6. It is possible for human to go 40 or more hours without sleep and still be able to (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ information acquired at the beginning of the sleepless period. Thus, when we are considering a role for sleep in human memory consolidation, we are referring to a possible role in the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ encoding of information and optimizing of recall, not a (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sleep for recalling events of the prior day.

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| A. legitimate | D. **longer-term** | G. **requirement** |
| B. augment | E. acute | H. surplus |
| C. **disgorge** | F. qualitative | I. facet |

6. Inuit print making is less (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ than carving in that it does not have substantial historical precedents, although there are (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ incised carvings on bone or antler, facial tattoo marks, or inlay skin work on clothing, mitts and footwear. Carving materials such as stone, bone, antler, wood, and ivory were (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_, but paper and drawing tools were unknown until introduced by early explorers and missionaries.

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| A. **traditional** | D. **affinities** with | G. available locally |
| B. prestigious | E. objections to | H. **rarely** used |
| C. anomalous | F. regulations about | I. virtually interchangeable |

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

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

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

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| A. bewildering | D. **unusual** |
| B. **admirable** | E. regrettable |
| C. unappreciated | F. persistent |

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

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| A. rarely identified with | D. apt | G. marginal |
| B. tenuously connected to | E. **absurd** | H. **profound** |
| C. firmly **anchored** in | F. disingenuous | I. uncertain |

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

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

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

A. habitable B. **familiar** C. forbidding D. placid E. daunting  F. **recognizable**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| A. consensus regarding | D. resilience | G. reflect |
| B. **compunction** about | E. **sociability** | H. communicate |
| C. justification for | F. uniqueness | I. **cooperate** |

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

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

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

A. warbling B. imitating C. improvising D. **shrieking** E. crooning F. **caterwauling**

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

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| A. lavishly | D. **vacant** |
| B. **efficiently** | E. unimpeded |
| C. routinely | F. overloaded |

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

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| A. **requires** | D. augmented | G. praise its virtues |
| B. demonstrates | E. **debunked** | H. can be authenticated |
| C. symbolizes | F. traced | I. **predated that event** |

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

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| A. ambivalence | D. evident | G. supplanted by |
| B. compliment | E. **demanding** | H. **sifted** from |
| C. **censure** | F. manageable | I. overshadowed by |

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

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

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

A. **somnolent** B. impartial C. **lethargic** D. laconic E. befuddled F. evenhanded

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

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| A. influenced | D. **served** |
| B. **hampered** | E. controlled |
| C. triggered | F. identified |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| A. uniform | D. sustained by |
| B. **exaggerated** | E. **related** to |

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

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

1. Though humanization 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

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

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| A. supplant | D. unanticipated given |
| B. **kill** | E. **consistent** with |
| C. circumvent | F. undiminished by |

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

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| A. too **harshly** judged | D. erudite |
| B. analyzed in depth | E. **judicious** |
| C. frankly acknowledged | F. acrimonious |

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

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| A. exotic | D. ineffective | G. **jettisoned** |
| B. vulnerable | E. **obligatory** | H. assumed |
| C. now **common** | F. promising | I. contrived |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| A. superseded | D. discredited |
| B. irrelevant | E. well-established |
| C. **emergent** | F. half-**formulated** |

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

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| A. a **propitious** | D. obvious parallels | G. declined |
| B. a conspicuous | E. practical **alternatives** | H. inspired |
| C. an equivocal | F. unnoticed instances | I. **persisted** |

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

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| A. made **demands** on | D. contemplated by | G. lambasted |
| B. had to command | E. **alien** to | H. exploited |
| C. were sure to please | F. intuitive for | I. **misunderstood** |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| A. accurate | D. visionaries | G. financial |
| B. hypercritic | E. **profit** mongers | H. inertial |
| C. **enduring** | F. innocents | I. **creative** |

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

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

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

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

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

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| A. doubt their own **legitimacy** | D. adapt |
| B. misinterpret theatrical conventions | E. **validate** |
| C. underestimate Shakespeare’s appeal | F. minimize |

6. Environmental models—mathematical representations designed to stimulate natural systems— are regularly used by litigants in legal disputes over environmental issues. Unfortunately, the (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ scientific model is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ in environmental tort litigation. Because of the adversarial nature of litigation, models are often used by one side to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ empirical evidence presented by the other. And because modeling is a particularly technical field, the task of assessing a given model’s relevance and reliability may exceed the abilities of judges and juries.

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| A. evidentiary value of | D. avoided | G. adduce |
| B. **uncertainty** inherent in | E. predictive | H. **obfuscate** |
| C. increasing reliance on | F. **exacerbated** | I. replicate |

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

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

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

1. a tenacity
2. a **neutrality**
3. a pugnacity
4. an effusiveness
5. an irascibility

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

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

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

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

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

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| A. an **approximation** | D. concision | G. sensitivity |
| B. a precursor | E. **reconsideration** | H. **immediacy** |
| C. the antithesis | F. sensationalism | I. formality |

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

A. oracular B. prophetic C. inevitable D. **inexplicable** E. inauspicious F. **incomprehensible**

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

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

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

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

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

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| A. **unconnected** | D. conditional | G. **isolationism** |
| B. trivial | E. **superficial** | H. resilience |
| C. simultaneous | F. transparent | I. idealism |

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

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| A. **virtue** | D. dispense with |
| B. drawback | E. **derive** from |
| C. peculiarity | F. improve upon |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| A. dearth | D. a controversial |
| B. presumption | E. an **unambiguous** |
| C. **detection** | F. a possible |

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

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| A. **contribution** to | D. temptation to reject | G. **quash** |
| B. depiction of | E. fundamental wisdom of | H. embrace |
| C. attack upon | F. **oppressive** influence of | I. inspire |

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

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

3. Unlike the elected branches of the United Sates government where making personal connections with citizens is (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ and almost (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ political efficacy, the United States Supreme Court continues to maintain that its members should communicate with the public almost exclusively through formal opinions and even then through ceremonial rituals that date back to the nineteenth century.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A. frowned upon | D. a **requirement** for |
| B. **rampant** | E. a.detriment to |
| C. disregarded | F. an irrelevance to |

6. The historian of ancient science Otto Neugebauer concluded that Babylonian astronomical texts are (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ because everything has been eliminated from the astronomy except observations and the mathematical consequences of an initial hypothesis about the fundamental character of the astronomical movements. This judgment cohered with the high level of mathematical theory, which (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ mathematical computation together with empirical observation as (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ of science and denied any role to speculative hypotheses of a strongly theoretical nature.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| A. questionable | D. repudiated | G. end result |
| B. **scientific** | E. **admitted** | H. **necessary** characteristic |
| C. limited | F. confounded | I. discredited path |

9. Joshua Gisemba Bagaka found that the pedagogical results of group projects and other engaged learning activities in Kenyan mathematics classrooms were \_\_\_\_\_\_, such activities, then, may not be the best way of improving mathematics education.

A. overstated  B. counterintuitive C. **mixed**  D. discouraging E. **inconsistent** F. inexplicable

10. Much of the literature about railroads seeks someone to \_\_\_\_, and it is thus replete with encomiums to railroad entrepreneurs and managers.

A. indict  B. **exalt** C. rehabilitate D. excoriate E. **valorize**  F. emulate

3. The author suggests that cinema archives should become more like museums, justifying their existence by selecting, grouping and commenting on important films. By thus (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ films, archives would not only serve as repositories, but would provide (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ as well.

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| A. improving | D. conservation |
| B. restoring | E. **education** |
| C. **interpreting** | F. income |

4. “Argument” may be an overly (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ word to apply to the gossamer contrivance that is *A summer of Humming birds*. In what seems a self-conscious (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ of its mascot, the book flits from one subjects or moment in history to another, following the various whims of its authors.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A. archaic | D. repudiation |
| B. imprecise | E. **emulation** |
| C. **strong** | F. misrepresentation |

6. When a new scientific model emerges, research studies (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ that paradigm tend to dominate in the scientific literature: the process of selecting articles for publication is tilted toward positive results. But once the paradigm (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_, the academic incentives shift in the opposite direction: research results are more likely to be considered worthy of publication when they (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ what has become the established view.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| A. tweaking | D. is initially articulated | G. bolster |
| B. **affirming** | E. has become **entrenched** | H. circumvent |
| C. controverting | F. is about to be attacked | I. **undermine** |

8. The initial, widely shared pessimism turned out to be \_\_\_\_\_, because it ignored the many things that would be done with resources left behind.

A. unimportant B. unintelligible C. unfathomable D. **unfounded** E. unimaginative F. **unjustified**

10. Though it may seem as if more than a century of \_\_\_\_\_\_ has made the electrical grid an all- encompassing web connecting the whole of the continent, many vast and beautiful areas remain without power.

A. refinement  B. **expansion** C. ubiquity  D. **augmentation** E. omnipresence F. isolation

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

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.

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| A. heartening | D. **weakened** | G. **counterforce** |
| 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. **pointless** E. sloth F. apathy

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**

2. The maps in this volume are meant not as guides but as \_\_\_\_\_\_ they are designed to make the reader think anew about the city.

A. adornments B. references C. truisms D. **provocations** E. valedictions

3. Proponents of international regulation of environmental issues have always struggled against scientific uncertainty and economic hostility, two obstacles which, from a political standpoint, often have been closely related, as economic hostile toward environmental regulation for economic reasons have (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ the considerable uncertainty underlying most environmental challenges to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ of environmental regulation.

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| A. resolved | D. exaggerate the efficacy |
| B. gainsaid | E. **downplay** the legitimacy |
| C. **exploited** | F. question the fallibility |

5. The book is not comprehensive but is, instead, (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the most positive sense: (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ rather than settles.

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| A. definitive | D. stipulates |
| B. **provocative** | E. **suggests** |
| C. timely | F. disseminates |

7. Even though the original settlement may not hold up, it at least proves that the deadlock can be broken and that a hitherto \_\_\_\_\_\_ party is ready to bargain.

A. **implacable** B. **unyielding** C. impeccable D. flawless E. unqualified F. capricious

5. Despite the occasional (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their venues, the culture of corporate conferences is a deeply (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ conference, each day consisted of nearly nine hours of continuous lectures and panels enlivened by pleasantries or anything that could be construed as a joke. The only (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ sensory deprivation of the sessions came from the handsome color slides favored by the corporate presenters.

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| A. seclusion | D. sycophantic | G. allusion to |
| B. **opulence** | E. **ascetic** | H. ramification of |
| C. enormity | F. mercenary | I. **respite** from |

3. It would be (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ not to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ these tabloid journalists for thriving in hard times: they deserve credit for doing well in a profession in financial straits.

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| A. apropos | D. **admire** |
| B. **churlish** | E. envy |
| C. cagey | F. emulate |

6. While some commentators suggest that abstraction and complexity in scientific research are signs that a given direction is misguided, Lisa Randall, a professor of physics at Harvard, counters that these qualities instead reflect the success of human ingenuity in (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ the increasingly (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ challenges that nature presents. They can, however, make it more (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ to communicate scientific developments, even to colleague.

