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序言

必考题教研组每年都会帮助成千上万名学生准备 GRE 考试，其中绝大多数学生都会跟我们说同一句话“如果准备时间足够，我肯定能考好。”但问题的关键恰恰就是：**准备时间一定是不够的。**

海外研究生是一个综合型的项目，学生要上高压的专业课，要刷高或者急提 GPA，要实习拓人脉，要科研做实验，要跟教授 meeting 又 meeting 求一封推荐信，海本的同学还要加上人在国外的种种不便。为了申请到梦校的研究生项目，同学们对每一个环节的精益求精都在挤压备考 GRE 的时间。这使得 GRE 备考势必是要打成闪电战，而非持久战。

那么 GRE 这场闪电战，我们真的能赢得漂亮吗？当然可以！GRE 必考题成千上万的学员以亲身经历总结出的必胜公式：**高分=正确的方法+高效的刷题。**

- 正确的方法: GRE 必考题教研组老师根据多年的教学经验，千锤百炼总结出了填空逻辑解题法,双线阅读法等被无数课上的学生验证过的高效出分思路。
- 高效的刷题: 我们又怎么帮助到同学们呢？这个困扰我们很久的问题，科技给了我们答案。

GRE 题库浩如烟海，全刷完是不可能的，而且题库中很多题目因为陈旧或不具代表性等原因已经早就不会出现在目前的考试中了。网上的资料鱼龙混杂，不仅题目陈旧而且答案还可能存在错误，同学们在错误的土地上再怎么耕耘也无法结出饱满的果实。GRE 必考题教研组的名师团队和由 NLP（自然语言处理）技术精英组成的课题组处理了 2020-2022 上半年考场中出现的所有 Verbal 题目，我们的目标就是：**精校+精简**。让学生在最短的时间内，通过最少题量的练习，达到最好的学习效果。

通过老师们的精选严校，和技术团队对题目出现频率、出现时间、出现概率的反复运算和预测，最终确定了**《GRE 必考题填空高频题》中1000道题目**。所有的题目由 2020-2022 上半年考场回忆的最新题以及反复出现的高频题组成，涵盖了所有考点以及由老师逐一确认参考答案，学生不仅能够通过做题掌握 GRE 的出题思路，还有很大概率在之后的考试中遇到原题。

我们不敢说 GRE 填空备考只用这一本资料就能打天下，但这本资料一定可以成为大家的保命功法，节省掉你东拼西凑囤资料，大海捞针筛资料，做了大量无效题目走弯路的时间。有些相遇注定就是为了离别，希望大家拿起这本书，好好学习，不负韶华，因为努力的时光都会是限量版；放下这本书的时候，愿你们出分顺利，前程似锦，一起顶峰相见。



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第一部分: 单项训练

I. 单空题

1. The rebellion was _____ one, driven less by ardor than by reason and calculation.

A. a cerebral
B. a dispassionate
C. a rash
D. an idealistic
E. a cautious a reckless

2. Historically, it has been unusual for scientific terms, once coined, to enter common usage with much _____: “scientist” and “dinosaur” (coined in 1833 and 1842 respectively), for instance, were rarely used before the late nineteenth century.

A. recognition
B. dispatch
C. accuracy
D. controversy
E. acclaim

3. The Internet is an eternally unfinished monument to _____ a text that aspires to be as big and multifarious as the world it describes.

A. inclusion
B. self-promotion
C. innovation
D. triviality
E. abstraction

4. The repeated resurrections of the Chinese empire after various collapses were not _____: they reflected the conscious efforts of major players to restore what they considered the normative way of sociopolitical conduct-the imperial order.

A. inevitable



- B. unprecedented
C. innocuous
D. sustainable
E. transformative
5. Lacking a strong opposing political party, which usually is_____the ruling party's leaders, the ruling party's leaders are now focusing all their venom on one another.
- A. supportive of
B. aligned with
C. conversant with
D. oblivious to
E. excoriated by
6. Demographic relationships that have been_____may not be useful targets for prolonged study: that very characteristic suggests that they may continue to change rapidly.
- A. static
B. enervated
C. intransigent
D. moribund
E. mutable
7. Although contemporary American poetry may appear to be lamentably insular to outsiders, the best of that poetry can be highly engaging-not at all designed for_____.
- A. the general public
B. responsive readers
C. a coterie
D. interlopers
E. neophytes

8. Scientists could not build on each other's work if they could not trust the published work of their colleagues; thus progress in science depends on the_____of practicing scientists.
- A. hubris
 - B. speciousness
 - C. probity
 - D. experiences
 - E. sanguinity
9. Motivation is the hardest of all managerial tasks, and it is_____to expect a single memo, no matter how well crafted, to have much effect on the staff's attitude.
- A. ingenious
 - B. reasonable
 - C. fanciful
 - D. scrupulous
 - E. radical
10. Although not enough to_____the conventional view of the manuscripts provenance the new study was thought to have weakened the prevailing theory considerably.
- A. undermine
 - B. affect
 - C. resurrect
 - D. disturb
 - E. topple
11. 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

