

研究生院入学指导

# 新 GRE

## 填空教程

# 编写说明

自2011年8月考试改革以后，GRE填空发生了很大变化。每个Verbal Section 填空题目的数量由7道增加到10道，其中新增加了3个空格的篇章填空（Text Completion）和6个选项选择两个正确答案的句子等价题（Sentence Equivalence，ETS官方将之当作填空题目之外的新题型）。改革之后的GRE填空在整个考试中的重要性有所提高。3个空格的篇章填空在阅读能力上对考生提高了要求，句子等价题则在词汇方面的要求有所提高。即使两空的篇章填空，题干长度和复杂程度与改革前变化不大，由于选项变成独立选择，解题方法也发生一些变化。本教程力图反映新GRE考试的这些新变化。

但GRE填空的核心考点并没有变化，它所重点考察的仍然是复杂句子的阅读能力，基于句义和句式的思维推理能力以及高级学术词汇的识别理解能力。

本教程分成强化篇和精讲冲刺篇两个部分。

作为强化阶段的教学内容，强化篇精选有代表性的经典GRE填空题目，结合新GRE题型对部分题目做了改编，但尽可能保持原题面貌。考生可结合新GRE官方指南的阐释和例题，重点利用强化篇集中训练解题方法，了解ETS的出题思路，掌握解题技巧。需要注意的是，强化篇采取的主要是分类集中编辑的方式，每个练习在各种题型的比例与数量方面与新GRE考试区别较大。

作为精讲精练 / 冲刺阶段的核心教学内容，精讲冲刺篇的题目通常比强化篇略难，选入了更多官方指南之外的最新篇目，后段部分练习在题型比例与数量方面都更贴近新GRE考试。建议考生进行计时训练，每个练习的做题时间控制在10—12分钟。每个训练单位计时做4—5个练习，然后细致分析题干句式结构、理解句义，总结题目对错的原因，体会考点和出题规律。如果有机会参加精讲精练/冲刺阶段的课堂学习，结合老师的详细讲解，则训练效果更佳。

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# 强化篇





## Exercise 1

1. At first, I found her gravity rather intimidating; but, as I saw more of her, I found that \_\_\_\_ was very near the surface.  
(A) seriousness  
(B) confidence  
(C) laughter  
(D) poise  
(E) determination
2. 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
3. The breathing spell provided by the \_\_\_\_ arms shipments should give all the combatants a chance to reevaluate their positions.  
(A) plethora of  
(B) moratorium on  
(C) reciprocation of  
(D) speculation about  
(E) rumination on
4. 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

5. Even those who disagreed with Carmen's views rarely faulted her for expressing them, for the positions she took were as \_\_\_\_\_ as they were controversial.

- (A) complicated
- (B) political
- (C) subjective
- (D) commonplace
- (E) thoughtful

6. 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 CO<sub>2</sub> can cause long-term warming effects.

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

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. The eradication of pollution is not merely a matter of \_\_\_\_, though the majestic beauty of nature is indeed an important consideration.

- (A) economics
- (B) legislation
- (C) cleanliness
- (D) aesthetics
- (E) restoration

## Exercise 2

1. The corporation expects only \_\_\_\_ increases in sales next year despite a yearlong effort to retrieve its retailing business.  
(A) unquestionable  
(B) sequential  
(C) modest  
(D) exaggerated  
(E) groundless
2. Thomas Paine, whose political writing was often flamboyant, was in private life a surprisingly \_\_\_\_ man: he lived in rented rooms, ate little, and wore drab clothes.  
(A) sober  
(B) controversial  
(C) sordid  
(D) comfortable  
(E) discourteous
3. 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
4. Roman historians who study the period 30 B.C. to A.D. 180 can \_\_\_\_ the "Augustan peace" only by failing to recognize that this peace in many respects resembled that of death.  
(A) decry  
(B) applaud  
(C) ridicule  
(D) demand  
(E) disprove

5. Under ethical guideline recently adopted by the National Institutes of Health, human genes are to be manipulated only to correct disease for which \_\_\_\_ treatments are unsatisfactory.

- (A) similar
- (B) most
- (C) dangerous
- (D) uncommon
- (E) alternative

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

- (A) locomotive
- (B) passive
- (C) precise
- (D) hysteric
- (E) conscious

7. 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

8. 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

9. She writes across generational lines, making the past so \_\_\_\_ that our belief that the present is the true locus of experience is undermined

- (A) runic
- (B) distant
- (C) vivid
- (D) mysterious
- (E) mundane

10. Just as the authors' book on eels is often a key text for courses in marine vertebrate zoology, their ideas on animal development and phylogeny \_\_\_\_teaching in this area.

- (A) dodge
- (B) defy
- (C) replicate
- (D) inform
- (E) stymie

## Exercise 3

1. 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) scorned by

2. 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

3. As long as nations cannot themselves accumulate enough physical power to dominate all others, they must depend on \_\_\_\_.

- (A) allies
- (B) resources
- (C) latitude
- (D) education
- (E) self-determination

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 vendetta

5. For centuries, animals have been used as\_\_\_\_\_ for people in experiments to assess the effects of therapeutic and other agents that might later be used in humans.

- (A) benefactors
- (B) companions
- (C) examples
- (D) precedents
- (E) surrogates

6. The struggle of the generations is one of the obvious constants of human affairs; therefore, it may be presumptuous to suggest that the rivalry between young and old in Western society during the current decade is \_\_\_\_\_critical.

- (A) perennially
- (B) disturbingly
- (C) uniquely
- (D) archetypically
- (E) captiously

7. Comparatively few rock musicians are willing to laugh at themselves, although a hint of\_\_\_\_\_can boost sales of video clips very nicely.

- (A) self-deprecation
- (B) congeniality
- (C) cynicism
- (D) embarrassment
- (E) self-doubt

8. 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



9. The constitutional guarantee for free speech may have been aimed at protecting native Speakers of English from censorship, but it is not a great \_\_\_\_ to interpret it as protecting the right to express oneself in any natural language or dialect.

- (A) enigma
- (B) extension
- (C) sacrifice
- (D) condemnation
- (E) attenuation

10. 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

## Exercise 4

1. The Muses are \_\_\_\_ deities: they avenge themselves without mercy on those who weary of their charms.  
(A) rueful  
(B) ingenuous  
(C) solicitous  
(D) vindictive  
(E) dispassionate
  
2. Sponsors of the bill were \_\_\_\_ because there was no opposition to it within the legislature until after the measure had been signed into law.  
(A) unreliable  
(B) well-intentioned  
(C) persistent  
(D) relieved  
(E) detained
  
3. Just as such apparently basic things as rocks, clouds, and clams are, in fact, intricately structured entities, so the self, too, is not an "elementary particle," but is \_\_\_\_ construction.  
(A) a complicated  
(B) a convoluted  
(C) a distorted  
(D) an amorphous  
(E) an illusory
  
4. We realized that John was still young and impressionable, but were nevertheless surprised at his \_\_\_\_.  
(A) naivete  
(B) obstinacy  
(C) decisiveness  
(D) ingeniousness  
(E) resolve
  
5. A common argument claims that in folk art, the artist's subordination of technical mastery to intense feeling \_\_\_\_ the direct communication of emotion to the viewer.  
(A) facilitates  
(B) averts  
(C) neutralizes  
(D) implies  
(E) represses

6. Unfortunately, his damaging attacks on the ramifications of the economic policy have been \_\_\_\_ by his wholehearted acceptance of that policy's underlying assumptions.

- (A) supplemented
- (B) undermined
- (C) wasted
- (D) diverted
- (E) redeemed

7. 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

8. 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

9. Remelting old metal cans rather than making primary aluminum from bauxite ore shipped from overseas saves producers millions of dollars in \_\_\_\_ and production costs.

- (A) distribution
- (B) salvage
- (C) storage
- (D) procurement
- (E) research

10. Cezanne's delicate watercolor sketches often served as \_\_\_\_ of a subject, a way of gathering fuller knowledge before the artist's final engagement of the subject in an oil painting.

- (A) an abstraction
- (B) an enhancement
- (C) a synthesis
- (D) a reconnaissance
- (E) a transcription

## Exercise 5

1. In an age without radio or recordings, an age \_\_\_\_ by print, fiction gained its greatest ascendancy.  
(A) decimated  
(B) denigrated  
(C) dominated  
(D) punctuated  
(E) resurrected
  
2. According to the newspaper critic, the performances at the talent contest last night \_\_\_\_ from acceptable to excellent.  
(A) varied  
(B) receded  
(C) swept  
(D) averaged  
(E) declined
  
3. In some cultures, the essence of magic is its traditional integrity; it can be efficient only if it has been \_\_\_\_ without loss from primeval times to the present practitioner.  
(A) conventionalized  
(B) transgressed  
(C) transmitted  
(D) manipulated  
(E) aggrandized
  
4. 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
  
5. Many more eighteenth-century novels were written by women than by men, but this dominance has, until very recently, been regarded merely as \_\_\_\_ fact, a bit of arcane knowledge noted only by bibliographers.  
(A) a controversial  
(B) a statistical  
(C) an analytical  
(D) an explicit  
(E) an unimpeachable

6. Despite a string of dismal earnings reports, the two-year-old strategy to return the company to profitability is beginning to \_\_\_\_.

- (A) falter
- (B) palter
- (C) shelter
- (D) work
- (E) circulate

7. Species with relatively \_\_\_\_ metabolic rates, including hibernator, generally live longer than those whose metabolic rates are more rapid.

- (A) prolific
- (B) sedentary
- (C) sluggish
- (D) measured
- (E) restive

8. Some biologists argue that each specifically human trait must have arisen gradually and erratically, and that it is therefore difficult to isolate definite \_\_\_\_ in the evolution of species.

- (A) fluctuations
- (B) generations
- (C) predispositions
- (D) milestones
- (E) manifestations

9. An analysis of the ideas in the novel compels an analysis of the form of the work, particularly when form and content are as \_\_\_\_ as they are in *The House of the Seven Gables*.

- (A) symptomatic
- (B) delineated
- (C) integrated
- (D) conspicuous
- (E) distinctive

10. Superficial differences between the special problems and techniques of the physical sciences and those of the biological sciences are sometimes cited as evidence for the \_\_\_\_ of biology and for the claim that the methods of physics are therefore not adequate to biological inquiry.

- (A) autonomy
- (B) vitalism
- (C) purposiveness
- (D) obsolescence
- (E) irrelevance

## Exercise 6

1. Although there are weeks of negotiations ahead, and perhaps setbacks and new surprises, leaders of both parties are \_\_\_\_ that their differences can be resolved.

- (A) optimistic
- (B) perplexed
- (C) apprehensive
- (D) incredulous
- (E) uncertain

2. To compensate for the substantial decline in the availability of fossil fuels in future years, we will have to provide at least \_\_\_\_ alternative energy source.

- (A) an anticipated
- (B) an official
- (C) an equivalent
- (D) a derivative
- (E) a redundant

3. Even though many persons in the audience jeered the star throughout the play, she \_\_\_\_ curtain calls.

- (A) refused all
- (B) adored some
- (C) delayed several
- (D) appeared for
- (E) balked at

4. Suspicious of too powerful a President, Americans nonetheless are \_\_\_\_ when a President does not act decisively.

- (A) univocal
- (B) impassioned
- (C) content
- (D) uneasy
- (E) headstrong

5. 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

6. In the midst of so many evasive comments, this forthright statement, whatever its intrinsic merit, plainly stands out as \_\_\_\_.

- (A) a paradigm
- (B) a misnomer
- (C) a profundity
- (D) an inaccuracy
- (E) an anomaly

7. Winsor McCay, the cartoonist, could draw with incredible \_\_\_\_: his comic strip about Little Nemo was characterized by marvelous draftsmanship and sequencing.

- (A) sincerity
- (B) efficiency
- (C) virtuosity
- (D) rapidity
- (E) sap

8. Unenlightened authoritarian managers rarely recognize a crucial reason for the low levels of serious conflict among members of democratically run work groups: a modicum of tolerance for dissent often prevents \_\_\_\_.

- (A) demur
- (B) schism
- (C) cooperation
- (D) compliance
- (E) shortsightedness

9. This project is the first step in a long-range plan of research whose \_\_\_\_ goal, still many years off, is the creation of a new prototype.

- (A) cooperative
- (B) reasoned
- (C) original
- (D) ultimate
- (E) intentional

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

- (A) ethos
- (B) idealism
- (C) allopathy
- (D) hemotherapy
- (E) commonplaces

## Exercise 7

1. If those large publishers that respond solely to popular literary trends continue to dominate the publishing market, the initial publication of new writers will depend on the writers' willingness to \_\_\_\_ popular tastes.

- (A) struggle against
- (B) cater to
- (C) assimilate
- (D) flout
- (E) elude

2. Copyright and patent laws attempt to encourage innovation by ensuring that inventors are paid for creative work, so it would be \_\_\_\_ if expanded protection under these laws discouraged entrepreneurial innovation by increasing fears of lawsuits.

- (A) desirable
- (B) coincidental
- (C) ironic
- (D) natural
- (E) sensible

3. Often the difficulties of growing up in the public eye cause child prodigies to \_\_\_\_ the world of achievement before reaching adulthood: happily, they sometimes later return to competition and succeed brilliantly.

- (A) ridicule
- (B) conquer
- (C) retire from
- (D) antagonize
- (E) scrutinize

4. He was widely regarded as a \_\_\_\_ man because he revealed daily his distrust of human nature and human motives.

- (A) disrespectful
- (B) cynical
- (C) confused
- (D) misinformed
- (E) fanatical



5. 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
6. 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
7. James had idolized the professor so much for so long that even after lunching with her several times, he remained quite \_\_\_\_ in her presence and as a result, he could not really be himself.
- (A) pleased
  - (B) disregarded
  - (C) heartened
  - (D) meditative
  - (E) inhibited
8. 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) mundane
9. 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) tarnished
  - (B) economical
  - (C) complete
  - (D) shifting
  - (E) abysmal

10. From the outset, the concept of freedom of the seas from the proprietary claims of nations was challenged by a contrary notion—that of the \_\_\_\_ of the oceans for reasons of national security and profit.

- (A) promotion
- (B) exploration
- (C) enclosure
- (D) conservation
- (E) surveying

## Exercise 8

1. Because its average annual rainfall is only four inches, one of the major tasks faced by the country has been to find \_\_\_\_ sources of water.  
(A) discontinuous  
(B) natural  
(C) supplementary  
(D) pervasive  
(E) incipient
2. Given her previously expressed interest and the ambitious tone of her recent speeches, the senator's attempt to convince the public that she is not interested in running for a second term is \_\_\_\_.  
(A) laudable  
(B) sound  
(C) authentic  
(D) futile  
(E) sincere
3. Since most if not all learning occurs through \_\_\_\_, relating one observation to another, it would be strange indeed if the study of other cultures did not also illuminate the study of our own.  
(A) assumptions  
(B) experiments  
(C) comparisons  
(D) repetitions  
(E) impressions
4. 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
5. Although the mental process that creates a fresh and original poem or drama is doubtless \_\_\_\_ that which originates and elaborates scientific discoveries, there is clearly a discernible difference between the creators.  
(A) peripheral to  
(B) contiguous with  
(C) opposed to  
(D) analogous to  
(E) inconsistent with

6. The brittle fronds of the Boston fern break easily and become brown, so that the overall appearance of the plant is \_\_\_\_ unless the broken fronds are cut off.

- (A) garnished
- (B) garish
- (C) disparaged
- (D) blunted
- (E) ruined

7. The essence of belief is the establishment of \_\_\_\_; different beliefs are distinguishable by the different modes of action to which they give rise.

- (A) affection
- (B) practice
- (C) creed
- (D) commitments
- (E) allegiances

8. There is no necessary intrinsic connection between a word and the thing it refers to, the relationship is purely \_\_\_\_.

- (A) conventional
- (B) consistent
- (C) strategic
- (D) illustrative
- (E) problematical

9. Although the meanings of words may necessarily be liable to change, it does not follow that the lexicographer is therefore unable to render spelling, in a great measure, \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) arbitrary
- (B) superfluous
- (C) intriguing
- (D) flexible
- (E) constant

10. The National Archives contain information so \_\_\_\_ that researchers have been known never to publish because they cannot bear to bring their studies to an end.

- (A) divisive
- (B) seductive
- (C) selective
- (D) repetitive
- (E) resourceful

## Exercise 9

1. There are no solitary, free-living creatures; every form of life is \_\_\_\_ other forms.

- (A) segregated from
- (B) parallel to
- (C) dependent on
- (D) overshadowed by
- (E) mimicked by

2. 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) fragrance
- (C) beauty
- (D) elegance
- (E) color
- (F) variety

3. The spellings of many old English words have been \_\_\_\_ in the living language, although their pronunciations have changed.

- (A) preserved
- (B) shortened
- (C) maintained
- (D) preempted
- (E) revised
- (F) emended

4. The sheer bulk of data from the mass media seems to overpower us and drive us to \_\_\_\_ accounts for an easily and readily digestible portion of news.

- (A) insular
- (B) investigative
- (C) synoptic
- (D) subjective
- (E) sensational
- (F) compendious

5. Ecology, like economics, concerns itself with the movement of valuable\_\_\_\_\_through a complex network of producers and consumers.

- (A) commodities
- (B) dividends
- (C) communications
- (D) nutrients
- (E) artifacts

6. During the opera's most famous aria the tempo chosen by the orchestra's conductor seemed \_\_\_\_\_, without necessary relation to what had gone before.

- (A) tedious
- (B) melodious
- (C) capricious
- (D) compelling
- (E) cautious

7.\* Noting the murder victim's flaccid musculature and pearlike figure, she deduced that the unfortunate fellow had earned his living in some\_\_\_\_\_occupation.

- (A) treacherous
- (B) prestigious
- (C) bill-paying
- (D) illegitimate
- (E) sedentary

8. While not completely nonplussed by the unusually caustic responses from members of the audience, the speaker was nonetheless visibly\_\_\_\_\_by their lively criticism.

- (A) humiliated
- (B) discomfited
- (C) deluded
- (D) disgraced
- (E) embarrassed
- (F) tantalized

9. Some scientists argue that carbon compounds play such a central role in life on Earth because of the possibility of\_\_\_\_\_resulting from the carbon atom's ability to form an unending series of different molecules.

- (A) diversity
- (B) deviation
- (C) variety
- (D) reproduction
- (E) stability
- (F) invigoration

10. Nineteenth-century scholars, by examining earlier geometric Greek art, found that classical Greek art was not a magical apparition or a brilliant \_\_\_\_\_ blending Egyptian and Assyrian art, but was independently evolved by Greeks in Greece.

- (A) appropriation
- (B) conversion
- (C) paradigm
- (D) construct
- (E) amalgam

## Exercise 10

1. Despite the fact that the two council members belonged to different political parties, they\_\_\_\_\_ the issue of how to finance the town debt.

- (A) complicated
- (B) avoided
- (C) attested to
- (D) reported on
- (E) agreed on
- (F) consent to

2. Given the evidence of Egyptian and Babylonian \_\_\_\_\_later Greek civilization, it would be incorrect to view the work of Greek scientists as an entirely independent creation.

- (A) disdain for
- (B) imitation of
- (C) ambivalence about
- (D) deference to
- (E) influence on
- (F) impact on

3. Dreams are\_\_\_\_\_in and of themselves, but, when combined with other data, they can tell us much about the dreamer.

- (A) uninformative
- (B) uncontrollable
- (C) startling
- (D) harmless
- (E) unregulated

4. The commissions criticized the legislature for making college attendance dependent on the ability to pay, charging that, as a result, hundreds of qualified young people would be\_\_\_\_\_ further education.

- (A) entitled to
- (B) striving for
- (C) deprived of
- (D) withheld from
- (E) uninterested in
- (F) participating in



5. Considering how long she had yearned to see Italy, her first reaction was curiously\_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) meditative
- (B) tepid
- (C) categorical
- (D) unoriginal
- (E) trite
- (F) lukewarm

6. Since she believed him to be both candid and trustworthy, she refused to consider the possibility that his statement had been\_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) irrelevant
- (B) facetious
- (C) hypocritical
- (D) critical
- (E) insincere
- (F) extraneous

7. 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
- (F) check

8. 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 dictatorial
- (E) a judicious
- (F) a cynical

9. Rather than enhancing a country's security, the successful development of nuclear weapons could serve at first to increase that country's \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) boldness
- (B) influence
- (C) fragility
- (D) responsibility
- (E) moderation
- (F) vulnerability

10. Dependence on foreign sources of heavy metals, though\_\_\_\_\_, remains a problem for United States foreign policy.

- (A) deepening
- (B) diminishing
- (C) excessive
- (D) debilitating
- (E) unavoidable

## Exercise 11

1. After a slow sales start early in the year, mobile homes have been gaining favor as \_\_\_\_\_ to increasingly expensive conventional housing.

- (A) a reaction
- (B) an addition
- (C) an introduction
- (D) an alternative
- (E) a substitute
- (F) a challenge

2. Hydrogen is the \_\_\_\_\_ element of the universe in that it provides the building blocks from which the other elements are produced.

- (A) steadiest
- (B) essential
- (C) lightest
- (D) abiding
- (E) fundamental
- (F) expendable

3. Psychology has slowly evolved into an \_\_\_\_\_ scientific discipline that now functions autonomously with the same privileges and responsibilities as other sciences.

- (A) independent
- (B) unusual
- (C) outmoded
- (D) uncontrolled
- (E) inactive

4. The sociologist responded to the charge that her new theory was \_\_\_\_\_ by pointing out that it did not in fact contradict accepted sociological principles.

- (A) banal
- (B) heretical
- (C) unproven
- (D) complex
- (E) unorthodox
- (F) superficial

5. Few of us take the pains to study our cherished convictions; indeed, we almost have a natural\_\_\_ doing so.

- (A) aptitude for
- (B) repugnance to
- (C) interest in
- (D) aversion of
- (E) ignorance of
- (F) reaction to

6. 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) frantic
- (D) comprehensive
- (E) motiveless
- (F) heartless

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
- (F) declined

8. 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

9. The significance of the Magna Carta lies not in its\_\_\_\_provisions, but in its broader impact: it made the king subject to the law.

- (A) revolutionary
- (B) specific
- (C) implicit
- (D) controversial
- (E) particular
- (F) finite

10. 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

## Exercise 12

1. Animals that have tasted unpalatable plants tend to \_\_\_\_ them afterward on the basis of their most conspicuous features, such as their flowers.

- (A) recognize
- (B) hoard
- (C) trample
- (D) retrieve
- (E) identify
- (F) pulverize

2. Many artists believe that successful imitation, far from being symptomatic of a lack of \_\_\_\_, is the first step in learning to be creative.

- (A) elegance
- (B) resolution
- (C) goodness
- (D) originality
- (E) sympathy
- (F) innovativeness

3. The sheer diversity of tropical plants represents a seemingly \_\_\_\_ source of raw materials, of which only a few have been utilized.