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| A. creating | D. **difficult** | G. **challenging** |
| B. **meeting** | E. conspicuous | H. unproductive |
| C. eschewing | F. pragmatic | I. advantageous |

4. The controversy about Alexander the Great’s personality derives from the fact that our sources are (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_, all eyewitness accounts having perished. What remains is, at best, (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ (one history, for instance, is based largely on the now-lost memoirs of Alexander’s alleged half-brother, Ptolemy) and at worst, highly unreliable.

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| A. outdated | D. **secondhand** |
| B. **inadequate** | E. repetitious |
| C. abstruse | F. deceptive |

6. Cultures can shape attitudes and beliefs in ways that (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ conscious awareness or control; in other words, cultural orientations may develop from processes that do not entail (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ participation, and cultures may pervade subtle psychological dynamics in ways that individuals may not be able to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_. Thus, theories and tools developed to study implicit cognition may increase our understanding of the complex interplay between culture and individuals.

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| A. operate **outside** of | D. **active** | G. **report** |
| B. tend to facilitate | E. random | H. maintain |
| C. may not alter | F. rote | I. condone |

5. While acknowledging behaviors the Prime Minister took in order to remain in office were (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_, some politicians nevertheless believed that this small amount of (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ was justified to keep a reforming government in office.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (i) |
| A. **unethical** | D. **skullduggery** |
| B. impractical | E. indolence |
| C. quixotic | F. incivility |

7. Individuals, governments, and companies show ample ability to \_\_\_\_\_\_ themselves by setting goals based on current conditions and then blindly following them even when those conditions change drastically.

A. **hamstring** B. reinvent C. promote D. revitalize E. **impair** F. invigorate

9. In establishing that the dust she had observed constitutes two percent of the mass in the quadrant, the astronomer showed that the dust’s extreme visual prominence \_\_\_\_\_\_ its relatively minor contribution to the total mass of the region.

A. **belies**  B. masks  C. highlights D. nullifies E. disproves F. accentuates

5. Proffering one increasingly improbable scene and character after another, (i) \_\_\_\_\_\_ by the constraint of realism, the novel revels in this (ii) \_\_\_\_\_\_ by ever more brazenly defying its readers’ presumed expectations.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A. **untrammeled** | D. exiguity |
| B. liberated | E. ponderousness |
| C. confined | F. **implausibility** |

6. How does one evaluate the effects of modern democracy on individuals? The first clarifying step must be to recognize that “democracy” itself can, in the abstract, (i) \_\_\_\_ us as we think of our society and our perception of democracy as citizens. The experience of living in a democracy (ii) \_\_\_\_\_\_ each generation. A feature of democratic is that something that benefits us in one generation may no longer be a benefit to the next. Thus experiencing democracy in the twenty- first-century is (iii) \_\_\_\_\_\_ the political order our ancestors cherished in 1901.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| A. define | D. **changes** for | G. vastly preferable to |
| B. **mislead** | E. improves with | H. radically **different** from |
| C. a controversial | F. persists beyond | I. ultimately derived from |

3. The author's best-selling book on Virginia Woolf is not (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ treatment of her subject; on the contrary, it presents (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ portrait of the novelist, faults and all.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A. an **idealized** | D. an **unflinching** |
| B. a comprehensive | E. a slapdash |
| C. a compelling | F. an erudite |

5. The trade in scientific literature in nineteenth-century Germany was so robust that publishers constantly worried about (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ of new titles, an anxiety that gave even relatively undistinguished authors, who made their living writing technical treatises, (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (i) |
| A. prices | D. limited public relevance |
| B. **supplies** | E. enviable scholarly credentials |
| C. embargoes | F. strong **bargaining** positions |

6. Schechter is atypically (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ the film version of Stephen King's horror novel *The Shining* because the qualities for which the majority of other critics have approved it (its artful camera work and so on) get in the way of narrative and render the story less, rather than more, (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ than other films of the same genre. This is not (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ view, and we must be grateful to Schechter for putting it forward.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| A. **unimpressed** with | D. heartbreaking | G. a **commonplace** |
| B. confused by | E. comical | H. a superior |
| C. enamored of | F. **terrifying** | I. an unfamiliar |

9. The automation of many of the function performed at the factory, initially inspiriting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in many of the company’s employee has had came of the deleterious effects forecast either within or beyond the organization.

A **trepidation** B avidity C diligence D pathos E **apprehension** F enterprise

1. The film was a \_\_\_\_\_\_: its elements were assembled more or less haphazardly from a dozen of different sources.

A. burlesque B. satire C. **pastiche** D. chronicle E. parody

2. While early biographies of Florence Nightingale tended to be quite \_\_\_\_\_\_, Lytton Strachey's irreverent 1918 essay about her ushered in a new era, making it acceptable, even fashionable, to criticize her.

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

4. In a federally governed country, a regional government can function as a (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the entire nation—a setting in which new ideas under consideration for national implementation are (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ without having to involve the country as a whole.

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| A. **laboratory** | D. dispersed |
| B. catalyst | E. undermined |
| C. standard | F. **tried** |

5. Although Professor Pearson's colleagues often complained that he was (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_, his friends were quick to defend him from this charge of (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A. importunate | D. **inconstancy** |
| B. garrulous | E. dishonest |
| C. **mercurial** | F. partiality |

6. Early practitioners of the natural sciences developed methods to remove distortions caused by either the research environment or the researcher. Such methods, especially with respect to the researcher, were considered to (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ those (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ subjectivity whose unbridled expression was thought to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ research.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| A. **restrain** | D. **incursions** of | G. **corrupt** |
| B. reveal | E. restrictions on | H. obviate |
| C. disguise | F. acknowledgements of | I. expedite |

7. The Great Lakes wolf is a \_\_\_\_\_\_, stumping scientists as to whether it is a subspecies of the gray wolf or a distinct species.

A. prototype B. **riddle** C. paragon D. model E. legend  F. **conundrum**

10. In noting that critical and popular opinions about Li's art coincided, Chuang \_\_\_\_\_\_ the existence of an exception to her general theory of art criticism, which posits that critics' views do not intersect with those of the general public.

A. asserted B. **conceded** C. **acknowledged** D. doubted  E. pondered F. questioned

6. The research on otters' environmental requirements is surprisingly (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_. One reason for this has to do with the estimation of how much they use different areas. Doing so may be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ in some kinds of terrain, such as Shetland where the Eurasian otters are active in daytime and have clear individual markings. There it is possible to identify the individuals over stretches of coast of a few kilometers and to see what kinds of coast they use. However, the field conditions are (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| A. straightforward | D. quite problematic | G. rountine |
| B. controversial | E. relatively **simple** | H. deceptive |
| C. **difficult** | F. largely unnecessary | I. **exceptional** |

2. One baffling aspect of the novel is its capacity to generate emotional power from a plot that lacks the most elementary \_\_\_\_\_\_: readers must accept not an occasional coincidence, but a continuous stream of them.

A. synergy B. continuity C. naïveté D. premise E. **credibility**

5. Research into butterfly could have (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ implications, since knowledge of their optical and thermal properties may be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ controlling the behavior of computer chips, which likewise consist of finely structured thin film.

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| A. ecological | D. tantamount to |
| B. aesthetic | E. **germane** to |
| C. **technological** | F. advanced by |

4. In this single volume, Kenny aims to survey for the general reader all of ancient philosophy, understandably, space in such a book is (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ and he is not to be faulted for minor omissions. However. Kenny would have added significantly to his book' s value had he more effectively (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ the influence of ancient philosophy on the subsequent tradition. As it is, newcomers to the subject will have little (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ the afterlife enjoyed by ancient .

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| A. at a **premium** | D. overlooked | G. **sense** of |
| B. hard to fill | E. **singaled** | H. devotion to |
| C. taken for granted | F. prevented | I. aversion to |

5. The motives of many major investors in Pop Art have arguably been to a large extent, \_\_\_\_\_\_. These collectors demonstrate and enhance their power over the art market by establishing seemingly arbitrary works of art as priceless. This phenomenon reveals that \_\_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_ of truth or beauty, but simply a trick of investment capital

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| A. visionary | D. **value** | G. a **product** |
| B. ambitious | E. virtuosity | H. an inversion |
| C. **self**-aggrandizing | F. originality | I. a limitation |

9. Her attempts to wrest fiction free from traditional constraints like plot and character were never entirely popular with readers; nonetheless, her fiction has had \_\_\_\_\_\_ influence on critical theory novel, cinema, and even psychology.

A. a studied B. a negligible C. a **decisive**  D. an **unmistakable** E. an insignificant F. a restorative

4. Though McDonough (i) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ discusses the filmmaker’s aesthetic principles, it is the description of the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_, the very vulgarity of the director’s films, rather than McDonough’s learned discourses on the aesthetics of film, that makes the book so entertaining.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A. inaccurately | D. subtle ingenuity |
| B. superficially | E. absolute discretion |
| C. **adroitly** | F. flagrant **crassness** |

6. Industry-sponsored scientific research on chemical safety often (i) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Media reports regularly imply that industry support of scientific work is alone sufficient to (i) \_\_\_\_\_\_ that research. Even though the source of funding has been determined to be a less significant cause of bias than other factors, industry support suffices, in the minds of many people, to (iii) \_\_\_\_\_\_ the credibility of scientific work.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| A. uncovers risks | D. fund | G. adopt |
| B. elicits **skepticism** | E. vindicate | H. **vitiate** |
| C. promotes innovation | F. **invalidate** | I. bolster |

8. It is not unusual for American education leaders to hold up another nation as a model for school reform: in the mid-nineteenth century, such figures \_\_\_\_\_\_ the professionalism and structure of the Prussian school system.

A. envied B. imitated C. **hailed** D. augmented E. **acclaimed** F. enhanced

1. Contrary to its reputation for intellectual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the 1950s was a decade exceptionally rich in works of trenchant and far-reaching social criticism.

A. keenness B. inclusiveness C. **complacency** D. integrity E. productivity

4. The journalist was someone whose habitual distrust of authority struck a few people as (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but who had enough talent and charm that most found the trait to be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,with the result that it did not become a personal or professional liability.

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| A. **pathological** | D. regrettable |
| B. inadvertent | E. **pardonable** |
| C. opportune | F. confusing |

6. Although Uruk in southern Mesopotamia has been (i)\_\_\_\_\_as being both the first city and the model for later ones, at least two sites in northern Mesopotamia have yielded clear evidence of urbanization long before the existing evidence from Uruk, and other discoveries indicate that some of the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ early urbanism were invented not in southern Mesopotamia but in the north. These findings have led some archaeologists to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a serious reconsideration about when and where the first cities arose.

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| A. **established** | D. defining **features** of | G. evaluate |
| B. contested | E. derivative aspects of | H. ignore |
| C. presented | F. traditional theories of | I. **propose** |

8. Individuals interested in longevity have sought to fine-tune their bodies with all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_\_ diets: only raw foods, only plants, only the flesh, fruit, and nuts that prehistoric humans would have hunted and foraged.

A. eccentric B. meager C. salutary D. **proscriptive** E. trendy F. **exacting**

10. The current \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of repackaged music under Miles Davis’ name might prompt any reasonable person to conclude that the recording vault has been plundered bare.

