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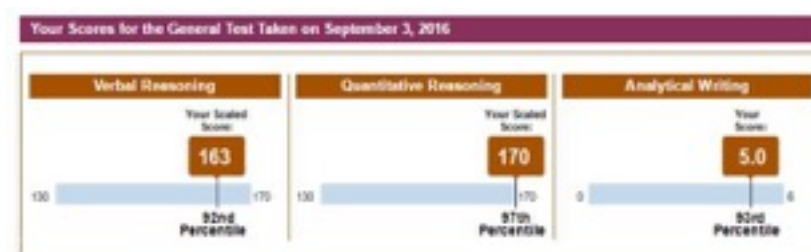
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Section 51 easy

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

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

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

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

A. unsupported generalizations	D. numerous
B. stylistic infelicities	E. minor
C. little errors	F. perplexing

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

A. decay	D. disparate
B. strength	E. unknown
C. diversity	F. controversial

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 52 easy

1. Some ambitious lawyers are willing to work on Supreme Court cases without charge in an effort to gain _____; they believe that this increased cachet will help them succeed in the future.

- A. wisdom
- B. certitude
- C. prestige
- D. integrity
- E. humility

2. The author's unfortunate predilection for mannered turns of phrase and complicated metaphors had a tendency to _____ her work's straightforward themes.

- A. propitiate
- B. accentuate
- C. augment
- D. occlude
- E. presage

3. The councilman was a highly respected, even (i) _____ member of society, so when he was accused of fraud, people were (ii) _____.

A. venerated	D. stunned
B. obscure	E. elated
C. unassuming	F. gullible

4. (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.

A. ambition	D. antithesis of
B. creativity	E. foundation for
C. persistence	F. precursor to

5. 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) _____.

A. bountiful	D. invaluable	G. eternal
B. atypical	E. permanent	H. precious
C. stable	F. corrupted	I. endangered

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.

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

7. Changes made to ecosystems in order to achieve a goal, such as food production or flood control, often _____ significant unforeseen trade-offs between other important products and services the ecosystems provide.

- A. predict
- B. delay
- C. foretell
- D. obscure
- E. yield
- F. engender

8. One big challenge with placebo responses is that they are_____: people given the same inert pill or potion may show wildly different reactions, and the effects can vary widely according to each person's illness.

- A. capricious
- B. illusory
- C. unpredictable
- D. chimerical
- E. marginal
- F. ephemeral

9. The Chicago journal known as Poetry has been the launching pad for many poets since its _____ in 1913; among them, T. S. Eliot, Gwendolyn Brooks, and John Ashbery.

- A. extraction
- B. foundation
- C. partnership
- D. employment
- E. revival
- F. inception

10. Although most land snails are_____, the giant African snail is a notable exception; it can be 15 inches long and weigh 2 pounds.

- A. gargantuan
- B. juvenile
- C. functional
- D. diminutive
- E. responsive
- F. minuscule

Section 53 easy

1. The company's steering committee, reluctant to be held any specific commitments, released a strategic plan that was deliberately_____.

- A. unpopular
- B. repetitive
- C. stringent
- D. inflexible
- E. nebulous

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

3. Knowing how (i)_____she was at work, her colleagues were surprised at her (ii) _____ throughout the dinner.

A. dependable	D. timidity
B. diffident	E. assertiveness
C. diligent	F. punctiliousness

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.

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

5. Twenty years ago, when the book was first published, most reviewers dismissed the author's predictions as (i)_____. Sometimes people (ii)_____their errors: those same reviewers today, comparing the predictions with actual events, acknowledge how (iii) ___the author was.

A. insightful	D. persevere in	G. mistaken
B. judicious	E. recognize	H. prescient
C. alarmist	F. complicate	I. pessimistic

6. Keith Haring's cartoonish art became even more (i) _____ than Andy Warhol's much-reproduced soup cans when, in 1986, he opened his own store, the Pop Shop, to sell licensed Haring merchandise. The public loved the souvenirs; the critics (ii) _____ what they saw as his betrayal of artistic integrity. Haring claimed that these critics misunderstood his (iii) _____ to take art beyond galleries and museums, and thus to give a wider audience the opportunity to experience art.

A. commercial	D. fostered	G. failed plan
B. traditional	E. decried	H. financial need
C. expert	F. anticipated	I. sincere need

7. As the biography makes plain, the scientist led _____ sort of life, rarely remaining in one place for long.

- A. an enigmatic
- B. an idiosyncratic
- C. an itinerant
- D. a cautious
- E. a peripatetic
- F. a circumspect

8. 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

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

10. _____ the notion that attention is a limited resource, scientists have found lots of evidence that drivers with cell phones drives slower and are more apt to miss important details than drivers who drive solely on the road.

- A. Controverting
- B. Buttressing
- C. Questioning
- D. Bolstering
- E. Perpetuating
- F. Refuting

Section 54 easy

1. As the release of the annual report drew near, it was clear that more than a few employees suspected the company was on the verge of bankruptcy; the belief was (___) throughout the organization.

- A. omniscient
- B. abject
- C. pervasive
- D. estimable
- E. specious

2. The automation of many of the functions performed at the factory, although initially inspiring _____ in many of the company's employees, has had none of the deleterious effects forecast either within and beyond the organization.

- A. indifference
- B. optimism
- C. ambition
- D. arrogance
- E. trepidation

3. The claim that large budget deficits significantly depress private investment and thereby hurt future wages and living standards is (i)____; in reality, the (ii)_____ effects of budget deficits are tiny.

A. fallacious	D. adverse
B. incomprehensible	E. unforeseen
C. incontrovertible	F. ameliorate

4. The small errors of fact in the work are not sufficient to allow one to (i)_____ Johnson's main thesis, but their cumulative effect is to make the reader (ii)_____ of the quality of his research.

A. dismiss	D. skeptical
B. endorse	E. credulous
C. decipher	F. appreciative

5. Even though intelligence may be quite (i)_____, and even though scientists may have made frustratingly (ii)_____ progress in understanding it, many experts on intelligence still think that the potential (iii)_____ of the quest to understand intelligence make it worth continuing. For instance, a brain-based understanding of intelligence may help teachers design strategies for educating children more effectively.

A. useful	D. little	G. intellectual impediments
B. neglected	E. rapid	H. practical values
C. complex	F. extensive	I. financial rewards

6. While the Prime Minister's long-standing reputation for (i)_____practical power may (ii)_____ his recently stated willingness to devolve real power to regional assemblies and local governments, it certainly does not (iii)_____his doing it.

A. centralizing	D. render inevitable	G. require
B. overseeing	E. be based on	H. allow
C. exploring	F. raise doubts about	I. preclude

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

8. In their quest for kinder cutting, physicians increasingly rely on endoscopic surgery, replacing large scalpels and clamps with cameras and_____tools that snake into the body through tiny holes.

- A. flexibility
- B. rigidity
- C. magnitude
- D. suppleness
- E. enormity
- F. precision

9. The university's once_____department of economic history has lost prestige and transmogrified into a department of management and marketing.

- A. respected
- B. slighted
- C. pretentious
- D. gigantic
- E. venerable
- F. snubbed

10. Travel writers have a special burden of forming_____story—that is, one with a beginning, middle, and end—out of the unformed moments that make up the act of traveling.

- A. a compelling
- B. a coherent
- C. an original
- D. a serious
- E. an orderly
- F. an innovative

Section 55 easy

1. Like all general models, island biogeography theory is _____ reality, capturing just a few important elements of a system while ignoring many others.

- A. an adjunct to
- B. an improvement on
- C. a mirror of
- D. a corollary to
- E. a simplification of

2. The restaurant often experience a decline in business after holiday seasons, for potential customers attempt to be more _____ to balance out their former celebratory indulgences.

- A. abstemious
- B. loyal
- C. unsophisticated
- D. blithe
- E. indolent

3. Just as different human groups have different kinds of musical traditions, different groups of whales have different dialects evident in their songs, and it is possible for one group to influence the (i) _____ of another. It has been documented more than once that a group of whales will (ii) _____ its own tunes and adopt the new songs of an unfamiliar group.

A. tastes	D. create
B. diversity	E. abandon
C. organization	F. perpetuate

4. Any number of mysteries to which individual scholars of Athenian history have devoted whole careers are addressed by Ober, and mostly successfully. This will cause some (i) _____ among scholars who have worked for years on a particular problem only to see another scholar suddenly (ii) _____ it.

A. chagrin	D. prolong
B. complacency	E. exacerbate
C. hubris	F. resolve

5. Wolosky claims that Ella Wheeler Wilcox joined other women poets such as Julia Ward Howe, Frances Harper, and Charlotte Perkins Gilman in critiquing materialism and possessive individualism. Wolosky's description (i) _____ the poetry of Gilman, Howe, and Harper, but it is not entirely (ii) _____ in the case of Wilcox, who hardly (iii) _____ the materialism of her time. Rather, Wilcox seems to have embraced the amassing of private property.

A. fits	D. apt	G. reflected
B. conflates	E. puzzling	H. countenanced
C. misinterprets	F. uncommon	I. impugned

6. What she disliked in the fictions of some of her peers was the excessive (i)_____. In her novel, by contrast, she was marked by a (ii)_____ : she always (iii)_____.

A. explicitness	D. ebullience	G. keeps some details undisclosed
B. deviousness	E. reticence	H. ends the book with a bleak note
C. divergence	F. introspection	I. draws on unusual sources

7. There are many ways in which rat brains and human brains are_____. Indeed, rat brains are often used as generalized models for all mammalian brains, including our own.

- A. identical
- B. analogous
- C. mysterious
- D. comparable
- E. adaptable
- F. inexplicable

8. Space is often referred to as the final frontier, as the only realm of which humankind has still to gain substantial understanding, yet the ocean realm is another vast area about which our knowledge is_____.

- A. erroneous
- B. confusing
- C. frustrating
- D. rudimentary
- E. delusive
- F. sketchy

9. The occasional minor errors, while annoying, do not_____ the basic scholarship or the valuable contribution of this book.

- A. support
- B. uphold
- C. expose
- D. explain
- E. vitiate
- F. impair

10. In American art the line between the good and the goods is not a hard-and-fast boundary, for in a commercial society the membrane that separates spirit and store is always_____.

- A. porous
- B. clogged
- C. permeable
- D. unwavering
- E. steady
- F. imaginary

Section 56 easy

1. Needing an advocate who would be both precise and succinct, they rejected McIntock, whose inveterate_____would automatically preclude meeting those requirements.

- A. punctiliousness
- B. concision
- C. cautiousness
- D. imperturbability
- E. prolixity

2. 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

3. He was a leader about whom the country's people felt (i)_____: both (ii)_____and reviling him.

A. ambivalent	D. ignoring
B. complacent	E. understanding
C. indifferent	F. adulating

4. Fables often endure due to their (i)_____, often telling one simple narrative, based around one character. This is both by design, because direct statements are more easily remembered than florid ones, and by accident, as fables are passed from teller to teller, (ii)_____details fall away, leaving only the essential story.

A. bombast	D. superfluous
B. objectivity	E. requisite
C. simplicity	F. apocryphal

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.

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.

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

7. Although the four microclimates, observed over the three years, show very similar overall trends, suggesting spatial_____ in the rock surface temperature regime, relative humidity and surface wetness data show clear differences.

- A. invariability
- B. superiority
- C. perception
- D. homogeneity
- E. resemblance
- F. immutability

8. Because chemistry's position as one of the natural sciences has long seemed _____, historians have generally treated the foundation of chemical professorship as an inevitable component of the progression of universities.