- (A) exploited
- (B) quantifiable
- (C) controversial
- (D) inexhaustible
- (E) remarkable
- (F) copious

4. 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) categorically
- (D) equally
- (E) evenly
- (F) eventually

5. It is his dubious distinction to have proved what nobody would think of denying, that Romero at the age of sixty-four writes with all the characteristics of\_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) maturity
- (B) fiction
- (C) inventiveness
- (D) art
- (E) brilliance
- (F) ripeness

6. Demonstrating a mastery of innuendo, he issued several\_\_\_\_\_insults in the course of the evening's conversation.

- (A) blunt
- (B) veiled
- (C) fallacious
- (D) garnished
- (E) disguised
- (F) embellished

7. Edith Wharton sought in her memoir to present herself as having achieved a harmonious wholeness by having\_\_\_\_\_the conflicting elements of her life.

- (A) affirmed
- (B) reconciled
- (C) highlighted
- (D) resolved
- (E) identified
- (F) confined

8. Philosophical problems arise when people ask questions that, though very\_\_\_\_\_, have certain characteristics in common.

- (A) relevant
- (B) elementary
- (C) abstract
- (D) heterogeneous
- (E) diverse
- (F) controversial

9. Usually the first to spot data that were inconsistent with other findings, in this particular experiment she let a number of \_\_\_\_ results slip by.

- (A) inaccurate
- (B) irregular
- (C) redundant
- (D) salient
- (E) anomalous
- (F) verifiable

10. Because no comprehensive \_\_\_\_ exist regarding personal reading practices, we do not know, for example, the greatest number of books read in an individual lifetime.

- (A) records
- (B) instincts
- (C) accounts
- (D) remedies
- (E) proposals
- (F) methods



## Exercise 13

1. The discovery that, friction excluded, all bodies fall at the same rate is so simple to state and to grasp that there is a tendency to\_\_\_\_\_its significance.

- (A) underrate
- (B) control
- (C) overlook
- (D) reassess
- (E) eradicate
- (F) eliminate

2. By divesting himself of all regalities, the former king\_\_\_\_\_the consideration that customarily protects monarchs.

- (A) merited
- (B) forfeited
- (C) debased
- (D) concealed
- (E) relinquished
- (F) blemish

3. As serious as she is about the bullfight, she does not allow respect to\_\_\_\_\_her sense of whimsy when painting it.

- (A) inspire
- (B) provoke
- (C) suppress
- (D) attack
- (E) satisfy
- (F) inhibit

4. Despite assorted effusions to the contrary, there is no necessary link between scientific skill and humanism, and, quite possibly, there may be something of a\_\_\_\_\_between them.

- (A) generality
- (B) rapport
- (C) schism
- (D) congruity
- (E) dichotomy
- (F) reciprocity

5. In the seventeenth century, direct flouting of a generally accepted system of values was regarded as\_\_\_\_, even as a sign of madness.

- (A) adventurous
- (B) frivolous
- (C) absurd
- (D) impermissible
- (E) irrational
- (F) willful

6. Vaillant, who has been particularly interested in the means by which people attain mental health, seems to be looking for\_\_\_\_answers: a way to close the book on at least a few questions about human nature.

- (A) temporary
- (B) confused
- (C) definitive
- (D) provisional
- (E) derivative
- (F) conclusive

7. 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

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

- (A) enchanted by
- (B) enamored of
- (C) skeptical of
- (D) exasperated by
- (E) offended by
- (F) reflective about

9. At several points in his discussion, Graves, in effect, \_\_\_\_\_ evidence when it does not support his argument, tailoring it to his needs.

- (A) addresses
- (B) creates
- (C) alters
- (D) trims
- (E) suppresses
- (F) substitutes

10. 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

## Exercise 14

1. The natural balance between prey and predator has been increasingly\_\_\_\_, most frequently by human intervention.

- (A) celebrated
- (B) predicted
- (C) observed
- (D) perturbed
- (E) questioned
- (F) interrupted

2. There is perhaps some truth in that waggish old definition of a scholar—a siren that calls attention to a fog without doing anything to\_\_\_\_it.

- (A) describe
- (B) cause
- (C) analyze
- (D) dispel
- (E) dissipate
- (F) thicken

3. Foucault's rejection of the concept of continuity in Western thought, though radical, was not unique; he had \_\_\_\_ in the United States who, without knowledge of his work, developed parallel ideas.

- (A) critics
- (B) counterparts
- (C) equivalents
- (D) disciples
- (E) readers
- (F) publisher

4. Calculus, though still indispensable to science and technology, is no longer \_\_\_\_; it has an equal partner called discrete mathematics.

- (A) preeminent
- (B) pertinent
- (C) beneficial
- (D) essential
- (E) pragmatic
- (F) singular

5. Fashion is partly a search for a new language to discredit the old, a way in which each generation can \_\_\_\_ its immediate predecessor and distinguish itself.

- (A) propitiate
- (B) repudiate
- (C) disavow
- (D) condone
- (E) placate
- (F) emulate

6. While nurturing parents can compensate for adversity, cold or inconsistent parents may \_\_\_\_ it.

- (A) exacerbate
- (B) neutralize
- (C) aggravate
- (D) eradicate
- (E) ameliorate
- (F) relieve

7. A misconception frequently held by novice writers is that sentence structure mirrors thought: the more convoluted the structure, the more \_\_\_\_ the ideas.

- (A) complicated
- (B) inconsequential
- (C) elementary
- (D) fanciful
- (E) blatant
- (F) involved

8. Although the passage of years has softened the initially hostile reaction to his poetry, even now only a few independent observers \_\_\_\_ his works.

- (A) praise
- (B) revile
- (C) laud
- (D) scrutinize
- (E) criticize
- (F) plumb

9. Marshall's confrontational style could alienate almost anyone: he even antagonized a board of directors that included a number of his supporters and that had a reputation for not being easily \_\_\_\_.

- (A) intimidated
- (B) mollified
- (C) provoked
- (D) irritated
- (E) reconciled
- (F) motivated

10. Aptly enough, this work so imbued with the notion of changing times and styles has been constantly \_\_\_\_ over the years, thereby reflecting its own mutability.

- (A) appreciated
- (B) emulated
- (C) altered
- (D) deteriorated
- (E) revised
- (F) tampered

## Exercise 15

1. 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 years after leaving Earth.

- (A) anxious for
- (B) confident in
- (C) thrilled about
- (D) keen on
- (E) elated by
- (F) eager for

2. The well-trained engineer must understand fields as diverse as physics, economics, geology, and sociology; thus, an overly \_\_\_\_ engineering curriculum should be avoided

- (A) narrow
- (B) innovative
- (C) competitive
- (D) rigorous
- (E) academic
- (F) circumscribed

3. Only by ignoring decades of mismanagement and inefficiency could investors conclude that a fresh infusion of cash would provide anything more than a \_\_\_\_ solution to the company's financial woes.

- (A) transcendental
- (B) fleeting
- (C) genuine
- (D) realistic
- (E) evanescent
- (F) complete

4. Dominant interests often benefit most from \_\_\_\_ of governmental interference in business, since they are able to take care of themselves if left alone.

- (A) intensification
- (B) authorization
- (C) centralization
- (D) improvisation
- (E) elimination

5. Always circumspect, she is reluctant to make judgments, but once arriving at a conclusion, she was \_\_\_\_ in its defense.

- (A) uncompromising
- (B) nonplussed
- (C) obsequious
- (D) intransigent
- (E) deferential
- (F) negligent

6. It was her view that the country's problems had been \_\_\_\_ by foreign technocrats, so that to invite them to come back would be counterproductive.

- (A) foreseen
- (B) alleviated
- (C) ascertained
- (D) exacerbated
- (E) ameliorated
- (F) aggravated

7. Because they have been so dazzled by the calendars and the knowledge of astronomy possessed by the Mayan civilization, some anthropologists have \_\_\_\_ achievements like the sophisticated carved calendar sticks of the Winnebago people.

- (A) recapitulated
- (B) acknowledged
- (C) neglected
- (D) dismissed
- (E) defended
- (F) authenticated

8. Regardless of what \_\_\_\_ theories of politics may propound, there is nothing that requires daily politics to be clear, thorough, and consistent—nothing, that is, that requires reality to conform to theory.

- (A) neat
- (B) vague
- (C) assertive
- (D) precarious
- (E) vicious
- (F) tidy



9. 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) fearsome
- (D) conniving
- (E) engrossing
- (F) irritating

10. Although normally \_\_\_\_, Alison felt so strongly about the issue that she put aside her reserve and spoke up at the committee meeting.

- (A) diffident
- (B) unassertive
- (C) contentious
- (D) facetious
- (E) presumptuous
- (F) intrepid

## Exercise 16

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) aloof
- (C) inquisitive
- (D) social
- (E) proprietary
- (F) gregarious

2. Even though formidable winters are the norm in the Dakotas, many people were unprepared for the \_\_\_\_ of the blizzard of 1888.

- (A) inevitability
- (B) ferocity
- (C) temperance
- (D) fierceness
- (E) probability
- (F) mildness

3. Congress is having great difficulty developing a consensus on energy policy, primarily because the policy objective of various members of Congress rest on such \_\_\_\_ assumptions.

- (A) commonplace
- (B) trivial
- (C) explicit
- (D) disparate
- (E) divergent
- (F) ubiquitous

4. This poetry is not \_\_\_\_; it is more likely to appeal to an international audience than is poetry with strictly regional themes.

- (A) provisional
- (B) democratic
- (C) technical
- (D) virtuoso
- (E) provincial
- (F) endemic

5. Though one cannot say that Michelangelo was impractical designer, he was, of all nonprofessional architects knows, the most \_\_\_\_ in that he was the least constrained by tradition or precedent.

- (A) pragmatic
- (B) adventurous
- (C) innovative
- (D) empirical
- (E) dexterous
- (F) erudite

6. The documentary film about high school life was so realistic and \_\_\_\_ that feelings of nostalgia flooded over the college-age audience.

- (A) logical
- (B) stimulating
- (C) compassionate
- (D) evocative
- (E) melancholy
- (F) clinical

7. For many young people during the Roaring Twenties, a disgust with the excesses of American culture \_\_\_\_ a wanderlust to provoke an exodus abroad.

- (A) stymied
- (B) overwhelmed
- (C) reflected
- (D) combined with
- (E) conflicted with

8. Certainly Murray's preoccupation with the task of editing the Oxford English Dictionary begot a kind of monomania, but it must be regarded as a \_\_\_\_ or at least an innocuous one.

- (A) tame
- (B) conducive
- (C) tendentious
- (D) meretricious
- (E) beneficent
- (F) garish

9. The semantic \_\_\_\_ of ancient documents is not unique; even in our own time, many documents are difficult to decipher.

- (A) aspect
- (B) opacity
- (C) intelligibility
- (D) erudition
- (E) lucidity
- (F) obscurity

10. Many welfare reformers would substitute a single, federally financed income support system for the existing \_\_\_\_ of overlapping programs.

- (A) welter
- (B) hodgepodge
- (C) paucity
- (D) crux
- (E) functionalism
- (F) participation

## Exercise 17

1. Although sales have continued to increase since last April, unfortunately the rate of increase has \_\_\_\_.
- (A) resurged
  - (B) decelerated
  - (C) retarded
  - (D) capitulated
  - (E) retaliated
  - (F) persevered
2. The form and physiology of leaves vary according to the \_\_\_\_ in which they develop: for example, leaves display a wide range of adaptations to different degrees of light and moisture.
- (A) surroundings
  - (B) species
  - (C) circumference
  - (D) perimeter
  - (E) circumstance
  - (F) relationship
3. Although Ms. Brown found some of her duties to be \_\_\_\_, her supervision of forty workers was a considerable responsibility.
- (A) ambiguous
  - (B) provisional
  - (C) menial
  - (D) humble
  - (E) unprepossessing
  - (F) mediocre
4. Both television commercials and programs present \_\_\_\_ view of the material world, one which promotes a standard of living that most of us can probably not attain.
- (A) an unrealistic
  - (B) an imprudent
  - (C) a trite
  - (D) a perplexing
  - (E) a banal
  - (F) an visionary

5. One virus strain that may help gene therapists cure genetic brain diseases can enter the peripheral nervous system and travel to the brain, \_\_\_\_ the need to inject the therapeutic virus directly into the brain.

- (A) suggesting
- (B) intensifying
- (C) elucidating
- (D) satisfying
- (E) obviating

6. The fortresslike façade 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) enthralled
- (D) railed
- (E) exhilarated
- (F) overwhelmed

7. Although some consider forcefulness and \_\_\_\_ to be two traits desirable to the same degree, I think that making a violent effort is much less useful than maintaining a steady one.

- (A) lucidity
- (B) perseverance
- (C) promptness
- (D) aggression
- (E) skillfulness
- (F) persistence

8. The legislators of 1563 realized the \_\_\_\_ of trying to regulate the flow of labor without securing its reasonable remuneration, and so the second part of the statute dealt with establishing wages.

- (A) futility
- (B) bootlessness
- (C) intricacy
- (D) indispensability
- (E) necessity
- (F) decadence

9. The children's \_\_\_\_ natures were in sharp contrast to the even-tempered dispositions of their parents.

- (A) mercurial
- (B) blithe
- (C) phlegmatic
- (D) introverted
- (E) artless
- (F) inconstant

10. Because early United States writers thought that the mark of great literature was grandiosity and elegance not to be found in common speech, they \_\_\_\_ the vernacular.

- (A) dissected
- (B) misunderstood
- (C) eschewed
- (D) investigated
- (E) shunned
- (F) exploited

## Exercise 18

1. Though environmentalists have targeted some herbicides as potentially dangerous, the manufactures, to the environmentalists' dismay, \_\_\_\_ the use of these herbicides on lawns.

- (A) defy
- (B) defer
- (C) defend
- (D) deify
- (E) declare
- (F) disparage

2. Contrary to the antiquated idea that the eighteenth century was a \_\_\_\_ island of elegant assurance, evidence reveals that life for most people was filled with uncertainty and insecurity.

- (A) clannish
- (B) serene
- (C) restless
- (D) tranquil
- (E) restive
- (F) sprawling

3. Certain weeds that flourish among rice crops resist detection until maturity by \_\_\_\_ the seedling stage in the rice plant's life cycle, thereby remaining indistinguishable from the rice crop until the flowering stage.

- (A) deterring
- (B) displacing
- (C) augmenting
- (D) imitating
- (E) nurturing
- (F) simulating

4. Paradoxically, England's colonization of North America was \_\_\_\_ by its success: the increasing prosperity of the colonies diminished their dependence upon, and hence their loyalty to, their home country.

- (A) debunked
- (B) debilitated
- (C) determined
- (D) deliberated
- (E) vitiated
- (F) distinguished



5. Because it has no distinct and recognizable typographical form and few recurring narrative conventions, the novel is, of all literary genres, the least susceptible to \_\_\_\_.

- (A) inquietude
- (B) imprecision
- (C) inquisition
- (D) definition
- (E) demoralization
- (F) demarcation

6. Because time in India is conceived statically rather than dynamically, Indian languages emphasize nouns rather than verbs, since nouns express the more \_\_\_\_ aspects of a thing.

- (A) prevaricated
- (B) immutable
- (C) prevalent
- (D) unvarying
- (E) temporal
- (F) successive

7. The prime minister tried to act but the plans were \_\_ by her cabinet.

- (A) granted
- (B) subscribed
- (C) thwarted
- (D) unleashed
- (E) frustrated
- (F) prescribed

8. He had expected gratitude for his disclosure, but instead he encountered \_\_\_\_ bordering on hostility.

- (A) patience
- (B) indifference
- (C) inertia
- (D) ineptitude
- (E) discretion
- (F) disregard

9. Although ordinarily skeptical about the purity of Robinson's motives, in this instance Jenkins did not consider Robinson's generosity to be \_\_\_\_ consideration of personal gain.

- (A) lacking in
- (B) allayed by
- (C) alloyed with
- (D) mitigated by
- (E) repudiated by
- (F) married by

10. Because the report contained much more information than the reviewers needed to see, the author was asked to submit a \_\_\_\_ instead.

- (A) treatise
- (B) compendium
- (C) soliloquy
- (D) abstract
- (E) prerequisite
- (F) critique

## Exercise 19

1. As for the alleged value of expert opinion, one need only \_\_\_\_ government records to see \_\_\_\_ evidence of the failure of such opinions in many fields.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A distribute	D questionable
B consult	E strong
C retain	F circumstantial

2. Noting that few employees showed any \_\_\_\_ for complying with the corporations new safety regulations, Peterson was forced to conclude that acceptance of the regulations would be \_\_\_\_, at best.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A enthusiasm	D grudging
B indifference	E indeterminate
C rectitude	F unavoidable

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. 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 systems whose efficiency \_\_\_\_ the firefly's system.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A outstrips	D stimulates
B inhibits	E rivals
C determines	F reproduce

5. Hampshire's assertions, far from showing that we can\_\_\_\_the ancient puzzles about objectivity, reveal the issue to be even more\_\_\_\_than we had thought.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A admire	D elusive
B dismiss	E relevant
C adapt	F unconventional

6. 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

7. 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

8. No longer\_\_\_\_by the belief that the world around us was expressly designed for humanity, many people try to find intellectual\_\_\_\_for that lost certainty in astrology and in mysticism.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A sustained	D reasons
B restricted	E substitutes
C hampered	F justifications

9. Just as astrology was for centuries\_\_\_\_faith, countering the strength of established churches, so today believing in astrology is an act of\_\_\_\_ the professional sciences.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A an accepted	D anachronism to
B an underground	E concern about
C an unknown	F defiance against

10. Many of the earliest colonial houses that are still standing have been so modified and enlarged that the\_\_\_\_design is no longer\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A embellished	D discernible
B initial	E applicable
C appropriate	F attractive

## Exercise 20

1. 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

2. Because outlaws were denied \_\_\_\_ under medieval law, anyone could raise a hand against them with legal \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A propriety	D impunity
B protection	E intervention
C collusion	F collaboration

3. 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 taciturnity
C collusive	F frivolity

4. Despite the \_\_\_\_ of many of their colleagues, some scholars have begun to emphasize pop culture as a key for \_\_\_\_ the myths, hopes, and fears of contemporary society.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A discernment	D entangling
B skepticism	E reinstating
C quixotism	F deciphering

5. 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 unlikely
C mediocrity	F disinclined

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A remind	D unfeigned
B convince	E indulgent
C disabuse	F adamant

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.

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

8. 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

9. That his intransigence in making decisions \_\_\_\_ no open disagreement from any quarter was well known; thus, clever subordinates learned the art of \_\_\_\_ their opinions in casual remarks.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A elicited	D intimating
B forbore	E instigating
C brooked	F emending

10. In the machinelike world of classical physics, the human intellect appears\_\_\_\_, since the mechanical nature of classical physics does not \_\_\_\_ creative reasoning, the very ability that had made the formulation of classical principles possible.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A abstract	D allow for
B anomalous	E deny
C enduring	F speak to



## Exercise 21

1. Although Johnson\_\_\_\_great enthusiasm for his employees project, in reality his interest in the project was so\_\_\_\_as to be almost non-existent.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A generated	D preemptive
B demanded	E redundant
C feigned	F perfunctory

2. During the 1960s assessments of the family shifted remarkably, from general endorsement of it as a worthwhile, stable institution to wide spread\_\_\_\_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. As late as 1891 a speaker assured his audience that since profitable farming was the result of natural ability rather than\_\_\_\_, an education in agriculture was\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A effort	D useless
B luck	E vital
C learning	F intellectual

4. 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

5. In Germany, her startling powers as a novelist are widely\_\_\_\_, but she is almost unknown in the English-speaking world because of the difficulties of \_\_\_\_her eccentric prose.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A ignored	D revealing
B admired	E translating
C obscured	F editing

6. 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)	Blank (ii)
A fusion	D dehumanizing
B struggle	E unfettered
C parallel	F beneficent

7. In order to\_\_\_\_her theory that the reactions are \_\_\_\_, the scientist conducted many experiments, all of which showed that the heat of the first reaction is more than twice that of the second.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A comprehend	D different
B evaluate.	E constant
C support	F problematic

8. 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

9. This final essay, its prevailing kindliness\_\_\_\_\_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

10. Even though in today's Soviet Union the\_\_\_\_\_ the Muslim clergy have been accorded power and privileges, the Muslim laity and the rank-and-file clergy still have little\_\_\_\_\_to practice their religion.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A dissidents within	D obligation
B leaders of	E inclination
C traditionalists among	F latitude

## Exercise 22

1. Individual freedom of thought should be\_\_\_\_more absolutely than individual freedom of action, given that the latter, though also desirable, must be\_\_\_\_the limits imposed by the rights and freedom of others.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A exercised	D conscious of
B protected	E superior to
C curtailed	F subject to

2. When theories formerly considered to be\_\_\_\_ in their scientific objectivity are found instead to reflect a consistent observational and evaluative bias, then the presumed neutrality of science gives way to the recognition that categories of knowledge are human\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A disinterested	D imperatives
B callous	E errors
C verifiable	F constructions

3. Although Mount Saint Helens has been more\_\_\_\_during the last 4,500 years than any other volcano in the coterminous United States, its long dormancy before its recent eruption\_\_\_\_its violent nature.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A awe-inspiring	D confirmed
B explosive	E suggested
C gaseous	F belied

4. 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

5. To test the \_\_\_\_ of borrowing from one field of study to enrich another, simply investigate the extent to which terms from the one may, without forcing, be \_\_\_\_ the other.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A universality	D utilized by
B decorum	E superseded by
C efficacy	F confused with

6. 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

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A neglected	D overemphasized
B overturned	E nullified
C qualified	F underplayed

8. Without the psychiatrists promise of confidentiality, trust is \_\_\_\_ and the patients 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

9. 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

10. While Parker is very outspoken on issues she cares about, she is not \_\_\_\_; she concedes the \_\_\_\_ of opposing arguments when they expose weaknesses inherent in her own.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A fickle	D strength
B fanatical	E incompatibility
C congenial	F speciousness

## Exercise 23

1. 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\_\_\_\_\_.

