

1. With the numerous opponents of the controversial new taxation measure in such a fury, anyone who publicly advocated the measure did not fail to meet with _____ usage.

- A. politic
- B. severe
- C. sober
- D. respectful
- E. dejected

2. The paleontologist examined the problem afresh, believing that the accepted classification _____ the essential continuity of the specimens by making specious distinctions among them.

- A. disproved
- B. belied
- C. conflated
- D. divulged
- E. relaxed

3. Invention was (i)_____ the work of the ancient Greek historians, whose writings were filled with long and often purely fictitious speeches by great historical figures. The animating force in historical writing was rhetoric rather than (ii)_____. Even well into the eighteenth century, not a few historians continued to understand themselves as artists, given a license to invent.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.discouraged in	D.eloquence
B.a hallmark of	E.evidence
C.exceptional in	F.imagination

4. Scholars have marveled over the (i)_____ that Shakespeare displays in his works, noting that such broad learning is all the more remarkable given that books were relatively (ii)_____ in Shakespeares time.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.meticulousness	D.edifying
B.humor	E.scarce
C.erudition	F.inexpensive

5. She was never (i)_____ : she was nothing if not discreet, so she (ii)_____ for the present to declare her passion.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.precipitate	D.pretended
B.tactful	E.decided
C.thoughtful	F.forbore

6. The slow pace of job creation was without precedent for the period of recovery from a recession, but the conditions that conspired to cause the recession were also (i)_____. The stock market declined sharply, and rampant business investment slumped. Then an ensuing spate of scandals (ii)_____ public trust in the way companies were run. And yet, despite these powerful (iii)_____ to growth, the recession proved surprisingly mild.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A.heartening	D.weakened	G.counterforces
B.atypical	E.illuminated	H.stimulants
C.ambiguous	F.consolidated	I.concomitants

7. A cure for the common cold has been so elusive that it has become a modern symbol of _____.

- A. danger
- B. futility
- C. unease
- D. pointlessness
- E. sloth
- F. apathy

8. The dictators gleaming military uniform and imperial paraphernalia sharply contrast with the _____ fashion favored by most other contemporary political leaders.

- A. unostentatious
- B. modest
- C. august
- D. majestic
- E. formal
- F. casual

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

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

10. His premiership, seemingly cast-iron a year ago, is now so vulnerable that even a good day at the office does no more than buy him a few weeks of _____ from rebels within his own party.

- A. controversy
- B. reproach
- C. respite
- D. relief
- E. blame
- F. deference

1. In the last two hundreds years, the practice of archaeology has changed greatly, from digging up ancient artifacts for use by wealthy individuals as art objects to analyzing the detritus of everyday life in the laboratory, and thus from_____ to data collection.

- A. supposition
- B. theorizing
- C. fact-finding
- D. treasure hunting
- E. scientific discovery

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

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

3. The documentation of Earths biodiversity is complicated by the (i)_____ taxonomists. Those experts in classifying species tent to be (ii)_____ North America and Europe, whereas most of the undocumented biodiversity is likely in the tropics.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.uneven distribution of	D.clustered in
B.theoretical commitments of	E.oblivious to
C.professional rivalries among	F.exported from

4. For decades, economic ideas have been (i)_____ political purpose. Economists, for example, have peddled their theories as a way of gaining public prominence or political appointment, while politicians have (ii)_____ economic doctrines as possible solutions to the nations social problems.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.undermined by	D.rejected
B.inspired by	E.ignored
C.exploited for	F.promoted

5. Computers make it spectacularly easy to search for particular pieces of information in downloaded texts. And doing research in this strategic, targeted manner can feel (i)_____.Instead of (ii)_____ the organizing logic of the book you are reading, you can approach the book with your own questions and (iii)_____.You, not the author, are the master.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A.disorienting	D.disregarding	G.begin to discern the authors intent
B.humbling	E.surrendering to	H.glean precisely what you want from it
C.empowering	F.imitating	I.evaluate the book on its own terms