- A. manifest
- B. impregnable
- C. relevant
- D. predictable
- E. germane
- F. self-evident

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

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

Section 57 easy

1. The macromolecule RNA is common to all living beings, and DNA, which is found in all organisms except some bacteria, is almost as_____.
- A. mercurial
B. amorphous
C. ubiquitous
D. manifest
E. exiguous
2. Notwithstanding that the_____of local branch banks has been so much predicted, in most countries the number of branch banks has increased over the past decade.
- A. resurgence
B. proliferation
C. demise
D. profitability
E. reorganization
3. There are something like 1,400 seed banks around the world, which guard samples of crop plants ranging from alfalfa to yams. But this agricultural archive is (i)_____as a result of war, storms, scant money, and bad management, particularly in the world's most (ii)_____places.

A. eroding	D. secure
B. expanding	E. turbulent
C. stabilizing	F. cosmopolitan

4. Recent years have seen a disheartening string of revelations in which everyday items once considered (i)_____are found to contain (ii)_____chemicals.

A. ubiquitous	D. benign
B. innocuous	E. complex
C. insalubrious	F. baneful

5. Parker's model of human affairs reflects (i)_____outlook, in stark contrast to the generally (ii)_____premises that her colleagues in the economics department adopt in their work. Accordingly, her conclusions (iii)_____theirs.

A. a sanguine	D. pessimistic	G. are somewhat more accessible than
B. an introspective	E. theoretical	H. are not so sunny as
C. a technical	F. distinctive	I. diverge markedly

6. Those who took Clark's old-mannered compliance for obsequiousness (i)_____him: his apparent (ii)_____veiled a fervent (iii)_____of the authority that others exercised over him, one that he occasionally expressed by discreetly sabotaging their most important projects.

A. misconstrued	D. cynicism	G. veneration
B. condemned	E. acquiescence	H. justification
C. respected	F. intractability	I. detestation

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
8. The company is so old-fashioned and opposed to innovation that it can seem downright (_____).
- A. antediluvian
 - B. flighty
 - C. archaic
 - D. chauvinistic
 - E. capricious
 - F. patronizing
9. The central idea of the worldview known as "consilience" is that all tangible phenomena are based on material process that are ultimately reducible, however long and _____ the sequences, to the laws of physics.
- A. facile
 - B. ethereal
 - C. tortuous
 - D. superficial
 - E. convoluted
 - F. protracted
10. Although evolutionary psychologists do not seem quite as imperialist in their intellectual ambitions as their sociobiologist forebears of the 1970s, they tend, in some critics' view, to be no less _____ in their claims.
- A. abashed
 - B. arrogant
 - C. impetuous
 - D. hubristic
 - E. narcissistic
 - F. diffident

Section 58 easy

1. By the early nineteenth century, education in the United States had become_____ affair: almost every town provided free schools for young children, and many were in the process of building high schools.

- A. an analytical
- B. a civic
- C. a contested
- D. a trivial
- E. an exclusive

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

3. The scientist's motivation for (i)_____a ban on the addictive food cannot be called (ii)_____. He himself had a patent for the substitution for the addictive food.

A. advocating	D. altruistic
B. opposing	E. solem
C. conceding	F. effective

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

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

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.

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

6. Unambiguous texts can allow their readers to (i)_____them quickly, but ambiguous texts can have the attractive (ii)_____of multiple possible interpretations, all of which can be considered equally (iii)_____, and none of which is the single true meaning.

A. misunderstand	D. stigma	G. valid
B. comprehend	E. blemish	H. frank
C. complicate	F. allure	I. inveterate

7. Although the company still loses the occasional lawsuit, the litigation threat that once seemed so _____ has become quite manageable.
- A. burdensome
 - B. pedestrian
 - C. sporadic
 - D. mundane
 - E. promising
 - F. onerous
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 story lines of silent dramas may often have been _____, yet within those basic narrative outlines, the true artists among silent-film actors could express emotional shadings that have no analogue in spoken language.
- A. implausible
 - B. incredible
 - C. conventional
 - D. elemental
 - E. rudimentary
 - F. confusing
10. The candidate seeks to depict his opponent as being _____, as one who is simply unable to make a decision and stand his ground.
- A. inconstant
 - B. cowardly
 - C. opportunistic
 - D. petty
 - E. capricious
 - F. spiteful

Section 59 easy

1. The jury's verdict was such a surprise that the populace rioted in the streets; nothing less than a reversal of the verdict could_____them.

- A. mollify
- B. emulsify
- C. denigrate
- D. petrify
- E. disabuse

2. We often regard natural phenomena like rainfall as mysterious and unpredictable; although for short time spans and particular places they appear so, in fact on a truly global scale, nature has been a model of_____.

- A. reliability
- B. diversity
- C. complexity
- D. plasticity
- E. discontinuity

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

A. forbearance	D. tempered
B. exuberance	E. delineated
C. obduracy	F. exacerbated

4. According to Dr. Edith Widder, measuring the level of pollutants in sediment provides a more accurate and robust indication of an estuary's health than does measuring the level of chemicals in the water, since pollution in water is (i)_____, but pollution in sediment is (ii)_____.

A. declining	D. significant
B. manageable	E. persistent
C. transient	F. detectable

5. Compared with, say, the precision of a skein of geese winging its way across the autumn sky in a V formation, the seasonal marches of grazers across the Serengeti seem (i)_____, and at times even (ii)_____. But, in fact, years of careful observation by scientists have shown that there is (iii)_____ those migrations of zebras, wildebeests, and Thomson's gazelles.

A. disorganized	D. illusionary	G. feats a tendency toward aggression in
B. purposeful	E. overwhelming	H. an undeniable grandeur to
C. massive	F. chaotic	I. a definite order to

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.

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

7. Given the_____of solid case studies of environment degradation, this new study adds very little to our knowledge of the field.

- A. erroneousness
- B. plethora
- C. surfeit
- D. inaccuracy
- E. rigor
- F. outcome

8. Although his original mission was a failure, Russian botanist Michael Friedrich Adams achieved an unexpected_____when he found, by chance, the carcass of a woolly mammoth.

- A. conclusion
- B. upheaval
- C. triumph
- D. bombshell
- E. success
- F. venture

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

10. Because experience had convinced her that Hector was both self-seeking and avaricious, she rejected the possibility that the motivation behind his donation had been wholly_____.

- A. redundant
- B. frivolous
- C. egotistical
- D. ephemeral
- E. altruistic
- F. benevolent

Section 60 easy

1. The inconspicuous location and lack of striking vistas that characterize the villa reflect the ____ aspect of its creator's personality.

- A. volatile
- B. grandiose
- C. gregarious
- D. self-effacing
- E. imperious

2. Since many prehistoric tools were made of materials, such as wood, bone, and antler, that tend to decay quickly, these archaeological specimens are _____ their stone counterparts.

- A. cruder than
- B. derived from
- C. found with
- D. rarer than
- E. similar to

3. As the pace of the trial (i) _____, the wait at the beginning of the day became less interminable, and the attorneys' requests to suspend proceeding for private conferences with the judge, almost invariably granted early on, were routinely (ii) _____.

A. slowed	D. rebuff
B. materialized	E. repeated
C. accelerated	F. recounted

4. Managers who categorically squelch insights from low-tiered employees run the obvious hazard of (i) _____ creativity; conversely, these very same managers are more likely to (ii) any ideas that flow down from the top brass.

A. fomenting	D. unquestioningly embrace
B. smothering	E. arbitrarily denounce
C. sparking	F. conditionally approve

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) _____.

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

6. The skin of the poison dart frog contains deadly poisons called batrachotoxins. But the (i) _____ of the toxins has remained an enigma, as the frog does not (ii) _____ them. Now an analysis suggests that the melyrid beetle is the source. Collected beetle specimens all contained batrachotoxins, suggesting that these beetles are (iii) _____ by the frogs.

A. effect	D. pressure	G. eaten
B. origin	E. produce	H. neutralized
C. purpose	F. suffer from	I. poisoned

7. Far from _____ innovations, as the patent system was designed to do, the patenting of concepts such as gene sequences gives individuals and corporations a legal choke to hold over ideas that should be useful to all.

- A. spurring
- B. recognizing
- C. codifying
- D. acknowledging
- E. fostering
- F. cataloging

8. The 1840s were _____ time for young women beginning to study science, particularly astronomy, in 1847 Maria Mitchell discovered the Nantucket comet, the first of several important astronomical discoveries of the era.

- A. a favorable
- B. an awkward
- C. a perilous
- D. a hazardous
- E. an improbable
- F. an auspicious

9. To keep the museum's admission lines moving, security inspections are considerably _____.

- A. thorough
- B. annoying
- C. cursory
- D. casual
- E. irritating
- F. methodical

10. The evil of class and race hatred must be eliminated while it is still _____ state; otherwise, it may grow to dangerous proportions.

- A. an amorphous
- B. an overt
- C. a rudimentary
- D. a threatening
- E. an independent
- F. an embryonic

Section 61 easy

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

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

2. 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

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.

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

4. The benefits offered by information technology do not (i) _____ the need for individual reasoning; for example, Internet user should not allow the reasoning process to be (ii) _____ the mere accumulation raw data.

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

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.

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 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.

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

7. Many people remember a time when cutting-edge architects, who are these days treated like celebrities, had_____relationship with the public: for much of the 1960s, big new buildings in cities were often cause for hostility, not celebration.

- A. an antagonistic
- B. an inimical
- C. an autocratic
- D. a symbiotic
- E. an indifferent
- F. an apathetic

8. It is surprising to see such a child that is at his sixteenth manifest a great measure of_____, for he delivers too cogent, brilliant a speech among adults.

- A. maturity
- B. precociousness
- C. convolution
- D. nefariousness
- E. naïveté
- F. ingenuousness

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

10. The juxtaposition of fertile alluvial soils originating in the Andes with the infertile inland soils of central Amazon Basin is one example of _____of the soil conditions that can be found in the tropics.

- A. intractability
- B. heterogeneity
- C. incompatibility
- D. disparateness
- E. instability
- F. fragility

Section 62 easy

1. Because the critic thought that the mark of great literature was grandiosity and elegance not to be found in common speech, writers seeking his approbation_____the vernacular.
A. exploited
B. embraced
C. misapplied
D. considered
E. eschewed
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
3. From time to time, all scientific disciplines encounter observations that do not fit the theories of the day. At first such observations tend to be treated as (i)_____, but those scientists (ii)_____ them sometimes discover that they have to abandon established principles in order to account for the new findings.

A. anomalies	D. averse to scrutinizing
B. discoveries	E. willing to investigate
C. harbinger	F. unable to acknowledge

4. Despite dispute between the sisters lasted all summer, Megan remained (i)_____and Laruen was equally (ii)_____.

A. intransigent	D. indolent
B. feckless	E. uncompromising
C. munificent	F. taciturn

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

A. visionary	D. value	G. a product
B. ambiguous	E. virtuosity	H. an inversion
C. self-aggrandizing	F. originality	I. a limitation

6. China's rapidly growing population is the main threat facing large carnivores in the People's Republic. Increasingly, policies aimed at limiting population growth have been (i)_____; nevertheless, the country's vast size and the isolation of many of its regions mean that human populations in areas where large carnivores still occur (ii)_____. This human pressure has (iii)_____ the South China tiger.

A. modified	D. could start to decline	G. celebrated
B. deemphasized	E. can grow unchecked	H. doomed
C. implemented	F. have stabilized	I. bypassed

7. Although most scientists hold that quantum theory and the theory of general relativity ought to be intimately connected, the theories have remained stubbornly_____.

- A. consistent
- B. unlinked
- C. self-contradictory
- D. estranged
- E. arbitrary
- F. congruent

8. One big challenge with placebo responses is that they are_____: people given the same inert pill or potion may show wildly different reactions, and the effects vary widely according to each person's illness.

- A. capricious
- B. illusory
- C. unpredictable
- D. chimerical
- E. marginal
- F. ephemeral

9. The_____of biographies of antebellum capitalists is particularly striking in contrast with the abundance of life stories of industrialists in later eras.

