in Britain than in many other European countries, and their economic impact is (i) \_\_\_\_\_ compared to the great upheavals of the 1970s and 1980s, their number has (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ after a few years of somewhat greater calm.

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| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)  |
| A. inconclusive | D. exploded |
| B. demoralizing | E. declined |
| C. negligible   | F. revived  |

4. The nature of our recollections is (i) \_\_\_\_\_. One memory can seem (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ whereas another must be coaxed out of our brain little by little. Although a moment that excites our emotions is more likely to be recorded than a (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ experience, the sensory qualities of an event also play a part in how vividly and accurately we remember it.

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| Blank (i)        | Blank (ii)                | Blank (iii)  |
| A. inaccurate    | D. vague and spotty       | G. riveting  |
| B. inconsistent  | E. immediate and colorful | H. traumatic |
| C. insignificant | F. unreliable and elusive | I. routine   |

5. Keith Haring's cartoonish art became even more (i) \_\_\_\_\_ than Andy Warhol's much-reproduced soup cans when, in 1986, he opened his own store, the Pop Shop, to sell licensed Haring merchandise. The public loved souvenirs; the critics (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ what they saw as his betrayal of artistic integrity. Haring claimed that these critics misunderstood his (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ to take art beyond galleries and museums, and thus to give a wider audience the opportunity to experience art.

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| Blank (i)     | Blank (ii)  | Blank (iii)    |
| A. commercial | D. fostered | G. failed plan |



- B. traditional      E. decried      H. financial need  
C. expert      F. anticipated      I. sincere effort

6. Now that photographic prints have become a popular field for collecting, auctions are becoming more (i) \_\_\_\_\_. It is not just the entry of new collectors into the field that is causing this intensification. Established collectors' interests are also becoming more (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. Those who once concentrated on the work of either the nineteenth-century pioneers or the twentieth-century modernists are now keen to have (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ collections.

- Blank (i)      Blank (ii)      Blank (iii)  
A. competitive      D. fickle      G. comprehensive  
B. tedious      E. wide-ranging      H. legitimate  
C. exclusive      F. antiquarian      I. impressive

7. Of all the singer's works, this album is the most dependent on the musical conventions of her day; it was both the least \_\_\_\_\_ of her albums and the most commercially successful.

- A. personal  
B. well-known  
C. experimental  
D. innovative  
E. acclaimed  
F. recognizable

8. The environmental advocacy group pushed for a single, overarching wetlands management plan that would \_\_\_\_\_ the existing efforts of various entities, resulting in a focused blueprint for saving the area's wetlands.

- A. combine  
B. meld  
C. undermine  
D. spearhead  
E. support  
F. subvert

9. Although initially it may be difficult to discern the essay's message of peace and conciliation, a close reading reveals its essentially \_\_\_\_\_ nature.

- A. pacific  
B. indolent  
C. banal  
D. lethargic  
E. austere  
F. dovish

10. It is rare for a prominent member of the company to leave without some \_\_\_\_\_; Smith, who resigned with civility, is an exception.

- A. acrimony



- B. bitterness
- C. trepidation
- D. apprehension
- E. regret
- F. embarrassment

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Section 23

1. The author affects \_\_\_\_\_ in the tone of his novels that is quite at odds with his predilection for invective in his nonfiction publications.

- A. a tenacity
- B. a neutrality
- C. a pugnacity
- D. an effusiveness
- E. an irascibility

2. Although most of the lakes have merged, salinity levels are not \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the lake system: an upward-trending salinity gradient extends southeast from Pelican Lake to East Stump Lake, a distance of nearly 80 kilometers.

- A. known
- B. equable
- C. rising
- D. problematic
- E. unprecedented

3. Among the most popular Currier & Ives lithographic prints in nineteenth-century America were bird's-eye views of great cities such as New York, Chicago, and San Francisco. These were edited into books, and the cities' (i) \_\_\_\_\_ meant that new views were (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ for successive editions.