A. **glut** B. revival C. hodgepodge D. **surfeit** E. modicum F. dearth

8. In politics, tactical calculations about which groups a candidate should appeal to are never pleasant, but they are not always \_\_\_\_\_\_, and sometimes they are necessary.

A. injudicious B. **sleazy** C. effective D. **sordid** E. useful F. exceptional

10. If aging is merely an avoidable by-product of life rather than a necessary progression, it is possible that we might eventually forestall \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. **senescence** B. dynamism C. **decrepitude** D. privation E. ennui F. vitality

3. Recently the novelist has (i) \_\_\_\_\_\_ the radically experimental forms with which he made his reputation in favor of more (ii) \_\_\_\_\_\_ narratives, fencing in and turning an imagination meant to run wild.

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| A. trumpeted | D. **conventional** |
| B. **forsaken** | E. pretentious |
| C. replicated | F. provocative |

5. One of the fundamental problems with learning mathematics is that the number sense may be (i) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , exact calculation requires cultural tools——symbols and algorithms ——that relatively new and must therefore be absorbed by areas of the brain designed for other purposes, which is easier when what we are learning ii \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our built-in circuitry with an understanding of it we can at least iii \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our teaching methods by reflecting on the constraints it imposes.

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| A. **innate** | D. **harmonizes** with | G. preserve |
| B. modern | E. intrudes on | H. discard |
| C. complex | F. goes beyond | I. **adapt** |

5. Researchers note that wolves’ otherwise strongly hierarchical society is marked by occasional displays of populist (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_: if a pack leader proves a too-snappish tyrant, subordinate wolves will (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ the top cur.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (i) |
| A. **umbrage** | D. collectively **overthrow** |
| B. expiation | E. eventually placate |
| C. torpor | F. quickly appraise |

8. For certain economists, “pure” economic theory, that is, economic theory \_\_\_\_\_\_ a specific social structure, is impossible, much like a concept of anatomy that investigates no specific species.

1. attuned to
2. **abstracted** from
3. derived from
4. **divorced from**
5. sensitive to
6. analyzed in

4. Each new generation of students grows up (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ the world of classical physics, with its monthly intuitive, billiard-ball causality, that is the everyday vantage from which we approach the alien world of quantum physics, which has for this reason never lost its air of (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A. **immersed** in | D. verisimilitude |
| B. disdainful of | E. objectivity |
| C. unmoved by | F. **radicalism** |

6. Human-caused disturbances, such as habitat destruction and the introduction of nonnative species, are among the leading causes of plant and animal population declines. Most populations are affected by a combination of adverse human pressures, each of which is in itself insufficient to (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ a population crash. Therefore, studies of population declines that (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ individual factors and thus (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ potential interactions may lead to improper management of declining species.

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| A. delay | D. integrate | G. exaggerate |
| B. **trigger** | E. **focus** on | H. **overlook** |
| C. offset | F. ignore | I. anticipate |

2. Studies of hermaphroditic plants may exhibit sampling bias against self-fertilizing and cross- fertilizing species, thus inflating the frequency of species using a mixed mating system (both self- fertilizing and cross-fertilizing); nevertheless the number of mixed-system species is not \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. self-evident B. static C. **trivial** D. relevant E. calculable

3. The pupil had a reputation for obduracy, but the teacher found her to be, on the contrary, quite \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. zealous B. astute C. **tractable** D. efficient E. amusing

4. To abolish the existence of nation-states is neither feasible nor desirable; but insofar as there are collective interests that transcend national boundaries, the (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ of nation-states must be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ to international institutions.

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| A. **sovereignty** | D. **subordinated** |
| B. traditions | E.attributable |
| C. genealogy | F. analogous |

6. People love to talk about their commutes to and from work: those with an easy commute tend to (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_, while those who hate their commute think and speak of it as a core affliction, like a chronic illness. Once you raise the subject, the testimonies pour out, and, if your ears are tuned to it, you begin overhearing commute talk everywhere. People who are normally (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ may, when describing their commutes, be unexpectedly (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ divulging the intimate details of their lives.

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| A. grumble | D. inattentive | G. **candid** in |
| B. commiserate | E. garrulous | H. economical in |
| C. **gloat** | F. **circumspect** | I. flustered about |

7. There is a revelation on almost every page of this book, and the author’s prose is \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the best possible way: blunt, sweet, off-kilter, and often quite funny.

A. eloquent B. austere C. somber D. **awkward** E. solemn F. **ungainly**

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 cognitive flexibility of successful fictional detectives is often \_\_\_\_\_\_ by their cultural ambivalence: detectives’ intellectual acumen, it seems, exists in direct proportion to their uneasy place in society.

A. amplified B. highlighted C. spurred D. **matched** E. negated

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

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| A. **free-for-all** | D. **structured** | G. innate |
| B. rarity | E. vicious | H. acquired |
| C. necessity | F. infrequent | I. **ritualized** |

6. Observers of modern presidential campaigns who (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ the highly (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ productions that pass for campaigns these days do sometimes find reason for hope in the occasional mix-ups that (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ candidates on the trail despite the presence of political strategists plotting every event with the tactical precision of military commanders.

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| A. relish | D. ambitious | G. **rattle** |
| B. misinterpret | E. chaotic | H. bolster |
| C. **despair** over | F. **choreographed** | I. legitimate |

1. A curiosity of the film Vertigo is its capacity to generate emotional power from a plot that lacks the most of elementary \_\_\_\_\_\_: viewers are required to accept not an isolated implausibility, but a continuous stream of them.

A. **believability** B. impact C. narrative D. tension E. premise

2. Interest in creating handheld computers is fueled by the desire to shrink the size of the electronic circuitry and to create exceptionally small mechanical systems. At this scale, however, physical (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ poses unique challenges. Machining, positioning, and assembling parts by hand are easy at microscopic scales but at minute scales they are far from (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| A. deterioration | D. subtle |
| B. **manipulation** | E. inflexible |
| C. durability | F. **routine** |

3. The introductions to each section, written by the editors of the anthology, provide useful background material, but they do not provide critical analysis of the articles. Because the articles are in many senses the editors’ personal favorites, it is probably (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ to expect more from the introductions—but if the book is to be read by advanced students, such criticism would be as (ii) \_\_\_\_\_\_ as the articles themselves.

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| A. juvenile | D. biased |
| B. paradoxical | E. complex |
| C. **unrealistic** | F. **informative** |

4. A bird’s feathers would seem to be a (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ design for protecting a bird from attack by microscopic organisms. They create a warm, moist space next to the skin that could be an ideal incubator for spores. Wild birds rarely (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ skin diseases, however. The chemicals in the sebum include an array of antibacterial and anti-fungal agents that allow the bird’s skin to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| A. perfect | D. **contract** | G. stay **healthy** |
| B. typical | E. overcome | H. become irriated |
| C. **poor** | F. notice | I. recover qucikly |

5. Women in the mining towns of the American West were strictly stereotyped into neat categories of public and private, good and bad, but the 100 intrepid female prospectors in Zanjani’s book managed to (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ those categories. In addition to providing documentation that demolishes the all-male version of prospecting, Zanjani uses the examples of her female loners to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ some of the (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ generalizations about Euro-American women as uniformly nurturant and sociable pioneers.

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| A. inhabit | D. **puncture** | G. accurate |
| B. reveal | E. invent | H. **facile** |
| C. **confound** | F. perpetuate | I. unknown |

6. Leo Tolstoy wrote many works of nonfiction and professed (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ these explorations of ethics and religion compared with his novels and short stories. The fiction writer in him, however, was hard to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_. *Handi Murdd* is a short novel with the breadth and power of an epic, with vivid characterization and intense storytelling that sweep the reader away. While the reader senses the moral concerns of the tale’s creator, the novel is a far cry from the (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Tolstoy’s nonfiction.

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| A. a **preference** for | D. **suppress** | G. **didacticism** |
| B. an aversion to | E. identity | H. fluidity |
| C. an indifference toward | F. incite | I. creativity |

9. Despite its best efforts to stimulate sales, the bookselling business remains far from \_\_\_\_\_\_, for it has high fixed costs in wages and rent, and falling prices make these ever harder to spur.

A. effective B. **healthy** C. innovative D. **robust** E. stingy F. parsimonious

6. Compared to Earth over most of its 4 to 6-billion-year history, the world we live in today is quite (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_. Of course, it is human nature to regard the world that we are used to as (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_. The oceans, prairies, and mountain chains—even the air we breathe—seem the norm and therefore (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| A. bountiful | D. invaluable | G. **eternal** |
| B. **atypical** | E. **permanent** | H. precious |
| C. stable | F. corrupted | I. endangered |

4. Common sense tells us some people are more (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ than others. The claim that these differences are (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_, or that deep down, everybody acts only to further their own interests, (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ observations and deep-seated human practices of moral evaluation. .

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| A. **altrusitic** | D. growing | G. **mimics** |
| B. adaptable | E. **illusory** | H. explains |
| C. disciplined | F. relevant | I. contradicts |

3. Throughout much of the twentieth century, common scientific sense seemed to dictate that animals could not make a choice based on radical or aesthetic criteria. Such choices were (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ the mental capacity of humans. Scientists who (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ this animal-human cognitive division were often accused of anthropomorphism.

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| A. **reserved** for | D. accepted |
| B. inconsistent with | E. **transgressed** |
| C. similar to | F. exacerbated |

10. For parents, the pleasure of letting children choose which book to read aloud together is not always \_\_\_\_\_\_ : I well remembered my inner groans when my child would constantly pick my least favorite book from the shelf.

A. intangible B. enduring C. impalpable D. **unalloyed** E. ephemeral F. **unqualified**

6. For a time in the early Middle Ages, Latin culture came close to (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_: the witness to that is the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ of manuscript copies of texts datable to the period. The process of copying manuscripts, the only way in which the fragile products of centuries of accumulating knowledge could be preserved, (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_, a situation that did not change for two and a half centuries, until the time of Charlemagne. In the intervening period, much of Classical literature was lost to use forever.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| A. reversing | D. **paucity** | G. was pursued methodically |
| B. exploding | E. provenance | H. expressed the spirit of the time |
| C. **vanishing** | F. proliferation | I. virtually came to a **standstill** |

5. The virtual absence of cougars from late prehistoric faunas in the North American Great Basin (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ a general scarcity of carnivores from these sites: bobcats, coyotes, and badgers are routinely found, and even such historically (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ carnivores as bears and wolves are found as well.

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| A. largely parallels | D. widespread |
| B. does not **reflect** | E. **rare** |
| C. is a consequence of | F. representative |

1. Unable to escape their own literary tradition, literary critics either become the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of that tradition or, on the contrary, use their knowledge of it to reinterpret writers and trends from new perspectives.

A. liberators B. **guardians** C. successors D. antithesis E. gadflies

4. Since the field of quantum mechanics is often considered to be(i)\_\_\_\_\_\_, it was surprising to find it attracts so much (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ interest.