- A. brevity
- B. banality
- C. utility
- D. paucity
- E. triteness
- F. dearth

10. He was one of the most powerful chess players over 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

Section 63 median

1. Anthropologist Jane Goodall was _____ in her determination to anthropomorphize the animals she observed with such empathy, and so resisted her editors' attempt to recast her descriptions in more dispassionate language.

- A. fickle
- B. stalwart
- C. solicitous
- D. pretentious
- E. whimsical

2. Although New York exhilarated him, even at first Leger's reaction to it was not _____: he was initially bothered by its stunning verticality.

- A. unspontaneous
- B. unintentional
- C. unqualified
- D. unhopeful
- E. uninterested

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

A. fully endorse	D. indispensable
B. intentionally recapitulate	E. venal
C. entirely misconstrue	F. profitable

4. The description of humans as having an internal clock is not a (i) _____. Or rather, it is—you do not have a tiny watch in your cerebellum—but it also refers to (ii) _____, a specialized bundle of cells that regulates cyclical processes.

A. euphemism	D. an elusive psychological phenomenon
B. cliché	E. a standard literary trope
C. metaphor	F. a real biological feature

5. 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.

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

6. Movement 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.

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

7. A small degree of_____is always desirable in a published diary. A sense of authenticity is seldom worth the diarist’s questionable grammar or careless phrasing.

- A. characterization
- B. emendation
- C. documentation
- D. revision
- E. substantiation
- F. individualization

8. In his heyday, Sonny Bono’s role in public was_____: he was an accomplished lyricist, a mayoral success story, delegate from Palm Springs, and the husband of an internationally acclaimed vocalist.

- A. protean
- B. versatile
- C. pedestrian
- D. prominent
- E. circumscribed
- F. illustrious

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

Section 64 median

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

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

2. Medieval cathedrals still stand as marvels of architecture, but as far as modern science is concerned, medieval physics and chemistry are simply irrelevant, at best a dead end, at worst the very _____ of what science is supposed to be.

- A. exemplar
- B. glorification
- C. reflection
- D. dilution
- E. antithesis

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

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

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

A. authentic	D. escapist appeal
B. complicated	E. high-minded purpose
C. disingenuous	F. gripping suspense

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 65 median

1. The physical layout of the laboratory, although well adapted to the research being pursued when it was built, was not_____, making a thorough redesign necessary before a proposed new experimental program could be undertaken.

- A. compromised
- B. imprecise
- C. convoluted
- D. ubiquitous
- E. plastic

2. Within the field of emotional intelligence research, disagreements remain about whether emotional intelligence can be learned and strengthened or is characteristic.

- A. an expressed
- B. an inborn
- C. an invented
- D. a cultivated
- E. a perceptible

3. Though McDonough discusses (i)_____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 the film, that makes the book so entertaining.

A. inaccurately	D. subtle ingenuity
B. superficially	E. absolute discretion
C. adroitly	F. flagrant crassness

4. In our daily lives, we often (i)_____our separate identities: you can have one identity at work and another online, for example. Such (ii)_____disappear in certain circumstances, however, resulting in a cross-pollination of our different selves.

A. renounce	D. uncertainties
B. merge	E. correlations
C. compartmentalize	F. boundaries

5. (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.

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

6. Industry sponsored scientific research on chemical safety often (i)_____. Media reports regularly imply that industry support of scientific work is alone sufficient to (ii)_____ 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.

A. uncovers risks	D. fund	G. adopt
B. elicits skepticism	E. vindicate	H. vitiate
C. promotes innovation	F. invalidate	I. bolster

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

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

8. The research informing Gregory's book on vegetarianism in Victorian England appears to be _____, with a great deal of revealing detail on display and more than a third of the text taken up with footnotes.

- A. uneven
- B. excessive
- C. exhaustive
- D. mixed
- E. inconsistent
- F. comprehensive

9. He was a man of few words, _____ around all but his closest friends.

- A. laconic
- B. garrulous
- C. ascetic
- D. taciturn
- E. tempestuous
- F. ambiguous

10. There are many insights in the essay collected in Observations on modernity, but they are embedded in a dense English translation of a dense German original that may make many of them _____ to most readers.

- A. vapid
- B. inaccessible
- C. sagacious
- D. banal
- E. distressing
- F. opaque

Section 66 median

1. 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

2. Barry was a skilled_____: though his arguments were completely flawed, they were clever- sounding enough to deceive everyone who heard them.

- A. sophist
- B. scholar
- C. quibbler
- D. doctrinaire
- E. pedant

3. If the candidate wins the election now that rivals within his own party have (i)_____ him in a campaign that was (ii)_____ without their help, he will be mightily indebted to these self-styled saviors.

A. rallied	D. foundering
B. separated from	E. effective
C. undermined	F. improving

4. In the popular conception, (i)_____is inextricably tied up with (ii)_____: doing something truly creative, we are inclined to think, requires the freshness and energy of youth. Orson Welles made his masterpiece, Citizen Kane, at twenty-five, and Mozart wrote his breakthrough Piano concerto no.9 at twenty-one.

A. progress	D. serendipity
B. genius	E. precocity
C. destiny	F. dedication

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.

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

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)_____.

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

7. 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

8. 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

9. Philby secretly loathed the host of the party that he was attending, but it seemed_____to say so publicly.

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

10. In American Indian art, the supposed distinction between modern and traditional was fabricated by critics, and when artists have control over interpretation of their own work, the distinction appear, happily, to have been_____.

- A. eliminated
- B. reinforced
- C. put to rest
- D. intensified
- E. recognized
- F. established

Section 67 median

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

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

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

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.

A. in eclipse	D. controversial
B. unrivaled	E. unsurpassed
C. unchanged	F. unexceptional

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.

A. unparalleled	D. demur
B. dubious	E. approve
C. obvious	F. acquiesce

5. Until now, old snapshots and home movies faded and crumbled and were eventually (i) _____. Only a few precious mementos were preserved and passed along. But as photography moves into the digital realm, family albums and home videos see capable of (ii) _____: our capacity to store them is, for all practical purposes, approaching the infinite. Is such a transformation a good thing? The natural world teaches us that (iii) _____ are vital to ecological health. Does a similar principle apply to communal memory?

A. archived	D. transmission	G. death and decay
B. discarded	E. immortality	H. predator and prey
C. reproduced	F. revolution	I. reproduction and renewal

6. 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.

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

7. Despite the general_____ of Roman archaeological studies toward the major cities and their monuments, archaeology has contributed much to a better understanding of rural developments in Roman territory.

- A. openness
- B. indifference
- C. hostility
- D. animus
- E. bias
- F. orientation

8. Our mass media are much more fascinated by bad ideas or the failure of good ones than by successes: we drown in bad news—tales of how things went wrong—but we have only the most_____ discussion on how they might go right.

- A. incisive
- B. tantalizing
- C. trenchant
- D. cursory
- E. illusory
- F. perfunctory

9. A few decades ago the idea of animal morality would have been met with_____: however, recent research suggests that animals not only act altruistically but also have the capacity for empathy, forgiveness, trust, and reciprocity.

- A. derision
- B. resentment
- C. dismissal
- D. conviction
- E. ridicule
- F. certainty

10. At first, most of the famous fairy tales seem so implausible and so irrelevant to contemporary life that their_____ is hard to understand.

- A. universality
- B. persistence
- C. appeal
- D. ephemerality
- E. survival
- F. transience

Section 68 median

1. The presidents' cordial greeting may seem to be a small gesture of friendliness, but it is not without_____in the heretofore stifled atmosphere of the society's meetings.

- A. significance
- B. impertinence
- C. nostalgia
- D. precedent
- E. triviality

2. 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

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

A. attractions	D. remedy
B. shortcomings	E. enhance
C. complexities	F. restore

4. Research 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.

A. umbrage	D. collectively overthrow
B. expiation	E. eventually placate
C. torpor	F. quickly appraise

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

A. visionary	D. value	G. a product
B. ambiguous	E. virtuosity	H. an inversion
C. self-aggrandizing	F. originality	I. a limitation

6. Not all paleontologists agree that connections between the continents were (i)_____just after the extinction of the dinosaurs. Some hold the view that North America, Asia, and South America had (ii)_____immediately following the dinosaur extinction, pointing to (iii)___ between ancient kinds of mammals that existed on all three continents at this time in support of their argument.

A. significant	D. lasting differences	G. similarities
B. permanent	E. extensive contacts	H. intermediaries
C. limited	F. trivial likeness	I. hostilities

7. 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.

- A. replaced by
- B. constrained by
- C. untethered from
- D. divorced from
- E. substituted for
- F. constricted by

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

9. 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.

- A. attuned to
- B. abstracted from
- C. derived from
- D. divorced from
- E. sensitive to
- F. analyzed in

10. The professor's habitual air of_____was misleading front, concealing amazing reserves of patience and a deep commitment to his students' learning.

- A. cordiality
- B. irascibility
- C. disorganization
- D. conviviality
- E. diffidence
- F. exasperation

Section 69 median

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

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

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

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

3. Throughout much of the twentieth century, common scientific sense seemed to dictate that animals could not make a choice based on rational 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.

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

4. For many adults, the adolescent years occupy (i)_____place in the memory, which to some degree is even quantifiable: give a grown adult a series of random prompts and cues, odds are he or she will recall (ii)_____number of memories from adolescence.

A. a peripheral	D. a disproportionate
B. a privileged	E. a modest
C. an arbitrary	F. an uncertain

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 writers who think company heads are actually (iii)_____.

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

6. Publisher, publicist, 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)_____.

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

7. Rebecca West's book *Black Lamb and Grey Falcon* is a singularity_____achievement, 1,100 pages that meld the genres of travel narratives, autobiography, historical analysis, and philosophical meditation.

- A. evanescent
- B. petty
- C. polymathic
- D. incongruous
- E. encyclopedic
- F. fleeting

8. She expected her book to be_____, but in fact few of her readers disagreed with its premise that street art, long considered a mere sideshow entertainment, deserved to be regarded as high art.

- A. controversial
- B. dramatic
- C. impressive
- D. acclaimed
- E. provocative
- F. popular

9. 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

10. 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

Section 70 median

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

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

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

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

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

A. contentious	D. approached
B. stimulating	E. articulated
C. subjective	F. foundered on

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.

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 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

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.

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

7. Every illness is a story, and when Annie's 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

8. People's 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

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

10. Although scientific progress leads to constant revision of ideas, one observation that has remained_____over the years is that there are a lot of insects in the world: some 950,000 species have been identified.

- A. robust
- B. significant
- C. strong
- D. perplexing
- E. confounding
- F. obscure

Section 71 median

1. The monitoring is not_____: on the contrary, the defendant and his or her attorney are required to be given notice of the governments listening activities.

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

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

3. Memoirs are inherently (i)_____, but Larry McMurtry's 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.

A. unreliable	D. whimsical
B. wistful	E. ungracious
C. self-serving	F. valedictory

4. Federal efforts to regulate standards on educational achievements have been met by (i) _____ from the states; local governments feel that government imposition represents an undue infringement on their (ii)_____.

A. receptivity	D. autonomy
B. intransigence	E. legislation
C. compromise	F. comportment

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.

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

6. 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.

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

7. We do not always use words in accordance with their dictionary definitions, for meaning often fluctuates with context: that does not mean, however, that we are completely_____ in how we use language.

- A. rote
- B. unconstrained
- C. irrational
- D. unpredictable
- E. free
- F. methodical

8. Today the chair of task force in charge of revising the psychiatric diagnostic manual is _____ post—people work for years to position themselves as candidates—but in the early 1970s, descriptive psychiatry was a backwater.