6. There are two opposing theories about mountain formation and climate over the past 40 million years: either the surge of mountain building (i)_____ the global cooling, or vice versa. The first of these two theories asserts that widespread mountain building cooled (ii)_____ mountains and climate. For example, mountain glaciers tend to be (iii)_____ : once established, they increase the reflectivity of the surface, thus lowering temperatures and allowing more ice to form.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A.superseded	D.disparity between	G.unpredictable
B.halted	E.feedback between	H.static
C.caused	F.complexity of	I.self-perpetuating

7. If giant x-ray flares churn circumstellar disks enough to keep newborn planets, such as Earth once was, from spiraling into their suns, it would be an ironic twist on our conception of x-ray flares as _____.

- A. dangerous
- B. predictable
- C. ancient
- D. ephemeral
- E. perilous
- F. foreseeable

8. Despite their cultural and social significance, rapid growth, and widespread appeal in China, video games—unlike traditional media—have received _____ attention from international communication researchers.

- A. undue
- B. scant
- C. excessive
- D. focused
- E. limited
- F. dwindling

9. Although Wynne claims to recognize that _____ evidence is available to make definitive statement, she offers them nonetheless, arriving at some sweeping generalizations.

- A. concrete
- B. finite
- C. insufficient
- D. indirect
- E. conclusive
- F. meager

10. Although the biography never explicitly assesses what role the dynamic between Mr. Merrills parents might have played in the development of his personality, the author offers plenty of _____.

- A. mystification
- B. elucidation
- C. speculation
- D. reflection
- E. obfuscation
- F. conjecture

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. Given our species increasing numbers and appetites which are reflected in and compounded by global climate change even (i) _____ species are likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future. If we are to avoid a calamitous loss of biodiversity, according to Golbe, we cannot simply let nature take its course. Ongoing conversation management is (ii) _____ as we have, in a sense, become nature, and the responsibilities that come with the role cannot be (iii) _____ .

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

7. There are great _____ in countries greenhouse gas emissions, especially in per capita terms: while the United States and China are similar in aggregate emissions, United States per capita emissions are a huge multiple of Chinas.

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

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

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

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

- A. slippery
- B. elusive
- C. fruitless
- D. deceptive
- E. futile
- F. compelling

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

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

2. There is _____ in the directors most recent film that keeps the melodramatic possibilities latent in its script safely at bay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. In Ramachandrans opinion, it is perfectly acceptable to propose bold speculations about the brain, even if these speculations seem _____ ; as Ramachandran frequently remarks, science thrives on risky conjecture.

- A. unfounded
- B. premature
- C. controversial
- D. verifiable
- E. testable
- F. baseless

8. In order to cultivate new repertoire, the music industry is providing a hearing for previously _____ composers.

- A. idle
- B. thwarted
- C. celebrated
- D. renowned
- E. anonymous
- F. obscure

9. The concert halls suspended ceiling is two-inch-thick plaster that reflects low-frequency sound energy; similarly, all wall surfaces are angled and shaped to _____ sound from the stage throughout the audience area.

- A. diffuse
- B. amplify
- C. spread
- D. dampen
- E. eclipse
- F. deaden

10. Although many skeptics of the scientific theory _____ critiques that have long since been disproved, some of the doubters arguably bring up valid points.

- A. overlook
- B. revise
- C. recycle
- D. utilize
- E. neglect
- F. rehash

1. The painters problem, like that of an author whose early literary masterpiece exhausts the themes it embodies, is how to _____ his first highly acclaimed efforts with works of comparable significance and presence.

- A. Combine
- B. illuminate
- C. realize
- D. amend
- E. follow

2. Since many African farmers face a soil fertility problem, providing funding for fertilizer seems _____ ; closer examination of the data raises some troubling questions, however.