12. Since the state-run copper and cobalt companies are_____, the government has become largely reliant on diamonds and oil, which make up 75 percent of exports.
- A. monopolistic
 - B. unregulated
 - C. remunerative
 - D. moribund
 - E. Unmortgaged
13. The cognitive flexibility of successful fictional detectives is often_____by their cultural ambivalence. In addition to their intellectual acumen, it seems to exist in direct proportion to their uneasy place in society.
- A. amplified
 - B. highlighted
 - C. spurred
 - D. matched
 - E. negated
14. A beaver's daily activity rhythm can be_____the natural 24-hour light cycle: indeed, some beaver colonies in Canada have shown a free-running cycle of activity that deviates considerably from 24 hours.
- A. impaired by
 - B. decoupled from
 - C. coterminous with
 - D. defined by
 - E. interrupted by
15. Some of the writers whose interviews with the Paris Review are included in this volume were caught in the final years of their lives, and these interviews thus lend _____mood to the collection.
- A. an autumnal
 - B. a scintillating
 - C. a liberal
 - D. an apolitical

E. a cosmopolitan

16. In recent years, the country's farmers have been extremely_____, contributing a major portion of the disturbances and protests against government policies.

- A. discerning
- B. tractable
- C. restive
- D. mercurial
- E. circumspect

17. These preludes and fugues might be thought of as_____Bach's final works, glimpses of what he would accomplish in later pieces such as The Art of the Fugue.

- A. valedictories to
- B. progeny from
- C. adumbrations of
- D. vestiges of
- E. adjuration of

18. The effect of the film's expansive, darkly mournful opening sequence was magnified by a score that was similarly_____and unrelenting.

- A. iridescent
- B. volatile
- C. equivocal
- D. plangent
- E. blithe

19. The students_____natures were in sharp contrast to the imperturbable disposition of their teacher.

- A. volatile
- B. duplicitous
- C. apathetic
- D. cunning



E. blithe

20. The company's president was unfailingly_____, insisting even in the face of declining profits that the firm's potential for future growth was unlimited.

- A. circumspect
- B. sanguine
- C. timorous
- D. assiduous
- E. capricious

21. When readers pointed out errors, the biographer_____ herself with the thought that anyone who wrote as much as she did was bound to make some mistakes.

- A. castigated
- B. aggrandized
- C. decimated
- D. exculpated
- E. deprecated

22. Nociception is the process of detecting and processing a noxious stimulus by the nervous system; however, nociception is not_____pain, as the former is not necessarily associated with a negative emotional response or feeling.

- A. preceded by
- B. identical to
- C. sufficient for
- D. effective without
- E. distinguishable from

23. Consolidating a memory is not instantaneous or even_____; every memory must be encoded and moved from short-term to long-term storage, and some of those memories are, for whatever reason, more vividly imprinted than others.

- A. salutary
- B. deliberate



- C. sequential
D. momentary
E. inevitable
24. While Pompeian houses vary in their size, ground plans, and decorative schemes, they do tend to _____ certain consistent design motivations: their owners all seem to have aimed toward creating a certain kind of domestic space.
- A. inform
B. defy
C. inspire
D. thwart
E. betray
25. 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
26. The idea that the press serves as a watchdog overseeing government is _____ journalistic principle, but it has never been a particularly realistic one.
- A. an obsolete
B. a feasible
C. an overlooked
D. a venerable
E. an amorphous
27. In the 1980s, the press release announcing the discovery of a new fundamental particle turned a once _____ hypothesis of interest to no more than a few hundred physicists into an undisputed fact of global significance.

- A. cogent
- B. fungible
- C. recondite
- D. preeminent
- E. discretionary

28. 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

29. Until 2007, Japanese artist Kazuo Shiraga was_____collectors in the United States: his current resurgence is helped by the vogue for so-called process-based abstraction and a revival of interest in performance art.

- A. vastly overrated by
- B. widely studied among
- C. close affiliated with
- D. virtually unknown to
- E. deliberately exoticized by

30. 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 American society and culture, should be reshaped.

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



31. Although Smith's book is a valiant attempt to find common ground, the debates surrounding the issue are so_____that it is not clear whether she could ever convince those who held either entrenched position.
- A. rancorous
 - B. irrelevant
 - C. fascinating
 - D. moribund
 - E. trivial
32. Twentieth-century tussles in cosmology illustrate the_____of science, for they highlight both the human drive to explore nature and the limits that our minds inevitably impose on our understanding.
- A. objective methodologies
 - B. theoretical evolution
 - C. cooperative nature
 - D. psychological aspects
 - E. serendipitous discoveries
33. Though humanitarian emergencies are frequent features of television news, such exposure seldom_____the public, which rather seems resigned to a sense of impotency.
- A. paralyze
 - B. demoralizes
 - C. assuages
 - D. galvanizes
 - E. exasperates
34. The watchword in astronomy is_____: all claims must be examined critically in the light of current knowledge, and one's mind should never be closed to the possibility that a theory could be wrong.
- A. implausibility
 - B. imagination
 - C. wariness
 - D. determination