- A. a coveted
- B. an arduous
- C. a taxing
- D. a lucrative
- E. an enviable
- F. an influential

9. The astronomer admits that his interpretation of so-called Population III stars is_____ at present since no one has yet done any real calculations to see if it holds up under closer scrutiny.

- A. spurious
- B. speculative
- C. predictive
- D. conjectural
- E. fabricated
- F. implausible

10. 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

Section 72 median

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

2. The actor's performance was so absurdly _____ that Gwen felt a little ashamed to have to resort to tissues in the final scene.

- A. proficient
- B. unfeasible
- C. seditious
- D. maudlin
- E. accommodating

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.

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

4. The company president's reputation for unflappability could easily be understood upon observing her (i) _____ performance during a particularly (ii) _____ board meeting.

A. supercilious	D. productive
B. histrionic	E. contentious
C. composed	F. lifeless

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.

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

6. The usual (i)_____ spending public monies on scientific projects is that such projects have the potential to make our lives healthier, safer, and more productive. However, the fact that science – even “pure” science – can strengthen democracy and promote public participation in the political process is hardly ever (ii)_____. It should be Scientific literacy (iii)_____ democracy, and this is an important ancillary benefit of the promotion of science.

A. argument against	D. denied	G. stifles
B. rationale for	E. mentioned	H. energizes
C. precedent for	F. gainsaid	I. disregards

7. 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

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

9. Economic growth has been identified as a_____ for poor countries to eradicate poverty, but this prescription also triggers great environmental concerns.

- A. panacea
- B. refuge
- C. remedy
- D. heaven
- E. culprit
- F. recipe

10. In mathematics, judgments about the validity of proofs are mediated by peer-reviewed journals; to ensure_____, reviewers are carefully chosen by journal editors, and the identity of scholars whose papers are under consideration are kept secret.

- A. timelessness
- B. originality
- C. fairness
- D. comprehensiveness
- E. objectivity
- F. novelty

Section 73 median

1. During the Renaissance, history was thought to be _____: it supplied instances of good and bad behavior in the past, thus informing the ethical precepts of the present.

- A. amoral
- B. subjective
- C. superfluous
- D. exemplary
- E. progressive

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

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

3. In the 1980s, many historians sounded urgent calls for (i) _____ in American historical writing, as longer and longer monographs on 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) _____.

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

4. There has been (i) _____elephant's fabled mental capacities until recently, when these behavioral observations have begun to be (ii) _____by brain science. MRI scans of an elephant's brain suggest that even relative to its overall size it has a large hippocampus, the component in the mammalian brain linked to memory and an important part of its limbic system, which is involved in precessing emotions.

A. surprising credence given to	D. buttressed
B. a widespread dismissal of	E. anticipated
C. only anecdotal evidence for	F. overwhelmed

5. The limitations of human attention cause us to miss much of what goes on around us. The real problem here is that we are often (i) _____these limitations: we think that we see the world as it really is, but our ostensibly reliable visual experience (ii) _____striking mental (iii) _____.

A. impatient with	D. belies	G. feats
B. unaware of	E. unifies	H. images
C. distracted by	F. dispels	I. lapses

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.

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. 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

8. British critics covering African American musicians performing in London in the 1910s had little idea how to distinguish what was authentic African American music from what was_____, but they knew such a distinction existed.

- A. eclectic
- B. genuine
- C. derivative
- D. spurious
- E. legitimate
- F. specious

9. Any antimatter in our part of the universe is necessarily_____because of the overwhelming preponderance of ordinary matter, by which antimatter is quickly annihilated.

- A. short-lived
- B. nebulous
- C. scarce
- D. concrete
- E. substantial
- F. ephemeral

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

Section 74 median

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

2. One thing both authors have in common is a striking amount of _____: they claim to know how massive institutions, some of them richly endowed, all of them central to American society and culture, should be reshaped.

- A. hubris
- B. propriety
- C. bias
- D. prescience
- E. indolence

3. The novel's heroine shows a remarkable (i) _____ to worship at the altar of youth; in her world, youth is (ii) _____, while age, by contrast, confers competence and wisdom.

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

4. 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.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

- A. a naïve
- B. a subtle
- C. a fallacious
- D. an unsophisticated
- E. a nuanced
- F. a fresh

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

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

9. 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

10. Science is arguably a very high-minded pursuit, but that is not to say that all of its practitioners are_____, as numerous articles alleging overly generous pharmaceutical industry payments to medical researchers have tried to show.

- A. conventional
- B. clever
- C. unimpeachable
- D. ingenious
- E. blameless
- F. predictable

Section 75 median

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 credit rating in the process.

- A. vexation regarding
- B. skepticism about
- C. addiction to
- D. wariness of
- E. demonization of

2. His_____speaking style notwithstanding, William Perkins has long been seen as the moderate face of his political party.

- A. genteel
- B. mundane
- C. affable
- D. captivating
- E. vehement

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.

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

4. The question whether children like sweetener or not is (i)_____. Of course children like sweetener, which is (ii)_____to sellers, since children's taste will not change once they are used to a certain brand.

A. debated	D. a pragmatic solution
B. decided	E. a commercial advantage
C. overlooked	F. an idealistic conception

5. The new drug was useful, but unfortunately its effect was largely (i)_____rather than (ii)_____.

A. placatory	D. immediate
B. palliative	E. curative
C. addictive	F. mollifying

6. In adolescence, (i)_____interactions are crucial in forging a self-identity. To be sure, this process often plays out in (ii)_____as a means of defining and shoring up the sense of self. Kids will seek out like-minded companions, and spurn others who seem different. But when kept within reasonable bounds, this in-group (iii)_____generally evolves into a more mature friendship pattern.

A. adult	D. cliquish social behavior	G. alienation
B. wide-ranging	E. dramatic changes in personality	H. clustering
C. peer	F. heightened sociability	I. competition

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

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

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

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

9. It's a sign of John Dramani Mahama's 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. 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

Section 76 median

1. Like her literary heroine, George Eliot, Barbara Kingsolvers is an old-fashioned_____, deeply curious about all branches of human learning.

- A. prodigy
- B. polymath
- C. tyro
- D. ante
- E. philistine

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

3. In reviewing cases decided by lower courts, Supreme Court justices search for precedents to justify their arguments. Reliance on precedent (i)_____judicial restraint: the precedent (ii) _____a judge's ability to determine the outcome of a case in a way that he or she might choose if there were no precedent.

A. promotes	D. establishes
B. compromises	E. constrains
C. promulgates	F. prioritizes

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.

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

5. World demand for oil had been intensified, but it slackened because China's surge in oil consumption had (i)_____. Moreover, high oil price had themselves started to act as a short-term (ii)_____the global economy, thus further dampening demand.

A. spread	D. spur to
B. commenced	E. drag on
C. slowed	F. panacea for

6. Most capuchin monkey conflict involves such a (i)_____ repertoire of gestural and vocal signals that it is difficult for researchers to tease apart the meanings of the individual signals. This (ii)_____ is (iii)_____ by the fact that many signals seem to shift in meaning according to the context in which they are produced and the developmental stage of the individuals producing them.

A. precise	D. problem	G. augmented
B. rich	E. opportunity	H. ameliorated
C. straightforward	F. oversight	I. anticipated

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

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

8. The phrase “bread and circuses” refers to early Roman politicians’ plans to_____the votes of the poor by handing out cheap food and entertainment.

- A. belie
- B. surmount
- C. secure
- D. control
- E. cherish
- F. earn

9. They applaud the musicals of the 1930s and 1940s, whose plethora of stars, jokes, dances witty dialogue, and general gaiety make today’s offering seem_____by comparison.

- A. cheerless
- B. vacuous
- C. mirthful
- D. insincere
- E. gloomy
- F. jovial

10. It may not seem like a big deal for produce distributors to mix together soybeans from different farms, but a growing number of buyers are willing to pay a premium for soybeans the_____of which is know: they like to know exactly where their food came from.

- A. purity
- B. output
- C. heterogeneity
- D. origin
- E. yield
- F. provenance

Section 77 median

1. In an ironic twist, the recent_____of the reductive observational methods that have enabled science to progress for four centuries may turn out to be science's biggest step forward.

- A. introduction
- B. validation
- C. acceptance
- D. standardization
- E. questioning

2. Even though the municipal government was not totally_____the positive review of the charter, the mayor nevertheless decided to veto the laws.

- A. garrulous about
- B. enthusiastic about
- C. sanguine about
- D. approbatory to
- E. unsympathetic with

3. 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.

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

4. Internet 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 macroscopic scales but at minute scales they are far from (ii)_____.

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

5. The introductions to each section, written by the editors of the anthology, provide useful background material, but they do not provide analysis of the articles. Because the articles are in many senses the editors' personal favorites, it is probably (i)_____to expect more such criticism would be as (ii)_____as the articles themselves.

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

6. Given children's active fantasy lives, one might think of truthfulness as (i)_____virtue in young children, but it turns out that lying is the more (ii)_____skill. A child who is going to lie must recognize the truth, intellectually conceive of an alternate reality, and be able to convincingly sell that new reality to someone else. Therefore, lying (iii)_____cognitive development and social skills in a way that honesty simply does not.

A. an instinctive	D. advanced	G. undermines
B. an acquired	E. practical	H. forgoes
C. a conscious	F. mundane	I. demands

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

8. Flash floods are common in desert regions and were widespread before the evolution of trees and woodland soils; in contrast, flash floods are_____in woodlands, where floodwaters, impeded by trees, form ponds.

- A. overshadowed
- B. redirected
- C. obscured
- D. precluded
- E. mitigated
- F. abated

9. A formal floods resulting from usual monsoon rainfall are_____the growth of plants, recently there has been an increase in the frequency of highly intensified floods that do not have such welcome effects.

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

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

Section 78 median

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

2. It is often argued that psychoanalysis, which was _____ at that stage of the eighteenth century, provided the main filter by which death could be looked at, but it has now been largely replaced by medicine, which provides both a mindset and practical measures by which death may be cheated, and in terminal illness, approached, formulating a process called medicalization.

- A. predominant
- B. pompous
- C. precarious
- D. elegant
- E. mundane

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.

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

4. The laser has been widely utilized in many industries such as the packaging industry, CD player manufacturing, and all sorts of commonplace articles; however, the (i) _____ of the laser doesn't mean the laser can only be used in (ii) _____ ways.

A. rare extermination	D. assorted
B. sporadic usage	E. pedestrian
C. everyday presence	F. pointless

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.

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

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.

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. Analysis for the structural feather that were thought to_____kinship between the two species prompted an investigation that dispelled that presumption and revealed that the two share a family history.

- A. signify
- B. underrate
- C. point to
- D. preclude
- E. rule out
- F. exaggerate

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

9. Baker was struck by the amount of_____she saw at the renowned medical facility; for all their experience, the physicians could not seem to agree on the correct diagnosis for any given patient.

- A. discordance
- B. contention
- C. quackery
- D. nepotism
- E. indecision
- F. cronyism

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

section 79 hard

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

2. People who are reluctant to oppose a court nominee straightforwardly on ideological grounds often search for any sort of peccadillo to serve as a_____their opposition.

- A. mitigation of
- B. violation of
- C. predictor of
- D. reparation for
- E. pretext for

3. Britain's Queen Victoria, however (i)_____she had been at the beginning of her reign, was politically much more (ii)_____by the end of her time on the throne, as she resigned herself to the emergence of an increasing powerful electorate that prevented her from stubbornly insisting on getting her own way in matters of state.

A. naïve	D. powerful
B. personable	E. arbitrary
C. obdurate	F. malleable

4. Earlier discussions with neighboring countries (i)_____due to the government's failure to alter policies that those countries find objectionable. Moreover, there is every reason to (ii) the success of further talks, since the government if anything different, more intransigent.