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

2. Exposure to sustained noise has been claimed to\_\_\_\_blood pressure regulation in human beings and, particularly, to increase hypertension, even though some researchers have obtained inconclusive results that\_\_\_\_\_the relationship.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A sharpen	D buttress
B increase	E obscure
C impair	F neutralize

3. Although the feeding activities of whales and walruses give the seafloor of the Bering Shelf a devastated appearance, these activities seem to be actually\_\_\_\_\_to the area, \_\_\_\_\_its productivity.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A beneficial	D encumbering
B detrimental	E redirecting
C superfluous	F enhancing

4. Our new tools of systems analysis, powerful though they may be, lead to\_\_\_\_theories, especially, and predictably, in economics and political science, where productive approaches have long been highly\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A pragmatic	D intuitive
B explanatory	E elusive
C simplistic	F convergent

5. The \_\_\_\_ questions that consistently structure the study of history must be distinguished from merely \_\_\_\_ questions, which have their day and then pass into oblivion.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A instinctive.	D discriminating
B philosophical	E random
C perennial	F ephemeral

6. As the first streamlined car, the Airflow represented a \_\_\_\_ in automotive development, and although its sales were \_\_\_\_, it had an immense influence on automobile design.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A milestone	D tolerable
B regression	E significant
C misjudgment	F disappointing

7. A war, even if fought for individual liberty and democratic rights, usually requires that these principles be \_\_\_\_, for they are \_\_\_\_ the regimentation and discipline necessary for military efficiency.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A espoused	D fulfilled through
B suspended	E incompatible with
C followed	F inherent in

8. In the design of medical experiments, the need for \_\_\_\_ assignment of treatments to patients must be \_\_\_\_ the difficulty of persuading patients to participate in an experiment in which their treatment is decided by chance.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A competent	D reconciled with
B random	E emphasized by
C swift	F associated with



9. Number theory is rich in problems of an especially \_\_\_\_ sort: they are tantalizingly simple to state but \_\_\_\_ difficult to solve.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A spurious	D deceptively
B elegant	E ostensibly
C vexing	F notoriously

10. No one is \_\_\_\_ about Stephens; he inspires either uncritical adulation or profound \_\_\_\_ in those who work for him.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A neutral	D consternation
B infuriated	E anxiety
C worried	F antipathy

## Exercise 24

1. Opponents of the expansion of the market economy, although in\_\_\_\_, continued to constitute \_\_\_\_ political force throughout the century.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A retreat	D a powerful
B enthusiasm	E an inconsequential
C command	F an ineffective

2. Among the many\_\_\_\_of the project, expense cannot be numbered; the goals of the project's promoters can be achieved with impressive\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A highlights	D innovation
B claims	E speed
C defects	F economy

3. Though it would be \_\_\_\_\_ to expect Barnard to have worked out all of the limitations of his experiment, he must be \_\_\_\_\_ for his neglect of quantitative analysis.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unexceptionable	D pardoned
B unrealistic	E criticized
C inexcusable	F recognized

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A environment	D employed
B owners	E valued
C function	F transformed

5. 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 \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A nightmare	D ballads
B delight	E chorales
C routine	F recitals

6. 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

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A investigating	D prone
B judging	E persuaded
C administering	F reluctant

8. Though science is often imagined as a \_\_\_\_ exploration of external reality, scientists are no different from anyone else: they are \_\_\_\_ human beings enmeshed in a web of personal and social circumstances.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A fervent	D vulnerable
B painstaking	E passionate
C disinterested	F rational

9. Natural selection tends to eliminate genes that cause inherited diseases, acting most strongly against the most severe diseases; consequently, hereditary diseases that are\_\_\_\_ would be expected to be very\_\_\_\_, but, surprisingly, they are not.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A lethal	D perplexing
B untreated	E refractory
C widespread	F rare

10. Although his attempts to appear psychotic were so\_\_\_\_ as to be almost\_\_\_\_, there is evidence that Ezra Pound was able to avoid standing trial for treason merely by faking symptoms of mental illness.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A spontaneous	D ludicrous
B clumsy	E believable
C stylized	F distressing

## Exercise 25

1. Although skeptics say financial problems will probably \_\_\_\_ our establishing a base on the Moon, supporters of the project remain\_\_\_\_, saying that human curiosity should overcome such pragmatic constraints.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A disabuse	D pessimistic
B hasten	E enthusiastic
C prevent	F unconvinced

2. Changes of fashion and public taste are often \_\_ and resistant to analysis, and yet they are among the most \_\_\_\_ gauges of the state of the public's collective consciousness.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A transparent	D underutilized
B ephemeral	E problematic
C permanent	F sensitive

3. Speakers and listeners are often at odds: language that is easy for the receiver to understand is often difficult to\_\_\_\_, and that which is easily formulated can be hard to\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A produce	D confirm
B transmit	E defend
C estimate	F comprehend

4. 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 appropriation
C altruism	F perquisites

5. When people are happy, they tend to give \_\_\_\_\_ interpretations of events they witness: the eye of the beholder is \_\_\_\_\_ by the emotions of the beholder.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A charitable	D disquieted
B vague	E colored
C coherent	F sharpened

6. The results of the experiments performed by Elizabeth Hazen and Rachel Brown were \_\_\_\_\_ not only because these results challenged old assumptions but also because they called the \_\_\_\_\_ methodology into question.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A provocative	D original
B predictable	E projected
C intriguing	F prevailing

7. Our times seem especially \_\_\_\_\_ to bad ideas, probably because in throwing off the shackles of tradition, we have ended up being quite \_\_\_\_\_ untested theories and untried remedies.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A impervious	D vulnerable to
B hospitable	E wary of
C indifferent	F devoid of

8. In recent decades, the idea that Cezanne influenced Cubism has been caught in the \_\_\_\_\_ between art historians who credit Braque with its invention and those who \_\_\_\_\_ Picasso.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A crossfire	D dislike
B interplay	E substitute
C tussle	F tout

9. In our corporation there is a \_\_\_\_ between male and female \_\_\_\_ because 73 percent of the men and 34 percent of the women polled believe that our company provides equal compensation to men and women.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A difference	D stereotypes
B resemblance	E perceptions
C complaint	F salaries

10. Scientists' pristine reputation as devotees of the disinterested pursuit of truth has been \_\_\_\_ by recent evidence that some scientists have deliberately \_\_\_\_ experimental results to further their own careers.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A reinforced	D replicated
B compromised	E fabricated
C resuscitated	F challenged

## Exercise 26

1. Because medieval women's public participation in spiritual life was not welcomed by the male establishment, a compensating \_\_\_\_\_ religious writings, inoffensive to the members of the establishment because of its \_\_\_\_\_, became important for many women.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A involvement with	D profundity
B dissatisfaction with	E privacy
C attention to	F popularity

2. 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 language, is inherently \_\_\_\_\_.

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

3. 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 inferior

4. Johnson never \_\_\_\_\_ to ignore the standards of decent conduct mandated by company policy if \_\_\_\_\_ compliance with instructions from his superiors enabled him to do so, whatever the effects on his subordinates.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A attempted	D tacit
B scrupled	E perfunctory
C wished	F literal



5. Social scientists have established fairly clear-cut \_\_\_\_ that describe the appropriate behavior of children and adults, but there seems to be \_\_\_\_ about what constitutes appropriate behavior for adolescents.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A functions	D confusion
B estimates	E rigidity
C norms	F indirectness

6. Her first concert appearance was disappointingly perfunctory and derivative, rather than the \_\_\_\_ performance in the \_\_\_\_ style we had anticipated.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inspired	D tenuous
B prosaic	E innovative
C literal	F mechanical

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

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

8. 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

9. To have true disciples, a thinker must not be too \_\_\_\_: any effective intellectual leader depends on the ability of other people to \_\_\_\_ thought processes that did not originate with them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A methodical	D stimulate
B idiosyncratic	E dismiss
C self-confident	F reenact

10. Laws do not ensure social order since laws can always be \_\_\_\_, which makes them \_\_\_\_ unless the authorities have the will and the power to detect and punish wrongdoing.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A contested	D provisional
B violated	E antiquated
C modified	F ineffective

## Exercise 27

1. William James lacked the usual \_\_\_\_ death; writing to his dying father, he spoke without \_\_\_\_ about the old man's impending death.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A longing for	D inhibition
B awe of	E rancor
C anticipation of	F eloquence

2. 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.

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

3. A human being is quite \_\_\_\_ creature, for the gloss of rationality that covers his or her fears and \_\_\_\_ is thin and often easily breached.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a logical	D problems
B a frail	E insecurity
C a valiant	F morality

4. 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

5. Candidates who oppose the present state income tax must be able to propose \_\_\_\_ ways to \_\_\_\_ the financing of state operations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A intelligent	D diversify
B individual	E alleviate
C alternate	F continue

6. During the widespread fuel shortage, the price of gasoline was so \_\_\_\_ that suppliers were generally thought to be \_\_\_\_ the consumer.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A stable	D shielding
B depressed	E placating
C excessive	F gouging

7. However \_\_\_\_ they might be, Roman poets were bound to have some favorite earlier author whom they would \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A subservient	D inspire
B original	E emulate
C talented	F admire

8. Artificial light \_\_\_\_ the respiratory activity of some microorganisms in the winter but not in the summer, in part because in the summer their respiration is already at its peak and thus cannot be \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inhibits	D lessened
B reflects	E measured
C enhances	F increased

9. Recent research indicates that a system of particles which has apparently decayed to randomness from \_\_\_\_ state can be returned to that state; thus the system exhibits a kind of memory of its \_\_\_\_ condition.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A an equilibrium	D lesser
B an ordered	E earlier
C a chaotic	F present

10. Despite an agreement between labor and management to keep the print and electronic media \_\_\_\_ development, the details of the negotiations were \_\_\_\_ all but a few journalists from the major metropolitan newspapers.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A apprised of	D leaded to
B speculating about	E withheld from
C ignorant of	F suppressed by

## Exercise 28

1. As is often the case with collections of lectures by \_\_\_\_ authors, the book as a whole is \_\_\_\_, although the individual contributions are outstanding in themselves.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A different	D disconnected
B incompetent	E unexciting
C mediocre	F coherent

2. 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.

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

3. Art \_\_\_\_ science ,but that does not mean that the artist must also be a scientist; an artist uses the fruits of science but need not \_\_\_\_the theories from which they derive.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A precedes	D understand
B transcends	E contest
C incorporate	F repudiate

4. The nature of social history and lyric poetry are \_\_\_\_, social history always recounting the \_\_\_\_ and lyric poetry speaking for unchanging human nature, that timeless essence beyond fashion and economics.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A antithetical	D evanescent
B indistinguishable	E unnoticed
C interdependent	F unalterable

5. For more than a century, geologists have felt comfortable with the idea that geological process, although very \_\_\_\_, are also \_\_\_\_ and so are capable of shaping the Earth, given enough time.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A slow	D intermittent
B unpredictable	E steady
C ponderous	F sporadic

6. To avoid annihilation by parasites, some caterpillars are able to \_\_\_\_ periods of active growth by pre-maturely entering a dormant state, which is characterized by the \_\_\_\_ of feeding.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A mediate	D continuation
B foster	E suspension
C curtail	F stimulation

7. The “impostor syndrome” often afflicts those who fear that true self-disclosure will lower them in others esteem; rightly handled, however, \_\_\_\_ may actually \_\_\_\_ ones standing.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A affection	D enhance
B candor	E efface
C willfulness	F jeopardize

8. Since 1813 reaction to Jane Austens 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

9. Once a duckling has identified a parent, the instinctive bond become a powerful \_\_\_\_ for additional learning since, by \_\_\_\_ the parent, the duckling can acquire further information that is not genetically transmitted.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inspiration	D acknowledging
B channel	E mimicking
C impulse	F emulating

10. Although some of her fellow scientists \_\_\_\_ the unorthodox laboratory methodology that others found innovative, unanimous praise greeted her experimental results: at once pioneering and \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A decried	D unexceptionable
B complimented	E mundane
C welcomed	F inconclusive



## Exercise 29

1. Even though political editorializing was not \_\_\_\_ under the new regime, journalists still experienced \_\_\_\_, though perceptible, governmental pressure to limit dissent.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A commended	D clear
B encouraged	E discreet
C forbidden	F overt

2. A number of writers who once greatly \_\_\_\_ the literary critic have recently recanted, substituting \_\_\_\_ for their former criticism.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A disparaged	D approbation
B lauded	E ambivalence
C influenced	F censure

3. The actual \_\_\_\_ of Wilson's position was always \_\_\_\_ by his refusal to compromise after having initially agreed to negotiate a settlement.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A cowardice	D betrayed
B rigidity	E foreshadowed
C uncertainty	F alleviated

4. Salazar's presence in the group was so \_\_\_\_ the others that they lost most of their earlier \_\_\_\_; failure, for them, became all but unthinkable.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unnoticed by	D confidence
B reassuring to	E exhilaration
C unexpected by	F trepidation

5. Although the architects concept at first sounded too \_\_\_\_ to be\_\_\_\_, his careful analysis of every aspect of the project convinced the panel that the proposed building was indeed, structurally feasible.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A mundane	D practicable
B visionary	E appealing
C eclectic	F ignored

6. 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

7. Unlike philosophers who constructed theoretically ideal states, she built a theory based on \_\_\_\_; thus, although her constructs may have been inelegant, they were \_\_\_\_ sound.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A experience	D scientifically
B conjecture	E empirically
C surmise	F aesthetically

8. Although \_\_\_\_ is usually thought to spring from regret for having done something wrong, it may be that its origin is the realization that one's own nature is irremediably \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A remorse	D innocent
B skepticism	E frivolous
C certitude	F flawed

9. 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

10. If efficacious new medicines have side effects that are commonly observed and \_\_\_\_\_, such medicines are too often considered \_\_\_\_\_, even though laboratory tests suggest caution.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A salutary	D outdated
B unpredictable	E safe
C unremarkable	F experimental

## Exercise 30

1. The transition from the Paleolithic to the Neolithic era is viewed by most art historians as a \_\_\_\_, because, instead of an increasingly \_\_\_\_ pictorial art, we find degeneration.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A regression	D debased
B consolidation	E aberrant
C calamity	F sophisticated

2. He felt it would be \_\_\_\_, in view of the intense \_\_\_\_ that would likely follow, to make the sacrifice required in order to gain such little advantage.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unrealistic	D acclaim
B charitable	E turmoil
C welcomed	F encouragement

3. Before adapting to changes in values, many prefer to \_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_ the universally agreed-on principles that have been upheld for centuries.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A vacillate	D publicize
B resist	E subvert
C innovate	F defend

4. The new \_\_\_\_ of knowledge has created \_\_\_\_ people: everyone believes that his or her subject cannot and possibly should not be understood by others.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A promulgation	D barriers between
B redundancy	E complacency in
C specialization	F associations among

5. If a species of parasite is to survive, the host organisms must live long enough for the parasite to \_\_\_\_; if the host species becomes \_\_\_\_, so do its parasites.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A reproduce	D extinct
B atrophy	E widespread
C succumb	F infertile

6. Some activists believe that because the health-care system has become increasingly \_\_\_\_ to those it serves, individuals must \_\_\_\_ bureaucratic impediments in order to develop and promote new therapies.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unresponsive	D forsake
B sensitized	E supplement
C attuned	F circumvent

7. Belying his earlier reputation for \_\_\_\_ as a negotiator, Morgan had recently assumed a more \_\_\_\_ stance for which many of his erstwhile critics praised him.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A incompetence	D conciliatory
B success	E combative
C intransigence	F authoritative

8. Personnel experts say that attractive benefits alone will not always keep \_\_\_\_ executives from changing jobs for better long-range opportunities, but they think the enticements may deter many executives from accepting \_\_\_\_ offers from other companies.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A dedicated	D routine
B ambitious	E superior
C experienced	F advantageous

9. The most technologically advanced societies have been responsible for the greatest \_\_\_\_; indeed, savagery seems to be in direct proportion to \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A atrocities	D viciousness
B inventions	E ill-will
C triumphs	F development

10. The blueprints for the new automobile were \_\_\_\_ at first glance, but the designer had been basically too conservative to \_\_\_\_ previous standards of beauty.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A peccable	D incorporate
B striking	E flout
C impractical	F assess

## Exercise 31

1. Rousseau's short discourse, a work that was generally \_\_\_\_ the cautious, unadorned prose of the day, deviated from that prose style in its \_\_\_\_ discussion of the physical sciences.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A consistent with	D intelligent
B vulnerable to	E unrestrained
C superior to	F austere

2. Our young people, whose \_\_\_\_ sensitivities have not yet become \_\_\_\_, have a purer and more immediate response than we do to our environment.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A native	D calloused
B keen	E objective
C sophisticated	F perceptive

3. Although it is unusual to denounce museum-goers for not painting, it is quite common, even for those, who are unenthusiastic about sports, to criticize \_\_\_\_ for athletic \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A athletes	D snobbery
B spectators	E inactivity
C scholars	F ignorance

4. One reason why pertinent fossils are \_\_\_\_ is that crucial stages of evolution occurred in the tropics where it is difficult to explore for fossils, and so their discovery has \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A uncommon	D lagged
B recent	E declined
C unconceivable	F resumed

5. It is true that the seeds of some plants have \_\_\_\_ after two hundred years of dormancy, but reports that viable seeds have been found in ancient tombs such as the pyramids are entirely \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A germinated	D empirical
B precipitated	E unfounded
C endured	F substantiated

6. The losing animal in a struggle saves itself from destruction by an act of \_\_\_\_, an act usually recognized and \_\_\_\_ by the winner.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A bluffing	D condemned
B anger	E duplicated
C submission	F accepted

7. Since the process of atherosclerosis cannot be \_\_\_\_ in humans, the best treatment known at this time is \_\_\_\_ of the disease.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A discovered	D prevention
B reversed	E remission
C alleviated	F detection

8. Many philosophers agree that the verbal aggression of profanity in certain radical newspapers is not \_\_\_\_ or childish, but an assault on \_\_\_\_ essential to the revolutionaries purpose.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A trivial	D affectation
B belligerent	E fallibility
C serious	F decorum



9. Even though they tended to be \_\_\_\_ strangers, fifteenth-century Europeans did not automatically associate \_\_\_\_ and danger.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A interested in	D diversity
B haughty with	E nonconformity
C hostile to	F foreignness

10. Although many findings of the Soviet and United States probes of Venus were complementary, the two sets of atmospheric results clearly could not be \_\_\_\_ without a major change of data or \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A completed	D implementation
B obtained	E interpretation
C reconciled	F representation

## Exercise 32

1. Though many medieval women possessed devotional books that had belonged to their mothers, formal written evidence of women bequeathing books to their daughters is scarce, which suggests that such bequests were \_\_\_\_ and required no \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A customary	D approval
B unselfish	E documentation
C spurious	F discretion

2. 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

3. The president's secretary and his chief aide adored him, and both wrote obsessively \_\_\_\_ personal memoirs about him; unfortunately, however, \_\_\_\_ does not make for true intimacy.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A devoted	D confidentiality
B rancorous	E idolatry
C fatuous	F criticism

4. Despite claims that his philosophy can be traced to \_\_\_\_ source, the philosophy in fact draws liberally on several traditions and methodologies and so could justifiably be termed \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a single	D eclectic
B an authoritative	E derivative
C a schematic	F cogent

5. The tone of Jane Carlyle's letter is guarded, and her feelings are always \_\_\_ by the wit and pride that made \_\_\_ plea for sympathy impossible for her.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A masked	D a direct
B bolstered	E a needless
C enhanced	F a circumspect

6. Nurturing the Royal Ballet's artistic growth while preserving its institutional stability has been difficult, because the claims of the latter seem inescapably to \_\_\_ development; apparently, attaining artistic success is simpler than \_\_\_ it.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A modify	D resurrecting
B inhibit	E perpetuating
C supplement	F appreciating

7. Biologists \_\_\_ isolated oceanic islands like the Galapagos, because, in such small, laboratory-like settings, the rich hurly-burly of continental plant and animal communities is reduced to a scientifically \_\_\_ complexity.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A desert	D diverse
B reject	E intimidating
C prize	F tractable

8. We accepted the theory that as people become more independent of one another, they begin to feel so isolated and lonely that freedom becomes \_\_\_ condition that most will seek to \_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A an irreparable	D impose
B a negative	E escape
C a permanent	F enter

9. Because they had various meanings in nineteenth-century biological thought,"mechanism" and "vitalism" ought not to be considered \_\_\_ terms; thus, I find the recent insistence that the terms had single definitions to be entirely \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A congruent	D erroneous
B multifaceted	E vapid
C univocal	F obtuse

10. The functions of the hands, eyes, and brain are so \_\_\_\_\_ that using the hands during early childhood helps to promote the child's entire \_\_\_\_\_ development.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A intertwined	D perceptual
B individualized	E adolescent
C enigmatic	F social

## Exercise 33

1. Although their initial anger had \_\_\_ somewhat, they continued to \_\_\_ the careless worker who had broken the machine.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A intensified	D berate
B blazed	E appease
C abated	F condone

2. The challenge of interpreting fictional works written under politically repressive regimes lies in distinguishing what is \_\_\_ to an author's beliefs, as opposed to what is \_\_\_ by political coercion.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A contradictory	D conveyed
B organic	E imposed
C oblique	F captured

3. Although the number of reported volcanic eruptions has risen exponentially since 1850, this indicates not \_\_\_ volcanic activity but rather more widespread and \_\_\_ record keeping.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A abating	D systematic
B substantial	E erratic
C increasing	F superficial

4. Since it is now \_\_\_ to build the complex central processing unit of a computer on a single silicon chip using photolithography and chemical etching, it seems plausible that other miniature structures might be fabricated in \_\_\_ ways.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unprecedented	D unique
B difficult	E similar
C routine	F undiscovered

5. The attempt to breed suitable varieties of jojoba by using hybridization to \_\_\_ favorable traits was finally abandoned in favor of a simpler and much faster \_\_\_: the domestication of flourishing wild strains.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A reinforce	D creation
B eliminate	E method
C relegate	F theory

6. The sale of Alaska was not so much an American coup as a matter of \_\_\_\_ for an imperial Russia that was short of cash and unable to \_\_\_\_ its own continental coastline.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A negligence	D defend
B expediency	E change
C exigency	F suppress

7. While many Russian composers of the nineteenth century contributed to an emerging national style, other composers did not \_\_\_ idiomatic Russian musical elements, \_\_\_ instead the traditional musical vocabulary of Western European Romanticism.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A incorporate	D preferring
B repudiate	E rejecting
C subvert	F expanding

8. Because the painter Albert Pinkham Ryder was obsessed with his \_\_\_ perfection, he was rarely \_\_\_ a painting, creating endless variations of a scene on one canvas, one on top of another.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A contempt for	D disconcerted by
B quest for	E immersed in
C alienation from	F satisfied with

9. In spite of \_\_\_ reviews in the press, the production of her play was \_\_\_ almost certain oblivion by enthusiastic audiences whose acumen was greater than that of the critics.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A lackluster	D condemned to
B admiring	E rescued from
C sensitive	F exposed to

10. Until quite recently research on diabetes had, as a kind of holding action, attempted to refine the \_\_\_ of the disease, primarily because no preventive strategy seemed at all likely to be \_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A comprehension	D necessary
B treatment	E costly
C symptoms	F practicable

## Exercise 34

1. Melodramas, which presented stark oppositions between innocence and criminality, virtue and \_\_\_\_, good and evil, were popular precisely because they offered the audience a world \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A serenity	D bereft of theatricality
B corruption	E deprived of polarity
C fertility	F devoid of neutrality

2. Today water is more \_\_\_\_ in landscape architecture than ever before, because technological advances have made it easy, in some instances even \_\_\_\_ to install water features in public places.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A conspicuous	D prohibitive
B eccentric	E obligatory
C ubiquitous	F intricate

3. In most Native American cultures, an article used in prayer or ritual is made with extraordinary attention to and richness of detail: it is decorated more \_\_\_\_ than a similar article intended for \_\_\_\_ use.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A coarsely	D religious
B creatively	E commercial
C lavishly	F everyday

4. Whereas the art critic Vasari saw the painting entitled the Mona Lisa as an original and wonderful \_\_\_\_ feat, the reproduction of a natural object, the aesthetes saw it as \_\_\_\_ that required deciphering.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A historical	D an aberration
B technical	E a hieroglyph
C visual	F an illusion



5. In spite of the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of Scotland's terrain, its main roads are surprisingly free from severe\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A mountainous	D grades
B unpredictable	E flooding
C landlocked	F damage

6. The skeleton of \_\_\_\_ bird that was recently discovered indicated that this ancient creature \_\_\_\_ today's birds in that, unlike earlier birds and unlike reptilian ancestors, it had not a tooth in its head.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a primitive	D preempted
B a contemporary	E anticipated
C an advanced	F differed from

7. Most plant species exhibit \_\_\_\_ in their geographical distribution: often, a given species is found over a large geographical area, but individual populations within that range are widely \_\_\_\_ .