- E. incoherency
35. While it is always clear that the author's message is heartfelt, it is mostly buried by shortcomings of style, organization and production, although the book does become more_____toward the end.
- A. restrained
B. intelligible
C. artless
D. judgmental
E. fervent
36. Critics' complaints about the novelist focused mainly on his characters' almost incessant_____, suggesting that he should minimize the prattle and instead keep his plots moving smartly ahead.
- A. sentimentality
B. negativity
C. foibles
D. palaver
E. melancholy
37. The paintings of the 1960s Photo-Realists were meticulously rendered by artists who eschewed abstraction for realistic representation and thus achieved a precisely detailed, impersonal_____.
- A. verisimilitude
B. imagination
C. idealization
D. subjectivism
E. grandiloquence
38. While her coworkers used a different excuse every year to shirk the annual company picnic, Donna was a consistent_____, feigning illness every year.
- A. maverick

- B. malingerer
C. idler
D. absconder
E. laggard
39. In an ironic twist, the recent_____of the reductive observational methods that have enabled science to progress for four countries may turn out to be science's biggest step forward.
- A. introduction
B. validation
C. acceptance
D. standardization
E. questioning
40. That Selberg 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
41. Once so fluid, the political situation had, two years after the declaration of the Republic,_____so much that further change seemed inconceivable.
- A. revitalized
B. warmed
C. intensified
D. clotted
E. destabilized
42. Even though the authors repeatedly_____their own 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
43. As we have seen repeatedly, when new technologies emerge, they tend not to replace existing technologies altogether, but rather to_____them.
- A. impair
 - B. obviate
 - C. augment
 - D. supersede
 - E. anticipate
44. Central control of the country's power grid is difficult because of the_____of the electricity industry it is made up of hundreds of local networks with separate owners.
- A. bifurcation
 - B. interdependence
 - C. nationalization
 - D. tractability
 - E. balkanization
45. Dutton wants us to regard art as_____, as something that is not merely an ornament but rather an irreducible expression of human nature.
- A. indispensable
 - B. incomprehensible
 - C. intangible
 - D. fungible
 - E. mutable
46. In modern times, friendship has become a_____relationship: a form of connection in terms of which all others are understood and against which all are measured.

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

47. The country's highest court is hardly known for its_____, leaving citizens with little hope of a quick ruling on recent legal challenges.

- A. alacrity
- B. transparency
- C. equanimity
- D. conservatism
- E. forbearance

48. Because we participate in the dynamics of ecosystems as we restore them, restoration practice is in essence antithetical to the idea of a_____wilderness.

- A. managed
- B. developing
- C. rehabilitated
- D. pristine
- E. degraded

49. The movie has a surfeit of inscrutable characters and tortuous subplots, so it is no surprise that viewers leaving the recent screening appeared_____.

- A. complacent
- B. phlegmatic
- C. nonplussed
- D. unsated
- E. beguiled

50. Accustomed to the author's ponderous prose, readers will likely be startled by the that characterizes his new work.



- A. prolixity
- B. jocularly
- C. abstruseness
- D. predictability
- E. pessimism

51. 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

52. Rosemary's reliance on her sister, though not_____, was plainly too great to permit a painless departure.

- A. trifling
- B. ambivalent
- C. calculated
- D. immoderate
- E. noticeable

53. The candidate is such a_____speaker that one wonders whether she or the audience will fall asleep first.

- A. laconic
- B. torpid
- C. implacable
- D. sardonic
- E. dyspeptic

54. Refusing to speak plainly,the candidate tested her audience's patience with her _____speech.



- A. unequivocal
- B. fustian
- C. lucid
- D. facile
- E. perspicuous

55. The plays have in common_____dimension: they all feature paradoxes and conundrums.

- A. an inscrutable
- B. a nostalgic
- C. a lugubrious
- D. an abstract
- E. a cynical

56. In wastewater tested before and after treatment at some treatment plants certain medications were found in higher concentrations after treatment than before, suggesting that microbes used to clean wastewater may also be_____some medications that had broken down earlier.

- A. diffusing
- B. degrading
- C. resisting
- D. intercepting
- E. reconstituting

57. According to one prominent sociologist the insider doctrine-the claim that only a member of a particular group should study that group is inherently_____in that the doctrine assumes that, to put it colloquially, "you have to be one to understand one."

