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acerbic

韦氏释义: expressing harsh or sharp criticism in a clever way



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acerbic

-aci, -acu, -acri 尖，酸，锐利

acrid 刻薄的，辛辣的

acumen 敏锐

acute 敏锐的

acid 酸的

acidic 酸性的

acrimonious 刻薄的



尖酸刻薄

bitter

astringent

harsh

pungent (抨击他)

piquant (批判他)

mordant (妈蛋的)

sarcastic

satiric

acrimonious

cutting



acrimonious

sanctimonious

韦氏释义: pretending to be morally better than other people



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- B. querulous (易怒的)
- C. insincere (不真诚的)
- D. sanctimonious (假装虔诚的)
- E. plaintive (悲哀的)
- F. disingenuous (不真诚的)

答案: AD



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adulation

韦氏释义: excessive or slavish admiration or flattery



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谄媚，拍马屁

adulation-adulate

flattery-flatter（服了，头）

sycophancy-sycophantic（三个粉丝）

fawn（幼鹿）

toady-toad（癞蛤蟆）



GRE真题

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- C. unsentimental (不动感情的)
- D. censorious (爱挑剔的)
- E. pedantic (迂腐的)

答案：B



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anachronistic (anachronism)

韦氏释义：

(1)out of date or old-fashioned

(2)something that is mistakenly placed in a time where it does not belong in a story, movie, etc.



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-ana 错误，分开

anachronistic 时代错误的

analogy 类比

analysis 分析

anatomy 解剖



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-chron=time 时间

chronic 慢性的，长期的

chronology 年代学，年表

chronicle 编年史，记录

synchronize 使同步

anachronistic 时代错误的



过时的

anachronistic

old-fashioned

outmoded

antediluvian

obsolete

antiquated

archaic

superannuated



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-anti和-ante区别



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-ann, -enn=year 年

annual 年度的，每年的

anniversary 纪念日

annuity 养老金

perennial 常年的



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Up to the 1970s, histories of science tended to be (i)_____ **not least**
(尤其/相当重要的) 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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Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A anachronistic (超前的)	D major (重大的, 主要的)
B convoluted (复杂的)	E fallacious (有错误的)
C undogmatic (非教条的)	F inessential (不重要的)

答案: AD



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augment

韦氏释义:

(1) to increase the size or amount of (something)

(2) to add something to (something) in order to improve or complete it

argument



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Banal: 陈腐/平庸的

韦氏释义: boring or ordinary: not interesting



陈腐，非原创

banal

cliché

Inspid: 清淡的/无趣的

trite

hackneyed

platitude

bromide

Humdrum: 单调/无聊的

pedestrian

stereotyped

Vapid: 无趣的；索然无味的



-ped=foot 脚

impede 阻碍

expedite 加速

pedal 脚踏板

peddle 沿街叫卖

pedestrian 行人

pedicure 足疗



-ped=child 孩子

pedology 儿科学

pedant 迂腐的教师

pediatrist 儿科以上

pedogogy 教育学



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创新，先锋

innovative

avant-garde

original

cutting-edge

pioneering

experimental

vanguard



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belie

韦氏释义:

- (1) to **give** a false idea of (something) (掩饰)
- (2) to show (something) to be false or wrong



同义词

第一类: disguise, conceal, misrepresent, **veil**

第二类: disprove, contradict, contravene, repudiate



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capricious

韦氏释义: changing often and quickly



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善变

unpredictable

Impulsive: 冲动的; 任性的

inconstant

Fickle: 浮躁的; 易变的

mercurial

mutable

volatile

unstable

unsteady

freakish-freak

Erratic: 不稳定的; 古怪的

whimsical-whim

长不过执念，短不过善变



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不变—固执

不变

stable

steadfast

steady

enduring

固执

unyielding

obdurate

Adamant: 固执的；坚强的；坚定不移的

Implacable: 不能安抚的；不能缓和的

Obstinate: 顽固的；倔强的

uncompromising



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chimera

韦氏释义: something that exists only in the imagination and is not possible in reality