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| Blank (i)                  | Blank (ii)              |
| A. tremendous productivity | D. hard to obtain       |
| B. extraneous growth       | E. rendered superfluous |
| C. unparalleled activity   | F. regularly required   |

4. Gilbert saw himself as an investigator, a role whose mental state he (i) \_\_\_\_\_ with that of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. Consequently he never accepted an academic position or wrote a comprehensive textbook, so that despite his years of intellectual leadership he never established a school of followers or articulated a distinctly Gilbertian creed.

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| Blank (i)     | Blank (i)           |
| A. contrasted | D. an administrator |
| B. combined   | E. a teacher        |
| C. equated    | F. an engineer      |

5. Communal feeding is a remarkable behavioral aspect of this generally solitary animal. It is also a misunderstood behavior and one of the reasons that Tasmanian devils have a bad reputation. Far from being a (i) \_\_\_\_\_, communal devil feeding is (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ and purposeful, and is described as (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ behavior. The screaming and apparent fighting is an elaborate combination and variety of vocalizations and postures by which order is maintained.

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|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)    | Blank (iii) |
| A. free-for-all | D. structured | G. innate   |
| B. rarity       | E. vicious    | H. acquired |



C. necessity F. infrequent I. ritualized

6. It is plausible to regard a collection of letters spanning youth and old age as (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of autobiography: the procession of characters who inhabit a life and a chronology of incidents turn up reliably in either form. Yet autobiography, even when ostensibly steeped in candor, tends toward (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ through later perspectives, afterwords, and second thoughts, whereas letters have an undeniable (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, offering select glimpses of the fraught and living moment.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

A. an approximation

D. concision

G. sensitivity

B. a precursor

E. reconsideration

H. immediacy

C. the antithesis

F. sensationalism

I. formality

7. Williams finds the appearance of Whitman's Leaves of Grass in 1855 nearly \_\_\_\_\_ given the immense disparity between Whitman's earlier published works, which Williams finds dismal, and the consummate mastery of Leaves.

A. oracular

B. prophetic

C. inevitable

D. inexplicable

E. inauspicious

F. incomprehensible

8. Carr insists that the so-called information society might be more accurately described as the interruption society: it \_\_\_\_\_ attention, the scarcest of all resources, and stuffs the mind with trivia.

A. guards

B. protects

C. diverts

D. destroys

E. annihilates

F. transcends

9. Although the Kuiper Belt—the icy region of the solar system where Pluto orbits—was once much more crowded, today it has such a low density of objects that collisions between them are \_\_\_\_\_.

A. inconsequential

B. ongoing

C. unthinkable

D. improbable

E. continuous

F. unlikely

10. The environmental threat posed by the New Zealand mud snail, an invasive species, is \_\_\_\_\_ by the snail's small size, which facilitates its spread across watersheds through human activity.



- A. initiated
- B. ameliorated
- C. exacerbated
- D. extenuated
- E. mitigated
- F. aggravated



Section 24

1. What once seemed a quixotic vision—the “Subway to the Sea,” connecting Union Station in downtown Los Angeles to the Pacific Ocean in Santa Monica—no longer seems quite so \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. impracticable
- B. prescient
- C. banal
- D. viable
- E. beneficial

2. Unlike some mammals—cows and sheep, for instance—that are notably \_\_\_\_\_, lions have a wide range of facial expressions.

- A. tractable
- B. impassive
- C. solitary
- D. social
- E. sluggish

3. The history of the region’s natural resources has been one of initial (i)\_\_\_\_\_ followed by (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, as such the region has over time gone from a resource-rich to a resource-dependent economy.

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Blank (i)         | Blank (ii)                 |
| A. disappointment | D. growing interdependence |
| B. abundance      | E. draconian regulation    |
| C. conservation   | F. rapacious depletion     |

4. The author paints a rather dark picture of book publishing as a hidebound industry, one that is facing a profound change in its mode of production but is so (i)\_\_\_\_\_ its past as to be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ opportunities offered by technological change.