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A discontinuity	D separated
B density	E observed
C concentration	F adaptable

8. Though he refused any responsibility for the failure of the negotiations, Stevenson had no right to \_\_\_\_ himself: it was his \_\_\_\_ that had caused the debacle.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A congratulate	D acrimony
B absolve	E modesty
C berate	F largesse

9. That she seemed to prefer \_\_\_ to concentrated effort is undeniable; nevertheless, the impressive quality of her finished paintings suggests that her actual relationship to her art was anything but\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A artfulness	D considered
B caprice	E superficial
C dabbling	F lighthearted

10. The philosopher claimed that a person who must consciously \_\_\_ his or her own indifference before helping another is behaving more nobly than one whose basic disposition allows such an act to be performed without\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A suffer	D enthusiasm
B feign	E duplicity
C overcome	F deliberation

## Exercise 35

1. While many people utilize homeopathic remedies to treat health problems, other people do not \_\_\_\_ such alternative treatments, \_\_\_\_ conventional medical treatments instead.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A distrust	D relying on
B reject	E eschewing
C countenance	F envisioning

2. A number of scientists have published articles \_\_\_\_ global warming, stating \_\_\_\_ that there is no solid scientific evidence to support the theory that the Earth is warming because of increases in greenhouse gases.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A proving	D categorically
B deploring	E paradoxically
C debunking	F hesitantly

3. Conceptually, it is hard to reconcile a defense attorney's \_\_\_\_ to ensure that false testimony is not knowingly put forward with the attorney's mandate to mount the most \_\_\_\_ defense conceivable for the client.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inability	D cautious
B promises	E powerful
C duty	F diversified

4. Surprisingly, given the dearth of rain that fell on the corn crop, the yield of the harvest was \_\_\_\_; consequently, the corn reserves of the country have not been \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inadequate	D replenished
B encouraging	E salvaged
C compromised	F depleted

5. When a person suddenly loses consciousness, a bystander is not expected to \_\_\_ the problem but to attempt to \_\_\_ its effects by starting vital functions if they are absent.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A minimize	D counter
B determine	E detect
C diagnose	F precipitate

6. The remark was only slightly \_\_\_\_, inviting a chuckle, perhaps, but certainly not a \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A audible	D guffaw
B coherent	E rebuke
C humorous	F reaction

7. Although they were not direct \_\_\_\_, the new arts of the Classical period were clearly created in the spirit of older Roman models and thus \_\_\_\_ many features of the older style.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A copies	D maintained
B translations	E introduced
C masterpieces	F accentuated

8. It is (i) \_\_\_\_ that so many portrait paintings hang in art museums, since the subject matter seems to dictate a status closer to pictures in the family photograph album than to high art. But perhaps it is the artistic skill with which the portraits are painted that (ii) \_\_\_\_ their presence in art museums.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A surprising	D challenges
B understandable	E justifies
C irrelevant	F changes

9. In stark contrast to his later (i)\_\_\_\_, Simpson was largely (ii)\_\_\_\_ politics during his college years, despite the fact that the campus he attended was rife with political activity.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A activism	D devoted to
B apathy	E indifferent to
C affability	F shaped by

10. Like Bela Bartok, Ruth Crawford not only brought a composers acumen to the notation of folk music, she also had a marked (i)\_\_\_\_ the task. This was clear in her agonizing over how far to try to represent the minute details of a performance in a written text, and this (ii)\_\_\_\_ makes her work a landmark in ethnomusicology.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A reverence for	D fastidiousness
B detachment from	E didacticism
C curiosity about	F iconoclasm

## Exercise 36

1. Political advertising may well be the most (i)\_\_\_ kind of advertising: political candidates are usually quite (ii)\_\_\_, yet their campaign advertisements often hide important differences behind smoke screens of smiles and empty slogans.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A polemical	D interchangeable
B effective	E dissimilar
C deceptive	F vocal

2. Human nature and long distances have made exceeding the speed limit a (i)\_\_\_ in the state, so the legislators surprised no one when, acceding to public demand, they (ii)\_\_\_ increased penalties for speeding.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A controversial habit	D endorsed
B cherished tradition	E considered
C disquieting ritual	F rejected

3. Serlings account of his employers reckless decision making (i)\_\_\_ that companys image as (ii)\_\_\_ bureaucracy full of wary managers.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A belies	D an injudicious
B exposes	E a disorganized
C overshadows	F a cautious

4. In her later years, Bertha Pappenheim was an apostle of noble but already (i)\_\_\_ notions, always respected for her integrity, her energy, and her resolve but increasingly out of step and ultimately (ii)\_\_\_ even her own organization.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A anachronistic	D emulated by
B accepted	E appreciated by
C exotic	F alienated from

5. The (i)\_\_\_ of Vladimir Nabokov as one of North America's literary giants has thrown the spotlight on his peripheral activities and has thus served to (ii)\_\_\_ his efforts as an amateur entomologist.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A stigmatization	D foreground
B lionization	E transcend
C marginalization	F obscure

6. Belanger dances with an (i)\_\_\_ that draws one's attention as if by seeking to (ii)\_\_\_ it; through finesse and understatement, he manages to seem at once intensely present and curiously detached.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A undemonstrative panache	D focus
B unrestrained enthusiasm	E overwhelm
C unattractive gawkiness	F deflect

7. Ironically, the writer so wary of (i)\_\_\_ was (ii)\_\_\_ with ink and paper, his novel running to 2,500 shagreen-bound folio pages a fortune in stationery at the time.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A probity	D acquisitive
B extravagance	E illiberal
C disapprobation	F profligate

8. The activists' energetic work in the service of both woman suffrage and the temperance movement in the late nineteenth century (i)\_\_\_ the assertion that the two movements were (ii)\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A undermines	D diffuse
B supports	E inimical
C underscores	F predominant

9. There is nothing quite like this movie, and indeed I am not altogether sure there is much more to it than its lovely (i)\_\_\_\_. At a moment when so many films strive to be as (ii)\_\_\_\_ as possible, it is gratifying to find one that is so subtle and puzzling.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A peculiarity	D indirect
B pellucidity	E assertive
C conventionality	F enigmatic

10. Despite the \_\_\_\_ of time, space, and history, human societies the world over have confronted the same existential problems and have come to remarkably \_\_\_\_ solutions, differing only in superficial details.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A contingencies	D identical
B actualities	E similar
C exigencies	F diverse



## Exercise 37

1. Although nothing could be further from the truth, freight railroads have been \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ the nation's shift from oil to coal by charging exorbitant fees to transport coal.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A accused	D accelerating
B conscious	E impeding
C guilty	F contributing to

2. Their mutual teasing seemed \_\_\_\_, but in fact it \_\_\_\_ a long-standing hostility.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A aimless	D produced
B friendly	E masked
C playful	F revealed

3. The fact that a theory is \_\_\_\_\_ does not necessarily ensure its scientific truth, which must be established by \_\_\_\_ controlled studies.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A plausible	D alleviated
B venerable	E unbiased
C cumbersome	F overridden

4. The acts of vandalism that these pranksters had actually \_\_\_\_ were insignificant compared with those they had \_\_\_\_ but had not attempted.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A speculated	D renounced
B perpetrated	E forfeited
C inflicted	F contemplated

5. It is assumed that scientists will avoid making \_\_\_\_ claims about the results of their experiments because of the likelihood that they will be exposed when other researchers cannot \_\_\_\_ their findings.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A hypothetical	D duplicate
B fraudulent	E dispute
C abstemious	F contradict

6. As early as the seventeenth century, philosophers called attention to the \_\_\_\_ character of the issue, and their twentieth-century counterparts still approach it with \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A absorbing	D uneasiness
B auspicious	E adulation
C problematic	F congeniality

7. She was criticized by her fellow lawyers not because she was not \_\_\_\_, but because she so \_\_\_\_ prepared her cases that she failed to bring the expected number to trial.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A well versed	D temerarily
B assiduous	E effusively
C astute	F minutely

8. Most of Watteau's nineteenth-century admirers simply ignored the (i)\_\_\_\_ background of the works they found so lyrical and charming. Those who took the (ii)\_\_\_\_ historical facts into consideration did so only in order to (iii)\_\_\_\_ the widely held deterministic view that the content and style of an artist's work were absolutely dictated by heredity and environment.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A grim	D inconvenient	G refute
B obsolescent	E compatible	H exaggerate
C ludicrous	F longstanding	I review

9. Not surprisingly, the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of the printing press (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ mass literacy, as books were no longer (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ exclusive to the clergy and aristocracy.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A prospect	D subsidized	G tokens
B advent	E engendered	H windfalls
C demise	F ameliorated	I assets

10. Dickens's Uriah Heep, literature's exemplar of (i) \_\_\_\_\_, is doubtlessly not a unique figure either in fiction or in life. Who in real life has not seen (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, cringing, sycophantic headwaiters, public servants, and car salespeople? Surely, Dickens was our premiere caricaturist, able to capture specific and recognizable human (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ with broad strokes of his pen.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A civility	D fawning	G errors
B subterfuge	E supportive	H foibles
C obsequiousness	F independent	I merits

## Exercise 38

1. Students of the Great Crash of 1929 have never understood why even the most informed observers did not \_\_\_\_\_ the prior economic danger signals that in \_\_\_\_\_ seem so apparent

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A condescend	D potential
B heed	E conclusion
C entreat	F retrospect

2. In pollen dating, geologic happenings are dated in terms of each other, and one can get just so far by matching (i) \_\_\_\_\_ sequences; but in radiocarbon dating the scale of time is measured in (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ terms of centuries or years.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A vague	D absolute
B independent	E relative
C imaginary	F calculable

3. For all the scathing accuracy with which she criticizes the lives of social aspirants and moneyed folk, the writer appears to (i) \_\_\_\_\_ being part of the world she makes seem so (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A savor	D insufferable
B abhor	E intoxicating
C distain	F glamorous

4. He never \_\_\_\_\_ the wisdom I had claimed for him, and my friends quickly dismissed my estimate of his ability as \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A grizzled	D hyperbole
B veiled	E understatement
C demonstrated	F parody

5. Not wishing to appear \_\_\_\_, the junior member of the research group refrained from \_\_\_\_ any criticism of the senior members' plan for dividing up responsibility for the entire project.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A moralistic	D undercutting
B inquisitive	E venturing
C presumptuous	F mocking

6. Recent meteorological conditions in areas of the northeastern part of the country have been so (i)\_\_\_\_as to leave scientists(ii) \_\_\_\_\_. Even those models scientists developed to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ these extreme outliers have been found wanting.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A predictable	D indifferent	G accommodate
B aberrant	E dumbfounded	H circumscribe
C taxing	F quixotic	I discount

7. For some English speakers in the United States, the word "yam" is (i) \_\_\_\_\_ "sweet potato," despite several differences between them. The yam is a starchy, white-fleshed tuber very low in beta carotene, characteristics not shared by its sweeter, more nutritious (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. One can trace the yam, the (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ version of the word "nyami," back to West African origins, whereas sweet potatoes were first grown in Tropical America.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A descendent of	D correlates	G codified
B diverged from	E simulacrum	H anglicized
C tantamount to	F ersatz	I integrated

8. To assert that the writing of a historical text draws on the same (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of techniques as the writing of a work of fiction may (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ those authors who feel that the two disciplines (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ very little.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A origin	D inspire	G overlap
B repertoire	E abjure	H cooperate
C ratio	F perturb	I interfere

9. My mother would brook no argument about the use of vulgar (i) \_\_\_\_\_. As a result, I refined and sharpened my vocabulary until it became too (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ for my peers to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A vernacular	D insolvent	G goad
B persuasion	E abstruse	H allocate
C enticement	F evanescent	I penetrate

10. *Bradypus variegatus*, also known as the brown-throated three-toed sloth, is (i) \_\_\_\_\_ to humid, wooded-evergreen areas of Honduras to northern Argentina. Almost exclusively a(n) (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ creature, the sloth is experiencing habitat destruction as many of Brazil's forests undergo the (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ process of clear-cutting.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A endemic	D nocturnal	G unsustainable
B inherent	E arboreal	H regenerative
C pandemic	F anti-social	I silvicultural

## Exercise 39

1. No computer system is immune to a virus, a particularly malicious program that is designed to (i)\_\_\_\_\_and electronically (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the disks on which data are stored.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A prepare	D improve
B restore	E damage
C infect	F repair

2. Ambrose Bierce's biographers agree that the Civil War was the central experience of his life, the event to which he constantly returned and the \_\_\_\_\_ that brought some \_\_\_\_\_ to the hitherto random pattern of his youth.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A ordeal	D confusion
B escape	E coherence
C hiatus	F diversion

3. If the United States is truly a(n) (i)\_\_\_ nation—that is, if it is one culture reflecting the contributions of many—this demand should be seen as a demand not for (ii)\_\_\_ but for (iii)\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A controversial	D correction	G inclusion
B multicultural	E accumulation	H encouragement
C unimpeachable	F separation	I inventiveness

4. More direct efforts to force inclusion can be misguided. For example, movements to declare English the official language do not truly advance the (i)\_\_\_ of a multicultural nation. In fact, they (ii)\_\_\_ the twenty million people who do not speak English as their mother tongue. Further, it would be unwise to require the (iii)\_\_\_ use of English.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A cohesion	D alienate	G provincial
B declination	E demean	H universal
C modernization	F revoke	I deliberate

5. The author argues for serious treatment of such arts as crochet and needlework, finding in too many art historians a cultural blindness \_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_ textiles as a medium in which women artists predominate.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A diverting from	D prejudice against
B indifferent with	E expertise in
C traceable to	F need for

6. As the creation of new knowledge through science has become \_\_\_\_, resistance to innovation has become less \_\_\_\_ taking the form of inertia rather than direct attack.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A moribund	D unwonted
B anachronistic	E nugatory
C institutionalized	F aggressive

7. The wilderness is \_\_\_\_ in that it permits people to face an important reality—one that demands much of them as thinking, reacting, working individuals, not \_\_\_\_ as human machines.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A intangible	D physically
B discouraging	E merely
C valuable	F neutrally

8. Very few veteran critics tend to be (i)\_\_\_\_the recent decade in cinema. Nonetheless, based on movie reviews many could easily come to the conclusion that the last ten years were indeed banner ones. Once the province of lettered intellectuals, a few even household names (Pauline Kael comes to mind), the role of the movie critic has been (ii)\_\_\_\_by those lacking any notable credentials. With this flood of veritable tyros opining from the rafters, a movie's overall rating—as compiled and tabulated by popular Internet sites-often times confers a(n) (iii)\_\_\_\_on a film, an assessment that posterity will most likely deem specious.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A enamored of	D duly appropriated	G aura of nostalgia
B condemnatory to	E amply filled	H mantle of inviolability
C unsympathetic	F irredeemably disgraced	I patina of respectability



9. Monarchial reigns (i)\_\_\_\_\_tended to be more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, dynastically speaking, than those royal courts in which palace machinations had not become a quotidian affair. In the latter, a pall of complacency would fall over the kingdom so that if suddenly there were an earl with an axe to grind, so to speak, his path to usurpation would be (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A marked by intrigue	D imperiled	G largely unobstructed
B characterized by hubris	E volatile	H a treacherous one
C weakened by attrition	F robust	I hardly assured

10. Perkin's wit, surprisingly (i)\_\_\_\_\_ by the prudishness of his time, may not have been nearly as (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ had he lived in an era not so prone to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A tempered	D comical	G blushing
B overwhelmed	E restrained	H vacillation
C untrammelled	F racy	I expression

## Exercise 40

1. Despite some allowances for occupational mobility, the normal expectation of seventeenth-century English society was that the child's vocation would develop along familial lines; \_\_\_\_ the career of one's parents was therefore \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A preparation for	D limited
B divergence from	E unanticipated
C assumption of	F premature

2. While admitting that the risks incurred by use of the insecticide were not \_\_\_\_, the manufacturer's spokesperson argued that effective \_\_\_\_ were simply not available.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inconsequential	D antidotes
B abject	E procedures
C proven	F substitutes

3. The \_\_\_\_ success of any government depends on its ability to \_\_\_\_ both foreign and domestic policies.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A diplomatic	D debunk
B political	E succumb
C apocryphal	F implement

4. While right-to-work laws may not "destroy" unions by (i)\_\_\_\_ the absolute number of unionized workers, they do (ii)\_\_\_\_ the spread of unions and thereby (iii)\_\_\_\_ wages within right-to-work states.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A abating	D precipitate	G underprice
B inflating	E steer	H reduce
C downgrading	F impede	I blow up

5. Although Jungius detected Galileo's \_\_\_\_\_ in thinking that the curve assumed by a chain hanging freely between two supports was a parabola, he did not \_\_\_\_\_ what the true form might be.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A merit	D discover
B ramification	E conceal
C error	F truncate

6. It is a great \_\_\_\_\_ to be able to transfer useful genes with as little extra gene material as possible, because the donor's genome may contain, in addition to desirable genes, many genes with \_\_\_\_\_ effects.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A debacle	D exquisite
B advantage	E sacrilegious
C sabotage	F deleterious

7. The impact of a recently published collection of essays, written during and about the last presidential campaign, is lessened by its timing; it comes too late to affect us with its \_\_\_\_\_ and too soon for us to read it out of historical \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A harbinger	D exorcism
B retrospective	E curiosity
C immediacy	F fastidiousness

8. Every novel invites us to enter a world that is initially strange; our gradual and selective orientation to its manners \_\_\_\_\_ infants' \_\_\_\_\_ to their environment.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A transgress	D adoption
B reinforces	E blindness
C resembles	F adjustment

9. Perhaps\_\_\_\_, since an ability to communicate effectively is an important trait of any great leader, it has been the \_\_\_\_ Presidents who have delivered the most notable inaugural addresses.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A reciprocally	D indomitable
B impractically	E verbose
C predictably	F exceptional

10. Some note that the increase in the Native American powwow--an intertribal affair of song, dance, and storytelling, all intrinsic aspects of Native American culture--serves to (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the very culture it presumably aims to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. They argue an overarching cultural narrative emerges, one that (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the narrative of any one tribe.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A erode	D foster	G subsumes
B distill	E undermine	H elaborates upon
C empower	F question	I overcomes

## Exercise 41

1. Postmodern architecture is not concerned with the easy goal of returning to the past but with the more \_\_\_\_\_ and difficult aim of \_\_\_\_\_ historical forms into a new and complex whole.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inquisitive	D dramatizing
B subtle	E integrating
C ostentatious	F updating

2. Although \_\_\_\_\_ in her own responses to the plays she reviewed, the theatre critic was, paradoxically, \_\_\_\_\_ those who would deny that a reviewer must have a single method of interpretation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A indulgent	D suspicious of
B eclectic	E indebted by
C dogmatic	F intrigued by

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of her career was her achievement of her greatest intellectual authority at the very moment when she was \_\_\_\_\_ of a compelling subject.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A enigma	D cognizant
B epitome	E bereft
C paradox	F suspicious

4. When an oppressed group \_\_\_\_\_ a society, one must look for the underlying forces that led to the group's \_\_\_\_\_ that society.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A revolts against	D cynicism to
B identifies with	E alienation from
C hails to	F quarantine of

5. Although his outnumbered troops fought bravely, the general felt he had no choice but to \_\_\_\_ defeat and \_\_\_\_ a retreat.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A defy	D relinquish
B acknowledge	E sue for
C descry	F order

6. Her remarkable\_\_\_\_, which first became apparent when she repeatedly defeated the older children at school, eventually earned for her some\_\_\_\_ rewards, including a full athletic scholarship and several first-place trophies.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A awkwardness	D monetary
B speed	E tangible
C obsequiousness	F academic

7. Edgar Allen Poe biographers tend to fall into two camps: those who try to rescue the man himself from a macabre world in which fate had decreed nothing less than a(n) (i) \_\_\_\_\_ outcome, and those who (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ that very myth, treating the subject as one for whom a life of tragedy was (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A dire	D dispute	G all but inevitable
B unforeseen	E hold fast to	H clearly unexpected
C auspicious	F squelch	I hardly justified

8. The question as to what constitutes art is hardly a (i)\_\_\_\_\_ one. Today, artists exist whose main goal seems only to subvert work that no longer warrants the trite tag, "cutting-edge." Once the proverbial envelope is pushed even further, the public inevitably scratches its collective head - or furrows the collective brow - thinking that this time the "artists" have (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. That very same admixture of contempt and confusion, however, was not unknown in Michelangelo's day; only what was considered blasphemous, art-wise, in the 16th Century, would today be considered (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A perennial	D served their purpose	G hackneyed
B contemporary	E gone too far	H reverent
C controversial	F failed to provoke	I tame

9. Unlike her predecessor, Mayor Williams would not (i)\_\_\_\_\_ any impertinence from her subordinates. Even a (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ comment she tended to construe as one full of (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A discountenance	D seemingly innocuous	G subterfuge
B elicit	E clearly tangential	H prolixity
C brook	F somewhat ambivalent	I contumely

10. James Clerk Maxwell once remarked that the best scientists are, in a sense, the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ ones; not hemmed in by the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ of their respective fields, they are able to approach problems with a(n) (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ mind, so to speak.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A adaptable	D myopia	G fertile
B revolutionary	E preconceptions	H rational
C ignorant	F inertia	I empty

## Exercise 42

1. It is an error to regard the imagination as a mainly \_\_\_\_ force; if it destroys and alters, it also \_\_\_\_ hitherto isolated beliefs, insights, and mental habits into strongly unified systems.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A beneficial	D thrusts
B revolutionary	E fuses
C disinterested	F divides

2. Stress is experienced when an individual feels that the \_\_\_\_ of the environment \_\_\_\_ that individual's resources for handling them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A ambiances	D flunk
B demands	E preclude
C stability	F exceed

3. For those Puritans who believed that \_\_\_\_ obligations were imposed by divine will, the correct course of action was not withdrawal from the world but conscientious \_\_\_\_ of the duties of business.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A detached	D disavowal
B unworldly	E discharge
C secular	F dismystification

4. This new government is faced not only with \_\_\_\_ its economy but also with implementing new rural development programs to \_\_\_\_ the flow of farm workers to the city.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A offsetting	D stem
B managing	E subsidize
C baffling	F transmit



5. Every new theory not only must \_\_\_\_ the valid predictions of the old theory, but must also explain why those predictions \_\_\_\_ within the range of that old theory.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A malign	D faltered
B organize	E evolved
C accommodate	F succeeded

6. That the Third Battalion's fifty-percent casualty rate transformed its assault on Hill 306 from a brilliant stratagem into a debacle does not \_\_\_\_ eyewitness reports of its commander's extraordinary \_\_\_\_ in deploying his forces.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A gainsay	D flippancy
B extol	E mendacity
C inculcate	F cleverness