- A. insular
- B. fatalistic
- C. absolutist
- D. irrefutable
- E. impressionistic

58. According to the political analyst, the phrase “right to privacy” is used to refer to a variety of conflicting interests that are not easily subsumed under one definition—with the result that the meaning of the phrase itself has become quite_____.
- A. platitudinous
 - B. archaic
 - C. circumscribed
 - D. nebulous
 - E. incendiary
59. In early twentieth-century India, the claim that films from the West screened by “first-class theaters” were exclusively “high-class features” was_____, since a film's being screened by such theaters was interpreted as a confirmation of quality.
- A. controversial
 - B. paradoxical
 - C. anachronistic
 - D. tautological
 - E. prescient
60. Artist Mrinalini Mukherjee (1949-2015) initially pursued painting but eventually found herself drawn to sculpture, perhaps because her lack of training in the latter subject_____a certain liberating ignorance about the medium's limitations.
- A. mitigated against
 - B. translated into
 - C. reached beyond
 - D. derived from
 - E. prevailed over
61. 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
62. One enhancement to artificial-intelligence-based virtual assistants involves their ability to pinpoint moments when human users make a request and then_____: a new machine-learning algorithm allows the software to identify rescission.
- A. reiterate
B. backtrack
C. give up
D. elaborate
E. hesitate
63. The_____in seventeenth-century Indian poet Kavindrācarya Sarasvati's writings is reflected in encomia celebrating his accomplishments, for like his work, the encomia were made up of separate collections composed in Sanskrit and Hindi.
- A. subtlety
B. bifurcation
C. lyricism
D. abstraction
E. conciseness
64. The evidence for impact cratering events within the solar system is_____: almost every solid planet or natural satellite whose surface has been observed with high enough resolution shows unmistakable evidence of impact craters.
- A. circumstantial
B. omnipresent
C. equivocal
D. paradigmatic
E. anomalous
65. The young man's fervent pursuit of material wealth quickly earned him a reputation for being not just acquisitive, but downright_____.

- A. penurious
- B. supercilious
- C. rapacious
- D. vexatious
- E. mendacious

66. A conventional assumption holding that pesticide use and crop yields are positively correlated was_____a study showing that farmers in Africa and Asia significantly reduced pesticide use while achieving increased crop yields.

- A. consistent with
- B. compromised by
- C. derived from
- D. predicated on
- E. discernible in

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

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

68. The biologist challenged the scientific_____that is too often shown toward vertebrates by pointing out that 99.5 percent of all animal species are invertebrates, which surely makes invertebrates worthy of study and attention.

- A. partiality
- B. methodology
- C. recklessness
- D. rigor
- E. disdain



69. The ancient Chinese philosopher Mozi took _____ view of the relations between words and things: he believed that language depended on the testimony of history and lived experience to verify its effectiveness and reliability.
- A. an idealistic
 - B. an empirical
 - C. an optimistic
 - D. a skeptical
 - E. an uncompromising
70. Because the weight of melting ice sheets and glaciers is increasing pressure on the Earth's ocean floors, causing them to sink, measurements of sea-level rise have probably _____ the increasing volume of water in the oceans.
- A. anticipated
 - B. included
 - C. exaggerated
 - D. underestimated
 - E. pinpointed
71. The deer-antler knives used by kung fu practitioners originated in societies in which spilling blood was _____. Even in self-defense, these weapons could be used only to pin an attacker against a wall or on the ground.
- A. purposeful
 - B. routine
 - C. symbolic
 - D. proscribed
 - E. random
72. The solar flare behavior under discussion by Hudson appears to be _____.: few, if any, exceptions to it are revealed in the extensive surveys of solar flare activity, such as those of Tripathi et al and Li and Zhang.
- A. unsubstantiated
 - B. inexplicable
 - C. predominant

- D. variable
- E. cumulative

73. Confucius saw the relation between the personal conduct of a ruler and the governance of the realm as_____: a kingdom's acceptance of a ruler's authority would arise from people's recognition of the ruler's virtue.

- A. commensurable
- B. inestimable
- C. causal
- D. equivocal
- E. incorruptible

74. Age data from meteorites suggests that, in contrast to the relatively____pace of planetary evolution we are witnessing today, the first ten million years or so of our solar system history were extremely eventful.

- A. structured
- B. uncertain
- C. pedestrian
- D. productive
- E. menacing

75. If we admire Winslow Homer as he wished to be admired,for his avoidance of claptrap and sentimentality, we may fear that Wood has done him a disservice by introducing____note into his discussion of the painter.

- A. an acerbic
- B. a supercilious
- C. an austere
- D. a maudlin
- E. an ironic

76. Although the essayist's arguments did not____certain of her contemporaries who already shared her views, the extreme subtlety of the points she made explains why she was misinterpreted by most critics of her day.



- A. flatter
- B. confound
- C. champion
- D. reference
- E. convince

77. Garte claims that, as a species, humans are_____certain types of air pollutants; indeed, humans have been known to survive relatively well in regions where other species have died off because of poor air quality.

- A. attuned to
- B. responsible for
- C. insensitive to
- D. intolerant of
- E. anxious about

78. It is ironic that the scientist's work was criticized recently for its_____research methodology, since other researchers have argued for years that this same methodology was based absolutely on impeccable logic.

- A. fastidious
- B. esoteric
- C. abstruse
- D. impervious
- E. specious

79. The style of Togolese painter William Wilson who makes childlike drawings with crayons and pastel on paper, is not entirely_____: indeed, he is hardly the first professional artist to choose an ingenuous style.