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Blank (i)         | Blank (ii)              |
| A. alienated from | D. eager to exploit     |
| B. emboldened by  | E. unable to seize      |
| C. encumbered by  | F. forced to reconsider |

5. Folmer’s book on Edith Wharton seems far removed from recent trends in literary criticism; this need not be a fault, except that, in its title and introduction, the book (i)\_\_\_\_\_ to be conversant with contemporary discourse in the field, but in its actual analysis of Wharton’s work, it is marked by a very (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ approach.

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| Blank (i)   | Blank (i)        |
| A. designs  | D. old-fashioned |
| B. fails    | E. timely        |
| C. purports | F. arcane        |



6. Viewing people as “social atoms” that obey rather simple rules (which are not unlike the laws of physics), one may discover certain (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Take, for example, the way channels emerge when people move in crowds. In the midst of initially (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ movements, one person begins to follow another—in an effort to avoid collisions—and streams of movement emerge. As more people join in, there is greater pull on others to join the flow, and the particular channels become (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Blank (i)                  | Blank (ii)         | Blank (iii)          |
| A. apparent contradictions | D. inflexible      | G. self-defeating    |
| B. unproductive tendencies | E. straightforward | H. self-aggrandizing |
| C. law-like regularities   | F. chaotic         | I. self-perpetuating |

7. Few ideas are more \_\_\_\_\_ than the notion that cultures evolve in Darwin fashion; many academics have begun writing about cultural evolution, but few treat the underlying Darwinian logic with the care it deserves.

- A. abused  
B. archaic  
C. misused  
D. outdated  
E. divisive  
F. derivative

8. Any notion of justice in the fortunes of artists is \_\_\_\_\_: works of equal value and quality produce quite different returns or no returns at all.

- A. baseless  
B. cliché  
C. untenable  
D. insulting  
E. condescending  
F. idealistic

9. In a number of instances, investors hoping to tap into the region’s meteoric growth have instead faced problems ranging from unpredictable management practices to outright \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. malfeasance  
B. incompetence  
C. fraudulence  
D. capriciousness  
E. hysteria  
F. impulsiveness

10. After many years of feeling \_\_\_\_\_ by his senior managers, Clark was becoming hopeful of advancement.

- A. vilified  
B. stymied  
C. hindered  
D. aggrieved



E. circumvented

F. overlooked

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Section 25

1. In the solar system, collisions involving cosmic objects are among the most \_\_\_\_\_ processes shaping surfaces: images of many solar system objects show a proliferation of impact craters formed throughout the past 4.5 billion years.

- A. cataclysmic
- B. pervasive
- C. misleading
- D. uncontrollable
- E. random

2. Because the critic thought that the mark of great literature was grandiosity and elegance not to be found in common speech, writers seeking his approbation \_\_\_\_\_ the vernacular.

- A. exploited
- B. embraced
- C. misapplied
- D. considered
- E. eschewed

3. Recent scholarship has questioned the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of tropical forests around the world.

Archeologists have shown, for example, that the largest contiguous tract of what was thought to be virgin rain forest in the southern Amazon had been transformed into a cultural parkland before European contact, and many of the forest islands in West Africa's savanna-forest transition zone are (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ as well.

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| Blank (i)         | Blank (ii)       |
| A. diversity      | D. isolated      |
| B. naturalness    | E. endangered    |
| C. sustainability | F. anthropogenic |

4. The researcher found that in assessing others, many people hold an unconscious view that competence and warmth are (i) \_\_\_\_\_: when they perceive a person to be highly capable, they infer that he or she must have a tendency to be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Blank (i)               | Blank (ii)      |
| A. equally important    | D. ambitious    |
| B. mutually reinforcing | E. unfeeling    |
| C. inversely related    | F. disingenuous |

5. Mr. Stevens found that home schooling, far from representing (i) \_\_\_\_\_ philosophy, (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ some of the most widely accepted education ideas that children should be treated as individuals, taught in small numbers, and even given a measure of discretion over their own learning.