7. That we may become flaccid after our rivals have been vanquished, and we are surrounded by those friendly to our interests, is in no way a(n) (i)\_\_\_\_\_ observation. Still, history is rife with examples where a sense of (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ pervades once a people have achieved victory. Yet, even were this insight more (iii)\_\_\_\_\_, few would take notice, as human nature is wont to ignore future threats in times of prosperity.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A pithy	D duty	G widely circulated
B trite	E camaraderie	H clearly unassailable
C astounding	F complacency	I hastily dismissed

8. The professor's (i)\_\_\_\_\_ demeanor not only made others reluctant to approach her, but also (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the intellectual growth that comes from the (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ of ideas.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A cheerful	D limited	G repudiation
B meek	E invited	H interchange
C disdainful	F facilitated	I repression

9. The Arizona sun is quick to pull the water from plants, leaving a (i) \_\_\_\_\_ shell of all but the heartiest of cacti. It is (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ to ignore the needs of the human body in this clime as well—dehydration can provoke (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, bellicosity, or even shock.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A hermetic	D improvident	G flippancy
B fecund	E delusional	H petulance
C desiccated	F ineluctable	I dissonance

10. The organization, whose mission is to (i) \_\_\_\_\_ equal access to education, (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the government for scaling back spending on federal college spending initiatives, arguing that race and place will in large part continue to (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ who is and who is not able to attain higher education.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A caution against	D sanctioned	G desegregate
B advocate for	E cited	H circumscribe
C believe in	F censured	I mediate

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EXE1	C	D	B	D	E	B	E	E	B	D
EXE2	C	A	C	B	E	B	A	B	C	D
EXE3	B	A	A	C	E	C	A	E	B	E
EXE4	D	D	A	A	A	B	B	C	D	D
EXE5	C	A	C	C	B	D	C	D	C	A
EXE6	A	C	D	D	E	E	C	B	D	E
EXE7	B	C	C	B	C	D	E	B	C	C
EXE8	C	D	C	A	D	E	B	A	E	A
EXE9	C	A-B	A-C	C-F	A	C	E	B-E	A-C	E
EXE10	E-F	E-F	A	C-D	B-F	C-E	B-F	B-D	C-F	B
EXE11	D-E	B-E	A	B-E	B-D	B-C	D-F	E	B-E	B
EXE12	A-E	D-F	D-F	D-E	A-F	B-E	B-D	D-E	B-E	A-C
EXE13	A-C	B-E	C-F	C-E	C-E	C-F	B-C	A-B	C-D	E
EXE14	D-F	D-E	B-C	A-F	B-C	A-C	A-F	A-C	C-D	C-E
EXE15	C-E	A-F	B-E	E	A-D	D-F	C-D	A-F	B-E	A-B
EXE16	D-F	B-D	D-E	E-F	B-C	B-D	D	B-E	B-F	A-B
EXE17	B-C	A-E	C-D	A-F	E	B-D	B-F	A-B	A-F	C-E
EXE18	C-E	B-D	D-F	B-E	D-F	B-D	C-E	B-F	C-F	B-D
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EXE23	A-F	C-E	A-F	C-E	C-F	A-F	B-E	B-D	C-F	A-F
EXE24	A-D	C-F	B-E	C-E	A-D	C-E	B-F	C-E	A-F	B-D
EXE25	C-E	B-F	A-F	B-F	A-E	A-F	B-D	A-F	A-E	B-E
EXE26	A-E	C-D	A-E	B-F	C-D	A-E	C-D	C-E	B-F	B-F
EXE27	B-D	B-E	B-E	C-F	C-F	C-F	B-E	C-F	B-E	A-E
EXE28	A-D	C-E	C-D	A-D	A-E	C-E	B-D	A-D	B-E	A-D
EXE29	C-E	A-D	B-D	B-F	B-D	B-F	A-E	A-F	A-D	C-E
EXE30	A-F	A-E	B-F	C-D	A-D	A-F	C-D	B-D	A-F	B-E
EXE31	A-E	B-D	B-E	A-D	A-E	C-F	B-D	A-F	C-F	C-E
EXE32	A-E	C-F	A-E	A-D	A-D	B-E	C-F	B-E	C-D	A-D
EXE33	C-D	B-E	C-D	C-E	A-E	B-D	A-D	B-F	A-E	B-F

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EXE34	B-F	C-E	C-F	B-E	A-D	A-E	A-D	B-D	C-E	C-F
EXE35	C-D	C-D	C-E	B-F	C-D	C-D	A-D	A-E	A-E	A-D
EXE36	C-E	B-F	A-F	A-F	B-D	A-F	B-F	A-E	A-E	A-E
EXE37	AE	BE	AE	BF	BD	CD	BF	ADG	BEI	CDH
EXE38	BF	BD	AD	CD	CE	BEG	CDH	BFG	AEI	AEG
EXE39	CE	AE	BFG	ADH	CD	CF	CE	AEI	AFG	CFG
EXE40	BD	AF	BF	AFH	CD	BF	CE	CF	CF	ADG
EXE41	BE	BD	CE	AE	BF	BE	AEG	BEI	CDI	CEI
EXE42	BE	BF	CE	BD	CF	AF	CFG	CDH	CDH	BFH



新GRE填空教程

# 精讲冲刺篇



## Exercise 1

1. Although adolescent maturational and developmental states occur in an orderly sequence, their timing \_\_\_\_ with regard to onset and duration.  
(A) lasts  
(B) varies  
(C) falters  
(D) accelerates  
(E) dwindles
  
2. The prospects of discovering new aspects of the life of a painter as thoroughly studied as Vermeer are not, on the surface, \_\_\_\_  
(A) encouraging  
(B) daunting  
(C) unpromising  
(D) superficial  
(E) challenging
  
3. The Chinese, who began systematic astronomical and weather observations shortly after the ancient Egyptians, were assiduous record-keepers, and because of this, can claim humanity's longest continuous \_\_\_\_ of natural events.  
(A) defiance  
(B) documentation  
(C) maintenance  
(D) theory  
(E) domination
  
4. The current demand for quality in the schools seems to ask not for the development of informed and active citizens, but for disciplined and productive workers with abilities that contribute to civic life only \_\_\_\_, if at all.  
(A) indirectly  
(B) politically  
(C) intellectually  
(D) sensibly  
(E) sequentially

5. Nearly two-thirds of the country's mushroom crop is produced by 160 growers in a single county, the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ growers anywhere.

- (A) gregariousness of
- (B) agreement among
- (C) indication of
- (D) interaction between
- (E) concentration of

6. 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

7. 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

8. Before about 1960, virtually all accounts of evolution assumed most adaptation to be a product of selection at the level of populations; recent studies of evolution, however, have found no \_\_\_\_\_ this pervasive view of selection.

- (A) departures from
- (B) basis for
- (C) bias toward
- (D) precursors of
- (E) criticism of



## Exercise 2

1. It is difficult to distinguish between the things that charismatic figures do \_\_\_\_\_ and those that are carefully contrived for effect.  
(A) formally  
(B) publicly  
(C) prolifically  
(D) spontaneously  
(E) willfully
  
2. Imposing steep fines on employers for on-the-job injuries to workers could be an effective \_\_\_\_\_ to creating a safer workplace, especially in the case of employers with poor safety records.  
(A) antidote  
(B) alternative  
(C) addition  
(D) deterrent  
(E) incentive
  
3. Despite the apparently bewildering complexity of this procedure, the underlying principle is quite \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) calculated  
(B) elementary  
(C) imaginary  
(D) effective  
(E) modern
  
4. Gould claimed no \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge of linguistics, but only a hobbyist's interest in language.  
(A) manifest  
(B) plausible  
(C) technical  
(D) rudimentary  
(E) insignificant
  
5. Although Simpson was ingenious at \_\_\_\_\_ to appear innovative and spontaneous, beneath the ruse he remained uninspired and rigid in his approach to problem-solving.  
(A) intending  
(B) contriving  
(C) forbearing  
(D) declining  
(E) deserving

6. Those who fear the influence of television deliberately \_\_\_\_\_ its persuasive power, hoping that they might keep knowledge of its potential to effect social change from being widely disseminated.

- (A) promote
- (B) underplay
- (C) excuse
- (D) laud
- (E) suspect

7. Perhaps because scientists have been so intrigued by dogs' superior senses of smell and hearing, researchers have long \_\_\_\_\_ their eyesight, assuming that they inhabit a drab, black-and-white world, devoid of color.

- (A) meditated
- (B) coveted
- (C) appreciated
- (D) resented
- (E) underestimated

8. High software prices are frequently said to \_\_\_\_\_ widespread illegal copying, although the opposite—that high prices are the cause of the copying—is equally plausible.

- (A) contribute to
- (B) result from
- (C) correlate with
- (D) explain
- (E) precede

## Exercise 3

1. Although Georgia O'Keeffe is best known for her affinity with the desert landscape, her paintings of urban subjects \_\_\_\_ her longtime residency in New York City.  
(A) exacerbate  
(B) obfuscate  
(C) attest to  
(D) conflict with  
(E) contend with
  
2. Because the high seriousness of their narratives resulted in part from their metaphysics, Southern writers were praised for their \_\_\_\_ bent.  
(A) technical  
(B) discursive  
(C) hedonistic  
(D) philosophical  
(E) scientific
  
3. Honeybees tend to be more \_\_\_\_ than earth bees: the former, unlike the latter, search for food together and signal their individual findings to one another.  
(A) insular  
(B) bellicose  
(C) differentiated  
(D) intransigent  
(E) social
  
4. Even though the survey was designated as an interdisciplinary course, it involved no real \_\_\_\_ of subject matter.  
(A) encapsulation  
(B) organization  
(C) synthesis  
(D) discussion  
(E) verification

5. Her lecture gave a sense of how empty the universe is, in spite of the \_\_\_\_ number of stars within it.

- (A) diminishing
- (B) varying
- (C) enormous
- (D) unusual
- (E) limited

6. Unlike a judge, who must act alone, a jury discusses a case and then reaches its decision as a group, thus minimizing the effect of \_\_\_\_ bias.

- (A) legitimate
- (B) professional
- (C) individual
- (D) unexpected
- (E) unarticulated

7. Certainly Murray's preoccupation with the task of editing the Oxford English Dictionary begot a kind of monomania, but it must be regarded as a \_\_\_\_ or at least an innocuous one.

- (A) tame
- (B) tendentious
- (C) meretricious
- (D) beneficent
- (E) sincere

8. Even though six players had been injured, the coach announced to the assembled reporters that the team would \_\_\_\_ the championship.

- (A) ignore
- (B) win
- (C) overcome
- (D) demand
- (E) refuse

## Exercise 4

1. Although Darwinism was a profoundly \_\_\_\_\_ world view, it was essentially passive, since it prescribed no steps to be taken, no victories over nature to be celebrated, no program of triumphs of be successively gained.

- (A) clandestine
- (B) repressive
- (C) debatable
- (D) innovative
- (E) paradoxical

2. The concept of timelessness is paradoxical from the start, for adult consciousness is \_\_\_\_\_ by the awareness of duration.

- (A) intrigued
- (B) repelled
- (C) measured
- (D) accelerated
- (E) permeated

3. There are simply no \_\_\_\_\_ for buying stock in certain industries since rapidly changing environmental restrictions will make a profitable return on any investment very unlikely.

- (A) incentives
- (B) arrangements
- (C) explanations
- (D) conditions
- (E) procedures

4. The reduction of noise has been approached in terms of \_\_\_\_\_ its sources, but the alternative of canceling noise out by adding sound with the opposite wave pattern may be more useful in practice.

- (A) diffusing
- (B) tracking
- (C) concealing
- (D) isolating
- (E) eliminating

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

- (A) negates
- (B) controls
- (C) engenders
- (D) tempers
- (E) obviates

6. If duty is the natural outgrowth of one's \_\_\_\_\_ the course of future events, then people who are powerful have duty placed on them whether they like it or not.

- (A) understanding of
- (B) control over
- (C) involvement in
- (D) preoccupation with
- (E) responsibility for

7. Before the Second World War, academics still questioned whether the body of literature produced in the United States truly constituted a \_\_\_\_\_ literature, or whether such literature was only a provincial branch of English literature.

- (A) local
- (B) national
- (C) historical
- (D) rhetorical
- (E) meaningful

8. The sea was not an \_\_\_\_\_ the diffusion of the windmill; on the contrary, while the concept of the new invention passed quickly from seaport to seaport, it made little headway inland.

- (A) element in
- (B) issue in
- (C) aid to
- (D) obstacle to
- (E) promotion of

## Exercise 5

1. In response to the follies of today's commercial and political worlds, the author does not express inflamed indignation, but rather \_\_\_\_\_ the detachment and smooth aphoristic prose of an eighteenth-century wit.

- (A) rails at
- (B) avoids
- (C) suppress
- (D) affects
- (E) spurns

2. Although a few delegates gave the opposition's suggestions a vitriolic response, most greeted the statement of a counterposition with \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) dispiritedness
- (B) reluctance
- (C) resentment
- (D) composure
- (E) civility

3. The senator's reputation, though shaken by false allegations of misconduct, emerged from the ordeal \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) unscathed
- (B) obscure
- (C) impaired
- (D) unclear
- (E) sullied

4. Even after safeguards against the \_\_\_\_\_ of popular sovereignty were included, major figures in the humanistic disciplines remained skeptical about the proposal to extend suffrage to the masses.

- (A) continuation
- (B) excesses
- (C) introduction
- (D) advantages
- (E) creation

5. Although Tom was aware that it would be \_\_\_\_\_ to display annoyance publicly at the sales conference, he could not hide his irritation with the client's unreasonable demands.

- (A) advisable
- (B) efficacious
- (C) pragmatic
- (D) captious
- (E) impolitic

6. A good doctor knows that knowledge about medicine will continue to change and that, therefore, formal professional training can never be an \_\_\_\_\_ guide to good practice.

- (A) adaptable
- (B) absolute
- (C) obfuscatory
- (D) invaluable
- (E) obsolescent

7. A computer program can provide information in ways that force students to participate in learning instead of being merely \_\_\_\_\_ of knowledge.

- (A) creators
- (B) consumers
- (C) recipients
- (D) custodians
- (E) beneficiaries

8. Once Renaissance painters discovered how to render volume and depth, they were able to replace the medieval convention of symbolic, two-dimensional space with the more \_\_\_\_\_ illusion of actual space.

- (A) conventional
- (B) abstract
- (C) problematic
- (D) fragmented
- (E) realistic



## Exercise 6

1. Within the next decade, sophisticated telescopes now orbiting the Earth will determine whether the continents really are moving, \_\_\_\_ the incipient \_\_\_\_ among geologists about the validity of the theory of continental drift.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A forestalling	D consensus
B escalating	E rift
C engendering	F rumors

2. A major goal of law, to deter potential criminals by \_\_\_\_ wrongdoers, is not served when the penalty is so seldom invoked that it ceases to be a \_\_\_\_ threat.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A punishing	D deceptive
B soliciting	E credible
C imitating	F ambiguous

3. The successful \_\_\_\_ of an archaeological site requires scientific knowledge as well as cultural \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A evolution	D awareness
B reconstruction	E sensitivity
C synthesis	F aesthetics

4. 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

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

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

6. Documenting science's \_\_\_\_ philosophy would be\_\_\_\_, since it is almost axiomatic that many philosophers use scientific concepts as the foundations for their speculations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A influence on	D elementary
B reliance on	E superfluous
C differences from	F difficult

## Exercise 7

1. 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.

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

2. Having no sense of moral obligation, Shipler was as little subject to the \_\_\_\_ of conscience after he acted as he was motivated by its \_\_\_\_ before he acted.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A rewards	D chastisement
B balm	E promptings
C reproaches	F atonement

3. Charlotte Salomon's biography is a reminder that the currents of private life, however diverted, dislodged, or twisted by \_\_\_\_ public events, retain their hold on the \_\_\_\_ recording them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A transitory	D majority
B overpowering	E institution
C conventional	F individual

4. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A manufacture	D accomplished
B reveal	E explained
C share	F repeated

5. It was a war the queen and her more prudent counselors wished to \_\_\_\_ if they could and were determined in any event to \_\_\_\_ as long as possible.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A provoke	D conceal
B instigate	E promote
C shun	F postpone

6. Walpole's art collection was huge and fascinating, and his novel The Castle of Otranto was never out of print; none of this mattered to the Victorians, who \_\_\_\_ him as, at best, \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A dismissed	D insignificant
B judged	E bourgeois
C revered	F dangerous

## Exercise 8

1. Since the author frequently \_\_\_\_ other scholars, his objection to disputes is not only irrelevant but also \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A buttresses	D frightening
B quotes	E surprising
C rebukes	F peevish

2. Not all the indicators necessary to convey the effect of depth in a picture work simultaneously; the picture's illusion of \_\_\_\_ three-dimensional appearance must therefore result from the viewer's integration of various indicators perceived \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A imitative	D coincidentally
B uniform	E successively
C schematic	F comprehensively

3. It is strange how words shape our thoughts and trap us at the bottom of deeply \_\_\_\_ canyons of thinking, their imprisoning sides carved out by the \_\_\_\_ of past usage.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A rooted	D mountains
B incised	E river
C ridged	F ocean

4. Cryogenic energy storage has the advantage of being suitable in any \_\_\_\_, regardless of geography or geology, factors that may \_\_\_\_ both underground gas storage and pumped hydroelectric storage.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A location	D forebode
B climate	E limit
C proportion	F typify

5. As painted by Constable, the scene is not one of bucolic\_\_\_\_; rather it shows a striking emotional and intellectual\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A intensity	D tension
B serenity	E detachment
C nostalgia	F placidity

6. Rhetoric often seems to \_\_\_\_\_ over reason in a heated debate, with both sides \_\_\_\_\_ in hyperbole.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A triumph	D engaging
B reverberate	E subsiding
C lean	F tangling

## Exercise 9

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A cruel	D effortlessness
B wicked	E indolence
C magnanimous	F impiety

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. 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 \_\_\_\_.

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

4. In television programming, a later viewing time often \_\_\_\_ a more \_\_\_\_ audience and, therefore, more challenging subjects and themes.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A requires	D affluent
B implies	E mature
C eliminates	F realistic

5. 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

6. Observable as a tendency of our culture is a withdrawal of \_\_\_\_\_ psychoanalysis: we no longer feel that it can solve our \_\_\_\_ problems.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A enigmas in	D emotional
B belief in	E practical
C rigor in	F philosophical



## Exercise 10

1. The state is a network of exchanged benefits and beliefs, \_\_\_\_ between rulers and citizens based on those laws and procedures that are \_\_\_\_ to the maintenance of community.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a compromise	D inimical
B an equivalence	E subsidiary
C a reciprocity	F conducive

2. In scientific inquiry, it becomes a matter of duty to expose a \_\_\_\_ hypothesis to every possible kind of \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A tentative	D correlation
B well-established	E approximation
C debatable	F examination

3. Freud derived psychoanalytic knowledge of childhood indirectly: he \_\_\_\_ childhood processes from adult \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A released	D memory
B reconstructed	E behavior
C incorporated	F anticipation

4. Clearly refuting sceptic, researchers have \_\_\_\_ not only that gravitational radiation exists but that it also does exactly what theory \_\_\_\_ it should do.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A assumed	D accepted
B demonstrated	E repudiated
C estimated	F predicted

5. A leading chemist believes that many scientists have difficulty with stereochemistry because much of the relevant nomenclature is\_\_\_\_, in that it combines concepts that should be kept\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A imprecise	D interrelated
B specialized	E intact
C descriptive	F discrete

6. Many industries are so \_\_\_\_\_ by the impact of government sanctions, equipment failure, and foreign competition that they are beginning to rely on industrial psychologists to\_\_\_\_\_ what remains of employee morale.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A overruled	D determine
B beleaguered	E undermine
C encouraged	F salvage

## Exercise 11

1. Experienced and proficient, Susan is a good, \_\_\_\_\_ trumpeter, her music is often more satisfying than Carol's brilliant but \_\_\_\_\_ playing.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A mediocre	D inimitable
B amateur	E influential
C reliable	F erratic

2. Jones was unable to recognize the contradictions in his attitudes that were obvious to everyone else; even the hint of an untruth was \_\_\_\_\_ to him, but he \_\_\_\_\_ serious trouble by always cheating on his taxes.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A acceptable	D evaded
B repugnant	E treasured
C tempting	F courted

3. Numerous historical examples illustrate both the overriding influence that scientists' \_\_\_\_\_ have on their interpretation of data and the consequent \_\_\_\_\_ of their intellectual objectivity.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A prejudices	D impairment
B theories	E coloration
C instruments	F reinforcement

4. Wearing the latest fashions was exclusively the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wealthy until the 1850's, when mass production, aggressive entrepreneurs, and the availability of the sewing machine made them \_\_\_\_\_ the middle class.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A aspiration	D disagreeable to
B vexation	E superfluous for
C prerogative	F accessible to

5. Although supernovas are among the most \_\_\_\_\_ of cosmic events, these stellar explosions are often hard to \_\_\_\_\_, either because they are enormously far away or because they are dimmed by intervening dust and gas clouds.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A remote	D detect
B luminous	E foresee
C predictable	F disregard

6. The action and characters in a melodrama can be so immediately \_\_\_\_\_ that all observers can hiss the villain with an air of smug but enjoyable \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A spurned	D self-loathing
B classified	E self-skepticism
C plausible	F self-righteousness

## Exercise 12

1. The theory of cosmic evolution states that the universe, having begun in a state of simplicity and \_\_\_\_\_, has \_\_\_\_\_ into great variety.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A equilibrium	D modulated
B homogeneity	E differentiated
C juxtaposition	F accelerated

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ with which the French aristocracy greeted the middle-class Rousseau was all the more \_\_\_\_\_ because he showed so little respect for them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A suspicion	D remarkable
B deference	E uncanny
C reserve	F deserved

3. My family often found others laughable, but I learned quite early to be \_\_\_\_\_ while people were present, laughing only later at what was funny and mocking what to us seemed \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A polite	D bizarre
B impatient	E unfortunate
C facetious	F enviable

4. In today's world, manufacturers' innovations are easily copied and thus differences between products are usually \_\_\_\_\_; advertisers, therefore, are forced to \_\_\_\_\_ these differences in order to suggest the uniqueness of their clients' products.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A crucial	D downplay
B slight	E reduce
C common	F exaggerate

5. Unfortunately, since courses in nutrition are often \_\_\_\_\_ medical school curriculums, a family physician is \_\_\_\_\_ to be an enlightening source of general information about diet.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A encountered among	D expected
B squeezed into	E unlikely
C neglected in	F intended

6. 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.