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| A. **abstruse** | D. cursory |
| B. unconventional | E. technical |
| C. interdisciplinary | F. **general** |

6. Most advocates of space exploration by the United States would not explicitly associate spaceflight with (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_, yet that belief, Launius and McCurdy write, is among the roots of arguments (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ human spaceflight. Throughout United States history there has been (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_—seek utopia—on the frontier, and many space advocates have used that notion to make their case for exploring and settling space.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| A. entertainment | D. questioning | G. a hostile region fit only for the most self- reliant |
| B. irrationality | E. analyzing | H. the ideal location for one to better oneself |
| C. utopia | F. prompting | I. a paradise corrupted by European civilization |

7. Although people often describe the correct trajectory for a thrown or moving object, their efforts to explain that trajectory in terms of physics can reveal \_\_\_\_\_\_ understanding of the forces acting on the object.

1. A naïve
2. A subtle
3. A fallacious
4. A nunsophisticated
5. A nuanced
6. a fresh

8. His own writing style was \_\_\_\_\_\_: colorful and tart in its choice of language, willing to run risks in its allusions, metaphors, and verbal juxtapositions, prone to irreverent conclusions designed to surprise or startle.

A. effusive B. **audacious** C. lyrical D. **striking** E. ornate F. emotional

1. This is neither praise nor criticism, neither a compliment nor \_\_\_\_\_\_, just an observation.

A. an exposition B. an elucidation C. an **animadversion** D. a culmination E. a divination

8. He was one of the most powerful chess players ever and one of the most \_\_\_\_\_\_: at the height of his fame he all but dropped out of chess, entering into a self-imposed exile.

A. **perplexing** B. creative C. troubled D. infuriating E. **enigmatic** F. imaginative

10. Consuming 25 to 35 percent of their body weight each day, sea otters are not only \_\_\_\_\_\_ but highly specialized eaters, organizing themselves into groups that zero in on specific kinds of prey.

A. **prodigious** B. undiscriminating C. fastidious D. picky E. **voracious** F. omnivorous

5. From bottom to top, from poor to rich, was rare, even movement from poor to middle class was (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_. Statistical analysis of trends in occupation, income, and property ownership, Thernstrom wrote, “yielded rather (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ conclusions about social mobility in nineteenth-century America.” So we might expect Thernstrom to be suspicious now of claims that differences in class could be (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ if only the public schools did a better job.

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| A. an **anomaly** | D. multifaceted | G. distinguished |
| B. a cinch | E. **pessimistic** | H. misapprehended |
| C. a conjecture | F. unsophisticated | I. **obliterated** |

10. Peoples’ decisions about childbearing depend on innumerable personal considerations 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**

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.

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| 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)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 |

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

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.

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| 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.

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

6. 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 won’t automatically generate big profits because the economic benefits are (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| 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** |

9. It’s a sign of John Dramani Mahamas maturity as a writer that he is willing to consider his country’s 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**

7. Some experts estimate that the recreational salmon fishery in British Columbia contributes more to the province’s economy than the commercial salmon fishery does—a surprising statistic given the political commercial \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the fishery in the province.

A. naiveté B. **prominence** C. supremacy D. ingenuousness E. **salience** F. resurgence

5. Unquestionably, the particular forms that folly and cruelty take in Jane Austen’s novels are (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ the character’s social milieu, which was also Austen’s own; but to realize that one’s society motivates people in unfortunate ways is not necessarily to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ it, for the alternatives, though different, might be no more (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| A. **shaped** by | D. expose | G. **salutary** |
| B. removed from | E. **condemn** | H. corrosive |
| C. unrecognizable in | F. rationalize | I. realistic |

1. One view of historicism holds that systems of belief prevalent during different period in history are \_\_\_\_\_\_ and therefore cannot be understood except in their own term.

A. discriminatory B. **incommensurable** C. anachronistic D. cosmopolitan E. objective

2. Many readers today consider the moral sentiments expressed in the ancient writers’ work to be quite vapid, and in the seventeenth century they were similarly regarded as \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. **jejune**  B. didactic C. dogmatic D. tendentious E. arcane

6. Behavior economists found that the more (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ options listed on the insurance make people all the more offish to endorse, partly because they hope to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ some (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to get a measure of peace of mind.

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| A. **lucrative** | D. **forgo** | G. convolution |
| B. monotonous | E. dampen | H.detriment |
| C. complicated | F. jockey | I. **benefit** |

8. Although the essayist’s arguments did not \_\_\_\_\_\_ her most perceptive readers, the extreme subtlety of the paints she made explains why she was misinterpreted by most critics of her day.

A. convince B. **confound** C. entertain D. persuade E. **perplex** F. enlighten

3. (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ may sound like the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ novelty seeking, but in fact the latter can coexist with and balance that stick-to-it virtue strong-willed Victorians so promoted.

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| A. Ambition | D. **antithesis** of |
| B. Creativity | E. foundation for |
| C. **Persistence** | F. precursor to |

4. Britain’s deteriorating economy after 1945 was (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ by politicians who favored the manufacturing sector over the service sector: rather than attempting to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ the decline of manufacturing, they should have promoted service industries.

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| A. **mishandled** | D. augment |
| B. bolstered | E. **arrest** |
| C. forestalled | F. escalate |

5. The difficulty for nineteenth-century advocates of the claim that forests helped regulate climate was that their argument (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ historical anecdote and observations. Proving the forest-climate link through verifiable and experimental scientific means rather than observation was (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ for these individuals, a situation that eventually led to the link (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ justifications for forest conservation.

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| A. lacked | D. **problematic** | G. being revived in |
| B. discounted | E. unnecessary | H. **dropping** out of |
| C. **employed** | F. straightforward | I. losing out to |

9. Sports stars are often \_\_\_\_\_\_ figures, regarded as representative of the city or country for which they compete.

A. **totemic** B. iconoclastic C. protean D. idealized E. irreverent F. **emblematic**

1. The science community’s perennial lament over inadequate budgets has come to seem increasingly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, because government support for science and engineering has never been greater.

A. vital B. hopeless C. poignant D. condescending E. **disingenuous**

8. Because movie studios, under pressure to generate international sales, have favored big-budget pictures with fantasy plots, the representation of everyday domestic life has largely been \_\_\_\_\_\_ other media, such as television and literature.

1. **Left** to
2. **Ceded** to
3. Ascribed to
4. Attributed to
5. Substituted for
6. replaced with

10. Natural causes nerves to die off and muscles to weaken, but regular exercise enlarges muscle fibers and will help \_\_\_\_\_ the decline by increasing the strengthen muscle you have left.

A. speedup B. **stave** off C. **forestall** D. facilitate E. assist F. exploit

5. Some climatologists dismiss as (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ the debate among geophysicists over the role of carbon dioxide in global climate change across many millions of years. These climatologists say the evidence of a tie between carbon dioxide and planetary warming over the last few centuries is so (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ that any longer-term evidence against such a link must somehow be (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| A. unavoidable | D. unlikely | G. **tainted** |
| B. **irrelevant** | E. controversial | H. accommodated |
| C. undecidable | F. **compelling** | I. reinforced |

6. Conventionally, the ultimate measure of a scientific work’s 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.

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| A. **derives** from | D. justifies | G. evident |
| B. works against | E. impugns | H. **disputed** |
| C. leads to | F. **constitutes** | I. touted |

9. Three of the nation’s largest airlines could be operating under bankruptcy protection in coming weeks, analysts say, the latest sign of the industry’s \_\_\_\_\_\_ as it lurches through a historic transformation.

A. **upheaval** B. exorbitance C. affluence D. peril E. **convulsion** F. opulence

2. In its literature and its political discourse, the nation has created various narratives about itself that tend to \_\_\_\_\_\_ intractable social divisions in the interest of perpetuating a dubious myth of unity.

A. denounce B. **obscure** C. corroborate D. anatomize E. explicate

4. Boreal forest is at the southern boundary of the moss-dominated tundra, which remains characteristically treeless because its spongy surface retains water that cannot drain away through the underlying permafrost. But as temperatures rise the permafrost recedes, (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ of forest.

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| A. impairing | D. renewal |
| B. **facilitating** | E. **incursion** |
| C. decelerating | F. decline |

5. Thinking (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ about one’s choices can sometimes (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ decision making. For example, in one study in which college students selected their favorite poster from a set, those asked to explain their selection ended up less (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ their choices than those who were not asked. Researchers concluded that thinking of reasons interferes with people’s ability to access gut-level reactions that are crucial to sound decision making.

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| A. uncritically | D. speed the process of | G. **happy** with |
| B. haphazardly | E. **reduce** satisfaction with | H. confused by |
| C. **explicitly** | F. enhance the quality of | I. concerned by |

6. Based on the evidence available, it would be (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ to insist on a wholly negative portrayal of King Prajadhipok. In his own writings and pronouncements as well as in firsthand accounts offered by others, Prajadhipok consistently emerges as (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ and even-tempered, though (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| A. accurate | D. whimsical | G. **unexceptional** |
| B. convenient | E. **thoughtful** | H. vicious |
| C. **facile** | F. ingenious | I. innovative |

7. As astronomers do not yet have a good understanding of the fundamental nature of dark matter, it should not be a surprise that astronomy students’ ideas about dark matter are, at best, \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. **superficial** B. **sketchy** C. inconsistent D. mistaken E. outdated F. far-fetched

8. With regard to verity, neutrality, and transparency, nothing about the Internet makes it any different than Gutenberg’s printing press, which could serve \_\_\_\_\_\_ just as well as truth.

A. fantasy B. bureaucracy C. protocol D. **disinformation** E. **mendacity** F. panic

10. We should be more \_\_\_\_\_\_ than we often are when making claims about antiquity—for example, the common statement, “The ancient Athenians invented democracy,” is simply not true when put like that.

A. skeptical B. credulous C. **precise** D. trusting E. equivocal F. **circumspect**

1. Though acquaintances are first overwhelmed by his \_\_\_\_\_\_, they soon appreciate that, contrary to appearances, he is not without self-interest.

A. egotism B. **magnanimity** C. ambition D. profligacy E. brilliance

3. It is unfortunate that essays by literary critics so infrequently (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ the opinions of novelists and poets, for creative writers are often quite (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ about their own philosophies and are frequently more familiar with alternative systems of thought than critics are.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A. influence | D. **articulate** |
| B. challenge | E. inconsistent |
| C. **incorporate** | F. prejudiced |

5. There is no sense trying to rehabilitate the reputation of the mosquito; nobody loves such a creature. But it’s (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ all 2,600 described species of mosquito when it’s just 80 or so—3 percent that drink human blood. Among those 2,520 relatively (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ kinds of mosquitoes, there’s even one we’d like to see in greater numbers: Taxorhynchites, the mosquito that eats other mosquitoes.

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| A. rare | D. **malign** | G. **blameless** |
| B. necessary | E. represent | H. pernicious |
| C. **unfair** | F. commend | I. valuable |

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**

7. In Ramachandran’s 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**

6. This book cannot be evaluated properly without examining the author’s choice of format, which is the (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the format of standard academic works; here the photographs take center stage, with the text playing only a supporting role. This layout poses many dangers for the serious historian, not the least of which being the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ reception that academics—motivated partly by (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ but also by genuine concern over scholarly standards—generally reserve for books apparently aimed at the popular market.