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| Blank (i)       | Blank (i)      |
| A. a benign     | D. overcomes   |
| B. an orthodox  | E. embodies    |
| C. an anomalous | F. anticipates |



6. Most capuchin monkey conflict involves such a (i) \_\_\_\_\_ repertoire of gestural and vocal signals that it is difficult for researchers to tease apart the meanings of the individual signals. This (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ is (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ by the fact that many signals seem to shift in meaning according to the context in which they are produced and the developmental stage of the individuals producing them.

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|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Blank (i)          | Blank (ii)     | Blank (iii)    |
| A. precise         | D. problem     | G. augmented   |
| B. rich            | E. opportunity | H. ameliorated |
| C. straightforward | F. oversight   | I. anticipated |

7. Architects may be more extroverted and therefore the more \_\_\_\_\_ members of a bridge design team, but they are not always the most essential.

- A. indispensable
- B. conscientious
- C. reliable
- D. visible
- E. valuable
- F. salient

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of ophthalmology as a field in the United States from 1820 to 1850 is evident in the opening of at least five eye hospitals during this period, offering new venues for ophthalmic treatment and experimentation.

- A. sophistication
- B. retrenchment
- C. burgeoning
- D. resurgence
- E. curtailment
- F. expansion

9. Anne Carson's book Nax is, very deliberately, \_\_\_\_\_ literary object—the opposite of an e-reader, which is designed to vanish in your palm as you read on a train.

- A. an evanescent
- B. a cumbersome
- C. an immutable
- D. an unwieldy
- E. an ephemeral
- F. a flexible

10. One of the peculiarities of humans is that we irrationally gravitate to the predictable and avoid risk. Whatever the reasons for this \_\_\_\_\_, it is hardly a sound basis for dealing with complex, long-term problems.

- A. eccentricity
- B. predilection
- C. vacillation
- D. proclivity



E. wavering

F. cowardice



Section 26

1. Some ethicists worry that a deeper understanding of the brain may be tantamount to \_\_\_\_\_.: if we discover that free will is an illusion of neural circuitry, how will we hold people responsible for their actions?

- A. vindication
- B. proscription
- C. ministration
- D. valediction
- E. exculpation

2. The stories in Yiyunshi's recent collection are distinctive, particularly for the strong contrast between their emotional intensity and their consistently \_\_\_\_\_ tone.

- A. affable
- B. ebullient
- C. measured
- D. irascible
- E. overwrought

3. Computers have become adept in rarefied domains once thought to be uniquely human. However, they simultaneously have (i)\_\_\_\_\_ certain tasks basic to the human experience, including spatial orientation and object recognition, and in so doing, have shown us how (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ such fundamental skills truly are.

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| Blank (i)            | Blank (ii)    |
| A. failed to master  | D. outmoded   |
| B. helped to improve | E. common     |
| C. managed to mimic  | F. impressive |

4. So, perhaps the lesson is that rather than wanting their monarchy to (i)\_\_\_\_\_ its modernized Scandinavian counterparts, the British public cherishes it most when it is most (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i)   | Blank (ii)       |
| A. discount | D. egalitarian   |
| B. emulate  | E. anachronistic |
| C. commend  | F. regal         |

5. He was never (i)\_\_\_\_\_: he was nothing if not (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, so he forbore for the present to declare his passion.

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|---------------|----------------|
| Blank (i)     | Blank (ii)     |
| A. impetuous  | D. boorish     |
| B. thoughtful | E. circumspect |
| C. chivalrous | F. spontaneous |



6. Although political events in different countries were not (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in the 19th century, their interrelationship was (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ compared with the present, when interdependence has become far greater: (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ ceased to be an option.