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

## Exercise 13

1. 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. The insecticide proved \_\_\_\_\_; by killing the weak adults of a species, it assured that the strong ones would mate among themselves and produce offspring still more \_\_\_\_\_ to its effects.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A cruel	D hostile
B counterproductive	E vulnerable
C indispensable	F resistant

3. Prior to the work of Heckel, illustrations of fish were often beautiful but rarely \_\_\_\_\_; this fact, combined with the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of most nine-teenth-century taxonomic descriptions, often kept scientists from recognizing differences between species.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A impressive	D detailed
B traditional	E inexact
C precise	F sophisticated

4. 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 configurations	D irrefutable
B patterns	E equivocal
C intricacies	F flawless

5. In small farming communities, accident victims rarely sue or demand compensation: transforming a personal injury into a \_\_\_\_\_ someone else is viewed as an attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for one's own actions.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A claim against	D assume
B conspiracy against	E elude
C boon for	F proclaim

6. The trick for Michael was to \_\_\_\_\_ his son an illusory orderliness; only alone at night, when the boy was asleep, could Michael \_\_\_\_\_ the chaos he kept hidden from his son.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A explore with	D acknowledge
B conjure for	E dissipate
C demystify for	F escape



## Exercise 14

1. Literature is inevitably a \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_ medium for the simple reason that writers interpose their own vision between the reader and reality.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A iridescent	D a neutral
B distorting	E an opaque
C transparent	F a drab

2. The widespread public shock at the news of the guilty verdict was caused partly by \_\_\_\_\_ news stories that had \_\_\_\_\_ acquittal.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A buried	D condemned
B impartial	E mentioned
C biased	F predicted

3. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A blundering	D conventional
B marginal	E inept
C steady	F accomplished

4. An obvious style, easily identified by some superficial quirk, is properly \_\_\_\_\_ as a mere mannerism, whereas a complex and subtle style \_\_\_\_\_ reduction to a formula.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A cultivated	D resists
B decried	E consists of
C prized	F demands

5. Ethologists are convinced that many animals survive through learning—but learning that is \_\_\_\_\_ their genetic programming, learning as thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_ as the most instinctive of behavioral responses.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A dictated by	D transient
B superseded by	E inventive
C incompatible with	F stereotyped

6. Despite many decades of research on the gasification of coal, the data accumulated are not directly \_\_\_\_\_ to environmental questions; thus a new program of research specifically addressing such questions is \_\_\_\_\_

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A analogous	D contradictory
B transferable	E warranted
C applicable	F unnecessary

## Exercise 15

1. All \_\_\_\_\_ biological traits fall into one of two categories: those giving their possessors greater \_\_\_\_\_ the environment and those rendering them more independent of it.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A beneficial	D detachment from
B neutral	E control over
C noxious	F freedom from

2. Although strong legal remedies for nonpayment of child support are \_\_\_\_\_, the delay and expense associated with these remedies make it \_\_\_\_\_ to develop other options.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unpopular	D imperative
B available	E impractical
C nonexistent	F plausible

3. Manipulating laboratory tissue cultures with hormones is one thing; using hormones to treat human beings, however, is contingent on whether hormones that \_\_\_\_\_ in the laboratory can affect \_\_\_\_\_ organisms, and in predictable ways.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A fail	D esoteric
B work	E cellular
C reproduce	F whole

4. The idealized paintings of nature produced in the eighteenth century are evidence that the medieval \_\_\_\_\_ natural settings had been \_\_\_\_\_ and that the outdoors now could be enjoyed without trepidation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A fear of	D exorcised
B concerns about	E regained
C disinterest in	F confronted

5. 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

6. Even though the general's carefully qualified public statement could hardly be \_\_\_\_\_, some people took \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A respected	D liberties with
B inoffensive	E exception to
C faulted	F interest in

## Exercise 16

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of gamblers' unsuccessful decision strategies is one \_\_\_\_\_ of the illusions built into games of chance in order to misguide players and take their money.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A distortion	D function
B maintenance	E accomplishment
C demonstration	F outcome

2. By idiosyncratically refusing to dismiss an insubordinate member of his staff, the manager not only \_\_\_\_\_ established policy, but he also \_\_\_\_\_ his heretofore good chances for promotion.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A instituted	D bettered
B contravened	E protected
C delimited	F jeopardized

3. It is \_\_\_\_\_ for a government to fail to do whatever it can to eliminate a totally \_\_\_\_\_ disease.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A irresponsible	D innocuous
B crucial	E preventable
C instinctive	F insignificant

4. Scientists who are on the cutting edge of research must often violate common sense and make seemingly \_\_\_\_\_ assumptions because existing theories simply do not \_\_\_\_\_ newly observed phenomena.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A absurd	D undermine
B opaque	E elucidate
C tarnished	F emulate

5. Nonviolent demonstrations often create such tensions that a community that has constantly refused to \_\_\_\_\_ its injustices is forced to correct them: the injustices can no longer be \_\_\_\_\_

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A acknowledge	D verified
B facilitate	E discussed
C tolerate	F ignored

6. Eric was frustrated because, although he was adept at making lies sound \_\_\_\_\_, when telling the truth, he \_\_\_\_\_ the power to make himself believed.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A plausible	D lacked
B impractical	E held
C deceptive	F acquired

## Exercise 17

1. The architects of New York's early skyscrapers, hinting here at a twelfth-century cathedral, there at a fifteenth-century palace, sought to legitimize the city's social strivings by \_\_\_\_\_ a history the city did not truly \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A evoking	D desire
B preserving	E possess
C flouting	F deserve

2. In retrospect, Gordon's students appreciated her \_\_\_\_\_ assignments, realizing that such assignments were specifically designed to \_\_\_\_\_ original thought rather than to review the content of her course.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A didactic	D thwart
B conventional	E stimulate
C enigmatic	F ingrain

3. It is no accident that most people find Davis' book disturbing, for it is \_\_\_\_\_ to undermine a number of beliefs they have long \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A calculated	D denied
B flourished	E cherished
C eclectic	F anticipated

4. Although Harry Stack Sullivan is one of the most influential social scientists of this century, his ideas are now so \_\_\_\_\_ in our society that they seem almost \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A repetitious	D esoteric
B pristine	E banal
C obnoxious	F equivocal

5. Given the failure of independent laboratories to replicate the results of Dr. Johnson's experiment, only the most \_\_\_\_\_ supporters of her hypothesis would be foolish enough to claim that it had been adequately \_\_\_\_\_

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A vigilant	D verified
B partisan	E defined
C enlightened	F undermined

6. In their preface, the collection's editors plead that certain of the important articles they \_\_\_\_\_ were published too recently for inclusion, but in the case of many such articles, this \_\_\_\_\_ is not valid.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A omitted	D replacement
B revised	E excuse
C disparaged	F endorsement



## Exercise 18

1. In sharp contrast to the intense \_\_\_\_\_ of the young republic, with its utopian faith in democracy and hopes for eternal human progress, recent developments suggest a mood of almost unrelieved \_\_\_\_\_

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A idealism	D ambition
B individualism	E cynicism
C assertiveness	F egalitarianism

2. Any population increase beyond a certain level necessitates greater \_\_\_\_\_ vegetable foods; thus, the ability of a society to choose meat over cereals always arises, in part, from \_\_\_\_\_ the number of people.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A recourse to	D replenishing
B attention to	E limiting
C exporting of	F varying

3. Whereas biologists must maintain a \_\_\_\_ attitude toward the subjects of their research, social scientists must, paradoxically, combine personal involvement and scholarly \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A scrupulous	D detachment
B disinterested	E abandon
C passive	F passion

4. Unlike the easily studied neutral and ionized \_\_\_\_\_ that compose the primary disk of the Milky Way itself, the components of the \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding our galaxy have proved more resistant to study.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A materials	D fluctuations
B calculations	E region
C figments	F problems

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

6. 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

## Exercise 19

1. The chances that a species will \_\_\_\_\_ are reduced if any vital function is restricted to a single kind of organ; \_\_\_\_\_ by itself possesses an enormous survival advantage.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A persist	D size
B expire	E redundancy
C degenerate	F symmetry

2. Read's apology to Heflin was not exactly abject and did little to \_\_\_\_ their decades-long quarrel, which had been as \_\_\_\_ as the academic etiquette of scholarly journals permitted.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A resolve	D sporadic
B encourage	E courteous
C blur	F acrimonious

3. While not \_\_\_\_\_ the colorfully obvious forms of life that are found in a tropical rain forest, the desert is \_\_\_\_\_ to a surprisingly large number of species.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A teeming with	D detrimental
B confronted with	E host
C mimicked by	F hostile

4. Poe's \_\_\_\_\_ reviews of contemporary fiction, which often find great merit in otherwise \_\_\_\_\_ literary gems, must make us respect his critical judgment in addition to his well-known literary talent.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A petulant	D completed
B insightful	E acclaimed
C enthusiastic	F unappreciated

5. Actual events in the history of life on Earth are accidental in that any outcome embodies just one \_\_\_\_\_ among millions; yet each outcome can be \_\_\_\_\_ interpreted.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A possibility	D uniquely
B fact	E rationally
C relationship	F randomly

6. Having sufficient income of her own constituted for Alice \_\_\_\_\_ independence that made possible a degree of \_\_\_\_\_ in her emotional life as well.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a material	D extravagance
B a profound	E uncertainty
C a psychological	F security

## Exercise 20

1. Doreen justifiably felt she deserved recognition for the fact that the research institute had been \_\_\_\_\_ a position of preeminence, since it was she who had \_\_\_\_\_ the transformation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A reduced to	D directed
B returned to	E imagined
C maintained in	F observed

2. Experienced employers recognize that business students who can \_\_\_\_\_ different points of view are ultimately more effective as managers than are the brilliant and original students who \_\_\_\_\_ dogmatically to their own formulations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A assimilate	D revert
B discredit	E adhere
C impose	F relinquish

3. 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 change	D stasis
B declined	E escalation
C increased	F discontinuity

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ costumes of Renaissance Italy, with their gold and silver embroidery and figured brocades, were the antithesis of Spanish \_\_\_\_\_, with its dark muted colors, plain short capes, and high collars edged with small ruffs.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unpretentious	D sobriety
B sumptuous	E obliqueness
C austere	F informality

5. Marison was a scientist of unusual \_\_\_\_\_ and imagination who had startling success in \_\_\_\_\_ new and fundamental principles well in advance of their general recognition.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A insight	D coordinating
B restiveness	E discerning
C aggression	F dispelling

6. In scientific studies, supporting evidence is much more satisfying to report than are discredited hypotheses, but, in fact, the \_\_\_\_\_ of errors is more likely to be \_\_\_\_\_ than is the establishment of probable truth.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A detection	D ignored
B refinement	E conditional
C formulation	F feasible

## Exercise 21

1. The pungent verbal give-and-take among the characters makes the novel \_\_\_\_\_ reading, and this very \_\_\_\_\_ suggests to me that some of the opinions voiced may be the author's.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A disturbing	D flatness
B lively	E spiritedness
C tedious	F frivolousness

2. Because many of the minerals found on the ocean floor are still \_\_\_\_\_ on land, where mining is relatively inexpensive, mining the ocean floor has yet to become a \_\_\_\_\_ enterprise.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A scarce	D marginal
B unidentified	E profitable
C copious	F subsidized

3. The Gibsons were little given to \_\_\_\_\_ in any form; not one of them was afraid of \_\_\_\_\_, of being and seeming unlike their neighbors.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A conformism	D mediocrity
B excellence	E singularity
C humility	F absurdity

4. Carruthers' latest literary criticism \_\_\_\_\_ her reputation for trenchant commentary; despite its intriguing title and the fulsome praise on its dust jacket, it is nothing more than a collection of \_\_\_\_\_

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A belies	D judgments
B advances	E aphorisms
C reinforces	F platitudes

5. Many of her followers remain \_\_\_\_ to her, and even those who have rejected her leadership are unconvinced of the \_\_\_\_ of replacing her during the current turmoil.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A opposed	D wisdom
B loyal	E disadvantage
C indifferent	F harm

6. Although just barely \_\_\_\_ as a writer of lucid prose, Jones was an extremely \_\_\_\_ editor who worked superbly with other writers in helping them improve the clarity of their writing.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A deficient	D muddling
B appalling	E ambidextrous
C adequate	F inept



## Exercise 22

1. By \_\_\_\_ scientific rigor with a quantitative approach, researchers in the social sciences may often have \_\_\_\_ their scope to those narrowly circumscribed topics that are well suited to quantitative methods.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A identifying	D enlarged
B undermining	E confined
C vitiating	F broadened

2. The failure of many psychotherapists to \_\_\_\_ the results of pioneering research could be due in part to the specialized nature of such findings: even \_\_\_\_ findings may not be useful.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A utilize	D baffling
B envision	E controversial
C reproduce	F momentous

3. In the nineteenth century, novelists and unsympathetic travelers portrayed the American West as a land of \_\_\_\_ adversity, whereas promoters and idealists created \_\_\_\_ image of a land of infinite promise.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A intriguing	D a compelling
B unremitting	E an identical
C encouraging	F a mundane

4. Joe spoke of superfluous and \_\_\_\_ matters with exactly the same degree of intensity, as though for him serious issues mattered neither more nor less than did \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A cardinal	D essentials
B humdrum	E outcomes
C redundant	F trivialities

5. Although Irish literature continued to flourish after the sixteenth century, a \_\_\_\_ tradition is \_\_\_\_ in the visual arts: we think about Irish culture in terms of the word, not in terms of pictorial images.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A forgotten	D superfluous
B ingrained	E absent
C comparable	F apparent

6. The diplomat, selected for her demonstrated patience and skill in conducting such delicate negotiations, \_\_\_\_ to make a decision during the talks because any sudden commitment at that time would have been \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A resolved	D inopportune
B struggled	E apropos
C declined	F warranted

## Exercise 23

1. One theory about intelligence sees \_\_\_\_ as the logical structure underlying thinking and insists that since animals are mute, they must be \_\_\_\_ as well.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A behavior	D mindless
B language	E inactive
C heredity	F cooperative

2. The President reached a decision only after lengthy \_\_\_\_\_, painstakingly weighing the \_\_\_\_\_ opinions expressed by cabinet members.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A deliberation	D unanimous
B relegation	E arbitrary
C confrontation	F divergent

3. As long as the nuclear family is \_\_\_\_ a larger kinship group through contiguous residence on undivided land, the pressure to \_\_\_\_ and thus to get along with relatives is strong.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A excluded from	D steer
B embedded in	E reciprocate
C deviated from	F confront

4. Though \_\_\_\_ in her personal life, Edna St. Vincent Millay was nonetheless \_\_\_\_ about her work, usually producing several pages of complicated rhyme in a day.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A self-assured	D disciplined
B impulsive	E sanguine
C verbose	F haughty

5. Schlesinger has recently assumed a conciliatory attitude that is not \_\_\_\_ by his colleagues, who continue to \_\_\_\_ compromise.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A eschewed	D refine
B questioned	E disparage
C commended	F fabricate

6. Though \_\_\_\_ to some degree, telling a small lie sometimes enables one to avoid \_\_\_\_ another's feelings.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A attractive	D considering
B necessary	E mollifying
C regrettable	F harming

## Exercise 24

1. The value of Davis' sociological research is compromised by his unscrupulous tendency to use materials\_\_\_\_\_ in order to substantiate his own claims, while \_\_\_\_\_ information that points to other possible conclusions.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A haphazardly	D disregarding
B sagaciously	E deploying
C selectively	F emphasizing

2. It is disappointing to note that the latest edition of the bibliography belies its long-standing reputation for \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ some significant references to recent publications.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A accessibility	D appending
B exhaustiveness	E upgrading
C imprecision	F omitting

3. Far from being \_\_\_\_\_, Pat was always \_\_\_\_\_ to appear acquiescent.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unctuous	D loath
B ignoble	E eager
C brazen	F concerned

4. Because the monkeys under study are \_\_\_\_\_ the presence of human beings, they typically \_\_\_\_\_ human observers and go about their business.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A habituated to	D seek
B ambivalent about	E welcome
C inhibited by	F disregard

5. Although the records of colonial New England are \_\_\_\_ in comparison with those available in France or England, the records of other English colonies in America are even more \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A ambiguous	D irrefutable
B puzzling	E fragmentary
C sketchy	F authoritative

6 Professional photographers generally regard inadvertent surrealism in a photograph as a curse rather than a blessing; magazine photographers, in particular, consider themselves \_\_\_\_\_ to the extent that they can \_\_\_\_\_ its presence in their photographs.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inadequate	D enhance
B fortunate	E demonstrate
C unconventional	F minimize

## Exercise 25

1. Agronomists are increasingly worried about "desertification," the phenomenon that is turning many of the world's\_\_\_\_ fields and pastures into\_\_\_\_ wastelands, unable to support the people living on them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A fertile	D saturated
B arid	E blooming
C poorest	F barren

2. Old beliefs die hard: even when jobs became\_\_\_\_, the long-standing fear that unemployment could return at a moment's notice\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A plentiful	D persisted
B protected	E changed
C vacant	F subsided

3. Intellectual\_\_\_\_ and flight from boredom have caused him to rush pell-mell into situations that less\_\_\_\_ spirits might hesitate to approach.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A restlessness	D lethargic
B resilience	E versatile
C tranquility	F adventurous

4. Science advances in\_\_\_\_ spiral in that each new conceptual scheme\_\_\_\_ that phenomena explained by its predecessors and adds to those explanations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a widening	D decries
B an anomalous	E vitiates
C a repetitive	F embraces

5. Politeness is not a\_\_\_\_attribute of human behavior, but rather a central virtue, one whose very existence is increasingly being \_\_\_\_by the faddish requirement to "speak one's mind."

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A superficial	D threatened
B pervasive	E installed
C precious	F affected

6. Because it is\_\_\_\_to\_\_\_\_all the business costs related to employee discontent, an accurate estimate of the magnitude of these costs is not easily calculated.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A difficult	D overlook
B improper	E measure
C necessary	F justify



## Exercise 26

1. How could words, confined as they individually are to certain\_\_\_meanings specified in a dictionary, eventually come, when combined in groups, to create obscurity and actually to prevent thought from being\_\_\_?

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A indefinite	D meaningless
B archaic	E classified
C precise	F communicable

2. The author of this book\_\_\_overlooks or minimizes some of the problems and shortcomings in otherwise highly successful foreign industries in order to\_\_\_the points on which they excel and on which we might try to emulate them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A accidentally	D emphasize
B purposely	E counterbalance
C cleverly	F compound

3. Crosby's colleagues have never learned, at least not in time to avoid embarrassing themselves, that her occasional\_\_\_air of befuddlement\_\_\_a display of her formidable intelligence.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A acute	D dominates
B genuine	E precludes
C bogus	F presages

4. Ever prey to vagrant impulses that impelled him to\_\_\_his talents on a host of unworthy projects, his very\_\_\_nonetheless enhanced his reputation, for the sheer energy of his extravagance dazzled observers.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A isolate	D selectiveness
B squander	E affability
C implicate	F dissipation

5. To list Reilly's achievements in a fragmentary way is\_\_\_\_, for it distracts our attention from the\_\_\_\_themes of her work.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A misleading	D disparate
B pragmatic	E integrating
C inevitable	F unsettling

6. That many of the important laws of science were discovered during experiments designed to\_\_\_\_other phenomena suggests that experimental results are the\_\_\_\_of inevitable natural forces rather than of planning.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A disprove	D predecessors
B alter	E adjuncts
C illuminate	F consequence

## Exercise 27

1. The availability of oxygen is an essential\_\_\_\_for animal life, while carbon dioxide is equally\_\_\_\_for plant life.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A duplication	D necessary
B condition	E optional
C luxury	F harmful

2. Prudery actually draws attention to the vice it is supposed to\_\_\_\_; the very act that forbids speech or prohibits sight\_\_\_\_what is hidden.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A monitor	D distorts
B repress	E conceals
C divulge	F dramatizes

3. While some see in practical jokes a wish for mastery in miniature over a world that seems very\_\_\_\_, others believe that the jokes' purpose is to disrupt, by reducing all transactions to\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A dubious	D symmetry
B harmonious	E chaos
C unruly	F uniformity

4. Aspartame, a new artificial sugar substitute, is only\_\_\_\_replacement for saccharin because, unlike saccharin, it breaks down and loses its sweetening characteristics at high temperatures, making it\_\_\_\_for baking.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a significant	D excellent
B an apparent	E versatile
C a partial	F unsuitable

5. It was not only the\_\_\_of geologists that\_\_\_earlier development of the revolutionary idea that the Earth's continents were moving plates; classical physicists, who could not then explain the mechanism, had declared continental movement impossible.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A indecisiveness	D mandated
B radicalism	E hastened
C conservatism	F hindered

6. Aalto, like other modernists, believed that form follows function; consequently, his furniture designs asserted the\_\_\_of human needs, and the furniture's form was\_\_\_human use.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A rationale	D relegated to
B primacy	E determined by
C variability	F reflected in

## Exercise 28

1 Borrowing a copyrighted book from a library amounts to a form of theft\_\_\_\_by entrenched custom: the copyright owner's property, the book, is used repeatedly without\_\_\_\_for such use.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A anticipated	D application
B sanctioned	E compensation
C provoked	F adjustment

2 Darwin's method did not really\_\_\_\_the idea of race as an important conceptual category; even the much more central idea of species was little more than a theoretical\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A require	D convenience
B exclude	E practice
C emulate	F validation

3 That dealers\_\_\_\_enough to nurture a young modern painter's career rather than plunder it exist is not impossible, but the public's\_\_\_\_appetite for modern art makes such dealers less and less likely.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A chivalrous	D quirky
B patient	E insatiable
C reckless	F finicky

4 In the absence of any\_\_\_\_caused by danger, hardship, or even cultural difference, most utopian communities deteriorate into\_\_\_\_but enervating backwaters.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A amelioration	D frantic
B decimation	E intrusive
C stimulation	F placid

5 As Juanita argued, this new code of conduct is laughable; its principles are either\_\_\_\_, offering no wisdom but the obvious, or are so devoid of specific advice as to make almost any action\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A irresolute	D redundant
B platitudinous	E justifiable
C labyrinthine	F unacceptable

6 Although in eighteenth-century England an active cultural life accompanied the beginnings of middle-class consumerism, the\_\_\_\_of literacy was\_\_\_\_with the rise of such consumerism in the different areas of the country.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A repudiation	D reconciled
B renewal	E compatible
C degree	F uncorrelated

## Exercise 29

1. In the early twentieth century, the discovery of radium\_\_\_\_the popular imagination; not only was its discoverer, Marie Curie, idolized, but its market value\_\_\_\_that of the rarest gemstone.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A taxed	D sank to
B enflamed	E exceeded
C escaped	F correlate

2. Business forecasts usually prove reasonably accurate when the assumption that the future will be much like the past is\_\_\_\_; in times of major\_\_\_\_in the business environment, however, forecasts can be dangerously wrong.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A contradicted	D surges
B entertained	E improvements
C satisfied	F shifts

3. Job failure means being fired from a job, being asked to resign, or leaving\_\_\_\_to protect yourself because you had very strong evidence that one of the first two was\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A voluntarily	D impending
B understandably	E significant
C eventually	F intentional

4. French folktales almost always take place within the basic\_\_\_\_that correspond to the\_\_\_\_setting of peasant life: on the one hand, the household and village and on the other, the open road.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A frameworks	D hierarchical
B chronologies	E dual
C narratives	F ambivalent

5. The startling finding that variations in the rate of the Earth's rotation depend to an\_\_\_degree on the weather has necessitated a complete\_\_\_of the world's time-keeping methods.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unexpected	D overhaul
B anticipated	E rejection
C unobservable	F acceptance

6. A\_\_\_acceptance of contemporary forms of social behavior has misled a few into believing that values in conflict with the present age are for all practical purposes\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A complacent	D reliable
B cautious	E trenchant
C plaintive	F superseded



## Exercise 30

1. Since many casual smokers develop lungcancer and many\_\_\_smokers do not, scientists believe that individuals differ in their\_\_\_the cancer-causing agents known to be present in cigarette smoke.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A heavy	D susceptibility to
B light	E concern about
C occasional	F proximity to

2. The current penchant for\_\_\_a product by denigrating a rival, named in the advertisement by brand name, seems somewhat\_\_\_: suppose the consumer remembers only the rival's name?