A. commenced	D. doubt
B. advanced	E. undermine
C. foundered	F. anticipate

5. To get founding and tenured positions, medical researchers have to get their work published in well-regarded journals, where rejection can climb above 90 percent. Not surprisingly, the studies that tend to make the grade are those that make (i)____claims. But while coming up with such (ii)_____claims is relatively easy, getting the data to bear them out is another matter. When studied rigorously, the great majority of these claims (iii)_____.
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A. well-supported	D. practical	G. yield contradictory evidence
B. eye-catching	E. orthodox	H. require extensive analysis
C. small-scale	F. striking	I. support conventional beliefs

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.

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

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

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

8. Given that the department director was such a feeble contributor, sitting silently at important policy meetings and usually deferring to low-level aides, it was surprising that he had such a reputation for _____.

- A. magnanimity
- B. perspicacity
- C. impartiality
- D. detachment
- E. benevolence
- F. discernment

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. differing
- B. sanctioning
- C. mischaracterizing
- D. censuring
- E. reprehending
- F. endorsing

10. 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

Section 80 hard

1. Although Emily Bronte is impassioned about gender equality, she is anything but____to endorse more privileges endowed to women.

- A. zealous
- B. apathetic
- C. abhorrent
- D. stubborn
- E. lethargic

2. Many creative photographers were delighted to find in instant photography a mode that encouraged them to stop viewing photography as____and start viewing it as something they could handle with spontaneity, even derision.

- A. sacrosanct
- B. ephemeral
- C. malleable
- D. egalitarian
- E. autonomous

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.

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

4. Each new generation of students grow up (i)____the world of classical physics, with its mostly 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)_____.

A. immersed in	D. verisimilitude
B. disdainful of	E. objectivity
C. unmoved by	F. radicalism

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.

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.

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

7. Price knew about how to do people favors, sometimes just from kindness, but often out of_____.

- A. self-interest
- B. benevolence
- C. magnanimity
- D. opportunism
- E. disinterest
- F. mercy

8. Caricature can be revealing as well as amusing, and Ager's novel is both: Ager's delineation of class, ethnic, and generational struggle is exaggerated for comical effect, but it____ nonetheless.

- A. resonates
- B. entertains
- C. diverts
- D. confuses
- E. rings true
- F. falls short

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

10. Benjamin Franklin's reputation is so much one of appearing scientific investigation with commonsense empiricism that it is somewhat startling to realize how____ the great experiment's mentoring truly was.

- A. reasonable
- B. speculative
- C. pragmatic
- D. conjectural
- E. careless
- F. judicious

Section 81 hard

1. 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

2. The stars' attitudes toward their glowing press are diametrically opposed: some think it _____ and others take the adulation seriously.

- A. flummery
- B. consequential
- C. fanatical
- D. coincidental
- E. sincere

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.

A. anachronistic	D. major
B. convoluted	E. fallacious
C. undogmatic	F. inessential

4. 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 administration's belief that students should take no part in running the university.

A. unfortunate	D. undermine
B. inevitable	E. fuel
C. unprecedented	F. distort

5. 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)_____.

A. pessimism	D. dismiss	G. squander suspense
B. didacticism	E. applaud	H. sacrifice credibility
C. eclecticism	F. underestimate	I. deflate pretension

6. 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.

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

7. 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

8. Individuals interested in longevity have sought to fine-tune their bodies with all kinds of _____ diets: only raw foods; only plant; 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

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

10. The laboratory maze has grown ever less_____since it was first invented instead of hoping to lose a rodent in a labyrinth; today's scientists design mazes to elicit a few simple, easily measured behaviors.

- A. intricate
- B. extensive
- C. effective
- D. convoluted
- E. useful
- F. prevalent

Section 82 hard

1. 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

2. 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

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.

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

4. Some academic criticism of popular novels has been (i)_____in character, being based on the assumption that the wider the appeal, the more (ii)_____the novel.

A. rigorous	D. undesirable
B. exculpatory	E. accomplished
C. elitist	F. comprehensible

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.

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

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.

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

7. 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

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

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

10. Miller reminded his clients that labor relationship are inherently _____; the interests of business owners are diametrically opposed to those of employees.

- A. adversarial
- B. exploitative
- C. mercenary
- D. antagonistic
- E. variable
- F. changeable

Section 83 hard

1. The threat of litigation makes the art authentication industry_____realm: connoisseurs refuse to communicate in writing and confidential agreements bind authenticators to silence.

- A. an opportunistic
- B. a clandestine
- C. a moralizing
- D. a xenophobic
- E. an anarchistic

2. Some of the areas of research covered in the collection have already attracted substantial scholarly interest, while others are more_____, hence requiring pioneering effort to map the territory and suggest productive avenues of inquiry.

- A. intricate
- B. pristine
- C. parochial
- D. heterogeneous
- E. onerous

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.

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

4. In the past, the discussion of artificial light had been (i)_____. When electrification spread, the talk of artificial light became (ii)_____, perhaps because the material was more familiar. Distance lends enchantment.

A. engaging	D. nugatory
B. momentous	E. repetitious
C. dormant	F. dull

5. 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)_____.

A. energy	D. put off by	G. seriousness
B. nostalgia	E. flush with	H. sensuality
C. solitude	F. uninterested in	I. tedium

6. 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.

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

7. Even the man was reserved in his speech, he thoroughly understood his mother, which made him far from_____as people usually thought.

- A. comprehensive
- B. ingenuous
- C. sophisticated
- D. foolish
- E. simple
- F. sententious

8. Mark Messina's book *The Simple Soybean and Your Health* exudes recognition much less unrestrained in the description of the soy's medical efficiency than its versatility, but the author cautions against soy to be a_____.

- A. cure-all
- B. solitude
- C. efficacy
- D. effectuality
- E. panacea
- F. placebo

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

10. Agencies responsible for protecting natural resources too often issue permits allowing exploitation of those resources, a process that remains_____given that agencies have become experts at masking their decisions in the scientific terms.

- A. controversial
- B. exacting
- C. obscure
- D. onerous
- E. opaque
- F. misleading

Section 84 hard

1. The painter has emphasized the figure's erect posture by making it contrast so starkly with the _____ exhibited by trees of the windswept orchard in the background.

- A. strength
- B. list
- C. rigidity
- D. fruitfulness
- E. uprightness

2. The idea of a "language instinct" may seem _____ to those who think of language as the zenith of the human intellect and of instincts as brute impulses.

- A. jarring
- B. plausible
- C. gratifying
- D. inevitable
- E. conciliatory

3. Hidebound by cloying commercial radio and clueless record executives, the American pop music scene has frequently depended on cities at the edges of the cultural map to provide a much-needed shot of (i) _____. Seattle, Minneapolis, Austin, Texas, and Athens, Georgia, have all served as temporary pivot points, churning out bands and defining the sound of the moment. Even Omaha, Nebraska, has its 15 minutes not so long ago. The momentary (ii) _____ seems to come out of nowhere—as if someone blows a whistle only those in the know can hear, and suddenly record executives and journalists are crawling all over what had previously been an obscure locale.

A. originality	D. consensus
B. hackneyedness	E. disjunction
C. burlesque	F. censorship

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.

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

5. Methods were developed 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 otherwise (iii) _____ research.

A. restrain	D. incursions of	G. corrupt
B. reveal	E. efficacy of	H. obviate
C. supersede	F. restrictions on	I. facilitate

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.

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

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

8. Ascorbate readily oxidizes in aerated aqueous solutions, and the PH of such solutions, in part, _____ the rate of oxidation, since the higher the PH, the greater the rate of oxidation.

- A. determines
- B. accelerates
- C. consolidates
- D. governs
- E. compounds
- F. stabilizes

9. 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. indiscriminating
- C. fastidious
- D. picky
- E. voracious
- F. omnivorous

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

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

Section 85 hard

1. "RESIGNATION", an English word 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. He accused some people who_____him of being by contrast supportive of another candidate, who shared a similar stance on most political issues.

- A. offended
- B. lauded
- C. excoriated
- D. promoted
- E. noticed

3. To say the actors were (i)_____their director is an understatement: a director who is visibly bored by his cast and their performances is hard to (ii)_____.

A. disappointed in	D. lambast
B. accepting of	E. displease
C. motivated by	F. suffer

4. Just as large manufacturing companies with dominant positions in large domestic markets were once able to resist (i)_____despite ample signs that foreign competition was rapidly overtaking them, strong and wealthy states can (ii)_____and still manage to limp along for many years.

A. innovation	D. exploit vulnerable markets
B. temptation	E. dominate international affairs
C. inertia	F. maintain misguided policies

5. 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.

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

6. Barker's account of how mores 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.

A. transient	D. transcendent	G. liberating
B. instinctive	E. relative	H. nonnegotiable
C. resilient	F. enduring	I. antiquated

7. 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. People enjoy listening to the governor's inspiring speeches, and his eloquence lulls his adversaries into underestimating his____, the tempered steel beneath the sleek suits.

- A. tenacity
- B. resolve
- C. resourcefulness
- D. kindness
- E. compassion
- F. frankness

9. 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

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

Section 86 hard

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

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

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

A. understatement	D. inventiveness
B. originality	E. objectivity
C. partisanship	F. restraint

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.

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.

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

7. Although the employees' union and company management, entering into contract negotiations, both issued statements encouraging____, acrimony between the two sides continued unabated.

- A. pertinacity
- B. compromise
- C. patience
- D. civility
- E. comity
- F. steadfastness

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

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

9. After many years of feeling_____by his seniors managers, Clark was becoming hopeful of advancement.

- A. vilified
- B. stymied
- C. hindered
- D. aggrieved
- E. circumvented
- F. overlooked

10. Even before she went to art school, Veronica found the standard design categories_____: she didn't understand why designing buildings and designing tables should require different sensibilities.

- A. provocative
- B. limiting
- C. stimulating
- D. confusing
- E. confining
- F. exhilarating

Section 87 hard

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

2. For many in the room, the idea of coming to the assistance of a rival was more than unpleasant: it was_____.

- A. unpropitious
- B. anomalous
- C. anathema
- D. redundant
- E. meretricious

3. That Seiberg and Witten lack celebrity can be explained by the_____nature of their pursuit: the mathematical exploration of four-dimensional space.

- A. pedestrian
- B. esoteric
- C. compelling
- D. global
- E. unequivocal

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 understanding. The former are simply wrong, the latter can be seen as incomplete, overly simplistic, or tied to only a few limited contexts.

A. unproductive	D. foster
B. unproblematic	E. delay
C. distinct	F. resemble

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.

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

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 strategist's plotting every event with the tactical precision of military commanders.

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

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

8. To call Kermode the finest English critic of his generation would be a_____compliment, since not many of its population are professionally engaged in literary criticism.

- A. sincere
- B. backhanded
- C. paltry
- D. heartfelt
- E. meager
- F. plausible

9. In sharp contrast to the novel's scenic realism and precisely characterized figure is its persistent philosophical_____.

- A. naturalism
- B. abstraction
- C. generality
- D. impartiality
- E. sincerity
- F. objectivity

10. Estimating demographic parameters in marine mammals is challenging, often requiring many years of data to achieve sufficient precision to_____biologically meaningful change.

- A. effect
- B. tolerate
- C. discern
- D. envisage
- E. withstand
- F. detect

Section 88 hard

1. Many Latin American writers and critics have come to bristle at the very mention of the type of fiction termed "magic realism," but to the common reader the appeal of such fiction is_____.

- A. elusive
- B. undiminished
- C. unfathomable
- D. unexpected
- E. derivative

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.

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

3. Not only is the field of behavioral genetics strewn with (i)_____findings, but even among those findings that managed to survive, many have turned out to be (ii)_____a very restricted class of cases.