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| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)     | Blank (iii)     |
| A. unconnected  | D. conditional | G. isolationism |
| B. trivial      | E. superficial | H. resilience   |
| C. simultaneous | F. transparent | I. idealism     |

7. Well organized and researched and including all significant discoveries of medical scientists, the History of Western Medicines has been justly called \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. encyclopedic
- B. long-winded
- C. exhaustive
- D. rambling
- E. overbearing
- F. indiscriminating

8. Science is arguably a very high-minded pursuit, but that is not to say that all of its practitioners are \_\_\_\_\_, as numerous articles alleging overly generous pharmaceutical industry payments have tried to show.

- A. conventional
- B. clever
- C. unimpeachable
- D. ingenious
- E. blameless
- F. predictable

9. In a field of egotists, Bloomfield is \_\_\_\_\_, always praising her competitors and punctuating her correspondence with self-deprecating remarks.

- A. unassuming
- B. complimentary
- C. acerbic
- D. ingenuous
- E. cutting
- F. modest

10. Because its previously \_\_\_\_\_ beliefs have become the core tenets of mainstream politics, the activist group disbanded; with no skeptics to persuade, its purpose evaporated.

- A. arcane
- B. seditious
- C. quixotic
- D. idealistic
- E. popular
- F. conventional



Section 27

1. Politicians who invoke the founders of the United States in support of their views seem to imply that the founders consistently concurred in their own views when in reality they were a highly \_\_\_\_\_ group of thinkers.

- A. erudite
- B. innovative
- C. predictable
- D. contentious
- E. methodical

2. Of all her works, this play is the most dependent on the dramatic conventions of the author's day; it was both the least \_\_\_\_\_ of her plays and the most commercially successful.

- A. experimental
- B. popular
- C. formulaic
- D. lucrative
- E. contemporary

3. One way to predict the effects of global climates change on an ecosystem is to extrapolate current trends in global change factors into the future. A (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of this method is that its predictions (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ actual observations, but the method also makes the questionable assumptions that the future will resemble the present.

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| Blank (i)      | Blank (ii)       |
| A. virtue      | D. dispense with |
| B. drawback    | E. derive from   |
| C. peculiarity | F. improve upon  |

4. Just as large manufacturing companies with dominant positions in large domestic markets were once able to resist (i) \_\_\_\_\_ despite ample signs that foreign competition was rapidly overtaking them, strong and wealthy states can (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ and still manage to limp along for many years.

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| Blank (i)     | Blank (ii)                        |
| A. innovation | D. exploit vulnerable markets     |
| B. temptation | E. dominate international affairs |
| C. inertia    | F. maintain misguided policies    |

5. China's rapidly growing population is the main threat facing large carnivores in the People's Republic. Increasingly, policies aimed at limiting population growth have been (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Nevertheless, the country's vast size and the isolation of many of its regions mean that human populations in areas where large carnivores still occur (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. This human pressure has (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ the South China tiger.

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| Blank (i)        | Blank (ii)                | Blank (iii)   |
| A. modified      | D. could start to decline | G. celebrated |
| B. de-emphasized | E. can grow unchecked     | H. doomed     |



C. implemented F. have stabilized I. bypassed

6. Behavior economists have come to believe that a (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of choices can be paralyzing, as Schwartz pointed out in the recent book *The Paradox of Choice*. Studies of retirement plans show that the more investment choices a plan offers, the less likely people are to participate in it. It may follow then, that a lack of flexibility in certain plans may actually be a (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. People reasonably (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ some advantages in exchange for peace of mind.

Blank (i) Blank (ii) Blank (iii)  
A. surfeit D. virtue G. foresee  
B. reduction E. conundrum H. forestall  
C. stabilization F. revelation I. forgo

7. Origin, distribution, and habitat are included in the book for some but not all of the plants; offering this information for each species would have given readers a clearer appreciation of the differences between \_\_\_\_\_ and introduced species.