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| A. duplicate | D. **scornful** | G. academic integrity |
| B. epitome | E. deferential | H. **snobbish** elitism |
| C. **inverse** | F. good-natured | I. collegial sympathy |

4. Early in the development of ice age theories, physicists identified the processing( slow gyration) and wobbling of Earth’s spin axis as the likely drivers of the ice ages, but geologists (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_, and even the painstaking work done in the 1920s and 1930s by Mihution Mplankovitch failed to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ of many of the day’s geological experts.

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| A. **demurred** | D. anticipate the ascent |
| B. acquiesced | E. **assuage** the qualms |
| C. expatriate | F. acknowledge the consensus |

8. In spite of her fascination with chances, coincidence, and contingency, Stanning’s novels are \_\_\_\_\_\_ constructed, written from the head rather than the heart.

A. hastily B. extravagantly C. **painstakingly** D. **meticulously** E. evocatively F. impulsively

2. The notion that prehistoric farming of Micronesia’s Mariana Islands degraded the soils upon which savannas now occur is \_\_\_\_\_\_ by soil scientists, who attribute nutrient-poor savanna soils instead to long geological periods of tropical weathering.

A. bolstered B. proposed C. **contradicted** D. elucidated E. revived

3. As a longtime fan of the fashion photography Web site, I wasn’t sure if I wanted to see its images presented in a book, with all of the (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ that implies. What I’ve always enjoyed about the photos is their (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_: they are disposable snapshots of what’s going on in the world of style right now.

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| A. nonchalance | D. elegant |
| B. commercialism | E. **ephemeral** |
| C. **permanency** | F. mundane |

9. Between the late 1800s and early 1900s, various institutional structures emerged that set researchers in scientific fields apart as a professional class and moderated disputes by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some kinds of knowledge as real science.

A. differentiating B. **sanctioning** C. mischaracterizing D. censuring E. reprehending F. **endorsing**

8. In Schaller’s contradictory introduction to the book, she alternately applauds and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ humankind’s role in animal conservation.

A. authorizes B. endorses C. **denounces** D. discloses E. relates F. **lambastes**

6. Saul’s particular combination of intellectuality and vitality was not paradoxical; it was category shattering. (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ was, in a way, his very theme. Was ever a bookish soul so cracklingly unmediated, so (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ raw life? He was as vivid physically as he was mentally, almost perversely alert, completely at home in the world of matter, repulsed by (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| A. **Energy** | D. put off by | G. seriousness |
| B. Nostalgia | E. **flush** with | H. sensuality |
| C. Solitude | F. uninterested in | I. **tedium** |

4. The novel’s heroine show a remarkable (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ to worship at the altar of youth: in her world, youth is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_, while age, by contrast, confers competence and wisdom.

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| A. **disinclination** | D. incredulous |
| B. desire | E. sagacious |
| C. tendency | F. **callow** |

9. In her career as an editor, she pruned and shaped many a writer’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prose into crisp lucidity.

A. **wayward** B. transparent C. **errant** D. urbane E. elegant F. incisive

1. The modest but functional new wing finally gives the museum the \_\_\_\_\_\_ to serve its visitors properly, including multiple entrances to eliminate the lines that used to snake around the building.

A. visibility B. **wherewithal** C. reputation D. solemnity E. panache

2. Collecting such fragment of contemporary popular culture as postcards, newspaper clippings, and wallpaper patterns, Susan Hiller transforms these seemingly (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ artifacts into objective (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ by making them the centerpieces in her compositions.

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| A. extravagant | D. **importance** |
| B. **trivial** | E. uniformity |
| C. archaic | F. banality |

6. Publishers, publicists, and broadcasters love anniversaries, those occasions when historical events become (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ in (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ culture of celebration. On such occasions patriotic sentiment and national pride wrapped in the panoply of history to manufacture a mythical past that is serviceable for public (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| A. elusive moments | D. an authentic | G. **consumption** |
| B. marketable **artifacts** | E. a **commercial** | H. scrutiny |
| C. raging controversies | F. an elitist | I. censure |

3. Conventional deposits of oil and gas are actually the final resting place of far-traveled hydrocarbons that were (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ deeper source beds of organic-rich rock. By contrast, shale gas (ii)\_\_\_ its birthplace, remaining in the source bed whose organic matter produced the gas.

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| A. trapped in | D. never **leaves** |
| B. **generated** in | E. swiftly escapes from |
| C. bound for | F. rarely stays in |

5. Among wide-ranging animal species, populations at the edge of the species' range are frequently exposed to less (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ and more variable conditions than those in other parts on the range. As a results, the animals' abundance is often (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A. erratic | D. lower at the **periphery** |
| B. **favorable** | E. unaffected by habitat |
| C. demanding | F. underestimated by researchers |

10. The media have constantly disparaged the governor's competence and have found a public only too eager to applaud their \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. assiduousness B. stupefaction C. **mockery** D. incredulity E. certitude F. **derision**

3. The benefits offered by information technology do not (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ the need for individual reasoning; for example, Internet users should not allow the reasoning process to be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the mere accumulation of raw data.

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| A. disguise | D. preceded by |
| B. signal | E. supplemented with |
| C. **diminish** | F. **supplanted** by |

4. Not only is the field of behavioral genetics strewn with (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ finding, but even among those findings managed to survive, many have turned out to be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ a very restricted class of cases.

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| A. convergent | D. refuted by |
| B. disparate | E. **germane** to |
| C. **repudiated** | F. subordinate to |

6. To read Joanna Scott is to admire the work of a (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_. From sentence to story, she narrates with great skill and (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_, so that the reader soon relaxes in the assurance that a hint or a brushstroke delivered in chapter1 will be (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ before the novel comes to an end.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| A. proselytizer | D. **deliberation** | G. **given** import |
| B. sage | E. enthusiam | H. largely forgotten |
| C. **master** | F. flamboyance | I. overwhelmed with details |

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

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

2. Nylenna’s study showed that errors in scientific manuscripts submitted for publication often escape reviewers' notice, results that were not \_\_\_\_\_\_: when Godlee conducted a study of the same phenomenon, her findings were similar.

A. credible B. unwelcome C. **anomalous** D. quantifiable E. consequential

5. The mood of the times is no longer one of (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ over our scientific achievements. Doubts and worries beset technical and scientific specialists, as well as the public at large. I do not consider such worries (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_, though they are often based on intuitive feeling rather than on strictly logical arguments.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A. widening skepticism | D. **unfounded** |
| B. **uncritical** joy | E. sacrosanct |
| C. false humility | F. foreordained |

9. The cat known to researchers as M-120—beefy, audacious, and apparently smart enough to spot a free lunch—is perhaps the world's least \_\_\_\_\_\_ lynx: the scientists catch him several times a year.

A. intelligent B. **evasive** C. fearless D. furtive E. **elusive** F. intrepid

3. In the 1980s, many historians sounded urgent calls for (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in American historical writing, as longer and longer monographs on smaller and smaller subjects were being written-dazzling studies, but pieces of a puzzle no one was putting together. This scholarship was not illuminating the central themes of history but (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them.

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| A. indulgence | D. **obscuring** |
| B. detail | E. criticizing |
| C. **synthesis** | F. celebrating |

6. (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ have often shrilled that Australia’s Great Barrier Reef is dying, a result of agricultural runoff from the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ Queensland coast. In truth, the preservation of the reef (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_, a combination of active government intervention and the beneficial effects of responsible tourism.

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| A. Apologists | D. long-abandoned | G. is based on an impracticality |
| B. Optimists | E**. over-farmed** | H. remains a matter of controversy |
| C. Scaremongers | F. well-preserved | I. is something of a **success** story |

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

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

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| A. clandestine | D. **unlikely** |
| B. **protracted** | E. redundant |
| C. spontaneous | F. expeditious |

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)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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

3. In years prior to the Civil War, Philadelphia’s African American press encouraged readers to be vaccinated against the 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 Philadelphia’s city skirts.

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| A. **hortatory** | D. controversial |
| B. ineffective | E. **urgent** |
| C. widespread | F. inopportune |

2. Hyana Kusiemko and her colleagues speculate that the (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ support among low-income works for increases in the minimum wage is a form of last-place aversion: people who are in a marginally better position than the worst off seek to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ to distinguish themselves from those in last place.

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| A. unwavering | D. disavow their willingness |
| B. vociferous | E. **retain** their ability |
| C. **tepid** | F. dissemble their need |

10. The sociologist argued that criminal behavior is an impermanent condition because it is the result of cyclical forces operating through \_\_\_\_\_\_ factors, not the manifestation of deeply rooted personal characteristics.

A. **contingent** B. alarming C. **circumstantial** D. proliferating E. unsustainable F. intensifying

7. Researchers have recorded around 60 separate behaviors for worker honeybees, a number that seems to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the achievements of many mammals: even the versatile bottlenose dolphin only performs about twice the number a worker honeybee manages.

A. approximate B. **eclipse** C. reflect D. compound E. **outdo** F. echo

8. As the biography makes plain, the scientist led \_\_\_\_\_\_ sort of life, rarely remaining in one place for long.

A nenigmatic  an idiosyncratic  an **itinerant**  a cautious  a **peripatetic**  a circumspect

6. Barker’s account of how morality have evolved over time is illuminating. It reveals as (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ and (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ some values that have often been regarded as (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_, while uncovering other values that do indeed seem to be universal.

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| Blank (i) | | Blank (ii) | | | Blank (iii) | |
| A. **transient** | | D. transcendent | | | G. liberating | |
| B. instinctive | | E. **relative** | | | H. **nonnegotiable** | |
| C. resilient | | F. enduring | I. antiquated | |

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

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| A. effective | D. anticipated | G. avidity |
| B. **enterprising** | E. challenged | H. **impotence** |
| C. accessible | F. **productive** | I. resignation |

5. A minor criticism of the book, which is (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ an understanding of the difficulty of doing direct research in Hong Kong’s, is that So relied on secondary sources to tell the story of Hong Kong’s political development, with previous histories of the period (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ his research. Given So’s (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ many of the players in Hong Kong politics, it is surprising that he did not use interviews and other forms of direct research to delve further into the motivations, strategies, and tactics of participants.

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| A. attributable to | D. largely debunked by | G. deference to |
| B. exacerbated by | E. obviating the need for | H. estrangement from |
| C. **tempered** by | F. **playing** a large role in | I. **proximity** to |

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

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 aligning an adversary, and it serves as a form of irony that draw attention to a problem that can scarcely be exaggerated.

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

2. One might expect someone of such \_\_\_\_\_\_ views to have a comparably dour personality, but people who have worked with her take 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. Harper’s draw, while (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the United States for years, has remained (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ in London, where the public greets virtually every work with unabashed enthusiasm.

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

1. Since the deficit predicament is fundamentally a long-term problem, the legislature’s \_\_\_\_\_\_ short-term approaches has actually compounded the difficulty in each succeeding year, eroding the state’s credit rating in the process.

A. vexation regarding B. **addiction** to C. aversion to D. wariness of E. demonization of

3. Though she had some exposure to great art and high culture, it must be said the ultra athletic Marion Carstairs remained throughout her life primarily (i)\_\_\_\_\_ mental and artistic pursuits. She was by nature (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A. a product of | D. neither **bookish** nor cerebral |
| B. **indifferent** to | E. a model of delicacy and refinement |
| C. obsessed with | F. both didactic and argumentative |

4. Trying to fix problems that affect vast numbers of people has an intuitive appeal that politicians and policy makers find (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_, but several warehouses of research studies show that intuition is often a poor guide to fixing (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ problems.