- A. Imprudent
- B. expensive
- C. unimpeachable
- D. modern
- E. worrisome

3. In the years prior to the Civil War, Philadelphias African American press encourage readers to be vaccinated against smallpox. This journalistic campaign was initially (i) _____ appealing to readers sense of communal duty, and became even more (ii) _____ once the war started, as smallpox outbreaks began to occur on Philadelphias outskirts.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.hortatory	D.controversial
B.ineffective	E.urgent
C.widespread	F.inopportune

4. A hallmark of certain nineteenth-century mystery novels was the reform agenda of their authors, who ostensibly sought to expose economic injustice while depicting the seamy underside of urban life. In reality, however, these claims to a radical political agenda were often (i) _____ meant to give lurid thrillers the appearance of (ii)_____.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.authentic	D.escapist appeal
B.complicated	E.high-minded purpose
C.disingenuous	F.gripping suspense

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

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

6. So (i)_____ is the reputation of the countrys police for corruption and other forms of (ii) _____ that it has become a kind of tradition that every newly appointed police chief pledges to (iii) _____ the force.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A.persisted	D.indolence	G.contradict
B.paralyzing	E.incompetence	H.reform
C.unfounded	F.criminality	I.reward

7. For decades, Pluto seemed to be the mysteriously _____ planet: it was first thought to be about as large as Earth, but, subsequently, measurements had it smaller and smaller.

- A. morphing
- B. appearing
- C. dwindling
- D. orbiting
- E. contracting
- F. emerging

8. Every illness is a story, and when Annies began it was characterized by the kinds of _____ details that mean nothing until seen in hindsight.

- A. salient
- B. unexceptional
- C. conspicuous
- D. suggestive
- E. abundant
- F. nondescript

9. Peoples decisions about childbearing depend on innumerable personal consideration and societal factors, yet even knowing this, demographers are often _____ : their projections of birth rates frequently turn out to be embarrassingly at odds with reality.

- A. sanguine
- B. flummoxed
- C. inconsistent
- D. overconfident
- E. heartened
- F. confounded

10. The brain has become, for many people, _____ the biological machinations of the self, and the self-knowledge promised by neuroscience has ignited a hunger to understand how new findings weigh in on age-old questions.

- A. tantamount to
- B. synonymous with
- C. implicated in
- D. divorced from
- E. detached from
- F. subservient to

1. In the nineteenth century, geology became so respected among middle-class Britons that the science came to be seen as _____ a yardstick by which other disciplines measured their scientific rigor and imaginative power.

- A. accessible
- B. derivative
- C. pragmatic
- D. empirical
- E. paradigmatic

2. He defended the governments equivocations regarding the mysterious contrail as resulting not from _____ as critics say, but from a benightedness about its own doings that is almost inevitable, given the multitudinousness of its agencies.

- A. obtuseness
- B. mendacity
- C. abnegation
- D. guilelessness
- E. trenchancy

3. Up to the 1970s, histories of science tended to be (i) _____ not least in their focus on discoveries and theories that could be read as anticipating later scientific orthodoxies, rather than on those deemed (ii) _____ in their own periods. Historians of science are now routinely far more sensitive on such scores.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.anachronistic	D.major
B.convoluted	E.fallacious
C.undogmatic	F.inessential

4. The perennial problem for critics of nineteenth-century novelist Charlotte Yonge is the relationship of her realism to her (i)_____. While admiring her complex psychological portraits and detailed descriptions of quotidian family life, readers since her own time have tended to fault her improbable manipulation of plot to teach a moral lesson. Indeed, many critics (ii) _____ her because of her willingness to (iii) _____ .

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A.pessimism	D.dismiss	G.squander suspense
B.didacticism	E.applaud	H.sacrifice credibility
C.eclecticism	F.underestimate	I.deflate pretension

5. Filler claims that after the social welfare programs of the 1960s, belief that the government has an obligation to provide decent housing for citizens who cannot afford it was (i) _____ in the United States by the notion that providing suitable shelter for everyone should be (ii)_____. Thus today in the (iii)_____ of taxpayer-sponsored initiatives we have volunteer home-construction programs, honorable in intent but pitifully limited in scope.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A.supplanted	D.a shared civic responsibility	G.absence
B.promulgated	E.an act of private charity	H.name
C.corroborated	F.a profit-oriented enterprise	I.mold

6. Persian prose writers from the second half of the twelfth century onward were characteristically (i) _____ the literary form of their works, a fact that some scholars have perceived as a derogation of those works content. It may be better interpreted as (ii) _____ the development of an awareness of authorship, for the awareness of authorship (iii) _____ the awareness of form.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A. ambivalent about	D. a retreat from	G. evolves through
B. indifferent to	E. an indication of	H. extends beyond
C. preoccupied with	F. a justification for	I. holds back

7. Some have argued that naming scientific discoveries after the people who make them can _____ scientific progress, because the nomenclature lacks useful clarity, having no relationship to the underlying principles that govern nature.