- A. unpolished
- B. transparent
- C. peculiar
- D. unfettered
- E. premeditated



80. Watering holes, springs, and seeps were ingeniously_____by indigenous Mojave Desert people: the elaborate network of water locations was referenced in a song cycle that became part of accessible communal memory.
- A. modified
 - B. protected
 - C. mapped
 - D. utilized
 - E. discovered
81. Although it would be hard to explain the properties of a tornado in terms of the physics of electrons and quarks, this difficulty may be a calculational_____, not an indicator of the need for new physical laws.
- A. impasse
 - B. feint
 - C. proof
 - D. corollary
 - E. impetus
82. While there is nothing_____about the periodic disintegrations of the Chinese empire, its repeated resurrection within more or less the same boundaries clearly distinguishes China from other continental powers.
- A. deliberate
 - B. aberrant
 - C. encouraging
 - D. definitive
 - E. permanent
83. Citing the corruption and intrigue that characterized politics in the city, my colleague_____the newspaper's trove of journalism prizes, declaring that finding exciting stories in the city must be effortless.
- A. lauded
 - B. sanctioned
 - C. derided

- D. commended
- E. confounded

84. Director Spike Lee could well feel_____certain recent cultural shifts because, while he has not changed his own controversial positions, attitudes in the wider culture have become more aligned with his views

- A. threatened by
- B. vindicated by
- C. impatient with
- D. neutral about
- E. disconnected from

85. Once the disk of material around a star is gas-depleted, dust is removed efficiently by the stellar radiation field and wind;any observed dust in a gas-depleted disk must, therefore, have been produced_____.

- A. gradually
- B. rapidly
- C. recently
- D. vestigially
- E. intermittently

86. Those who hypothesize former volcanoes on Ceres must account for the volcanoes_____. Because Ceres lacks an atmosphere, the erosion processes that wear down Earth's mountains don't occur on the dwarf planet.

- A. formation
- B. activity
- C. magnitude
- D. composition
- E. disappearance

87. An apparent paradox led the scientist to pursue their present line of research: they were struck by the fact that physical phenomena that are_____in form can be described by a single mathematical formula.



- A. interchangeable
- B. rudimentary
- C. irreducible
- D. heterogeneous
- E. rare

88. The human eye can distinguish upward of ten million colors, but, as the_____of everyday color vocabulary attests, this capacity can be demonstrated only under special conditions that rarely occur naturally

- A. sophisticated
- B. superfluity
- C. paucity
- D. richness
- E. subtlety

89. In its literature and its political discourse the nation has created various narratives about itself that tend to_____intractable social divisions in the interests of perpetuating a dubious myth of unity.

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

90. The once-popular politician was unable to understand why the media that had formerly_____her now treated her with complete disrespect.

- A. censured
- B. valuated
- C. lionized
- D. marginalized
- E. manipulated

91. Some experts now feel that exercise should not be regarded as _____ other treatments for depression: they believe that exercise can itself serve as an appropriate remedy for some forms of the mood disorder.
- A. a model for
 - B. a substitute for
 - C. an improvement on
 - D. an adjunct to
 - E. an impediment to
92. The research institute publishes new material on its Web site well in advance of its appearance in print; inevitably, there is a lot of dross, but fortunately, much of the material is both _____ and free.
- A. speculative
 - B. specious
 - C. copious
 - D. valuable
 - E. perplexing
93. Taylor notes that seventeenth-century Europeans were masters of _____: their eloquent grand lamentations and florid emotive screeds provide irresistible quotations for historians drawn to the colorful
- A. guile
 - B. piety
 - C. paradox
 - D. hyperbole
 - E. dogma
94. Drug companies rarely pursue new pharmacotherapies for rare diseases because of the high failure rates and the costs of research, which make the companies, chances of recovering their investments _____.
- A. tenable
 - B. dubious
 - C. invaluable

- D. sanguine
- E. expensive

95. The author's attempt to cover 5,000 years of theater history in one brief volume leads to a work that is _____ rather than substantive.

- A. original
- B. superficial
- C. eccentric
- D. objective
- E. universal

96. The _____ directed toward the editor struck many observers as excessive, since the quality of the special section she oversaw, while far from perfect was unmatched by any other contemporary newspaper.

- A. favoritism
- B. perquisites
- C. contumely
- D. accolades
- E. enticements

97. The nineteenth-century legislator Robert Barnwell Rhett was known for using language so intemperate that even in an era of considerable political _____, it came to almost occupy a category of its own.

- A. malfeasance
- B. upheaval
- C. hypocrisy
- D. invective
- E. retrenchment

98. 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

99. Since the diplomat knew that her diary might eventually be made public and that it would therefore be advisable to omit sensitive details, it is surprising that she described events with such_____.

- A. skill
- B. disinterest
- C. obfuscation
- D. candor
- E. reticence

100. Many people think of the city as so extreme in its cultural fusion that it is_____, but this study advances the opposite claim, that the city is actually representative of the nation as a whole.