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| A. logical | D. localized |
| B. **irresistible** | E. **systemic** |
| C. off-putting | F. theoretical |

6. Give a computer (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ task, winning at chess, say, or predicting the weather, and the machine beats humans nearly every time. Yet when problems are (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_, or require combining varied sources of information, computers are (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ human intelligence.

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| A. a **well**-defined | **D.** nuanced | G. no **match** |
| B. a random | E. inconsequential | H. unyielding |
| C. an open-ended | F. solvable | I. able to dwarf |

7. The latest publications predicting disastrous coastal erosion are unlikely to \_\_\_\_\_\_ knowledgeable readers because variations on the same claims have been effectively refuted in the past few years.

A. intrigue B. reassure C. baffle D. **alarm** E. **unsettle** F. calm

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.

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

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.

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

9. The territory’s 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 for its stunning rise to prosperity.

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

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

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.

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

10. Because archaeology explores the most profound changes in human history by means of a grossly incomplete record, it has invited the sort of bold, imaginative interpretation in which speculation too easily becomes \_\_\_\_\_\_ evidence.

Replaced by  constrained by   **untethered** from  **divorced** from  substituted for  constricted by

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

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

9. The potential reduction in water lost from the proposed reservoir from evaporation is \_\_\_\_\_\_ inconsequential: even the minimum projected reduction would save enough water to furnish the needs of a Denver-sized municipality.

A. nearly B. comparatively C. **scarcely** D. rarely E. **hardly** F. relatively

7. The recent exhibition on Dadaism is nothing if not \_\_\_\_\_\_, for the visual arts are currently awash in Dadaist gestures and gambits of one variety or another.

A. sensational B. **timely** C. daunting D. ill-advised E. **opportune** F. misguided

1. Common and easily accessible resources (prey for predators or hosts for parasites) should be, all other things being equal, used frequently, yet in some environments apparently accessible and suitable resources remain \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. vulnerable B. unobtainable C. sustainable D. depleted E. **unexploited**

7. Humanity’s struggle with bedbugs is \_\_\_\_\_\_ : archaeologists have recovered remains of the parasites dating back 3,500 years to the time of the Egyptian pharaohs.

A. disconcerting B. unexceptional C. **perennial** D. preordained E. inevitable F. **long-standing**

5. The (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ current-generation solar cells are (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ : although experimental cells have reached efficiencies greater than 40 percent, most commercially available cells in the early part of the twenty-first century still struggle to get past about 20 percent.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A. attractions of | D. **clear** |
| B. **limitations** of | E. unmatched |
| C. improvements in | F. misunderstood |

4. The city’s traffic-planning department has been working hard to (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ drivers. Closely spaced stop lights have been added on roads into town, causing delays. Pedestrian underpasses designed to allow traffic to flow freely across major intersections have been (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| A. assist | D. enhanced |
| B. calm | E. stabilized |
| C. **discourage** | F. **removed** |

3. Whatever the acknowledged (i) of the market and the merits of considering ways to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_\_ them, implementing public policies toward this end entails the inevitable risk that those policies will simply create new deficiencies even as they address old ones.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A. attractions | D. **remedy** |
| B. **shortcomings** | E. enhance |
| C.complexities | F. restore |

6. However luminous an insight might seem initially, brilliance is not a reliable predictor of (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_, and sure enough the history of physical chemistry is replete with theories that were as (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ as any but that (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| A. popularity | D. opaque | G. slowly developed |
| B. originality | E. **ingenious** | H. eventually **collapsed** |
| C. **validity** | F. useful | I. ultimately prevailed |

2. The chairman, faced with the need to forge a consensus on a number of proposals, acknowledged that it would be difficult to reconcile the push for a radical overhaul with the stance of those who want \_\_\_\_\_\_ change.

A. deliberate B. indiscriminate C. genuine D. **immediate** E. wholesale

3. Making the shift to the 90-nanometer manufacturing process has been (i)\_\_\_\_\_ for semiconductor companies. This process effectively doubles the manufacturing capacity of the industry, but it (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ enormous technical challenges because some components of the new semiconductor chips are no more than five to seven molecules thick.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A. an unanticipated boon | D. circumvents |
| B. a routine accomplishment | E. **entails** |
| C. a **significant** struggle | F. resolves |

6. The essential difference between writing nonfiction and writing fiction is that the artist can (i) \_\_\_\_\_ a completed vision of the world, while the journalist never can, the real world being always (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_. Art provides freedom from the bewildering complexities of constant change. Indeed, it is the very (iii)\_\_\_\_\_\_ of well-wrought fiction that can sometimes make feel more real than reality.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| A. shun | D. diverting | G. popularity |
| B. correct | E. tragic | H. rarity |
| C. **realize** | F. **unfinished** | I. **clarity** |

10. The book brings together many valuable reports on conservation projects, but with less variety than might have been wished: nearly half the contributors are from the same state, and consequently, the case studies are similarly \_\_\_\_\_\_ geographically.

A. polarized B. classified C. targeted D. **circumscribed** E. organized F. **restricted**

5. Convinced of the gravity of her poetry, Voigt must have found the reviews of her most recent collection (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ reading: one amused reviewer thought that it was unrecognizable as poetry but decidedly (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A. tempting | D. inspiring |
| B. **depressing** | E. irritating |
| C. thrilling | F. **diverting** |

4. Making loans and fighting poverty are normally two of the least glamorous pursuits around, but remarkably enough put the two together, and you have an economic innovation that has become not just (i)\_\_\_\_\_\_ but downright (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A. **popular** | D. **chic** |
| B. pointless | E. unfathomable |
| C. dangerous | F. sensible |

1. Even those observers who are the most \_\_\_\_\_\_ about genetic privacy issues would have to concede that genetic discrimination is rare: there have only been two cases of any notoriety.

sanguine **zealous** candid objective apathetic

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

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| A. equally important | D. ambitious |
| B. mutually reinforcing | E. **unfeeling** |
| C. **inversely** related | F. disingenuous |

In medieval Europe, watermills were more (i)\_\_\_\_\_ than windmills. It is true that windmills could be built virtually anywhere, whereas watermills (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. However, watermills’ greater capacity and reliability provided a better (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the money required to build the mill.

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| A. problematic | D. were suitable only for **certain** locations | G. source of |
| B. **profitable** | E. inspired a variety of new technologies | H. adjunct to |
| C. versatile | F. required a good deal of upkeep | I. **return** on |

10. Creativity is no longer seen as \_\_\_\_\_ inspiration leading to poem or painting, it has come to be thought of as something permeating the whole of a person’s life.

A. a mundane B. a **momentary** C. an illusory D. an **evanescent** E. a metaphoric F. a prosaic

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

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

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

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| A. irrationality | D. guarded over |
| B. **limits** | E. lay **outside** |
| C. futility | F. was subject to |

4. Because the book is largely concerned with an examination of various (i)\_\_\_\_\_ often encountered in contemporary thinking, such as an exaggerated appreciation for meaningless coincidence and a credulous accept of pseudoscience, much of the writing has a (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ quality to it. Nevertheless, it avoids the overly earned scolding tone common to many such endeavors.

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| A. **inadequacies** | D. **debunking** |
| B. abstractions | E. speculative |
| C. complexities | F. generalizing |

4. The author of this political history text shows considerable bias against the political party when assigning credit or blame for its actions: he deems (i)\_\_\_\_\_ what he favors and avoids what he (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

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| A. pertinent | D. **condemns** |
| B. **inevitable** | E. condones |
| C. divided | F. ignores |

1. 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**

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

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| A. qualifies | D. **ignoring** |
| B. **jettisons** | E. predicting |
| C. affirms | F. confirming |

2. Holston characterized a colonial situation as an aggregation of activities and a conjunction of outcomes that, though \_\_\_\_\_ and at times coordinated, were usually diffuse, disorganized, and even contradictory.

A. dubious B. chaotic C. harmonious D. **linked** E. imputed

2. The artist is known for making photographs that deal with politically charged subject matter, yet because her art is so evocative and open-ended, it would be wrong to characterize it as \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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**

As a historical genre, biography is best when \_\_\_\_\_, a careful reconstruction of the past in all its unfamiliar particularity.

A. introspective B. reflective C. concrete D. concise E. **meticulous** F. **thorough**

5. Firebaugh and Beck contend that economic development improves the overall well-being of people within developing countries. However, other scholars emphasize the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of this view, empirically demonstrating that while economic development does in fact contribute to the well- being of the population of developing countries, the magnitude of development’s positive effects on well-being has (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. In other words, these scholars suggest that (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ economic development and human well-being is taking place in developing countries.

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| A. falsity | D. been greatly underestimated | G. a **decoupling** of |
| B. arbitrariness | E. not yet been measured | H. an inversion of |
| C. **limitation** | F. **decreased** over time | I. a decline in |

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

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| A. **minimized** | D. **tenuous** |
| B. touted | E. complicated |
| C. acknowledged | F. important |

8. The difficulty of reforming electoral politics is not lack of the right tools but the need to put them into the hands of impartial agents: the goal should be to build capacity while \_\_\_\_\_.

A. expediting B. **constraining** C. facilitating D. **deterring** E. exacerbating F. lamenting

2. 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

5. Many popular musicians have (i)\_\_\_\_ new digital technologies that allow them unprecedented control over their music. These musicians use computers to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ and modify their songs, resulting in a level of musical precision often unattainable naturally. Of course, though, as is often the case with new technologies, some traditionalists (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ these developments.

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| A. **incorporated** | D. energize | G. **balk** at |
| B. synthesized | E. delineate | H. revel in |
| C. alleviated | F. **recast** | I. retaliate |

6. Campus-wide discussion on academic integrity can be (i)\_\_\_\_\_ by the fact that faculty and students tend to define cheating in (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ ways. Even when they concur on what cheating means, faculty and students often assign different levels of severity to specific violations. These differences can serve as a major (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the creation of a commonly accepted set of standards of integrity that are consistently applied to all academic work within the campus community.

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| A. expedited | D. **disparate** | G. indictment of |
| B. obscured | E. conventional | H. **impediment** to |
| C. **hampered** | F. rigid | I. metaphor for |

2. Gladys took a \_\_\_\_\_ approach to problem solving, so when the committee needed ideas on how to create more low-cost public transportation, she suggested they study what worked well in other cities with similar needs.

 A. benign B. **pragmatic** C. compliant D. rarefied E. dogmatic

4. Fears that the recent sharp rise in oil prices is an indication that oil is running out appear to be (i)\_\_\_\_\_. The Middle East still contains vast oil supplies. Furthermore, even if new oil finds elsewhere have been (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ than in the past, substantial quantities of oil can be profitably stripped from tar and shale.

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| A. contagious | D. less **frequent** |
| B. **unfounded** | E. more accessible |
| C. sagacious | F. less publicized |

7. Although a dedicated reader of the book can \_\_\_\_\_ a brief of chronology of Chappell’s life, the book is nevertheless not a real biography of Chapelle.