- A. hamper
- B. abet
- C. instigate
- D. obscure
- E. nullify
- F. impede

8. In the wild, no other mammal _____ individuals from another species; badgers do not tend hares, deer do not nurture baby squirrels, lions do not care for giraffes.

- A. protects
- B. fosters
- C. aids
- D. cajoles
- E. adopts
- F. coaxes

9. Each of the countrys 26 sates and most of its more than 2,000 municipalities have their own police forces, _____ communication and making it difficult to establish a coordinated law-enforcement strategy.

- A. establishing
- B. impeding
- C. hampering
- D. launching
- E. obscuring
- F. preventing

10. Governments are often willing to pay the direct costs of preparing for emergencies that may never happen: they make room in their budgets to prepare for _____ but unlikely events.

- A. plausible
- B. anticipated
- C. dangerous
- D. conceivable
- E. foreseen
- F. unimaginable

1. Having regarded Marcus relationship to their boss as entirely _____ Jo was flabbergasted when Marcus publicly made clear his objections to some changes the boss was introducing.

- A. professional
- B. sycophantic
- C. prosaic
- D. dissident
- E. collegial

2. One might expect someone of such _____ views to have a comparably dour personality, but people who have worked with her talk about how she uses her considerable charm to convince people that she is right.

- A. forbearing
- B. convoluted
- C. felicitous
- D. astringent
- E. hyperbolic

3. Harpers draw, while (i) _____ in the United States for years, has remained (ii)_____ in London, where the public greets virtually every work with unabashed enthusiasm.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.in eclipse	D.controversial
B.unrivalled	E.unsurpassed
C.unchanged	F.unexceptional

4. There are far too many (i) _____ in the report, such as incorrect date (albeit on (ii) _____ points), inconsistency between the text and related tables, and discrepancies between the citations and the references.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.unsupported generalizations	D.numerous
B.stylistic infelicities	E.minor
C.little errors	F.perplexing

5. Regardless of the putative decline of (i) _____ in contemporary culture, such (ii) _____ remains essential to civil discourse. It allows people to avoid embarrassing or maligning an adversary, and it serves as a form of irony that draws attention to a problem that can scarcely be exaggerated.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.partisanship	D.restraint
B.originality	E.inventiveness
C understatement	F.objectivity

6. Biologists have little (i) _____ drawing a link between the success of humanity and human (ii) _____. Indeed, many biologists claim that this attribute, the ability to (iii) _____, or, to put it more sharply, to make individuals subordinate their self-interest to the needs of the group, lies at the root of human achievement.

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

7. Experiments show that it is shockingly easy to elicit a sense of _____ among a group of strangers: just tell them they'll be working as a team, and they immediately start working as a team.

- A. dominance
- B. hierarchy
- C. obedience
- D. solidarity
- E. camaraderie
- F. optimism

8. The book aims to illuminate how science has changed the meaning of nothingness from _____ philosophical concept to something we can almost put under a microscope.

- A. a tangible
- B. a palpable
- C. a nebulous
- D. a nettlesome
- E. an incontrovertible
- F. a vague

9. Although there is an incredible diversity of microbes across the body of each individual, the fact that specific body sites tend to host a few specific bacteria indicates that the body's microflora are not _____ distributed.

- A. haphazardly
- B. uniformly
- C. effectively
- D. heterogeneously
- E. functionally
- F. randomly

10. What they see in Jimenez is the one candidate capable of decisive leadership, in stark contrast to Diaz, whose team in office has been marred by _____.