- A. protean
- B. discordant
- C. anomalous
- D. ungovernable
- E. adulterated

101. Saturn's rings seem_____, but it now appears that several decades ago, the shape of the innermost rings was altered by a mysterious event that all our telescopes and spacecraft failed to detect.

- A. immutable
- B. fragmentary
- C. luminous
- D. unique
- E. concentric

102. The severity of the forest fire was_____, as indicated by the presence of scattered patches of living trees in aerial photographs.
- A. unexpected
 - B. unprecedented
 - C. uneven
 - D. underestimated
 - E. unambiguous
103. This family placed great importance on taking one another at face value, and, consequently, they had little tolerance for_____.
- A. indolence
 - B. fecklessness
 - C. self-absorption
 - D. insensitivity
 - E. dissimulation
104. Melinda's political beliefs were a matter of_____: she held true only to those positions that served her own best interest.
- A. naiveté
 - B. pretentiousness
 - C. expediency
 - D. desperation
 - E. selflessness
105. The_____repeating real-time climatological measurements largely prevents correcting inaccurate readings made in the past.
- A. need for
 - B. impossibility of
 - C. history of
 - D. consensus about
 - E. approach to

106. Though her works demonstrate a remarkable dexterity and command of technique with oil paint, as an artist Mangala Bai Thampuratty (1866-1953) was not_____, having produced only a few paintings.
- A. influential
 - B. prolific
 - C. innovative
 - D. eclectic
 - E. proficient
107. Writing accessories such as letter openers, pen trays, and memorandum pads became tremendously popular during the Victorian era, and by far the most ubiquitous of such_____was the letter box.
- A. epistles
 - B. appurtenances
 - C. vexations
 - D. vestiges
 - E. frugalities
108. The Jungian literary scholar argued that Franeenstein, Wuthering Heights, and Dracula all serve_____purpose: to warn of the dangers that face the psyche that fails to integrate its “shadow.”
- A. a celebratory
 - B. an admonitory
 - C. a placative
 - D. a destructive
 - E. an adversarial
109. To write convincing fiction about the tedium of ordinary life may be one of the hardest challenges facing a novelist, who must find a way to engage the reader despite a focus on_____events.
- A. distressing
 - B. dubious

- C. quotidian
D. unwonted
E. nebulous
110. Given the extraordinary_____of its arguments, it is surprising that the central thesis of the book can be stated so simply.
- A. nuance
B. insensitivity
C. lucidity
D. spuriousness
E. rationality
111. Thanks to their importance as components in the catalytic converters that reduce vehicle emissions, platinum, palladium, and rhodium have all become in the fight against air pollution.
- A. paradigms
B. aberrations
C. novelties
D. bulwarks
E. exceptions
112. Computer software is hardly_____: different software embeds different philosophies, different views of the world, and these philosophies can shape our thinking in subtle but real ways.
- A. omniscient
B. intuitive
C. responsive
D. neutral
E. inflexible
113. One year after the passing of the initiative, commentators were as virulent as when the legislation was signed into law, suggesting a level of_____uncommon for its depth and longevity.

- A. acumen
- B. umbrage
- C. torpor
- D. vacillation
- E. equanimity

114. The headmaster believed that the school's strict code of conduct was very useful for making teenagers give up their_____ways, turning them into minders of tradition and discipline.

- A. contumacious
- B. orthodox
- C. clannish
- D. partisan
- E. solicitous

115. The introduction of a great idea in mathematics is often followed by a period of_____comprising a series of increasingly grandiose claims about the idea's unlimited applicability.

- A. inactivity
- B. innovation
- C. investigation
- D. instability
- E. inflation

116. While many animals are properly called intelligent, humans are distinguished by an intelligence that is_____, in that they fashion their neural circuits to match the task at hand.

- A. heritable
- B. flexible
- C. reflexive
- D. observable
- E. unpredictable



117. Despite having been designated as an interdepartmental effort, the project involved no real_____of viewpoints.
- A. distillation
 - B. synthesis
 - C. explication
 - D. dilution
 - E. encapsulation
118. The science community's perennial lament over inadequate budgets has come to seem increasingly_____, because government support for science and engineering has never been greater.
- A. vital
 - B. hopeless
 - C. poignant
 - D. condescending
 - E. disingenuous
119. Traditional gendered divisions of labor among the Wabanaki tribe were, in some respects at least,_____; for example, women planted corn only after men had cleared their fields.
- A. complementary
 - B. haphazard
 - C. flexible
 - D. unproductive
 - E. onerous
120. Many readers today consider the moral sentiments expressed in the ancient writer's work to be quite vapid, and in the seventeenth century they were similarly regarded as_____.
- A. jejune
 - B. didactic

- C. dogmatic
- D. tendentious
- E. arcane

121. 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

122. Not only are RNA viruses common, they are_____in that they adapt quickly to new environments and new hosts.

- A. ubiquitous
- B. benign
- C. noxious
- D. synthetic
- E. protean

123. Barring the discovery of new letters, hidden diaries, or the like, fresh information about eminent people is hard to find because their lives have been so intensely_____.