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A criticizing	D foolhardy
B touting	E insipid
C sapping	F gullible

3. His imperturbability in the face of evidence indicating his deliberate fraud failed to reassure supporters of his essential\_\_\_; instead, it suggested a talent for\_\_\_that they had never suspected.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A culpability	D intrigue
B remorse	E loquacity
C probity	F guile

4. Although providing wild chimpanzees with food makes them less\_\_\_and easier to study, it is also known to\_\_\_their normal social patterns.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A shy	D reinforce
B poised	E disrupt
C accessible	F reconcile

5. There is something\_\_\_\_about the way the building of monasteries proliferated in eighteenth-century Bavaria, while in the rest of the Western world religious ardor was\_\_\_\_and church building was consequently declining.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A immutable	D coalescing
B incongruous	E diminishing
C momentous	F diversifying

6 Neither the ideas of philosophers nor the practices of ordinary people can, by themselves, \_\_\_\_reality; what in fact changes reality and kindles revolution is the\_\_\_\_of the two.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A constitute	D divergence
B transform	E interplay
C preserve	F intervention

## Exercise 31

1. Although she gives badly\_\_\_titles to her musical compositions, they\_\_\_unusual combinations of materials including Gregorian chant, Asian scale patterns and rhythms, electronic sounds, and bird songs.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A enigmatic	D incorporate
B imaginative	E differentiate
C conventional	F belie

2. Even though the folktales Partout collected and retold were not solely French in origin, his versions of them were so decidedly French in style that later anthologizes of French folktales have never\_\_\_them.

- (A) excluded
- (B) admired
- (C) collected
- (D) promoted
- (E) comprehended

3. In arguing against assertions that environmental catastrophe is imminent, her book does not ridicule all predictions of doom but rather claims that the risks of harm have in many cases been\_\_\_.

- (A) exaggerated
- (B) ignored
- (C) scrutinized
- (D) derided
- (E) increased

4. There seems to be no\_\_\_the reading public's thirst for books about the 1960's: indeed, the normal level of interest has\_\_\_recently because of aspiration of popular television documentaries.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A ignoring	D increased
B whetting	E transformed
C slaking	F moderated

5. Despite a tendency to be overtly\_\_\_\_, the poetry of the Middle Ages often sparks the imagination and provides lively entertainment, as well as pious sentiments.

- (A) diverting
- (B) emotional
- (C) didactic
- (D) romantic
- (E) whimsical

6. One of the first\_\_\_\_ of reduced burning in Amazon rain forests was the chestnut industry: smoke tends to drive out the insects that, by pollinating chestnut tree, allow chestnuts to develop.

- (A) reformers
- (B) discoveries
- (C) casualties
- (D) critics
- (E) beneficiaries

## Exercise 32

1. The scientist found it puzzling that his theory encountered\_\_\_\_despite widespread agreement that it was\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A respect	D simplistic
B opposition	E indisputable
C acceptance	F unfathomable

2. The rate at which soil can absorb water\_\_\_\_with continuous wetting, so the longer a\_\_\_\_lasts, or the greater the rate of precipitation, the higher the percentage of water that will flow across the ground as runoff and enter stream channels.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A decreases	D rainstorm
B stabilizes	E drought
C rises	F thaw

3. The research committee urged the archaeologist to \_\_\_\_her claim that the tomb she has discovered was that of Alexander the Great since her initial report has been based only on \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A disseminate	D evidence
B document	E facts
C disprove	F conjecture

4. The meeting on environmental issues produced\_\_\_\_discussion but no commitment on a plan of action: the many uncertainties surrounding global climatic change and the huge cost of efforts to limit it made the policymakers\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A little	D affable
B heated	E businesslike
C frustrating	F contentious

5. Art that endures often makes an initially disturbing impact: the profound experience that such art seeks to provoke necessarily engenders a certain\_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) familiarity
- (B) ennui
- (C) upheaval
- (D) intimacy
- (E) tranquility

6. The history of film reflects the \_\_\_\_\_ inherent in the medium itself: film combines still photographs to represent continuous motion and, while seeming to present life itself, can also offer impossible and dreamlike unrealities.

- (A) trivialities
- (B) biases
- (C) constraints
- (D) paradoxes
- (E) liabilities

## Exercise 33

1. Although Heron is well known for the broad comedy in the movies she has directed previously, her new film is less inclined to\_\_\_\_: the gags are fewer and subtler.

- (A) understatement
- (B) preciousity
- (C) symbolism
- (D) buffoonery
- (E) melodrama

2. Bebop's legacy is\_\_\_\_one: bebop may have won jazz the right to be taken seriously as an art form, but it \_\_\_\_jazz's mass audience, which turned to other forms of music such as rock and pop.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a valuable	D aggrandized
B a troubled	E pleased
C a mixed	F alienated

3. The exhibition's importance lies in its\_\_\_\_: curators have gathered a diverse array of significant works from many different museums.

- (A) homogeneity
- (B) sophistry
- (C) scope
- (D) farsightedness
- (E) insularity

4. Despite the fact that the commission's report treats a vitally important topic, the report will be \_\_\_\_ read because its prose is so \_\_\_\_ that understanding it require an enormous effort.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A eagerly	D pertinent
B widely	E pellucid
C little	F turgid

5. Although based on an actual event, the film lacks\_\_\_\_: the director shuffles events, simplifies the tangle of relationships, and \_\_\_\_ documentary truth for dramatic power.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A verisimilitude	D sacrifices
B conviction	E embraces
C imagination	F utilizes

6. The profits that the corporation earns from the exclusive-supplier agreements with the universities are\_\_\_\_, because the terms of agreements that are inclined to protect the universities' interests are generally\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A declining	D enforced
B unclear	E ignored
C surprising	F scrutinized



## Exercise 34

1. Despite the fact that the amateur runner trained rigorously for six months before the race, he failed to \_\_\_\_ it: the course was so \_\_\_\_ that even professional runners struggled to finish.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A concede	D demanding
B underestimate	E manageable
C complete	F unusual

2. In linking geographically disparate people, the Internet is arguably helping millions of spontaneous communities to bloom: communities defined by common interests rather than by the accident of \_\_\_\_.

- (A) compatibility
- (B) affluence
- (C) reciprocity
- (D) contemporaneousness
- (E) proximity

3. It is as if Woodward could not bear to leave anything out; if he had \_\_\_\_ some of his material, the resulting increase in focus would have more than \_\_\_\_ any loss in comprehensiveness.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A expanded	D compensated for
B pruned	E exaggerated
C elaborated	F pointed up

4. The hesitancy of many countries to embrace market reform is unfortunate, because many national success stories suggest that far from \_\_\_\_ such reform, countries should be eager to \_\_\_\_ its benefits.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A eschewing	D question
B implementing	E document
C understanding	F reap

5. Contemporary lawmakers' preoccupation with regulating the Internet is \_\_\_\_ the way lawmakers treated many young industries in the past; United States railroads, for instance, were in business for 60 years before the federal government \_\_\_\_ regulations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A reminiscent of	D eased
B faithful to	E introduced
C at odds with	F repeal

6. Despite the fact that the book's title suggests\_\_\_\_, the author is not a charlatan claiming to offer a \_\_\_\_; rather, her book assessed all possible treatments of certain diseases without identifying any cures.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A quackery	D panacea
B sincerity	E critique
C expertise	F prescription

## Exercise 35

1. Even by the company's own standards of \_\_\_\_, its early years were extremely \_\_\_\_: it manufactured as many as three million appliances a month during that three-year period.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A efficiency	D inauspicious
B profitability	E disappointing
C ethics	F productive

2. In the nineteenth century, composers exhibiting \_\_\_\_ skill found themselves \_\_\_\_ as writers by periodicals that afforded them an opportunity to earn money and to make their views about music known.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A financial	D out of favor
B limited	E in demand
C literary	F censured

3. Writers typically do not \_\_\_\_ the great visual artists of their own generation: for Courbet, considered by many to be the greatest painter of Baudelaire's time, the poet offered \_\_\_\_ praise.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A evaluate	D unstinting
B recognize	E scant
C utilize	F extravagant

4. A common misconception is that linguists are concerned only with the origin and development of languages, but these topics, though they constitute an important part of linguistics, do not \_\_\_\_ the subject.

- (A) frame
- (B) transcend
- (C) convey
- (D) exhaust
- (E) illuminate

5. Traditional Navajo concepts of government are \_\_\_\_; decisions are arrived at through consensus rather than \_\_\_\_ by a single authority.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A aristocratic	D censured
B egalitarian	E dictated
C hierarchical	F speculated

6. The architecture critic perceived as ironic the fact that one of the first buildings to deviate from the Modernist architecture on the campus was designed by an architectural firm renowned for its \_\_\_\_ of that aesthetic.

- (A) scorn
- (B) anticipation
- (C) mastery
- (D) avoidance
- (E) renunciation

## Exercise 36

1. Of all the professor's various mentors, Carabelli was clearly the most \_\_\_\_, since it was he who fundamentally shaped the professor's now highly regarded research approach.

- (A) circumspect
- (B) influential
- (C) exacting
- (D) idealistic
- (E) unethical

2. Some believe that the tradition of holding elections on Tuesday was established to restrict voting to truly serious voters, but in fact \_\_\_\_ was the original idea behind Tuesday voting, since Tuesday in rural communities was when people were most likely to be in town.

- (A) elitism
- (B) convenience
- (C) apathy
- (D) favoritism
- (E) partisanship

3. Although the politician was basically conservative in her views, she was not \_\_\_\_: her positions on certain issues could even be called \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A radical	D progressive
B moderate	E hidebound
C reactionary	F cautious

4. Cultural change is seldom truly \_\_\_\_: successive periods overlap, progress is \_\_\_\_, and within a prevailing climate of opinion there can be innumerable variations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A straight forward	D dramatic
B complex	E manifest
C visible	F ragged

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

- (A) characterized
- (B) unencumbered
- (C) supported
- (D) contradicted
- (E) inspired

6. In many cities mass-transit delays occur so frequently that patrons have finally become \_\_\_\_ them and have simply adjusted their schedules accordingly.

- (A) committed to
- (B) cognizant of
- (C) enraged by
- (D) desirous of
- (E) inured to

## Exercise 37

1. The biographer's intense emotional involvement with his subject did not \_\_\_\_ objectivity, since the passionate engagement fostered deep knowledge that was ultimately necessary for truly \_\_\_\_ judgment.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A preclude	D disinterested
B encourage	E partisan
C admit	F pragmatic

2. Some theories of why election results in democracies sometimes seem perverse rest on the idea that there is an intrinsic \_\_\_\_ in human behavior; in contrast, other explanations posits that people act logically, \_\_\_\_ their interests and behaving accordingly.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A selfishness	D calculating
B ratiocination	E thwarting
C irrationality	F ignoring

3. The book's account of the governors' term in office is too uniformly \_\_\_\_ to be persuasive: it overlooks her many accomplishments and \_\_\_\_ her failures.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A rosy	D downplays
B harsh	E exaggerates
C encomiastic	F enumerates

4. An epistolary novel, composed of fictitious correspondence between its characters, may seem \_\_\_\_ to the contemporary reader who writes few letters and who may doubt that anyone could have such incessant recourse to the pen.

- (A) injudicious
- (B) iniquitous
- (C) unrealistic
- (D) insensate
- (E) superfluous

5. Chavez' account of her supervisors' \_\_\_\_ decision making belies the agency's image as little more than \_\_\_\_ bureaucracy.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A ill-informed	D a timorous
B systematic	E a methodical
C headlong	F a hierarchical

6. Although many genuine friendships are entered into only out of pure goodwill \_\_\_\_ with selfish considerations, many real \_\_\_\_ accrue to those who enter into such relations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A fraught	D deficits
B unmixed	E consequences
C confused	F advantages



## Exercise 38

1. During the speeches preliminary to the ship's launching, its designer's expression was pensive and his stare distant; doubtless, he was \_\_\_\_ the ceremony and was anxious to get on with the launch.

- (A) rearranging
- (B) inspecting
- (C) unsure of
- (D) preoccupied with
- (E) impatient with

2. Although not all the women in the group identified themselves as feminists, their lives \_\_\_\_ their shared belief that men and women were equal and that the accomplishments, not the gender, of an individual mattered.

- (A) challenged
- (B) demonstrated
- (C) conflated
- (D) undermined
- (E) contradicted

3. Traditional Chinese culture opposed music performed solely for entertainment; accordingly, China's musical entertainers were, in the past, \_\_\_\_ a low social status.

- (A) exempt from
- (B) relegated to
- (C) privy to
- (D) honored with
- (E) scornful of

4. Although the diverse local idioms of English in England are not as strong as they once were, their \_\_\_\_ has been \_\_\_\_: television and radio are not the homogenizing forces that they were once thought to be.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A meaning	D underrated
B importance	E exaggerated
C variety	F misconstrued

5. Some suggest that students who are granted privileges receive them because their teachers wish to make the students \_\_\_\_; more probably, causality flows in the opposite direction, in that teachers are likely to grant privileges to diligent students.

- (A) excitable
- (B) independent
- (C) malleable
- (D) grateful
- (E) conscientious

6. This writer of fiction believed that the novelist should not \_\_\_\_ the narrative, and that such inconspicuousness on the part of the author would preserve the illusion of reality.

- (A) preconceive
- (B) minimize
- (C) hasten
- (D) agonize over
- (E) obtrude into

## Exercise 39

1. Since one of Professor Roche's oft-repeated adages was that familiarity leads to \_\_\_\_, his students were quite surprised to find him so \_\_\_\_ *Return of the Native*, a novel he had taught for over 30 years.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A boredom	D conversant with
B knowledge	E excited by
C love	F experienced with

2. Reason was once believed to be \_\_\_\_ human, but lately this assumption of intellectual superiority has come under increasingly skeptical scrutiny: most researchers now at least \_\_\_\_ the notion that some animals can think.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A commonly	D entertain
B scarcely	E ridicule
C unique	F balk at

3. Powerful as they are, the \_\_\_\_ songs the artist is best known for might sting more and have even greater emotional complexity if one felt that his criticisms were aimed at himself as well as at his unnamed foes.

- (A) accusatory
- (B) altruistic
- (C) mournful
- (D) simplistic
- (E) humble

4. In her novel the sea is \_\_\_\_ symbol: to the narrator it clearly represents everything that is destructive in nature, but at other times it seems to stand for everything in nature that is serenely beautiful.

- (A) an enduring
- (B) an ambiguous
- (C) a coherent
- (D) an obtrusive
- (E) a discrete

5. Despite their extensive efforts to determine the mode of oil \_\_\_\_, scientists still have not \_\_\_\_ the process by which oil is produced.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A recovery	D established
B synthesis	E condoned
C genesis	F rejected

6. Compared with their parties, politicians are \_\_\_\_: they are considerably less enduring than the organizations in which they function.

- (A) ubiquitous
- (B) autonomous
- (C) fickle
- (D) immutable
- (E) transitory

## Exercise 40

1. The cause of the disease is fairly simple and has been understood for over a century; by contrast, its symptoms and effects are \_\_\_\_ .

- (A) straightforward
- (B) illuminating
- (C) severe
- (D) well researched
- (E) perplexing

2. Throughout the artist's work there runs a thread of psychic darkness strong enough to unnerve the most added sensibility: even her drawings from the comparatively \_\_\_\_ months of her visit to Rome \_\_\_\_ violence secrecy, and despair.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A morbid	D eschew
B tranquil	E rival
C languid	F emanate

3. Even among the staid, unemotional denominations of the 1830s and 1840s, the renewal of religious fervor and the necessity of competing with more \_\_\_\_ clerics inevitably led to a greater \_\_\_\_ ministerial showmanship.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A empathetic	D cultivation of
B reserved	E disdain for
C charismatic	F admiration

4. Tuberculosis has long been \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ disease: for thousands of years, it has continued to afflict humankind without regard for sex, class, occupation, or race.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a relentless	D selective
B an unpredictable	E egalitarian
C a sporadic	F capricious

5. He found his new acquaintance to be \_\_\_\_ :trying to understand her personality was like peering into an unknown dimension.

- (A) puerile
- (B) imperturbable
- (C) cosmopolitan
- (D) inscrutable
- (E) obdurate

6. The writer has gained such popularity with his readers that even his inanities are now considered \_\_\_\_ .

- (A) vacuous
- (B) tedious
- (C) speculative
- (D) allusive
- (E) trenchant

## Exercise 41

1. Initially a defender of democratic rule, the president ironically soon began to employ the very dictatorial powers that he had once \_\_\_\_.
- (A) supported  
(B) condemned  
(C) created  
(D) advocated  
(E) recognized
2. The artist was quite \_\_\_\_ : he not only painted portraits and illustrated books but also designed furniture and monuments.
- (A) unsophisticated  
(B) conventional  
(C) temperamental  
(D) exacting  
(E) versatile
3. Because of the likelihood that her new colleague would not approve of her political opinions, the reporter briefly considered remaining quiet, then quickly resolved that she would not \_\_\_\_ her personal views merely for the sake of \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A suppress	D concord
B advertise	E debate
C misrepresent	F posterity

4. The feminist poet's extremely explicit and witty diatribes against social convention were so thoroughly \_\_\_\_ other writers that her idiosyncratic brand of rebellion eventually became the convention of her time.
- (A) inimical to  
(B) alien to  
(C) emulated by  
(D) resented by  
(E) misunderstood by

5. Although sermons retained their \_\_\_\_ in religious life during most of twentieth century, they are gradually \_\_\_\_ that central places as churches devote more energy to social activities.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A marginality	D occupying
B preeminence	E losing
C negligence	F preempting

6. The same environmental process that long ago caused the original degradation of the forest ecosystem are acting as \_\_\_\_ its rehabilitation; scientists therefore intend to try to \_\_\_\_ these processes in order to prevent future damage to the ecosystem.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A barriers to	D counter
B precursors to	E facilitate
C signals of	F exacerbate



## Exercise 42

1. The noisy begging of a brood of baby birds is a \_\_\_\_ to biologists: why would any helpless, immature organism do something that seems so likely to endanger it by \_\_\_\_ predators.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A conundrum	D attracting
B signal	E outwitting
C given	F repelling

2. While still\_\_\_\_, Juvenal's later satires\_\_\_\_ a change of tone and some touches of human kindness, as though he had found some consolation at last.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A pessimistic	D avoid
B hopeful	E show
C embittered	F undermine

3. Upon realizing that the indicators of a stressful situation can be extremely\_\_\_\_, the psychologist reconsidered his claim that a reliable way to reduce stress is to recognize stressful situations and then avoid them.

- (A) acute
- (B) subtle
- (C) well-documented
- (D) exaggerated
- (E) persistent

4. The chief flaw of the work is that it dwells too long on matters that are\_\_\_\_ to its main subject, leaving\_\_\_\_ space for treatment of the heart of the topic.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A germane	D scant
B integral	E equivalent
C ancillary	F compensatory

5. The\_\_\_\_ activity that usually accompanies annual conventions of professional scholars is in ill keeping with the \_\_\_\_ and order befitting earnest intellectual endeavor.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A frivolous	D dilettantism
B erudite	E gravity
C cerebral	F levity

6. Contrary to the new manager's draconian reputation, most of the work rules and procedures she implemented were relatively \_\_\_\_ .

- (A) innocuous
- (B) punctilious
- (C) onerous
- (D) transparent
- (E) uncomplicated

## Exercise 43

1. In the 1950's, the country's inhabitants were \_\_\_\_: most of them knew very little about foreign countries.

- (A) partisan
- (B) erudite
- (C) insular
- (D) cosmopolitan
- (E) imperturbable

2. Personal sacrifice without the promise of immediate gain is an anomaly in this era when a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ is the most powerful predisposition shaping individual actions.

- (A) fairness
- (B) humanitarianism
- (C) causality
- (D) ambiguity
- (E) entitlement

3. The (i)\_\_\_\_\_ nature of classical tragedy in Athens belies the modern image of tragedy: in the modern view tragedy is austere and stripped down, its representations of ideological and emotional conflicts so superbly compressed that there's nothing (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ for time to erode.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unadorned	D inalienable
B harmonious	E exigent
C multifaceted	F extraneous

4. The (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of data about condors leaves many questions unanswered and brings a plea from ornithologists that the birds deserve a more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ examination.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A paucity	D disingenuous
B plethora	E cursory
C accuracy	F exhaustive

5. New technologies often begin by (i) \_\_\_\_\_ what has gone before, and they change the world later. Think how long it took power-using companies to recognize that with electricity they did not need to cluster their machinery around the power source, as in the days of steam. Instead, power could be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ their processes. In that sense, many of today's computer networks are still in the steam age. Their full potential remains unrealized.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A uprooting	D transmitted to
B dismissing	E consolidated around
C mimicking	F incorporated into

6. Murray, whose show of recent paintings and drawings is her best in many years, has been eminent hereabouts for a quarter century, although often regarded with (i) \_\_\_\_\_, but the most (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ of these paintings (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ all doubts.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A partiality	D problematic	G exculpate
B credulity	E successful	H assuage
C ambivalence	F disparaged	I whet

7. A restaurant's menu is generally reflected in its decor; however, despite this restaurant's \_\_\_\_\_ appearance it is pedestrian in the menu it offers.

- (A) elegant
- (B) tawdry
- (C) modern
- (D) traditional
- (E) conventional
- (F) chic

8. International financial issues are typically \_\_\_\_\_ by the United States media because they are too technical to make snappy headlines and too inaccessible to people who lack a background in economics.

- (A) neglected
- (B) slighted
- (C) overrated
- (D) hidden
- (E) criticized
- (F) repudiated

9. While in many ways their personalities could not have been more different—she was ebullient where he was glum, relaxed where he was awkward, garrulous where he was \_\_\_\_\_—they were surprisingly well suited.

- (A) solicitous
- (B) munificent
- (C) irresolute
- (D) laconic
- (E) fastidious
- (F) taciturn

10. According to some political analysts, the candidate's occasionally rambling response to questions suggest that he has been out of circulation for a while and his debating skills need to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) discredited
- (B) enhanced
- (C) reevaluated
- (D) remedied
- (E) de-emphasized
- (F) honed

## Exercise 44

1. Many find it strange that her writing is thought to be tortuous; her recent essays, although longer than most of her earlier essays, are extremely \_\_\_\_.