- A. defensiveness
- B. corruption
- C. irresolution
- D. vacillation
- E. belligerence
- F. pugnacity

1. While the writer was best known for her much-ballyhooed _____ , her impact reached far beyond memorable quips.

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

2. Some species camouflage patterns may be _____ , granting those species a higher chance of survival in a heterogeneous environment.

- A. plastic
- B. subtle
- C. singular
- D. consistent
- E. imitable

3. The physical (i) _____ seen in the remains of soldiers who fought in the fifteenth-century battle of Towton is unsurprising, given the (ii) _____ origins of the men who took the battlefield that day.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.decay	D.disparate
B.strength	E.unknown
C.diversity	F.controversial

4. Even if the merits of the proposal are (i) _____ , faculty members may be reluctant to (ii) _____ , given their fear of offending the group that champions it.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.unparalleled	D.demur
B.dubious	E.approve
C.obvious	F.acquiesce

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

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

6. His idea to make money by building a drone that could fly from the West Coast to Hawaii while continuously sending back low-altitude weather data is a characteristically (i)_____ project. The (ii) _____ of good storm-intensity forecasts has huge economic costs, but filling that need wont automatically generate big profits because the economic benefits are (iii) _____ .

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A.quixotic	D.ubiquity	G.almost inevitable
B.mercenary	E.accuracy	H.hard to envision
C.resourceful	F.dearth	I.so widely diffused

7. Although one can adduce myriad examples of ecosystem disruption by nonindigenous species, nevertheless most introduced species that survive in fact appear to have quite _____ effects on the ecosystems they have invaded.

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

8. Typefaces, in one sense, are just like styles of shoes: they _____ because different people have different tastes and identities and because both creators and users value novelty for its own sake.

- A. bemuse
- B. converge
- C. proliferate
- D. abound
- E. evolve
- F. coincide

9. Its a sign of John Dramani Mahamas maturity as a writer that he is willing to consider his countrys future so _____ : his memoir is appealingly honest, given to clear-eyed assessments rather than exaggerated accounts of achievements.

- A. cheerfully
- B. dispassionately
- C. insightfully
- D. evocatively
- E. analytically
- F. blithely

10. In its few decades of existence, the field of technology assessment has undergone large changes: its original high ambitions to predict consequences of technology have been _____ if not discarded.

- A. deferred
- B. subverted
- C. abandoned
- D. relinquished
- E. tempered
- F. modulated

1. Baker set a new standard for explaining difficult art in language the public could understand; consequently, her books remain exemplars of _____ in art-historical analysis.

- A. fashion
- B. rigor
- C. lucidity
- D. erudition
- E. grandiosity

2. The monitoring is not _____ : on the contrary, the defendant and his or her attorney are required to be given notice of the governments listening activities.

- A. obtrusive
- B. circumspect
- C. surreptitious
- D. adroit
- E. meticulous

3. There has been great enthusiasm in the United States for reducing fossil fuel dependence by increasing production of biofuels from crops such as corn and switchgrass, but this (i) _____ about biofuels potential should be (ii) _____ by a realistic appraisal of the costs and challenges of biofuel production.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.forbearance	D.tempered
B.exuberance	E.delineated
C.obduracy	F.exacerbated

4. In the discussions on international patent law, many (i) _____ issues will probably be pushed far into the future. This cautious approach makes diplomatic sense, since attempts over the past 15 years to reach international agreements on patents have (ii) _____ just such sensitive issues.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.contentious	D.approached
B.stimulating	E.articulated
C.subjective	F.foundered on

5. He was a leader about whom the countrys people felt (i) _____ both (ii) _____ and reviling him.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.ambivalent	D.ignoring
B.complacent	E.understanding
C.indifferent	F.adulating

6. The slow pace of job creation was without precedent for the period of recovery from a recession, but the conditions that conspired to cause the recession were also (i) _____. The stock market declined sharply, and rampant business investment slumped. Then an ensuing spate of scandals (ii)_____ public trust in the way companies were run. And yet, despite these powerful (iii)_____ to growth, the recession proved surprisingly mild.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A.heartening	D.weakened	G.counterforces
B.atypical	E.illuminated	H.stimulants
C.ambiguous	F.consolidated	I.concomitants

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

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

8. Although Wynne claims to recognize that _____ evidence is available to make definitive statements, she offers them nonetheless, arriving at some sweeping generalizations.