- A. ridiculed
- B. scrutinized
- C. admired
- D. embellished
- E. underrated

124. _____speech was the key to the tempo of her plays, which expanded the boundaries of stage naturalism: a former actress, she understood the poetic power of the colloquial.



- A. Laconic
- B. Figurative
- C. Idiomatic
- D. Heartfelt
- E. Meticulous

125. _____ is valuable in science: even when a scientific idea is true, it can be misused through grandiosity.

- A. Humility
- B. Experimentation
- C. Patience
- D. Cooperation
- E. Exposure



II. 双空题

1. For all of its (i)_____, there are a number of very substantial (ii)_____, that arise from the idea of the Big Bang, and many of these problems seem to get worse the further back in time we are willing to look.

Blank (i)

A) verified predictions
B) counterintuitive assumptions
C) unavoidable controversies

Blank (ii)

D) hypotheses
E) successes
F) puzzles

2. She is (i)_____ on the Senate floor, just as she is elsewhere: her speech is (ii)_____ with the verbal pomposity of much senatorial oratory.

Blank (i)

A) gregarious
B) opinionated
C) plainspoken

Blank (ii)

D) fraught
E) unadorned
F) consistent

3. Seemingly (i)_____ her reputation for tediousness, the university president (ii) a casual, chatty style in the speech she delivered.

Blank (i)

A) intrigued by
B) embarrassed by
C) resigned to

Blank (ii)

D) provoked
E) affected
F) expected

4. Many of us remember a time when discovery and the thrill of learning were forces in our lives and ideas were (i)_____. Frequently that time happened in a great classroom somewhere, in the hands of the one (ii)_____ teacher we can each remember.



Blank (i)

A) elusive
B) inconsequential
C) exciting

Blank (ii)

D) consummate
E) truculent
F) superfluous

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

Blank (i)

A) precipitate
B) tactful
C) thoughtful

Blank (ii)

D) pretended
E) decided
F) forbore

6. The enthusiasm for dancing in New Zealand during the 1920s and 1930s to some extent (i)____ in both the United States and Britain, where new dance halls (ii) in response to customer demand, although the rampant commercialization associated with larger populations in the United States was not so apparent in New Zealand.

Blank (i)

A) heralded its decline
B) bucked trends
C) mirrored its popularity

Blank (ii)

D) foundered
E) burgeoned
F) rebounded

7. Although his detractors tend to disparage him as (i)____, Santayana did not (ii)____. On the contrary, his many creations, in a wide variety of genres, proved to be remarkably of a piece, each a different way of organizing and expressing the same philosophical vision.

Blank (i)

A) a pedant

Blank (ii)

D) scatter his energies



B) a dilettante

C) an incendiary

E) respond to such criticism

F) have a purposeful agenda

8. Though acknowledging the unstated assumptions that commentators on her paper had identified, the geologist pointed out that such assumptions were (i)_____ the context of her research, and therefore their existence did not (ii)_____ her conclusions.

Blank (i)

A) antithetical to

B) legitimate within

C) implausible in

Blank (ii)

D) prefigure

E) validate

F) impede

9. In the face of a fractured polity, the monarchist party attempted to use the notion of a collective national destiny to (i)_____ the difference among the nation's people and thus to (ii)_____ consensus.

Blank (i)

A) affirm

B) delineate

C) obfuscate

Blank (ii)

D) garner an artificial

E) stabilize an enduring

F) acknowledge an ersatz

10. In China, beginning in the 1920s, the field of geography was (i)_____ discourse, alive to indigenous Chinese traditions even as it (ii)_____ key elements of Western scientific geography.

Blank (i)

A) an arcane

B) a hybrid

C) a subjective

Blank (ii)

D) ignored

E) questioned

F) absorbed

11. For decades, muscle fatigue has been largely (i)_____ or misunderstood. Leading physiology textbooks have not even tried to explain it, and one popular theory—that muscles become tired because they release lactic acid—was (ii)_____ not long ago.



Blank (i)

A) exaggerated
B) condemned
C) ignored

Blank (ii)

D) discredited
E) confirmed
F) proposed

12. As he has matured as a scholar, Felmar has come to see the merit of qualification. His conclusions, which early in his career he (i)_____, are now often (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) stated as absolutes
B) refused to reveal
C) backed up extensively

Blank (ii)

D) hedged
E) simplified
F) reiterated

13. Lorena de La Paz Carrete Lucero and her colleagues found (i)_____ brand loyalty among Mexican car purchasers, which suggests that regardless of customers current brand preferences, customers may be (ii)_____ competitors marketing strategies.

Blank (i)

A) rising
B) uniform
C) little

Blank (ii)

D) ignorant of
E) confused by
F) responsive to

14. A classic experiment uncovered a striking (i)_____ in the names people picked for two drawings. Subjects tended to give a rounded doodle a soft-sounding name, whereas a pointy scribble got the hard consonants. It is logical to interpret this result as reflecting an intuitive attempt to capture in human speech the (ii)_____ properties of the drawings.