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

4. The prime minister's spokesman faces a difficult task in defending his boss from what he sees as the (i)_____of a decidedly prejudiced press. To make his defense effectively he will certainly have to give specific examples of the media coverage he finds so (ii)_____.

A. overwrought panegyrics	D. objectionable
B. lowly calumnies	E. confusing
C. justified fulminations	F. unexciting

5. 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)_____.

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

6. 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.

A. fusty	D. recapitulate	G. consistent
B. anachronistic	E. forswear	H. plentiful
C. dogmatic	F. qualify	I. biased

7. 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

8. 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

9. The life of a secret agent is dangerous enough, but the life of a double agent is infinitely more_____: a single slip can send an agent crashing to destruction.

- A. arduous
- B. precarious
- C. clandestine
- D. perilous
- E. covert
- F. exhilarating

10. The writer's assignment of the critic includes personal_____such as jibes about his physical girth and style of delivery, and is not the better for it.

- A. aspersions
- B. commendations
- C. falsehoods
- D. fantasies
- E. whims
- F. slurs

Section 89 hard

1. Paintings created in India during the Mughal dynasty were _____ in ambition but ornamental in presentation: in one direction they have an affinity with newspaper photographs, while in the other they have the intricacy of jewels.

- A. metaphorical
- B. documentary
- C. aesthetic
- D. sectarian
- E. baroque

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

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

3. To the avid reader of E.O. Wilson, much of his most recent book *Consilience: The Unity of Knowledge* will be (i) _____, as the book represents the culmination of a life spent thinking about everything from the social lives of ants to the social lives of people. Nonetheless, new thoughts have been mixed in with the old to produce a book remarkable for its (ii) _____ and ambition.

A. predictable	D. purview
B. discounted	E. overreaching
C. startling	F. contingency

4. Until the advent of film, commercial entertainment in England occurred only where concentrated urban populations provided audiences large enough to make it remunerative: theaters and music halls were (i) _____ in rural villages. But village cinemas quickly become (ii) _____, even though they were ramshackle affairs in comparison to the urban picture palaces.

A. spartan	D. commonplace
B. conceivable	E. sophisticated
C. profitable	F. unfashionable

5. 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.

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

6. 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)_____.

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

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

8. One of the peculiarities of humans is that we irrationally gravitate to the predictable and avoid risk, whatever the reasons for this_____, it is hardly a sound basis for dealing with complex, long- term problems.

- A. eccentricity
- B. predilection
- C. vacillation
- D. proclivity
- E. wavering
- F. cowardice

9. An abundance of nutrient-rich pollution in estuaries causes algae to_____, much as houseplants grow better when their soil contains added fertilizer.

- A. abound
- B. proliferate
- C. stagnate
- D. coalesce
- E. collect
- F. diversity

10. The stories of silent drama may often have been_____; yet, within those broad outlines, the true artists among silent-film actors could express shadings that had no immediate analogue in language.

- A. implausible
- B. incredible
- C. conventional
- D. elemental
- E. rudimentary
- F. confusing

Section 90 hard

1. He defended the government's equivocations regarding the mysterious contrail as resulting not from _____ as critics say, but from a benightedness about its own doings that is almost inevitable, given the multitudinous-ness of its agencies.

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

2. Scientists have argued not only that the chains of atoms called ladder compounds have _____ theoretical interest but also that studies of such systems can lead to important practical applications.

- A. limited
- B. dubious
- C. superfluous
- D. unidimensional
- E. intrinsic

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.

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

4. 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.

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

5. Unlike the elected branches of the United States government, where making personal connection 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.

A. frowned upon	D. a requirement for
B. rampant	E. a detriment to
C. disregarded	F. an irrelevance to

6. Part of what currently makes it so (i)_____to arrive at a scientific understanding of the living world is that while technological advances have produced a cascade of data—from detailed genome sequence to the sophisticated satellite imagery that documents the planet's ecosystems—our ability to (ii)_____these data still lags far behind their (iii)_____.

A. frustrating	D. gather	G. acquisition
B. intriguing	E. apprehend	H. interpretation
C. challenging	F. dispute	I. implementation

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

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

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

9. In the northeastern United States, beaver populations had been critically reduced or even (_____) in large areas at the end of nineteenth century; as a result, several states instituted prohibitions on beaver trapping.

- A. diminished
- B. extirpated
- C. eliminated
- D. devalued
- E. weakened
- F. underrated

10. Laughter, like speech, is primarily a human faculty, although both functions may also exist in a more_____form in lesser primates.

- A. indispensable
- B. crucial
- C. primitive
- D. intelligible
- E. recognizable
- F. rudimentary

Section 91 easy

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

2. The philosopher was a strong advocate of_____: he taught that happiness comes from forgoing one's desires.

- A. magnanimity
- B. duty
- C. abstinence
- D. pragmatism
- E. tolerance

3. In light of Elizabeth's habitually (i)_____ nature, her friend were quite surprised by her (ii)_____ at the convention.

A. ingenuous	D. garrulity
B. laconic	E. ostentatiousness
C. intractable	F. tenacity

4. After Betty found a qualified assistant to help her, the tasks that once seemed so (i)_____ became quite (ii)_____.

A. onerous	D. manageable
B. pleasant	E. challenging
C. trivial	F. unwieldy

5. Since the 1920s, historical fiction writers in China have emancipated the genre from the traditional notion that (i)_____ was the ultimate goal of history writing. Yet the traditional commitment to (ii)_____ was not simply (iii)_____: this new genre was expected to capture the essence of historical truth even as it allowed space for the writer's imagination.

A. comprehensiveness	D. veracity	G. jettisoned
B. factuality	E. thoroughness	H. rationalized
C. entertainment	F. pleasure	I. acknowledged

6. The journey to (i)_____, when it starts from a vantage as (ii)_____ as Dunsany's, is often as (iii)_____ as the path to glory. How did a writer of such talent and renown wind up nearly forgotten?

A. obscurity	D. eminent	G. unfathomable
B. normalcy	E. reactionary	H. cyclical
C. genius	F. egalitarian	I. mundane

7. It is normal for artists who achieve great acclaim during their lifetimes to be considered _____ shortly after their deaths, only to have their reputations restored by subsequent generations.

- A. sacrosanct
- B. outmoded
- C. overrated
- D. canonical
- E. unfashionable
- F. emblematic

8. Human perception is not a direct consequence of reality but rather requires imagination, because the data that people encounter in their lives are never complete and always_____.

- A. equivocal
- B. ambiguous
- C. apparent
- D. clear
- E. transient
- F. contradictory

9. Susanne Prediger argues that although rational decimals and fractions are mathematically equivalent, students generally deal with them in _____ ways, hence they are not cognitively equivalent.

- A. variable
- B. divergent
- C. unique
- D. cursory
- E. dissimilar
- F. superficial

10. Although Lemettais was _____ computer engineering, he lacked the spirit or enthusiasm to pursue it as a lifelong occupation.

- A. fanatical about
- B. adept at
- C. indifferent to
- D. diligent regarding
- E. proficient in
- F. apathetic about

Section 92 easy

1. The architecture of the Shanghai Bund was for decades presented as an archetypal symbol of abhorrent Western influence, which may be one of the reasons that these grand building were _____ for so many years.

- A. imitated
- B. extolled
- C. commemorated
- D. disdained
- E. unnoticed

2. The wonder of Amy Chapman was her _____, her tenacious devotion to certain causes.

- A. subtle allure
- B. refractory willfulness
- C. obstinate self-regard
- D. brazen hubris
- E. staunch fealty

3. In the new biography, Gonzalez doesn't (i) _____ the aspects of her subject that have drawn criticism but instead creates them with considerable (ii) _____: hardly a fact or assertion goes by her without being sourced in the endnotes.

A. explain	D. sympathy
B. acknowledge	E. thoroughness
C. evade	F. ingenuity

4. The governor is known for her unwillingness to (i) _____ policy decisions in the face of opponents typically, if she announces a specific policy and is confronted with objections from interest groups, she (ii) _____ the policy.

A. adhere to	D. resumes
B. compromise on	E. appraises
C. disavow	F. abandons

5. At least one otter species, the sea otter, has a large, often dominating, effect on the structure of its own habitat. There is no evidence that other species have ever exercised such (i) _____ effects. That lack of evidence could merely be because the other species have been studied less thoroughly. However, the size and density of the historic sea otter populations in many Pacific coastal regions (ii) _____ those of other otter species elsewhere, so perhaps the sea otter is indeed (iii) _____ in its effects on habitat.

A. ephemeral	D. vastly exceed	G. unique
B. unpredictable	E. have little effect on	H. destructive
C. significant	F. roughly parallel	I. transitory

6. For many years Cole experienced (i)_____his professional circle. He was a (ii)_____figure in the Middle East Studies Association of North America, editing for five years its flagship publication, and in 2004 he was even elected the association's incoming president. But because his research focused on highly (iii)_____aspects of the eighteenth-and-nineteenth century Middle East, he was unlikely to achieve any sort of public acclaim.

A. obscurity within	D. leading	G. relevant
B. estrangement from	E. provocative	H. esoteric
C. anonymity outside	F. traditional	I. disputed

7. In science, replicability comes with the idea that the pursuit of scientific truth should not be _____: researchers who make claims must allow others to test them empirically.

- A. incomplete
- B. settled
- C. private
- D. unfinished
- E. insular
- F. unerring

8. Even the most hard-nosed critics could hardly deny that the novelist's best books are _____: they are filled with energy, imagination, and something close to a white-hot inspiration.

- A. inventive
- B. engaging
- C. spirited
- D. compassionate
- E. vigorous
- F. warmhearted

9. Liam Clancy described the young Bob Dylan as a sponge, eagerly absorbing the possibilities life and culture might provide, and Dylan presents himself so in his memoir_____in his intellectual and musical curiosity.

- A. insatiable
- B. devious
- C. unique
- D. pretentious
- E. voracious
- F. cunning

10. The Red Sea town of Aydhab presents scholars with_____: medieval records describe it as a major port for ships engaged in trade, yet today there is no trace of a viable harbor at the site.

- A. an illusion
- B. a contradiction
- C. a chimera
- D. a puzzle
- E. an anachronism
- F. a conundrum

Section 93 easy

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

- A. a tenacity
- B. a neutrality
- C. a pugnacity
- D. an effusiveness
- E. an irascibility

2. The combination of Isabella Beeton's short life and the _____ of evidence for some parts of her story means that at times her biography, Kathryn Hughes, is forced to fill out her narrative with background information.

- A. reliability
- B. plethora
- C. relevance
- D. paucity
- E. transparency

3. Far from (i) _____ the actions taken by the newspaper's executives, William praised the executive's resistance to corruption—yet he doubted that their policies were practical enough to warrant (ii) _____ by other papers.

A. lionizing	D. criticism
B. impugning	E. admiration
C. surveying	F. emulation

4. If you follow your intuition, you will more often than not err by misclassifying a random event as (i) _____. We are far too willing to (ii) _____ the belief that much of what we see in life is random.

A. uncharacteristic	D. countenance
B. systematic	E. reject
C. arbitrary	F. champion

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

6. At a recent conference on ancient DNA, one presentation opened with the claim that the field was now mature and could move ahead with confidence. This (i) _____ is (ii) _____, as demonstrated at the conference by the many presentations that notably lacked an adequate methodology for ensuring that DNA was uncontaminated by material that is more recent. In fact, ancient DNA research presents extreme technical difficulties, in part precisely because of the (iii) _____ of surviving DNA.

A. concern	D. infectious	G. corrupted nature
B. optimism	E. unfounded	H. straight forward
C. diffidence	F. unusual	I. copious amounts

7. As clucks of disapproval about Americans' political _____ have grown louder in recent years, many historians have looked for contrast to the decades before the Civil War as a time when Americans were enthusiastically engaged in politics.