A. endemic  
B. native  
C. seasonal  
D. rare  
E. unusual  
F. dominant

8. In American art the line between the good and the goods is not a hard-and-fast boundary, for in a commercial society the membrane that separates spirit and store is always \_\_\_\_\_.

A. porous  
B. clogged  
C. permeable  
D. unwavering  
E. steady  
F. imaginary

9. Although in the mid-1970s nuclear power seemed poised for a still greater role in energy supply, in fact the \_\_\_\_\_ of its prestige had already begun.

A. evaluation  
B. waning  
C. defense  
D. undermining  
E. ebbing  
F. vindication

10. As a critic, Nelson is noteworthy for her \_\_\_\_\_; rather than representing fully formed pronouncements, she is willing to let us watch as she works out her ideas.

A. generosity  
B. humility



- C. integrity
- D. modesty
- E. eloquence
- F. rhetoric

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## Section 28

1. Though we live in an era of stunning scientific achievement, many otherwise educated people remain indifferent to or contemptuous of such achievement, even going so far as to \_\_\_\_\_ their ignorance of basic physics.

- A. decry
- B. conceal
- C. remedy
- D. boast of
- E. downplay

2. Carmen's affection to her sister, though not \_\_\_\_\_, is plainly too great to permit a painless departure.

- A. unsteady
- B. unbounded
- C. noticeable
- D. ambivalent
- E. careless

3. The (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of disseminating the vast scientific knowledge of our time to the vast nonscientists shows real (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the magnificent achievements humanity is capable of, like allowing an outstanding piece of art work to molder in a warehouse.

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| Blank (i)    | Blank (ii)         |
| A. triumph   | D. indifference to |
| B. failure   | E. enthusiasm for  |
| C. diffusion | F. glory of        |

4. So (i) \_\_\_\_\_ is the reputation of the city's police force for (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ that whenever a new police chief takes office, he or she routinely promises to clean up the force.

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)      |
| A. persistent   | D. corruption   |
| B. recent       | E. efficiency   |
| C. discouraging | F. inexperience |

5. It remains a mystery how Theobroma cacao, which scholars believe originated in lowland Amazonia, was introduced to tropical Mesoamerica. It must have been a (i) \_\_\_\_\_ process: cacao trees do not easily sprout from seed, need years to mature, and grow only in humid lowland forest. Moreover, in a tropical climate, cacao pods spoil quickly, rendering their transport from lowland Amazonia to tropical Mesoamerica in a single journey by foot or canoe (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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|----------------|----------------|
| Blank (i)      | Blank (i)      |
| A. clandestine | D. unlikely    |
| B. protracted  | E. redundant   |
| C. spontaneous | F. expeditious |



6. Laws protecting intellectual property are intended to stimulate creativity, yet some forms of creative work have never enjoyed legal protection—a situation that ought to be of great interest. If we see certain forms of creative endeavor (i) \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of uncontrolled copying, we might decide to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ intellectual property law. Conversely, if unprotected creative work (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ in the absence of legal rules against copying, we would do well to know how such flourishing is sustained.

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|------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Blank (i)        | Blank (ii)  | Blank (iii)                 |
| A. languishing   | D. jettison | G. declines in originality  |
| B. proliferating | E. extend   | H. manages to thrive        |
| C. diversifying  | F. relax    | I. openly invites imitation |

7. The major \_\_\_\_\_ of such popular history is that it betrays no interests in making intellectual contributions to our understanding of an issue.

- A. characteristic
- B. shortcoming
- C. dilemma
- D. fault
- E. quandary
- F. ploy

8. After continuously rising in the summer, the commodity price fell, leaving the analysts wondering whether the downward trend is a turning point, or merely a \_\_\_\_\_ before the demand picks up in winter months.

- A. spike
- B. upsurge
- C. harbinger
- D. lull
- E. portent
- F. respite

9. Doris Kearns Goodwin's elegant, incisive study of Lincoln \_\_\_\_\_ those whose knowledge of Lincoln is an amalgam of high school history and popular mythology as well as those who are experts.