A. mass B. **obtain** C. overlook D. excuse E. forgo F. **glean**

5. To pay for the extra spending under this international poverty plan, each American would have to contribute less than the cost of buying a premium cup of coffee once a week. But financial aid is not (i)\_\_\_\_\_, and even if the funding recommended here were to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, the grandest objectives may well remain unfulfilled. Nonetheless, carefully targeted aid can reward responsible governments, (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ individual initiative, and alleviate suffering. Many will think that’s worth of a cup of coffee.

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| A. an impediment | D. be insufficient | G. obviate |
| B. a **panacea** | E. recede | H. temper |
| C. a malady | F. **materialize** | I. **encourage** |

6. Gravitational waves—ripples in the geometry of space-time—are analogous to electromagnetic waves. The challenge in trying to observe these waves directly is that they are extremely weak. To make waves large enough to be (i)\_\_\_\_\_, the most (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ events in the universe are required: supernova explosions, the formation of black holes, or the collision of stars. Even so, the effects are (iii)\_\_\_\_\_. The geometry changes so little that a distance of several kilometers changes by less than the diameter of a proton.

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| A. **detectable** | D. obvious | G. masked |
| B. usable | E. subtle | H. disastrous |
| C. explicable | F. **violent** | I. minuscule |

9. Her apparent \_\_\_\_\_ her background and ancestry seems unconceivable in an age when people tend to think of themselves to exhaustion.

 A. rejection of B. deference to C. **unfamiliarity** with D. dishonesty with E. **ignorance** of F. fixation on

7. In Schaller’s contradictory introduction to the book, she alternately applauds and \_\_\_\_\_ humankind’s role in animal conservation.

A. authorizes B. endorses C. **denounces** D. discloses E. relates F. lambasts

2. His \_\_\_\_\_ character enables him to work with people who often hold sometimes even conflict views.

A. choleric B. intransigent C. officious D. **irenic** E. prudent

5. To many newspapers readers now, this book published in 1953, is (i)\_\_\_\_\_. It is filled with references to some people whose ideas seemed (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ at that time, but are rarely viewed as (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ persons now.

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| A. refreshingly inspired | D. unfashionable | G. ignoble |
| B. somewhat **dated** | E. dutiable | H. prolific |
| C. excessively angry | F. **important** | I. **seminal** |

8. The concept of increasing complexity of organisms has \_\_\_\_\_ history among evolutionary biologists, and yet many laypeople would unhesitatingly say that the pattern applies to the history of life on Earth.

A. an illustrious B. a sordid C. a curious D. a **contentious** E. a distinguished F. a **fraught**

9. The medical researchers replied to the charge that their proposed new treatment was \_\_\_\_\_ by demonstrating that it in fact observed standard medical practices.

 A. deleterious B. untested C. **unorthodox** D. expensive E. intricate F. **unconventional**

5. A bird’s feathers would seem to be a (i)\_\_\_\_\_ design for protecting a bird from attack by microscopic organisms. They create a warm, moist space next to the skin that could be an ideal incubator for spores. Wild birds rarely (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ skin diseases, however. The chemicals in the sebum include an array of antibacterial and antifungal agents that allow the bird’s skin to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

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| A. perfect | D. **contract** | G. stay healthy |
| B. typical | E. overcome | H. become irritated |
| C. poor | F. notice | I. recover quickly |

3. Because reading on the Web entails quickly scanning and sorting through a deluge of information, many wonder if our level of engagement with the text (i)\_\_\_\_\_ or if the ability to read closely and carefully is one that can be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ if we simply spend more time immersed in a book.

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| A. **irreparably** compromised | D. fully **reactivated** |
| B. tentatively disrupted | E. further degraded |
| C. permanently restored | F. summarily disregarded |

5. Evidence has been accumulating since the 1930s that reducing an animals energy intake below its energy expenditure extends the life span and delays the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of age-related diseases in rats, dogs, fish, and monkeys. Such results have inspired thousands of people to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in the hope of living longer, healthier lives. They have also led to a search for drugs that (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the effects of calorie restriction without the pain of actually going on a diet.

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| A. diagnosis | D. eat healthier foods | G. undermine |
| B. **onset** | E. put up with constant **hunger** | H. **mimic** |
| C. treatment | F. take vitamin supplements | I. delay |

6. Although Uruk in southern Mesopotamia has been (i)\_\_\_\_\_ as being both the first city and the model for later cones, at least two sites in northern Mesopotamia have yielded clear evidence of urbanization long before the existing evidence from Uruk, and other discoveries indicate that some of the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ early urbanism were invented not in southern Mesopotamia but in the north. These findings have led some archaeologists to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ a serious reconsideration about when and where the first cities arose.

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| A. **established** | D. defining features of | G. evaluate |
| B. contested | E. derivative aspects of | H. ignore |
| C. presented | F. traditional theories about | I. **propose** |

9. People from one community always take each other as \_\_\_\_\_ since they automatically classify the others as their family line.

A. acquaintance B. consort C. neighborhood D. **kinfolk** E. **relative** F. patron

2. Due to the many \_\_\_\_\_ in his committee presentation, Mark’s advisor suggested that he revise his work and practice in front of a mirror before presenting it to the entire department.

 A. facilities B. jeremiads C. **gaffes** D. obloquies E. exploits

　The purpose of accounts of the Amazons for their male Greek recorders was \_\_\_\_\_, to teach both male and female Greeks that all-female groups, formed by withdrawal from traditional society,are destructive and dangerous.

A：deceptive　B：**didactic**C：pre-cautious　　D：vengeful　　E：reflective

9. Criticized for decades of overproduction in their signature line of derivative goods, Rectangle Record has satiated the market with a \_\_\_\_\_ of repackaged old CDs, which interferes with its ability to innovate and produce new albums.

 A. dearth B. **glut** C. deficiency D. **surfeit** E. abundance F. profusion

10. His political view, harking back to the turmoil in the 1934, is a \_\_\_\_\_ with no bearing on the present.

A. prototype B. pretense C. paradigm D. **relic** E. contradiction F. **vestige**

5. So (i)\_\_\_\_\_ is the reputation of the country's 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.

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| A. **persisted** | D. indolence | G. contradict |
| B. paralyzing | E. incompetence | H. **reform** |
| C. unfounded | F. **criminality** | I. reward |

6. The wealthy donor was known for his annual acts of (i)\_\_\_\_\_ throughout the community, but even more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ was the fact that he was willing to get his hands dirty and serve the needy through hard physical labor as well as through (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ and gifts.

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| A. quality | D. **laudable** | G. effort |
| B. legacy | E. inexpressible | H. **endowments** |
| C. **largesse** | F. disquieting | I. handiwork |

9. The women's rights movement has been mostly \_\_\_\_\_ in the Middle East, but it is likely that activists will be newly galvanized by the political upheavals currently sweeping the region.

 A. subverted B. **quiescent** C. interminable D. bootless  E. **abeyant** F. feckless

10. Beatified by the Catholic Church in 1765, Italian cleric Ludovico Sabbatini is \_\_\_\_\_ each year on the day of his death, June 11.

 A. pledged  B. evoked C. deified  D. **venerated** E. **honored** F. christened

9. Philby secretly loathed the host of the party that he was attending, but is seemed \_\_\_\_\_ to say so publicly.

A. recondite B. **tactless** C. clever D. malign E. deft F. **impolitic**

2. The painter’s 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**

8. During the eighteenth century, improvements in their material circumstances did not necessarily mean expanded independence for women elite families and, arguably, the social conventions of gentility \_\_\_\_\_ more of their time and energy.

A. provided B. justified C. **demanded** D. granted E. **exacted** F. rationalized

5. Company historians tend to focus on either the company itself or company leaders, the latter being (i)\_\_\_\_\_ by writers who think (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ is important, the former favored by writher who think company heads are actually (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

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| A. rehashed | D. **leadership** | G. influential |
| B. misrepresented | E. organization | H. **interchangeable** |
| C. **preferred** | F. function | I. uncontrolled |

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.

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| A. **sketchy** | D. cavalier |
| B. exculpatory | E. deceptive |
| C. flippant | F. **thorough** |

5. Cynics will dismiss the race between Richard and Gorman as two equally dull candidates. However, the notion that the two leader are (i)\_\_\_\_\_ does not meet them, for they are as different as can be. Richard is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ and is fastidious of her appearance. So one could hardly accuse her of being either taciturn or (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

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| A. **interchangeable** | D. condescending | G. **unkempt** |
| B. uncritical | E. **loquacious** | H. reticence |
| C. competent | F. blunted | I. adherence |

7. 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. 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

2. When studying human history, one must be aware that the \_\_\_\_\_ between historical periods are arbitrary; certainly none of the people alive at the time were aware of a shift from one era to another.

A. judgements B. ideologies C. innovations D. **demarcations** E. episodes

1. Although his friends insisted that his black garb was simply depressing, Peter felt just the opposite—that it gave him an air of upbeat, \_\_\_\_\_ maturity.

A. melancholic B. wearisome C. salacious D. aghast E. **urbane**

3. To contrast the demeanor of Austen’s clergy-man brothers James and Henry with that of Mr. Collins, the much-abused figure of fun in Pride and Prejudice, is instructive, for where the Austen brothers were properly (i)\_\_\_\_\_ to their social superiors and benevolent to their dependents, the odious Mr. Collins was invariably (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ to his betters, fawning in particular on his patron, Lady Catherine de Burgh.

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| A. **differential** | D. derivative |
| B. similar | E. **sycophantic** |
| C. jejune | F. atypical |

8. Although the parents do not think highly of the educational system “as a whole”, they fail to treat teachers with \_\_\_\_\_ equally.

 A. consideration B. veneration C. lucubration D. **opprobrium** E. reverence F. **disdain**

1. Many legislators who helped Roosevelt shape the New Deal \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that emerging social problems affected every segment of the population; nonetheless, they often acted with a view to aiding only their own constituents.

A. disregarded B. **bemoaned** C. ignored D. disputed E. downplayed

The humor in this play derives from its (i)\_\_\_\_\_. The new production, however, inexplicably goes in the opposite direction; it is so (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ that the audience does not even seem to realize that the play is supposed to be a comedy.

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| A. verbal **nimbleness** | D. accessible |
| B. political allusions | E. **plodding** |
| C. deadpan dialogue | F. implausible |

5. Recently released statistics on the prevalence of heart disease in the United States, while (i)\_\_\_\_\_, nevertheless reflect a decline from heights reached in the 1960s, before health officials began publicly (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ people to guard against heart disease.

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| A. definitive | D. **entreating** |
| B. **sobering** | E. defying |
| C. implausible | F. absolving |

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

3. I knew well, from experience with hundreds of hired crew members on her boats, how (i)\_\_\_\_\_ attitudes can be: how one negative influence can impel an otherwise (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ member of a crew to quit.

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| A. insipid | D. untested |
| B. **infectious** | E. captious |
| C. innocuous | F. **contented** |

10. The action in Zadie Smith’s 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

2. Physicists’ opinions diverge on whether the unexpected phenomena that can occur in systems more complex than individual particles represent new physical principles, or whether the principles involved are \_\_\_\_\_, in that they rely, albeit in an extremely complicated way, on known physical principles.