- A. concrete
- B. finite
- C. insufficient
- D. indirect
- E. conclusive
- F. meager

9. Church, Nussbaum, Waldman, and Wills have written very different books –Nussbaum and Wills range both farther and deeper—but each one of the four strives for _____ wanting to save us from the errors of partisans and zealots.

- A. concision
- B. evenhandedness
- C. frankness
- D. trustworthiness
- E. succinctness
- F. impartiality

10. While normal floods resulting from usual monsoon rainfall are _____ the growth of crops, recently there has been an increase in the frequency of high-intensity floods that do not have such welcome effects.

- A. conducive to
- B. hindered by
- C. devastating for
- D. deleterious to
- E. essential for
- F. indispensable to

1. A new television documentary focuses on one of the prime ministers defining contradictions, portraying her as a woman who cultivated an image of _____ but who liked to live grandly.

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

2. There are no _____ criteria of excellence in art: works that once were ignored or even reviled now fetch millions of dollars at auction, while those that were most highly praised in their day now languish in storage.

- A. subjective
- B. dubious
- C. transitory
- D. immutable
- E. uncontroversial

3. The students seeking undergraduate representation on the board of trustees viewed the impasse in their negotiations with the administration as (i)_____ since it promised to (ii) _____ the administrations belief that students should take no part in running the university.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.fortunate	D.undermine
B.inevitable	E.fuel
C.unprecedented	F.distort

4. The report is admittedly (i)_____ : it is intended to suggest new lines of research rather than to deal with the subject in a (ii)_____ manner.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.sketchy	D.cavalier
B.exculpatory	E.deceptive
C.flippant	F.thorough

5. Memoirs are inherently (i)_____ , but Larry McMurtrys volume of reminiscences about his life with books—not as a novelist but as a reader and bookstore owner—is especially (ii)_____ : nearly every page sounds a note of farewell to an age of books that he sees as passing.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.unreliable	D.whimsical
B.wistful	E.ungracious
C.self-serving	F.valedictory

6. Conventionally, the ultimate measure of a scientific works validity is how broadly and confidently its conclusions become accepted in the relevant field, which in turn (i)_____ the extent to which its findings are replicated and extended. However, establishing such validity, especially for a novel experimental finding, can take years, and what (ii)_____ replication or extension may be (iii)_____ for some time.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A.derives from	D.justifies	G.evident
B.works against	E.impugns	H.disputed
C.leads to	F.constitutes	I.touted

7. The action in Zadie Smiths novel On Beauty is mediated by an unabashedly _____ narrator who does not hesitate to inform us, as once upon a time the narrators of novels were wont to do, how we behave in general and how society usually works.

- A. knowing
- B. obtrusive
- C. conspicuous
- D. antiquated
- E. mysterious
- F. secretive

8. The baseball players performance during last nights game was impressive, although not _____ ; others have performed similar feats.

- A. decisive
- B. unexampled
- C. significant
- D. novel
- E. outstanding
- F. spectacular

9. The territorys tradition of simple and low taxes, combined with a comparatively easygoing government, has earned it the _____ of its citizens and is widely seen as a main reason fro its stunning rise to prosperity.

- A. opprobrium
- B. vituperation
- C. attention
- D. dismissal
- E. approbation
- F. adulation

10. Blakes reputation for weakness is _____ : almost all who have worked with him say he is a disciplined, intellectually formidable, and very tough politician.

- A. irreversible
- B. pervasive
- C. specious
- D. rife
- E. exaggerated
- F. unfounded

1. The often-cited parallels between human communities and insect colonies are _____ : the cooperation found among social insects is essentially due to the insects genetic ties, while humans often collaborate with non-relatives.