- A. perplex
- B. confuse
- C. gratify
- D. please
- E. entice
- F. inspire

10. Although in his new book he tends to repeat himself like a \_\_\_\_\_ uncle, McHughen makes a persuasive case for the safety of tinkering with genes to create new foods.

- A. taciturn



- B. reserved
- C. prototypical
- D. garrulous
- E. loquacious
- F. cantankerous

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Section 29

1. If the study proves that bears are still endemic to the area, the proposal to introduce additional bears of the same species will probably face less opposition since the plan would then involve \_\_\_\_\_ a historic population, not trying to build a population from scratch.

- A. reclassifying
- B. augmenting
- C. forestalling
- D. publicizing
- E. winnowing

2. The (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of molecular oxygen on Earth-sized planets around other stars in the universe would not be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ sign of life: molecular oxygen can be a signature of photosynthesis (a biotic process) or merely of the rapid escape of water from the upper reaches of a planetary atmosphere (an abiotic process).

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| Blank (i)      | Blank (ii)         |
| A. dearth      | D. a controversial |
| B. presumption | E. an unambiguous  |
| C. detection   | F. a possible      |

3. For many adults, the adolescent years occupy (i) \_\_\_\_\_ place in the memory, which to some degree is even quantifiable: give a grown adult a series of random prompts and cues, and odds are he or she will recall (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ number of memories from adolescence.

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| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)            |
| A. a peripheral | D. a disproportionate |
| B. a privileged | E. a modest           |
| C. an arbitrary | F. an uncertain       |

4. Recent proposals for fixing the climate have taken the form of large-scale geoengineering projects such as launching mirrors into space to reflect solar radiation away from Earth, undertakings that are vastly more (i) \_\_\_\_\_ than anything a nineteenth-century rainmaker could have cooked up. What is unclear, as one looks back at the history of weather modification research, is whether this resourceful ambition will be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, or if, by contrast, it serves to make the scientific community's (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ that much more devastating.

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|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)     | Blank (iii)    |
| A. effective    | D. anticipated | G. avidity     |
| B. enterprising | E. challenged  | H. impotence   |
| C. accessible   | F. productive  | I. resignation |

5. Although Thaler employs an innovative mode of analysis, his study offers yet another examination of quite (i) \_\_\_\_\_ ground—namely, the cultural ideology of Norwegian-American preservationist writers in the early twentieth century. The history, literature, and changing internal dynamics of the Norwegian subculture in America constitute a particularly well-studied area.



Anyone familiar with the authoritative work of scholars in the field will (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ little in Thaler's study that is (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Blank (i)      | Blank (ii)    | Blank (iii)     |
| A. unfamiliar  | D. find       | G. accurate     |
| B. well-worked | E. understand | H. new          |
| C. fruitful    | F. reveal     | I. recognizable |

6. If you wish to make a novel (i) \_\_\_\_\_ a field of study, you must master what scholars have already said on the subject but at the same time keep in mind the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ received opinion, which can (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ a nascent idea before it can develop.

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|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Blank (i)          | Blank (ii)                 | Blank (iii) |
| A. contribution to | D. temptation to reject    | G. quash    |
| B. depiction of    | E. fundamental wisdom of   | H. embrace  |
| C. attack upon     | F. oppressive influence of | I. inspire  |

7. In a book that inclines to \_\_\_\_\_, an epilogue arguing that ballet is dead arrives simply as one more overstatement.

- A. pessimism
- B. misinterpretation
- C. imprecision
- D. vagueness
- E. exaggeration
- F. hyperbole

8. Although the company still loses the occasional lawsuit, the litigation threat that once seemed so \_\_\_\_\_ has become quite manageable.

- A. burdensome
- B. pedestrian
- C. sporadic
- D. mundane
- E. promising
- F. onerous

9. William Perkins, his \_\_\_\_\_ speaking style notwithstanding, has long been seen as the moderate face of his political party.