- A. zealotry
- B. apathy
- C. hypocrisy
- D. partisanship
- E. insincerity
- F. passivity

8. 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

9. Some social insects, such as bees and ants, are celebrated for their industriousness and engineering feat, but popular culture has not generally _____ termites for theirs—even though they can build mounds twenty feet high.

- A. considered
- B. reprehended
- C. applauded
- D. deprecated
- E. exonerated
- F. extolled

10. Because the organization often trumpeted itself as a forum for _____ discussion, visitors were startled by the frequently heated tone of its recent debates.

- A. elevated
- B. vigorous
- C. temperate
- D. strenuous
- E. dispassionate
- F. strident

Section 94 medium

1. For the ancient Egyptians, inequality in human society was not _____ nature, in other words, existing differences—between rich and poor, strong and weak—were not viewed as a necessary part of the natural order of things.

- A. superseded by
- B. detectable in
- C. ameliorated by
- D. inherent in
- E. excluded from

2. It was quite _____ for Sir Isaac Newton to believe in alchemy—most of the experimental scientists of his era did.

- A. unethical
- B. brave
- C. pretentious
- D. reasonable
- E. controversial

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

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

4. This book, a more (i) _____ version of a highly technical report, is designed for the layperson, yet it is nothing if not (ii) _____: it grapples with very complex questions about the world economy.

A. accessible	D. ambitious
B. professional	E. popular
C. formidable	F. persuasive

5. Anthony Kenny states that although his A New History of Western Philosophy is intended for undergraduates, he aimed to write it in a lighthearted manner that will give (i) _____ to those who read the history “not for curricular purposes but for their own enjoyment”. His book is certainly enlightening, and although the bibliography includes technical works liable to (ii) _____ the newcomer, the work is written at a level that generally (iii) _____ between elementary and advanced.

A. solace	D. baffle	G. strikes a good balance
B. pleasure	E. initiate	H. makes fine distinctions
C. offense	F. suit	I. rejects the difference

6. Substantial atmosphere around planetary bodies acts as (i)_____incoming objects. Smaller objects, particularly those that are lower in density and more fragile, (ii)_____in the upper reaches of the atmosphere, whereas more intact, larger bodies may survive to impact the surface. Thus, relative to large craters, small craters are much less (iii)_____on bodies with dense atmosphere, such as Earth, Venus, and Titan, than they are on Mercury and Moon.

A. effective obscurers of	D. vaporize	G. unusual
B. significant filters to	E. proliferate	H. persistent
C. impenetrable barriers against	F. agglomerate	I. common

7. Many scholars studying leadership_____cult of the celebrity that has been fostered both by the media and by politicians' public relations staffs, arguing that it trivialized politics.

- A. abet
- B. decry
- C. question
- D. analyze
- E. countenance
- F. condemn

8. Experimentation in the arts often generates befuddlement, and even_____of innovative art generally have voiced perplexity regarding this new, experimental artwork.

- A. proponents
- B. vilifiers
- C. defenders
- D. belittlers
- E. vendors
- F. luminaries

9. The sailors realized too late that winds had shifted the ice in such a way as to obstruct the ship's path; this process had been so_____that it was completed by the time they discovered the effect.

- A. gradual
- B. negligible
- C. unpredictable
- D. time-consuming
- E. inconsequential
- F. imperceptible

10. What makes the precisely oriented flight of a honeybee swarm to its new home so _____is that only a small percentage of its members know the swarm travel rout and final destination.

- A. exact
- B. unpredictable
- C. amazing
- D. erratic
- E. reliable
- F. wondrous

Section 95 medium

1. Some minor misgivings about the book notwithstanding, the editor's claim that the work will be recognized as "the authoritative history of sports for this era" is thoroughly_____.

- A. absurd
- B. undemonstrated
- C. credible
- D. outlandish
- E. researched

2. In the 1630s, directors of the Dutch West India Company received reports of minor problems from their agents with_____, as the company was wealthy enough not to be overly concerned about small frustrations.

- A. trepidation
- B. consternation
- C. gratitude
- D. equanimity
- E. exhilaration

3. Even though the idea that medical research should be rigorously objective is (i)_____one in the medical community, the editors of medical journals often display a disquieting (ii)_____when it comes to articles submitted by researchers who accept money from the makers of the products they evaluate in their research; editors rarely ask whether that research is truly disinterested.

A. a neglected	D. capriciousness
B. an uncontroversial	E. credulity
C. an unproductive	F. stringency

4. 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 molecule thick.

A. an unanticipated boon	D. circumvents
B. a routine accomplishment	E. entails
C. a significant struggle	F. resolves

5. An invasive creeping weed native to the Mediterranean region, *Cirsium arvense* has been present in Yellowstone National Park at least since the nineteenth century. Because of its extensive root system, the plant defies attempts to (i)_____it by normal methods, and consequently, park officials have (ii)_____efforts to do so. Warming temperature have also (iii)_____of the thistle's fortune.

A. control	D. largely abandoned	G. helped
B. study	E. recently reinitiated	H. undermined
C. nourish	F. increasingly promoted	I. illuminated

6. Marie Tharp's mapping of the ocean floor, which was based on a mass of previously unanalyzed measurements of ocean depth, did not depend on (i)_____but on (ii)_____: she (iii)_____the sea floor's contours by marring the voluminous but incomplete data with her knowledge of geology.

A. rote work	D. serendipity	G. inferred
B. analytical prowess	E. extrapolation	H. detected
C. empirical knowledge	F. collaboration	I. reconstituted

7. The proposition that foraging Native Americans studied the skies is _____: anthropological evidence demonstrates, for example, that the Chumash Indians counted the lunar cycles and established the times of the solstices.

- A. unquestionable
- B. unremarkable
- C. undeniable
- D. unprecedented
- E. unexceptional
- F. unparalleled

8. In the nineteenth century, the circus, for all its glitz and even its glamour, was entertainment with an old soul,_____the fast-forward pace of change in modern life.

- A. a forerunner of
- B. an antidote to
- C. a respite from
- D. a break from
- E. a precursor to
- F. a rebuke to

9. Sokari Douglas Camp was_____in the early 1990s by many of London's commercially driven art dealers and galleries, some of whom apparently found her themes difficult to market.

- A. criticized
- B. lionized
- C. misrepresented
- D. neglected
- E. forsaken
- F. eulogized

10. It is troubling that blogs, which may be among the least reliable sources of information in human history, occupy such_____.

- A. enviable
- B. conspicuous
- C. suspect
- D. dubious
- E. controversial
- F. prominent

Section 96 medium

1. The anthropologist_____the claim that the Neanderthal remains must represent an immediate family because they belong to the same mitochondrial lineage, noting that some chimpanzees with identical mitochondrial are not closely related.

- A. misapplied
- B. queried
- C. expanded
- D. substantiated
- E. surmised

2. While the current coffee craze was sparked by the emergence of flavorful, high-quality gourmet varieties, a slew of studies suggesting that concerns about coffee's health effects may be _____ has nurtured the trend.

- A. underemphasize
- B. exacerbated
- C. unfounded
- D. documented
- E. recapitulated

3. In a sharp blow to his reputation as (i)_____leader, the evidence that the mayor has recently been involved in malfeasance seems to be (ii)_____.

A. a partisan	D. fabricated
B. an unsuccessful	E. sound
C. an exemplary	F. dubious

4. As climate change alters ecosystems, the winners are going to be the (i)_____foragers, likes grizzlies that eat everything from ants to moose, and the losers are going to be those species that are too (ii)_____to adjust.

A. adaptive	D. specialized
B. persistent	E. hierarchical
C. anomalous	F. voracious

5. The Golden Gates Bridge has been quite (i)_____by most aesthetic and functional criteria. However, as a structure it has had some limitations. Shortly after it opened, its roadway proved to be (ii)_____under certain wind conditions, so it was stiffened. The additional steel that provided that stiffening naturally added weight to the structure, and this made it (iii)_____later to add a proposed rail system beneath the roadway.

A. inadequate	D. quite noisy	G. unnecessary
B. unusual	E. overly flexible	H. impossible
C. successful	F. dangerously windswept	I. feasible

6. The prime minister underestimates the fatigue that her continual (i)_____induces, even among those who are largely(ii)_____her aims. Constantly referring to the bold challenges and tremendous opportunities that she and the country face, the prime minister insists that she is (iii)_____the country, when most people would be grateful if she succeeded just in improving it a bit.

A. complaining	D. sympathetic to	G. deliberately analyzing
B. diffidence	E. confused by	H. radically transforming
C. overclaiming	F. troubled by	I. slowly fine-tuning

7. Considering that space travel was science fiction only decades ago, we should be extremely reluctant to proclaim an idea forever technologically infeasible unless that idea _____some hard physical constraint.

- A. violates
- B. contravenes
- C. overcomes
- D. transcends
- E. utilizes
- F. introduces

8. The actor's part in the film turned out to be_____: he had only one line, and by the time the film appeared in theaters, even that line had been removed.

- A. misunderstood
- B. mandatory
- C. intriguing
- D. fascinating
- E. trivial
- F. inessential

9. Although_____to please his audiences, Mozart was, at the same time, fully aware of his musical genius and had no intention of compromising his music.

- A. disposed
- B. loath
- C. disinclined
- D. eager
- E. keen
- F. compelled

10. It is true that science, and more particularly scientists,_____cherished paradigms with great reluctance and that when they do, scientific revolutions may result.

- A. unify
- B. share
- C. cede
- D. embrace
- E. dismantle
- F. relinquish

section 97 medium

1. Even months after massive storm, there remained a heavy, suspended sediment load in the surface water overlying the coral reef, the_____water a testament to the storm's effects.

- A. turbid
- B. stagnant
- C. fathomless
- D. turbulent
- E. brackish

2. Later in the book, the author takes pains to_____the claims she had made earlier, as though she recognizes their implausibility and wants to quell skepticism by narrowing their scope.

- A. qualify
- B. apply
- C. reiterate
- D. verify
- E. jettison

3. No one (i)_____that building a ship powered by black holes or dark matter would be a formidable task. Yet remarkably there seems to be nothing in our present understanding of physics that (ii)_____our doing so.

A. believes	D. anticipates
B. admits	E. necessitates
C. disputes	F. precludes

4. Because the writer emphasizes the (i)_____of certain engineers whose contributions have been overlooked, her history of technology will not, like many of its predecessors, be a survey (ii)_____ the most celebrated achievements in the field.

A. mediocrity	D. comprising
B. importance	E. underestimating
C. anonymity	F. downplaying

5. It is only recently that emotion has attracted any substantial scholar attention, with historians lagging behind anthropologists, sociologists, and philosophers in their willingness to (i)_____ emotion as subject worthy of scholarly attention. In the past, scholars viewed emotion as a natural and essential force that (ii)_____analysis—a strictly private matter and, therefore (iii)_____social life and the stuff of research.

A. recognize	D. enlivened	G. requisite for
B. overlook	E. defied	H. extraneous to
C. repudiate	F. sustained	I. synonymous with

6. The art of letter writing is like the art of acting in that it is the impression of (i)_____ which usually makes a performance convincing. Great letter writers, like great actors, have a gift for (ii)_____, for the here and now, the depth of expression depending on its closeness to actual processes of thought. By these criteria Ellen Terry was a remarkable letter writer indeed: her letters invariably have an air of (iii)_____.

A. spontaneity	D. compassion	G. confidence
B. mastery	E. exaggeration	H. improvisation
C. sympathy	F. immediacy	I. sensitivity

7. Patterson thought the waste leaking into the river was_____situation: by contrast, judging from their silence on the matter, the owners of the factory felt the problem did not require immediate action.

- A. a lingering
- B. a convoluted
- C. a pressing
- D. an enervating
- E. an exigent
- F. an intricate

8. Some historians represent the East India Company as_____participant in political and military conflict in India, only taking an interest in territorial power and revenue as a last-ditch effort to protect its trading activities.