- A. superficial
- B. obvious
- C. hackneyed
- D. contradictory
- E. uncanny

2. While early biographies of Florence Nightingale tended to be quite _____ Lytton Starcheys irreverent 1918 eassage about her ushered in a new era, making it acceptable, even fashionable, to criticize her.

- A. unsympathetic
- B. unsentimental
- C. sycophantic
- D. pedantic
- E. censorious

3. While in their consideration of the unique way athletics and academics are combined in United States universities, Markovits and Rensmann do not (i)_____ Gumbrechts idealizing vision of the compatibility of college athletics with the intellectual missions of institutions of higher learning, neither do they regard college athletics as (ii)_____ : they believe that big-time sports have a rightful place in university life.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.fully endorse	D.indispensable
B.intentionally recapitulate	E.venal
C.entirely misconstrue	F.profitable

4. In science education, it is important to differentiate between inaccurate ideas that are conceptually (i)_____ and understandings that are inaccurate, and yet can (ii)_____ learning of more sophisticated understandings. The former are simply wrong, the latter can be seen as incomplete, overly simplistic, or tied to only a few limited contexts.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.unproductive	D.foster
B.distinct	E.resemble
C.unproblematic	F.delay

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

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

6. A transformative scientific idea that emerged in the eighteenth century was the realization that slow, inexorable geological processes follow the basic laws of physics and chemistry. This seems (i)_____ conclusion in hindsight, but its implication—that geological processes in the distant past must have (ii)_____ these very same laws—was (iii)_____ geologists in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A.a significant	D.followed	G.revolutionary for
B.a controversial	E.entailed	H.overlooked by
C.an obvious	F.preceded	I.evident to

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. generosity
- B. humility
- C. integrity
- D. modesty
- E. eloquence
- F. rhetoric

1. Discussions of impending water shortages are often couched in apocalyptic rhetoric, yet if the language is somewhat _____, the basic message is sound: water is indeed scarce and growing scarcer.

- A. abstract
- B. complacent
- C. ambiguous
- D. unfamiliar
- E. overblown

2. Reading chunks of Shapiros verse in one sitting, it must be said, exposes the _____ nature of his writing: scads of poems are too glancing to strike a nerve, scarcely worth a second reading.

- A. jejune
- B. esoteric
- C. corrosive
- D. finicky
- E. indiscreet

3. While the writer was best know for her much-ballyhooed _____, her impact reacher far beyond memorable quips.

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

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

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

5. Regardless of the putative decline of (i) _____ in contemporary culture, such (ii) _____ remains essential to civil discourse. It allows people to avoid embarrassing or maligning an adversary, and it serves as a form of irony that draws attention to a problem that can scarcely be exaggerated.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.understatement	D.inventiveness
B.originality	E.objectivity
C.partisanship	F.restraint

6. Much of the newspapers readership found it hard to (i) _____ the allegations of venality laid against the superintendent, since these readers were still (ii) _____ the superintendents reputation for (iii) _____. The superintendents subsequent vindication will have come as no surprise to them.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A.ignore	D.swayed by	G.grouchiness
B.credit	E.unaware of	H.probity
C.dismiss	F.learning about	I.creativity

7. Since the data we have analyzed are so _____, it would be hazardous to draw a definite conclusion.

- A. copious
- B. overwhelming
- C. abundant
- D. meager
- E. paltry
- F. uncertain

8. Appearing in the midst of so many equivocal comments, this unambiguous statement, whatever its intrinsic merit, plainly stands out as _____.

- A. anomalous
- B. arcane
- C. irrelevant
- D. superfluous
- E. unusual
- F. esoteric

9. As a way of _____ the negative impacts of overdependence on a single export product –crude oil–the Nigerian government passed legislation in 1999 intended to revitalize the moribund solid minerals sector.

- A. assuming
- B. checking
- C. disguising
- D. stemming
- E. downplaying
- F. shouldering

10. Although the claim that no one knows what dark matter is remains _____ some scientists dispute the parallel assertion that dark matter has not been detected.

- A. contentious
- B. sound
- C. questionable
- D. unassailable
- E. unverifiable
- F. prominent