A. extraneous  B. inexpressible C. **derivative**  D. heterogeneous E. uncorrelated

7. The book reaffirms the idea that Africans on the continent have not stopped \_\_\_\_\_\_ or responding to their own creations; in fact, African creative agents have ushered in their own modern forms rooted in traditional ideas.

A. exposing B. detecting C. absorbing D. noticing  E. **generating** F. **originating**

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

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

1. By deliberately dripping paint on their canvases, expressionists affirmed that paint is not \_\_\_\_\_ entity, something merely to be moved where the artist please, but rather a material possessing a fluid energy that the painter attempts to control.

A. an immutable B. an expressive C. a vital D. a **passive** E. a kinetic

3. Reviews written by music critic and composer Stephenson were hardly (i)\_\_\_\_\_ : musicians who performed his music could count on sympathetic coverage, while those who ignored him were held to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ standards.

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| A. **disinterested** | D. **exacting** |
| B. lucid | E. minimal |
| C. conventional | F. accepted |

5. The strategists who created the European Unions practiced piecemeal social engineering. Recognizing that perfection is (i)\_\_\_\_\_, they set limited objectives and then mobilize the political will for a small step forward knowing full well that when they achieved it, its (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ would become apparent and necessitate further measures.

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| A. **unattainable** | D. potential |
| B. salubrious | E. **inadequacy** |
| C. bromidic | F. mutability |

8. The book captures the \_\_\_\_\_ of several politicians who spoke publicly of old-time virtues in order to mask private vices.

A. probity  B. **dissemblance** C. opportunism D. rectitude  E. ingenuousness F. **duplicity**

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

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

1. She demonstrates a great extent of \_\_\_\_\_, as she has traveled to many more countries and places around the world than any of her kindred.

 A. perfidiousness B. **peregrination** C. jubilation D. sagaciousness E. conspicuousness

6. As the study of the foundation of western Shanghai reveals, there was a sense of elegance in the refined, simple lines that characterized the entire row, bereft of the exuberant, emphatic, assertive, ornament that constituted the latest British architectural fashion, which expressed its detestation of Plalladianism and neoclassicism—London’s Regent Street then being regarded as abhorrent—calling it the product of a (i)\_\_\_\_\_ “shopocracy”. The (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ of Western architectural taste—oscillating between simplicity and ornamental (iii)\_\_\_\_\_—must have bemused Chinese observers who had long accepted that both approaches were valid and could co-exist.

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| A. superficial | D. **impermanence** | G. profundity |
| B. quintessential | E. eternality | H. modesty |
| C. **disdained** | F. subtlety | I. **exuberance** |

3. As cheaper imports drove most California potteries out of business during the 1950s, one company (i)\_\_\_\_\_. The substantial size and weight of the specialized products produced by Architectural Pottery helped (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the company, because it was uneconomical for foreign companies to ship similarly large objects to California

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| A. stagnated | D. transform |
| B. diversified | E. **insulate** |
| C. **flourished** | F. finance |

5. During the Harlem Renaissance, Alain Locke (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the first flourishing of a self-consciously racial art movement in America and was widely credited with providing the philosophical basis for its emergence. His importance as a critic of African America art and as an art theorist is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ if controversial, yet he has received (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ attention for his unique insight into the broad forces that shaped American modernism and cultural nationalism in the visual arts.

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| A. forestalled | D. **undisputed** | G. undeserved |
| B. **presided** over | E. misleading | H. meticulous |
| C. seethed over | F. questionable | I. **insufficient** |

6. Vaccine denial has all the hallmarks of a belief system that is no (i)\_\_\_\_\_. The notion that childhood vaccines are driving autism rates has been (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ by multiple epidemiological studies. Yet the true believers are (iii)\_\_\_\_\_, critiquing each new study that challenges their views, and rallying to the defense of disgraced researchers whose work was retracted.

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| A. **amenable** to reputation | D. resuscitated | G. indignant |
| B. susceptible to fashion | E. documented | H. **persistent** |
| C. open to criticism | F. **upended** | I. phlegmatic |

9. 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

9. 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

3. It was fine to be (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in the old days when papers were still not losing readers and ad revenue was not tough to come by, but many editors today are uneasy about bludgeoning their readers with the inherently (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ work of cartoonists.

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| A. comprehensive | D. **unbalanced** |
| B. **opinionated** | E. flawed |
| C. profligate | F. vacuous |

5. The order applies to all Federal agency whose actions may affect the status of invasive species and requires agencies to identify such actions and to the extent practicable and permitted by law, and since invasive species severely reduce the number of native species and even (i)\_\_\_\_\_ their existence, the agency has determined and made public its determination that the benefits of such actions clearly outweigh the potential harm caused by invasive species; and that all feasible and (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ measures to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ risk of harm of the introduction of invasive species will be taken in conjunction with the actions.

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| A. escalate | D. **prudent** | G. remedy |
| B. **preclude** | E. mawkish | H. counterbalance |
| C. diminish | F. braggart | I. **minimize** |

While the group's street protests assumed an assertory uncompromising tenor, once admitted to the halls of power to begin formal lobbying, the group's leadership wisely chose to \_\_\_\_\_ the stridency of their rhetoric.

A. metamorphose B. gild  C. wane D. **palliate** E. succor F. **damp**

9. Debate rages on between proponents of corporal punishment and the death penalty and their detractors, though even the most rabid supporter agrees that punishments must be \_\_\_\_\_ and the justice system evenhanded and thorough.

A. **meet** B. clement  C. delimited D. **condign**  E. tantamount F. merciful

3. Since he had demonstrated (i)\_\_\_\_\_ talent as an amateur, several of his acquaintances (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ a career on the stage, but he followed his parents’ wishes, becoming an engineer.

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| A. an innocuous | D. aided him in pursuing |
| B. an unremarkable | E. **badgered** him to pursue |
| C. the **requisite** | F. swayed him into pursuing |

9. Three of the nation’s largest airlines could be operating under bankruptcy protection in coming weeks, analysts say, the latest sign of the industry’s \_\_\_ as it lurches through a historic transformation.

A. **upheaval** B. exorbitance C. affluence D. peril  E. **convulsion** F. opulence

4. The guilty-pleasure of the play lies in its invitation for us to identify with its characters—attractive, articulate young women and young men (i)\_\_\_\_\_ behavior that, from the outside, may look more than a little (ii)\_\_\_\_\_: though the actions are initially repugnant, we cannot help but share the point of the view of the characters committing them.

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| A. lament | D. trivial |
| B. execrate | E. altruistic |
| C. **rationalize** | F. **monstrous** |

6. People accustomed to thinking that the human lifespan (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the outer bounds of animal longevity tend to dismiss tales of musket balls being found in the shells of living turtles. Samantha Romney, however, argues that while such stories may be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, some turtles do indeed exhibit a phenomenon known as “negligible (iii)\_\_\_\_\_,” showing no signs of aging even as they pass the two-century mark.

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| A. belies | D. **apocryphal** | G. rejuvenation |
| B. demarcates | E. authentic | H. superannuation |
| C. **antedates** | F. heresy | I. **senescence** |

1. “RESIGNATION”, an English work the French novelist Christian Oster would no doubt appreciate, presents an elegant paradox: in one sense, it indicated a bold step, a cleaving of oneself from an attachment grown onerous; in another, it’s the height of \_\_\_\_\_, an acquiescence to fate.

 A. sham B. fissure C. desperation D. **passivity** E. maturity

2. Even though the authors repeatedly \_\_\_\_\_ their won shrewdness, they show a remarkable credulousness toward far-fetched ideas such as carbon-eating trees and cloud-making machinery.

A. soft-pedal  B. **extol**  C. deprecate  D. broaden  E. compromise

3. The piecrust was not punctured, so steam built up and the crust \_\_\_\_\_, bursting like a balloon, creating an over-cleaning project where hopes of dinner were expected.

A. split B. warped C. **distended** D. shrunk E. caved in

5. 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.

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| A. ignore | D. **swayed** by | G. grouchiness |
| B. **credit** | E. unaware of | H. **probity** |
| C. dismiss | F. learning about | I. creativity |

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.

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| 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 |

1. Given the many thematic strands that the book seeks to draw together into a continuous cord of narrative, it is perforce work of \_\_\_\_\_, which is not to say that the author’s research fails to provide sufficient detail about each of his chosen themes.

A. **synthesis** B. conjecture C. analysis D. reconstruction E. accretion

5. Many researchers assume that politicians consider the preferences of the entire public, and not merely those of likely voters, when making decisions. Yet, since the desire to be reelected is central, it is plausible that politicians (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the opinions of likely voters in formulating their positions on issues. It is possible that researchers’ suppositions about policy makers’ (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ aggregate public opinion may serve to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the fact that only the preferences of likely voters actually matter.

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| A. rely insufficiently on | D. **responsiveness** to | G. **mask** |
| B. depart sporadically from | E. neglect of | H. reflect |
| C. attend **disproportionately** to | F. misrepresentation of | I. obviate |

7. Upon realizing that the indicators of a stressful situation can be extremely \_\_\_\_\_, the psychologist reconsidered her claim that a reliable way of reducing stress is to recognize stressful situations and then avoid them.

A. acute  B. **exiguous** C. persistent D. overstated E. **tenuous**  F. unrelenting

2. Shirky argues that the Internet (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the needs for hierarchical structures and the sluggish organizations that (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ them: the Internet makes it possible to do things cheaply and efficiently on one’s own.

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| A. delineates | D. circumvent |
| B. **obviates** | E. **perpetuate** |
| C. redoubles | F. undervalue |

His new role gives the normally clownish actor a chance to impress audiences with his (i)\_\_\_\_\_. He is among the most uninhibited comic performers around, but here he buttons his lip and stares straight ahead. Perhaps without quite knowing it, the audience waits for a wink, a hint that some of the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ spirit that animated his previous movies might be lurking inside the (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ manner he presents in this film.

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| A. raillery | D. **madcap** | G. facetious |
| B. effusiveness | E. lugubrious | H. **reserved** |
| C. **forbearance** | F. edifying | I. beguiling |

7. A priori mathematics, according to Galileo, does not \_\_\_\_\_ the need for observation, but mathematics does allow us to deduce unobservable properties and thus to penetrate further into the structure of nature than observation does.

A. address  B. acknowledge C. **obviate**  D. diminish  E. **displace**  F. appreciate

3. The professor frequently reiterated a basic assumption behind the experimental method--- namely, that the outcome of the experiment is always (i)\_\_\_\_\_. The hypothesis can never assume the experiment’s results, in other words, but instead must (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ their appearance.

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| A. **undetermined** | D. **await** |
| B. incontrovertible | E. signal |
| C. inconsequential | F. negate |

8. Recent research runs counter to the long-cherished notion that a small drop in body temperature during and after surgery is either \_\_\_\_\_ or actually protects the patient by slowing metabolism and reducing the body’s demand for blood and oxygen.

A. beneficial B. **immaterial** C. **inconsequential** D. preventive E. prophylactic F. redundant