- A. a shrewd
- B. an ineffectual
- C. an irregular
- D. a canny
- E. a reluctant
- F. an unwilling

9. Very few companies take the trouble to discover where the wood in their products originates, consumers do not demand this information, and consequently _____regarding illicit timber has become the norm.

- A. greed
- B. indifference
- C. outrage
- D. timidity
- E. apprehension
- F. apathy

10. Scientists are investigating odors so faint that people cannot_____them in order to see whether such odors can nevertheless change the way people interact.

- A. tolerate
- B. endure
- C. avoid
- D. dispel
- E. detect
- F. discern

Section 98 hard

1. By cosmic standards, Earth and its fellow terrestrial planets are chemical_____: they consist of primarily four elements (iron, magnesium, silicon, and oxygen) that are rare elsewhere in the universe.

- A. prototypes
- B. mavericks
- C. malefactors
- D. paragons
- E. old-timers

2. Because of the newspaper's_____joint bylines, lots of reporters were compelled to do anonymous work on stories credited to other people.

- A. toleration of
- B. aversion to
- C. instigation of
- D. endorsement of
- E. leniency toward

3. While the philosopher was known for valuing (i)_____in the classroom, she was also, by contrast, a scrupulous and patient reviser, who (ii)_____her lectures for print.

A. predictability	D. superficially proofread
B. spontaneity	E. haphazardly adapted
C. correctness	F. laboriously reworked

4. Catherine the Great comes across in her memoirs as (i)_____ruler with a razor-sharp intellect, letting nothing stand in the way of her ambitions. In short, the impression the memoirs give is entirely in accord with her reputation for being (ii)_____.

A. an oblivious	D. ambivalent
B. an uncompromising	E. benevolent
C. a moralistic	F. formidable

5. Despite the (i)_____in negotiations apparently signaled by the recent agreement between the two neighboring countries, the countries remain (ii)_____even about the import of that agreement. One wants to prolong agreed—to resumption of limited cross—border traffic, believing it can become entrenched as a new status quo. The other, by contrast, insists that the resumption is (iii)_____and has been undertaken voluntarily and provisionally in order to show goodwill.

A. progress	D. unreconciled	G. requisite
B. stalemate	E. vague	H. temporary
C. setbacks	F. flexible	I. advantageous

6. 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 purpose, 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.

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

7. The tribes'_____a settled mode of living was derived from their long-standing traditions, which, though differing from one tribal group to another, always included a resistance to nomadic lifestyles.

- A. curiosity about
- B. proclivity toward
- C. predilection for
- D. unfamiliarity with
- E. rejection of
- F. disdain for

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

9. The spacecraft's considerable heft forces an unusually_____route that meanders through the solar system and depends on the gravitational pull of three heavenly bodies.

- A. predetermined
- B. circuitous
- C. indirect
- D. truncated
- E. shortened
- F. sequential

10. According to some political analysts, the candidate's occasionally rambling responses to questions suggest that she has bee out of circulation for a while and her debating skills need to be_____.

- A. honed
- B. discredited
- C. enhanced
- D. reevaluated
- E. remedied
- F. de-emphasized

Section 99 hard

1. Although most of the lakes have merged, salinity levels are not _____ throughout the lake systems: 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

2. The novel presents him as a man who monitors his state of mind and emotions as though he were doing so _____, taking and thinking about himself as if he were someone else.

- A. guiltily
- B. instinctively
- C. furtively
- D. heedlessly
- E. externally

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

A. innocuous	D. evasive
B. quizzical	E. elaborate
C. impertinent	F. informative

4. Proffering one increasingly improbable scene character after another, (i) _____ by the constraint of realism, the novel revels in this (ii) _____ by ever more brazenly defying its readers' presumed expectations.

A. untrammelled	D. exiguity
B. liberated	E. ponderousness
C. confined	F. implausibility

5. Logically, one might assume that the nostalgia in which Guzman engages at times in his documentary about Chilean history would be (i) _____ critical reflection and thus leave the film intellectually flaccid. This conclusion would be (ii) _____, however, insofar as not all nostalgia necessarily results in a (iii) _____ of critical thought.

A. a motive for	D. hasty	G. reappropriation
B. a marker of	E. dilatory	H. distillation
C. an impediment to	F. warranted	I. stagnation

6. Sometimes the criteria that are used to categorize nation-states are purely factual: for example, the denotation of a states as a coastal states or an inland state. But most state labels have a predominantly (i)_____character. Labels such as failed state or democratic state tend to be accepted only by those who (ii)_____the assumptions that (iii)_____such a marker.

A. pejorative	D. share	G. are necessarily distorted
B. functional	E. flout	H. constitute the basis of
C. evaluative	F. transcend	I. rarely make reference to

7. Until 1992, microprocessor types were identified by number, and for a long time they were considered so_____that manufacturers would share design specifications for them.

- A. fungible
- B. interchangeable
- C. perishable
- D. integral
- E. inimitable
- F. essential

8. The apparent simplicity of savanna or a prairie landscape is illusory, but the illusion takes real effort to_____because much of what actually occurs in these places takes place underground.

- A. dispel
- B. acknowledge
- C. confirm
- D. disavow
- E. dismiss
- F. perceive

9. Lustig's critics argue that what makes him a compelling public speaker is his practice of citing evidence that is merely suggestive in support of a claim and insisting that this evidence is_____.

- A. invaluable
- B. irrelevant
- C. indubitable
- D. immaterial
- E. insignificant
- F. incontrovertible

10. The series of documentaries certainly does not promote the country's recent diplomatic initiatives, in fact, some of the films appear to be_____those initiatives.

- A. commendations of
- B. reparations of
- C. tributes to
- D. rationalizations of
- E. denunciations of
- F. indictments of

Section 100 hard

1. The professor's tendency to commandeer faculty meetings to promote her personal agenda quickly inspired resentment among other faculty, who objected to such_____.

- A. appropriation
- B. obfuscation
- C. caviling
- D. vacillation
- E. cronyism

2. The assumption that children learn about science primarily in the classroom is so_____that few scientists, educators or policymakers question it, despite an ever-growing body of evidence demonstrating that most science is learnt outside of school.

- A. tenuous
- B. subtle
- C. irrefutable
- D. pervasive
- E. misconstrued

3. Far from (i)_____corporate influence on the academy, Taylor would like to see more of it, he is particularly (ii)_____the idea of universities partnering with for-profit companies to sell online courses.

A. decrying	D. enamored of
B. presuming	E. judicious about
C. investigating	F. unnerved by

4. The shift from extraction to cultivation in forestry involves transforming the production of trees into a source of industrial productivity, leading to a greater degree of (i)_____between biophysical nature on the one hand and industry on the other. In the process, nature is increasingly (ii)_____ industry and science.

A. separation	D. excluded from
B. antagonism	E. appropriated by
C. entanglement	F. superfluous to

5. Appreciating that mathematical notation presents a major roadblock to many students, some well-meaning educators (i)_____them by (ii)_____the use of notation; but this is an unfortunate detour, since practice with notation (iii) _____the important skill of reasoning.

A. enrich	D. mandating	G. compromises
B. discourage	E. accelerating	H. promotes
C. accommodate	F. minimizing	I. circumvents

6. Having an intense and long-standing culture of (i)_____, the company understandably has a reputation as the supreme corporate (ii)_____. But even by these standard, the degree of secrecy surrounding the company's most recent research is (iii)_____.

A. impropriety	D. anachronism	G. remarkable
B. progress	E. abomination	H. predictable
C. privacy	F. enigma	I. counterproductive

7. If Wilson's article style changed overtime, it was in the wrong retrograde direction, _____ experimentation and inclining toward works that seemed hobbled by a fear of risk.

- A. belaboring
- B. shunning
- C. eschewing
- D. overemphasizing
- E. misconstruing
- F. mocking

8. Considering how difficult it is to prove or disprove the existence of life on Mars, which is practically our neighbor, it is quite_____challenge to do the same for any Earthlike planets that might exist outside our solar system.

- A. a formidable
- B. an impossible
- C. a hopeless
- D. a daunting
- E. an urgent
- F. an immediate

9. While it's hard to know for sure, I suspect that the well-known authority's silence on this contentious topic reflects the cautious_____of a sensible scientist confronted with mixed data and mountains of speculation.

- A. neutrality
- B. impartiality
- C. optimism
- D. diffidence
- E. commitment
- F. buoyancy

10. Very few companies take the trouble to discover where the wood in their products originate; consumers do not demand this information, and consequently_____ regarding illicit timber has become the norm.

- A. greed
- B. indifference
- C. outrage
- D. timidity
- E. apprehension
- F. apathy

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section 69 参考答案 1-5 A/E/AE/BD/CDH	6-10 BEG/CE/AE/BE/BD
section 70 参考答案 1-5 D/A/AF/AF/AEG	6-10 CFG/BF/BF/AB/AC
section 71 参考答案 1-5 C/D/BF/BD/CFI	6-10 BFH/BE/AE/BD/CF
section 72 参考答案 1-5 E/D/AE/CE/CDH	6-10 BEH/EF/DF/AC/CE
section 73 参考答案 1-5 D/E/CD/CD/BDI	6-10 CFH/AC/DF/AF/BE
section 74 参考答案 1-5 B/A/AF/AE/BD	6-10 ADG/AD/AE/CE/CE
section 75 参考答案 1-5 C/E/BF/BE/BE	6-10 CDH/DE/CD/CE/BC
section 76 参考答案 1-5 B/C/AE/AD/CE	6-10 BDG/DE/CF/AE/DF
section 77 参考答案 1-5 E/E/BE/BF/CF	6-10 BDI/EF/EF/EF/BD
section 78 参考答案 1-5 D/A/AD/CE/AE	6-10 AEH/DE/BF/AB/BE
section 79 参考答案 1-5 B/E/CF/CD/BFG	6-10 CDI/BF/BF/BF/AF
section 80 参考答案 1-5 A/A/CE/AF/BDI	6-10 AFH/AD/AE/BD/BD
section 81 参考答案 1-5 A/A/AD/AE/BDH	6-10 AEG/EF/DF/BD/AD

section 82 参考答案 1-5 D/A/BD/CD/BDI	6-10 AFH/DF/AF/AD/AD
section 83 参考答案 1-5 B/B/CE/AF/AEI	6-10 CDH/BE/AE/AE/CE
section 84 参考答案 1-5 B/A/AD/CF/ADG	6-10 BDI/BE/AD/EF/AB
section 85 参考答案 1-5 D/C/BF/AF/CDI	6-10 CFI/AD/AB/BF/CF
section 86 参考答案 1-5 E/B/C/AF/BDH	6-10 CEG/DE/BD/BC/BE
section 87 参考答案 1-5 A/C/B/AD/CDG	6-10 CEG/BE/CE/BC/CF
section 88 参考答案 1-5 B/BE/CE/BD/CEH	6-10 CFH/BE/AF/BD/AF
section 89 参考答案 1-5 B/BD/AD/AD/CDH	6-10 BFG/CE/BD/AB/DE
section 90 参考答案 1-5 B/E/AE/CE/BD	6-10 CEG/BE/BC/BC/CF
section 91 参考答案 1-5 B/C/BD/AD/BDG	6-10 ADG/BE/AB/BE/BE
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section 97 参考答案

1-5 A/A/CF/BD/AEH

6-10 CDI/CE/EF/BF/EF

section 98 参考答案

1-5 B/B/AF/BF/ADH

6-10 ADI/BC/BD/BC/AC

section 99 参考答案

1-5 B/E/AD/CF/CDI

6-10 CDH/AB/BC/CF/EF

section 100 参考答案

1-5 A/C/AD/CE/AFH

6-10 CFG/BC/AD/AB/BF