- A. fiery
- B. genteel
- C. bumbling
- D. unremarkable
- E. affable
- F. impassioned

10. The political upheaval caught most people by surprise; despite the \_\_\_\_\_ warning of some commentators, it had never seemed that imminent.



- A. stern
- B. prescient
- C. prophetic
- D. indifferent
- E. apathetic
- F. repeated

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Section 30

1. Slight but \_\_\_\_\_ variations in the timing of the star's light pulses led astronomers to deduce that it was being pulled backward and forward by three planets orbiting around it.

- A. subtle
- B. regular
- C. explicable
- D. undetectable
- E. inconsequential

2. Blake's reputation for weakness is \_\_\_\_\_: almost all who have worked with him say he is a disciplined, intellectually formidable, and very tough politician.

- A. specious
- B. pervasive
- C. irreversible
- D. trivial
- E. ambivalent

3. Unlike the elected branches of the United States government where making personal connections with citizens is (i)\_\_\_\_\_ and almost (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ political efficacy, the United States Supreme Court continues to maintain that its members should communicate with the public almost exclusively through formal opinions and even through ceremonial rituals that date back to the nineteenth century.

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| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)           |
| A. frowned upon | D. a requirement for |
| B. rampant      | E. a detriment to    |
| C. disregarded  | F. an irrelevance to |

4. Scientists once said that cosmology was the field where the ratio of theory to data was (i)\_\_\_\_\_: there was an abundance of theories but almost no data. Recently, however, that ratio has flipped. A huge and ever-increasing amount of data has (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ all theories but one.

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| Blank (i)             | Blank (ii)    |
| A. completely unknown | D. eliminated |
| B. nearly infinite    | E. supported  |
| C. always variable    | F. clarified  |

5. Regardless of the putative decline of (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in contemporary culture, such (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ remains essential to civil discourse. It allows people to avoid embarrassing or maligning an adversary, and it serves as a form of irony that draw attention to a problem that can scarcely be exaggerated.

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| Blank (i)         | Blank (ii)       |
| A. partisanship   | D. restraint     |
| B. originality    | E. inventiveness |
| C. understatement | F. objectivity   |



6. The historian of ancient science Otto Neugebauer concluded that Babylonian astronomical texts are (i) \_\_\_\_\_ because everything has been eliminated from the astronomy except observations and the mathematical consequences of an initial hypothesis about the fundamental character of the astronomical movements. This judgment cohered with the high level of mathematical theory, which (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ mathematical computation together with empirical observation as (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ of science and denied any role to speculative hypotheses of a strongly theoretical nature.

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| Blank (i)       | Blank (ii)    | Blank (iii)                 |
| A. questionable | D. repudiated | G. end result               |
| B. scientific   | E. admitted   | H. necessary characteristic |
| C. limited      | F. confounded | I. discredited path         |

7. Noise suppression in phones can play an important role in making cellphones networks more efficient, since when sounds that are \_\_\_\_\_ to the meaningful signal are transmitted, precious network band width is wasted.

- A. unsuitable
- B. detrimental
- C. irrelevant
- D. confined
- E. limited
- F. extraneous

8. The reconstructed poem is beautiful and also probably \_\_\_\_\_: it is the only known work of medieval Hebrew verse written by a woman.

- A. singular
- B. unique
- C. archaic
- D. counterfeit
- E. valuable
- F. fake

9. Joshua Gisemba Bagaka found that the pedagogical results of group projects and other engaged learning activities in Kenyan mathematics classrooms were \_\_\_\_\_; such activities, then, may not be the best way of improving mathematics education.

- A. overstated
- B. counterintuitive
- C. mixed
- D. discouraging
- E. inconsistent
- F. inexplicable

10. Much of the literature about railroads seeks someone to \_\_\_\_\_, and it is thus replete with encomiums to railroad entrepreneurs and managers.

- A. indict
- B. exalt



C. rehabilitate

D. excoriate

E. valorize

F. emulate

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