- (A) painstaking
- (B) tedious
- (C) insightful
- (D) sophisticated
- (E) clear

2. Although the movement to preserve historic buildings is not usually thought of as \_\_\_\_\_ phenomenon, it deserves mention in the history of ideas because it launched the critique of the ideology of progress.

- (A) an economic
- (B) an intellectual
- (C) an inconsequential
- (D) a comprehensible
- (E) a philanthropic

3. There has been much hand-wringing about how unprepared American students are for college. Graff reverses this perspective, suggesting that colleges are unprepared for students. In his analysis, the university culture is largely (i) \_\_\_\_\_ entering students because academic culture fails to make connections to the kinds of arguments and cultural references that students grasp. Understandably, many students view academic life as (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ ritual.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A primed for	D an arcane
B opaque to	E a laudable
C essential for	F a painstaking

4. Of course anyone who has ever perused an unmodernized text of Captain Clark's journals knows that the Captain was one of the most (i) \_\_\_\_\_ spellers ever to write in English, but despite this (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ orthographical rules, Clark is never unclear.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A indefatigable	D disregard for
B fastidious	E partiality toward
C defiant	F unpretentiousness about

5. Having displayed his art collection in a vast modernist white space in (i)\_\_\_\_\_ former warehouse, Mr. Saatchi has chosen for his new site its polar opposite, a riverside monument to civic pomposity that once housed the local government. There is nothing (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ about the new location: the building's design is bureaucratic baroque, (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ style that is as declamatory as a task-force report and as self-regarding as a campaign speech.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A a decadent	D atavistic	G an ascetic
B a claustrophobic	E spare	H a grandiose
C an unprepossessing	F pretentious	I an understated

6. That the President manages the economy is an assumption (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the prevailing wisdom that dominates electoral politics in the United States. As a result, presidential elections have become referenda on the business cycle, whose fortuitous turnings are (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the President. Presidents are properly accountable for their executive and legislative performance, and certainly their actions may have profound effects on the economy. But these effects are (iii)\_\_\_\_\_. Unfortunately, modern political campaigns are fought on the untenable premise that Presidents can deliberately produce precise economic results.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A peripheral to	D justifiably personified in	G usually long-lasting
B central to	E erroneously attributed to	H regrettably unnoticeable
C at odds with	F occasionally associated with	I largely unpredictable

7. Linguistic science confirms what experienced users of ASL—American Sign Language—have always implicitly known: ASL is a grammatically \_\_\_\_ language, as capable of expressing a full range of syntactic relations as any natural spoken language.

- (A) complete
- (B) economical
- (C) redundant
- (D) spare
- (E) unique
- (F) unlimited

8. In medieval philosophy every physical phenomenon is presumed to have some determinate cause, leaving no place for \_\_\_\_ in the explanation of particular events.

- (A) happenstance
- (B) chance
- (C) error
- (D) experience
- (E) context
- (F) miscalculation

9. It is truly paradoxical that the Amazon, the lushest of all rainforests, is rooted in the most \_\_\_\_\_ of all soils.

- (A) acidic
- (B) coarse
- (C) stark
- (D) impoverished
- (E) infertile
- (F) austere

10. Cynics believe that people who \_\_\_\_ compliments do so in order to be praised twice.

- (A) conjure up
- (B) covet
- (C) deflect
- (D) grasp
- (E) shrug off
- (F) understand



## Exercise 45

1. 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)\_\_\_\_\_ theorem. 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)
A overlooked	D comprehensive
B occasional	E improbable
C patent	F pervasive

2. A newly published, laudatory biography of George Bernard Shaw fails, like others before it, to capture the essence of his personality: the more he is (i)\_\_\_\_\_, the more his true self seems to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A discussed	D disappear
B disparaged	E emerge
C disregarded	F coalesce

3. The narratives that vanquished peoples have created of their defeat have, according to Schivelbusch, fallen into several identifiable types. In one of these, the vanquished manage to (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the victor's triumph as the result of some spurious advantage, the victors being truly inferior where it counts. Often the winners (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ this interpretation, worrying about the culture or moral costs of their triumph and so giving some credence to the loser's story.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A construe	D take issue with
B anoint	E disregard
C acknowledge	F collude in

4. The question of (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in photography has lately become nontrivial, prices for vintage prints(those make 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)
A forgery	D ballooned	G discrepancy
B influence	E weakened	H ambiguity
C style	F varied	I duplicity

5. In the long run, high-technology communications cannot \_\_\_\_\_ more traditional face-to-face family togetherness, in Aspinall’s view.

- (A) ameliorate
- (B) compromise
- (C) supersede
- (D) approximate
- (E) enervate
- (F) supplant

6. The macromolecule RNA is common to all living beings, and DNA, which is found in all organisms except some bacteria, is almost\_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) comprehensive
- (B) fundamental
- (C) inclusive
- (D) universal
- (E) significant
- (F) ubiquitous

7. Even in this business, where\_\_\_\_\_is part of everyday life, a talent of lying is not something usually found on one’s resume.

- (A) aspiration
- (B) mendacity
- (C) prevarication
- (D) insensitivity
- (E) baseness
- (F) avarice

## Exercise 46

1. In the current research program, new varieties of apple trees are evaluated under different agricultural\_\_\_\_\_for tree size, bloom density, fruit size, adaptability to various soils, and resistance to pests and disease.

- (A) circumscription
- (B) regulations
- (C) conditions
- (D) auspices
- (E) configurations

2. stories are a haunted genre; hardly(i)\_\_\_\_\_kind of story, the ghost story is almost the paradigm of the form, and (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ was undoubtedly one effect that Poe had in mind when he wrote about how stories work.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a debased	D pessimism
B a normative	E goosebumps
C a meticulous	F curiosity

3. the playwright's approach is(i)\_\_\_\_\_ in that her works(ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the theatrical devices normally used to create drama on the stage.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A pedestrian	D jettison
B startling	E experiment with
C celebrated	F distill

4. I've long anticipated this retrospective of the artist's work, hoping it would make (i)\_\_\_\_\_ judgments about him possible, but greater familiarity with his paintings highlights their inherent (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ and actually makes one's assessment(iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A modish	D gloom	G similarly equivocal
B settled	E ambiguity	H less sanguine
C detached	F delicacy	I more cynical

5. Higher energy prices would have many (i)\_\_\_\_\_ effects on society as a whole. Besides encouraging consumers to be more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in their use of gasoline, they would encourage the development of renewable alternative energy sources that are not (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ at current prices.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A pernicious	D aggressive	G unstable
B counterintuitive	E predictable	H adaptable
C salubrious	F sparing	I viable

6. But they pay little attention to the opposite and more treacherous failing: false certainty, refusing to confess their mistakes and implicitly claiming(i) \_\_\_\_\_,thereby embarrassing the nation and undermining the Constitution, which established various mechanisms of self-correction on the premise that even the wisest men are sometimes wrong and need, precisely when they find it most (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, the benefit of (iii)\_\_\_\_\_process.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A infallibility	D discomfiting	G an adaptable
B immunity	E expedient	H a remedial
C impartiality	F imminent	I an injudicious

7. Once White stepped down from a political platform, where his daring,\_\_\_\_\_speeches provoked baying applause from audiences, he was courteous and considerate even to politicians he had just slandered in the speech.

- (A) florid
- (B) defamatory
- (C) calumnious
- (D) inveigling
- (E) timorous
- (F) diffident

8. clearly the government faced a dilemma: it could hardly\_\_\_\_ trials, especially in the absence of irrefutable evidence, but it also would not welcome, in the midst of war, the scandal that would arise if trials were avoided.

- (A) be keen on
- (B) be inclined to
- (C) arrange
- (D) dispense with
- (E) turn its back on
- (F) credit

9. the hodgepodge nature of local and federal law enforcement and the changing but often still inadequate regulations governing the credit industry make identity theft a particularly \_\_\_\_\_ crime.

- (A) unobjectionable
- (B) viable
- (C) dubious
- (D) innocuous
- (E) uncontrollable
- (F) intractable

10. Economic competition among nations may lead to new forms of economic protectionism that hearken back to the mercantilism of an earlier age: there are signs today that such protectionism is indeed \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (A) evanescent
- (B) resurgent
- (C) recrudescence
- (D) transitory
- (E) controversial
- (F) inimical

## Exercise 47

1. Unlike other creatures, who are shaped largely by their immediate environment, human beings are products of a culture accumulated over centuries, yet one that is constantly being \_\_\_\_\_ by massive infusions of new information from everywhere.

- (A) unconfirmed
- (B) upheld
- (C) transformed
- (D) mechanized
- (E) superseded

2. Scientists are not the only persons who examine the world about them by the use of rational processes, although they sometimes (i)\_\_\_\_\_ this impression by extending the definition of "scientist" to include anyone who is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in his or her investigational practices.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A conceal	D intuitive
B create	E haphazard
C undermine	F logical

3. Critics charge that the regulatory agency, having never defined what constitutes an untenable risk, has grown (i)\_\_\_\_\_ outside influences on that issue: several experts have (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ it recently for allowing one power plant to delay an inspection for more than six weeks despite compelling safety concerns.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A susceptible to	D complimented
B unaware of	E panned
C irritated at	F overlooked

4. Colleagues describe Padgett as both forthright and reticent, humble and (i)\_\_\_\_\_, good-natured and (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. And in her behavior as a businesswoman, Padgett herself does little to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ these contradictions. She says she is proemployee but is avowedly antiunion. She calls herself procustomer but acknowledges that she runs a store with higher profit margins and prices than almost any other grocer.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A diffident	D prickly	G dispel
B eccentric	E solicitous	H fulfill
C arrogant	F phlegmatic	I accentuate

5. Room acoustics design criteria are determined according to the room's intended use. Music, for example, is best (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in spaces that are reverberant, a condition that generally makes speech less (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. Acoustics suitable for both speech and music can sometimes be created in the same space, although the result is never perfect, each having to be (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ to some extent.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A controlled	D abrasive	G compromised
B appreciated	E intelligible	H eliminated
C employed	F ubiquitous	I considered

6. Since becoming commissioner, Mr. Vincent has snapped at the heels of the dominant firms in European industry more \_\_\_\_\_ than his smoother predecessors and has consequently acquired many more enemies.

- (A) sporadically
- (B) irascibly
- (C) persistently
- (D) pugnaciously
- (E) fitfully
- (F) judiciously

7. The vegetation at Stone Mountain, the best known of the large rock masses known as monadnocks, is far from \_\_\_\_\_, having been decimated by the hiking traffic.

- (A) blighted
- (B) endangered
- (C) picturesque
- (D) pristine
- (E) undisturbed
- (F) vulnerable

## Exercise 48

1. James Boswell's *Life of Samuel Johnson* is generally thought to have established Boswell as the first great modern biographer; yet the claim of \_\_\_\_ could be made for Johnson himself as author of a *Life of Richard Savage*.

- (A) partisanship
- (B) omniscience
- (C) precedence
- (D) opportunism
- (E) perseverance

2. Most spacecraft are still at little risk of collision with space debris during their operational lifetimes, but given the numbers of new satellites launched each year, the orbital environment in the future is likely to be less \_\_\_\_.

- (A) crowded
- (B) invulnerable
- (C) protected
- (D) polluted
- (E) benign

3. The unironic representation of objects from everyday life is \_\_\_\_ serious American art of the twentieth century: "high" artist ceded the straightforward depiction of the \_\_\_\_ to illustrators, advertisers, and packaging designers.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A missing from	D beautiful
B valued in	E commonplace
C crucial to	F complex

4. Television promotes \_\_\_\_ of emotion in viewer through an unnatural evocation, every five minutes, of different and \_\_\_\_ feelings.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a withdrawal	D incompatible
B an obscuring	E sympathetic
C a discontinuity	F interminable



5. While the cerulean warbler's status may be particularly (i)\_\_\_\_, it is just one of the many species of migrant birds whose numbers have been (ii)\_\_\_\_ for years. Increasingly, biologists investigating the causes of these (iii)\_\_\_\_ are focusing on habitat loss in the Tropics, where the birds spend the winter.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A precarious	D underreported	G pairings
B secure	E falling	H migrations
C representative	F copious	I declines

6. The recent publication of the painter Rober Motherwell's subsistential body of writing, as well as writings by fellow Expressionist Barnett Newman, (i)\_\_\_\_ Ann Gibson's assertion that the Abstract Expressionists were reluctant to (ii)\_\_\_\_ issues of artistic meaning in their work and suggests that this supposed reticence was perhaps more artistic (iii)\_\_\_\_ than historical fact.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A substantiates	D forgo	G conscience
B undermines	E articulate	H focus
C overlooks	F conceal	I posturing

7. The spy's repeated bungling was, above all else, \_\_\_\_ those who wished to thwart her efforts, since it was so unpredictable as to obscure any pattern that might otherwise lead to capture.

- (A) an obstacle to
- (B) a signal to
- (C) a hindrance to
- (D) an indication for
- (E) a snare for
- (F) a boon to

8. Female video artists' rise to prominence over the past 30 years has \_\_\_\_ the ascent of video as an art form: it is only within the past three decades that video art has attained its current, respected status.

- (A) matched
- (B) politicized
- (C) paralleled
- (D) obviated
- (E) accelerated
- (F) forestalled

9. Although the film is rightly judged imperfect by most of today's critics, the films being created today are\_\_\_it, since its release in 1940 provoked sufficient critical discussion to enhance the intellectual respectability of cinema considerably.

- (A) beholden to
- (B) indebted to
- (C) derivative of
- (D) based on
- (E) distinguishable from
- (F) biased against

10. The detective's conviction that there were few inept crimes in her district led her to impute some degree of\_\_\_\_\_to every suspect she studied.

- (A) deceit
- (B) acumen
- (C) duplicity
- (D) shrewdness
- (E) evasiveness
- (F) equivocation

## Exercise 49

1. The epidemiologist was worried: despite\_\_\_\_signs of danger, few countries or companies had taken the possibility of a pandemic seriously, and there was little interest in developing a vaccine.

- (A) erroneous
- (B) mounting
- (C) token
- (D) inconclusive
- (E) residual

2. The author presents the life of Zane Grey with\_\_\_\_unusual in a biographer:he is not even convinced that Grey was a good writer.

- (A) a zeal
- (B) a deftness
- (C) a detachment
- (D) an eloquence
- (E) an imaginativeness

3. The current\_\_\_\_of format in electronic scholarly publication will not last beyond the point when amateur burnout occurs and amateurs are replaced by traditional publishing companies: in an effort to reduce costs through economies of scale, publishing firms tend toward\_\_\_\_in the format of their electronic publication projects.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A diversity	D homogeneity
B monotony	E sophistication
C refinement	F extremes

4. Because we assume the\_\_\_\_ of natural design, nature can often\_\_\_\_us:as the Wright brothers noted, the birds initially misled them in almost every particular,but their Flyer eventually succeeded by being the least avian of the early flying machines.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A quirkiness	D galvanize
B preeminence	E befriend
C maladroitness	F beguile

5. If one could don magic spectacles—with lenses that make the murky depths of the ocean become transparent—and look back several centuries to an age before widespread abuse of the oceans began, even the most (i)\_\_\_\_observer would quickly discover that fish were formerly much more abundant. Likewise, many now-depleted species of marine mammals would appear (ii)\_\_\_\_. But without such special glasses, the differences between past and present oceans are indeed hard to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A casual	D threatened	G ignore
B prescient	E plentiful	H discern
C clearheaded	F unfamiliar	I dismiss

6. This book's strengths are the author's breadth of knowledge and the blending of ideas and findings from many disciplines, including history, the arts and the sciences. Ideas from diverse perspectives are (i)\_\_\_\_to provide a historical and cross-cultural understanding. But a weakness of the book is its (ii)\_\_\_\_: sometimes there are leaps from one domain to another that (iii)\_\_\_\_\_the reader's ability to synthesize a coherent view of our current understanding of this subject.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A hyperbolized	D organization	G exaggerate
B interwoven	E intensity	H oversimplify
C reversed	F uniformity	I undercut

7. Alkan steadfastly refused to\_\_\_\_her responsibilities as an author:for her an author had to be fearless and committed,and she was always both.

- (A) undertake
- (B) shirk
- (C) disclose
- (D) reveal
- (E) rationalize
- (F) neglect

8. If emissions of heat-trapping gases continue to accumulate in the atmosphere at the current rate, Earth could experience global transformations, and while some of these changes might be \_\_, many could be downright disruptive.

- (A) catastrophic
- (B) calamitous
- (C) intolerable
- (D) irremediable
- (E) modest
- (F) unremarkable

9. It may be that most of this film footage was shown somewhere, but the documentary is designed to make audiences feel that this footage has never been seen, or that, having been seen, it was deliberately \_\_\_\_.

- (A) censored
- (B) imitated
- (C) suppressed
- (D) underscored
- (E) counterfeited
- (F) misrepresented

10. Philby secretly loathed the host of the party that he was attending, but it seemed \_\_\_\_ to say so publicly.

- (A) recondite
- (B) tactless
- (C) clever
- (D) malign
- (E) deft
- (F) impolitic

## Exercise 50

1. The book's seemingly casually written, conversational style masks \_\_\_ structure.

- (A) a loosely organized
- (B) a somewhat rambling
- (C) an overly diffuse
- (D) a shrewdly crafted
- (E) an unconventionally informal

2. This filmmaker is not outspoken on political matters: her films are known for their aesthetic qualities rather than for their \_\_\_ ones.

- (A) polemical
- (B) cinematic
- (C) narrative
- (D) commercial
- (E) dramatic

3. Though somewhat less \_\_\_ than previous chapters and suffering from a minor rash of academic jargon, the final chapter of the book is nonetheless \_\_\_ laypeople.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A arcane	D largely ignored by
B coherent	E accessible to
C subjective	F impenetrable to

4. Although he has long had a reputation for \_\_\_, his behavior toward his coworkers has always been \_\_\_, suggesting he may not be as insolent as people generally think.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inscrutability	D brazen
B venality	E courteous
C impudence	F predictable

5. There is nothing that (i)\_\_\_\_scientists more than having an old problem in their field solved by someone from outside. If you doubt this (ii)\_\_\_\_, just think about the (iii)\_\_\_\_reaction of paleontologists to the hypothesis of Luis Alvarez—a physicist—and Walter Alvarez—a geologist—that the extinction of the dinosaurs was caused by the impact of a large meteor on the surface of the planet.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A amazes	D exposition	G contemptuous
B pleases	E objugation	H indifferent
C nettles	F observation	I insincere

6. Historical research makes two somewhat antithetical truths that sounded (i)\_\_\_\_come to seem profound: knowledge of the past comes entirely from written documents,giving written words great (ii)\_\_\_\_, and the more material you uncover, the more (iii)\_\_\_\_your subject becomes.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A deep	D consequence	G elusive
B portentous	E antiquity	H contemporary
C banal	F simultaneity	I circumstantial

7. The slower-learning monkeys searched \_\_\_\_but unintelligently:although they worked closely together,they checked only the most obvious hiding places.

- (A) competitively
- (B) impulsively
- (C) cooperatively
- (D) deviously
- (E) craftily
- (F) harmoniously

8. The report's most significant weakness is its assumption that the phenomenon under study is\_\_\_\_, when in reality it is limited to a specific geographic area.

- (A) unusual
- (B) exceptional
- (C) ubiquitous
- (D) absolute
- (E) universal
- (F) restricted

9. By about eight, children's phonetic capacities are fully developed but still\_\_\_\_; thus children at that age can learn to speak a new language with a native speaker's accent.

- (A) plastic
- (B) vestigial
- (C) inarticulate
- (D) unformed
- (E) nascent
- (F) malleable

10. Each member of the journalistic pair served as\_\_\_\_the other: each refrained from publishing a given piece if the other doubted that it was ready to be printed.

- (A) a check on
- (B) an advocate for
- (C) an impediment to
- (D) a brake on
- (E) an apologist for
- (F) an intermediary for



## Exercise 51

1. Burke is often on slippery ground when it comes to her primary sources; especially \_\_\_\_ is the mode by which she gathered her oral evidence.

- (A) crucial
- (B) passable
- (C) dubious
- (D) laudable
- (E) ingenious

2. Although grandiose urban railroad stations are often viewed as glorious monuments to their cities, they in fact \_\_\_\_ the cities by enabling the migration of city dwellers to the suburbs.

- (A) invigorate
- (B) enlarge
- (C) enfeeble
- (D) delineate
- (E) overshadow

3. The Parisian Ecole des Beaux-Arts (school of Fine Arts) was \_\_\_\_ many nineteenth- and twentieth-century artists, so that by 1930 the associated term “academic art” had become a \_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A influential among	D pejorative
B ridiculed by	E conundrum
C attended by	F misnomer

4. Moore was (i) \_\_\_\_ ill at ease. His (ii) \_\_\_\_ had always been a distinguishing feature. It was what made him a good con artist and a good informant. He was one of those men who accepted dares with an easygoing smile and did outrageous things with (iii) \_\_\_\_ that made him successful in the dangerous world in which he operated. But just now he was not feeling very sure of himself.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A uncharacteristically	D disquietude	G an obvious clumsiness
B predictably	E magnanimity	H a sophisticated fearlessness
C naturally	F aplomb	I a wary vigilance

5. The journalism professor's first lecture tackled (i)\_\_\_itself, challenging the journalistic trope that an article has to represent all sides—no matter how marginal—equally. Instead, the professor argued that this impulse to (ii)\_\_\_even obviously (iii)\_\_\_views in order to furnish opposing perspectives is harmful to basic accuracy.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A marketability	D approve	G controversial
B objectivity	E present	H fringe
C partisanship	F denigrate	I straightforward

6. An esteemed literary critic, Mr. Wood has put together a (i)\_\_\_volume about literary technique, his playful exuberance (ii)\_\_\_the dry, jargon-strewn tradition of academic criticism. Mr. Wood can't claim to be (iii) \_\_\_; he has restricted himself to citations available in his personal library. Nor does he attempt to be methodical, as chapters proceed in higgledy-piggledy fashion. But few books novel writing provide such insights into the craft.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A deft	D wonderfully at odds with	G entertaining
B pretentious	E heavily influenced by	H accessible
C comprehensive	F largely superseded by	I thorough

7. That the book's argument was\_\_\_became clear as soon as reviews appeared: there were holes, and reviewers delighted in pointing them out.

- (A) wanting
- (B) convoluted
- (C) unintelligible
- (D) penetrating
- (E) flawed
- (F) complex

8. Some researchers worry that if there is a causal relationship between warming tropical sea surface temperatures and the marked increase in Atlantic hurricane activity since the early 1990s, this connection could\_\_\_larger changes.

- (A) presage
- (B) exacerbate
- (C) obscure
- (D) avert
- (E) portend
- (F) forestall

9. The dog's appearance of\_\_\_became increasingly irritating,his whines became more wheedling,his manner more imploring.

- (A) supplication
- (B) gratification
- (C) insolence
- (D) entreaty
- (E) willfulness
- (F) contentment

10. The demands of\_\_\_notwithstanding,a page or two in Dahl's recent book on democracy that considered what public-choice economics has to say about "democratic failure"—or at least a clear signpost to that literature—would have been very well spent.

- (A) clarity
- (B) brevity
- (C) comprehensiveness
- (D) economy
- (E) cogency
- (F) thoroughness

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