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假

Chimera: 妄想

illusion

bubble

delusion

fancy

Mirage: 海市蜃楼; 妄想



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游戏里的GRE词汇

taunt 嘲讽

venom 毒素

remnant 残余的

serpent 蛇，狡猾的人

fury 愤怒，复仇女神

feeble 无力的

phantom 幻影，错觉的

prophet 先知

acolyte 寺僧



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ensnare 诱入陷阱

annihilate 歼灭

rabid 猛烈的

guise 伪装

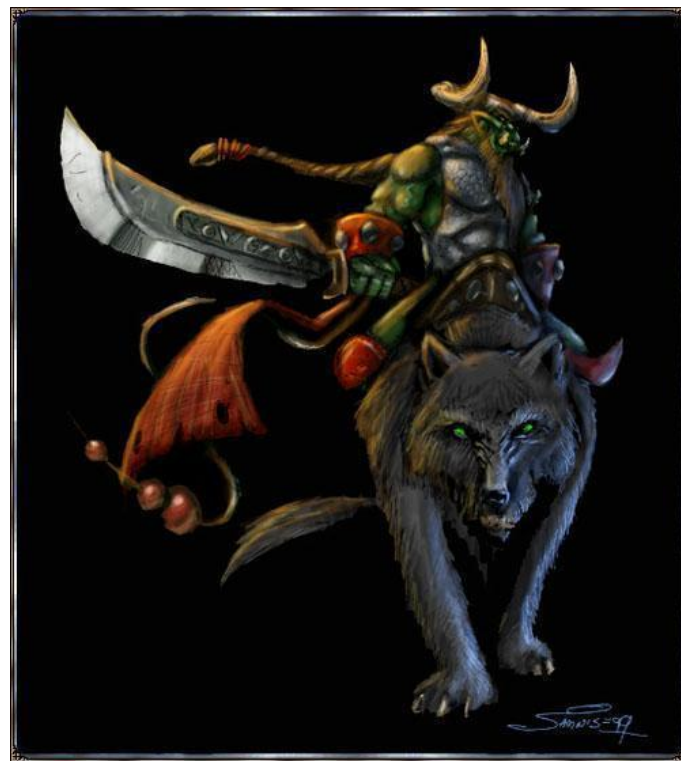
maelstrom 大漩涡

siege 包围

devour 吞食

dire 可怕的，悲惨的

void 虚空



circumspect

韦氏释义: thinking carefully about possible risks before doing or saying something

Discreet: 谨慎的; 小心的

Discrete: 离散的; 不连续的

Discretion: 谨慎; 考虑周到



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-circum 四周

circumscribe 限制

circumlocution 话多

circumference 周长 perimeter

circumnavigate 环球航行

circumstance 环境

circumvent 回避



-spect 看

aspect 方面，样子

expect 期望

inspect 检查

perspective 看法，观点

retrospect 回顾

suspect 怀疑

spectacle 眼镜

spectator 观众



clandestine

韦氏释义: done in a private place or way



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秘密的，偷偷的

clandestine

secret

surreptitious

furtive

private

underground



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compromise

韦氏释义:

(1) settlement of differences by arbitration or by **consent reached by mutual concessions**

(2) to **damage or weaken (something)**



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The government has no choice but to (i)_____ the incessant demands for land reform, and yet any governmental action that initiated land reform without requisite attention to agrarian reform would (ii)_____ the overall goal of economic modernization.

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B heed (留意)	E condone (原谅)
C silence (沉默)	F compromise (削弱)

答案：BF



conundrum

韦氏释义: a confusing or difficult problem



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谜

conundrum

mystery

enigma

puzzle

riddle

sphinx



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daunting

韦氏释义: tending to make people afraid or less confident



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几大姑

haunt 经常出没，闹鬼

flaunt 炫耀

taunt 嘲讽

vaunt 吹牛

daunt 使气馁



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- C. numinous
- D. empirical
- E. sonorous



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- C. numinous (神秘的, 超自然的)
- D. empirical (经验主义的)
- E. sonorous (响亮的)

答案: C



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deliberate

韦氏释义:

(1) done or said on purpose

(2) done or decided after careful thought

(3) to think about or discuss something very carefully in order to make a decision



先做题，再讲词

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

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- B. meticulous (极其仔细的)
- C. straightforward (直接的)
- D. implacable (难以平息的)
- E. tenacious (固执的)

答案: A



diffident

韦氏释义:

(1) lacking confidence

(2) hesitant in acting or speaking through lack of self-confidence



-fid 信任，忠心

fidelity 忠心

confidential 保密的

perfidy 不忠诚

infidel 异教徒



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disingenuous

韦氏释义: not truly honest or sincere

ingenuous 天真的，坦白的

ingenious 灵巧的，机灵的



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empirical

韦氏释义: based on testing or experience



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ephemeral

韦氏释义: lasting a very short time



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短暂

ephemeral

transient

transitory

momentary

evanescent

fleeting

instantaneous



instantaneous

spontaneous

simultaneous



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持久

enduring

eternal (external)

everlasting

lasting

immortal

permanent

perpetual (perpetuate/perpetrate)



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- B. symmetry (对称)
- C. decay (衰退)
- D. simplicity (简单)
- E. balance (平衡)
- F. deterioration (衰落)

答案: CF



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exculpate:

韦氏释义: to clear from alleged fault or guilt

vindicate

韦氏释义: to free from allegation or blame



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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?

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- C. ministration (援助)
- D. valediction (告别词)
- E. exculpation (开脱罪行)

答案：E



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founder

韦氏释义:

- (1) one that founds or establishes
- (2) to experience failure
- (3) to fill with water and sink



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hodgepodge

韦氏释义: a mixture of different things



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大杂烩

hodgepodge

hotchpotch

pastiche

patchwork

jumble

welter

medley

motley

montage



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impassioned

韦氏释义: showing of feeling very strong emotions

impassive

passive

dispassionate

compassion



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- C. insightfully (有见解地)
- D. evocatively (启发地)
- E. analytically (冷静分析地)
- F. blithely (快活地)



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