1. Ancient cave painters explored every surface, and although they bypassed certain walls that to us seem just as suitable for decoration as ones they chose, the placement of the art apparently wasn’t \_\_\_\_\_.

A. inconsequential

B. capricious

C. strenuous

D. undisclosed

E. arduous

F. impulsive

1. Cynics will dismiss the race between Richard and Gorman as two equally dull candidates. However, the notion that the two leaders 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)\_\_\_\_\_.

A. interchangeable D. condescending G. unkempt

B. uncritical E. loquacious H. reticent

C . competent F. blunted I. adherent

1. 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

4. 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

5. Although political events in different countries were (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in the nineteenth century, their interrelationship was (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ compared with the present, when (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ has become far greater,isolationism has ceased to be an option.

A. connected D. superficial G. idealism

B. Unobjectionable E. cordial H. interdependence

C. Unpredictable F. Improbable I. rigidity