Blank (i)

A) consistency
B) paradox
C) ambivalence

Blank (ii)

D) subtle
E) auditory
F) salient



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

Blank (i)

A) equally important
B) mutually reinforcing
C) inversely related

Blank (ii)

D) ambitious
E) unfeeling
F) disingenuous

16. The hypothesis about the (i)_____methane concentration on Mars in correlation with certain environmental variables will be confirmed only through sustained measurements in the future, specifically aimed at establishing which factors can drive the (ii)_____and subsequent degradation of this gas on Mars.

Blank (i)

A) unprecedented levels of
B) seasonal variations in
C) gradual increases in

Blank (ii)

D) emission
E) combustion
F) depletion

17. We should (i)_____a history built on need and desire. The present always uses the past for its own purposes, but the best historical writing attempts to (ii)_____that inescapable impulse in order to understand history in its own terms.

Blank (i)

A) be surprised by
B) be wary of
C) not misconstrue

Blank (ii)

D) embellish
E) contain
F) recognize

18. Although there is certainly no (i)_____for overcoming (ii)_____mind-set among students, there are numerous materials, approaches, and exercises that, if used creatively, can help students gain glimpses of how other individuals think of themselves and see their worlds

Blank (i)

A) panacea
B) justification
C) impetus

Blank (ii)

D) a rationalist
E) a materialistic
F) an insular

19. Amerdeep Singh makes the radical suggestion that film adaptations are entirely (i)_____ their source texts-that is, he completely dispenses with fidelity to the source as a measure of a film's success and claims that adaptations are (ii)_____ creations.

Blank (i)

A) antecedent to
B) compromised by
C) autonomous from

Blank (ii)

D) necessarily reductive
E) wholly invented
F) uniformly inferior

20. The overall message of this book on neuroscience is (i)_____: the brain is quite (ii)_____, and therefore damaged brains can be healed, aging brains can be rejuvenated and even ordinarily healthy brains can be made faster and better.

Blank (i)

A) enigmatic
B) cautious
C) upbeat

Blank (ii)

D) malleable
E) fragile
F) complex

21. There has been a noticeable reversal from the time when (i)_____ was accepted as the essential characteristic of genuine science: now the role of (ii)_____ in scientific research is generating a great deal of interest.

Blank (i)

A) disciplinary specialization
B) long apprenticeship
C) dispassionate inquiry

Blank (ii)

D) speculation
E) emotion
F) technology



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

Blank (i)

A) disguise
B) signal
C) diminish

Blank (ii)

D) preceded by
E) supplemented with
F) supplanted by

23. Journalist Michael Pollan is nothing if not (i)_____ committed to investigating our eating habits through (ii)_____ and unwilling to pass judgment on any food-related practice that he has not witnessed firsthand.

Blank (i)

A) an empiricist
B) a traditionalist
C) an enthusiast

Blank (ii)

D) brilliant theorizing
E) voluminous reading
F) careful observation

24. While Cantonese opera was primarily a (i)_____ art form, it was (ii)_____ the development of the written form of Cantonese because the scripts of operas were widely published and read in the early decades of the twentieth century.

Blank (i)

A) collaborative
B) performatory
C) nationalistic

Blank (ii)

D) important for
E) preceded by
F) ineffective without

25. For private fossil collectors, a fossil's value is (i)_____ the object itself. For scientists, however, the value of a fossil is usually (ii)_____. Most paleontological research focuses not only on the fossil itself, but also on the fossil's location, the kind of rock it was found in, its position in the historical sequence, and how the fossil is positioned relative to other fossils.

Blank (i)

A) inherent in
B) distinct from
C) unknowable from

Blank (ii)

D) enigmatic
E) contextual
F) controversial

26. It is an old vice of criticism-and lately of scholarship-to assume that the meaning of artworks is (i)_____by their creators and is then simply “there” waiting only to be decoded by a specially gifted interpreter. That assumption can lead to gross errors, as with the critical interpretations of Theodor Adorno, which are (ii)_____by their dependence on the assumption.

Blank (i)

A) made completely transparent
B) fully vested in them
C) left deficient

Blank (ii)

D) engaged
E) vitiated
F) mitigated

27. Fashion designer Elsa Schiaparelli was just nineteen years old when Futurism erupted, but she later heeded that violent, belligerent art movement's call in the (i)_____of her broad-shouldered suits, the rawness of her furs and embroidery and her (ii)_____attitude, which her contemporaries described as “hard chic,” toward any simpering or mincing in fashion.

Blank (i)

A) swagger
B) fustiness
C) delicacy

Blank (ii)

D) tolerant
E) pugnacious
F) ingenuous

28. Rocks of the Morrison Formation in the western United States yield many dinosaur fossils but few plant fossils. This apparent (i)_____of plants leads some scientists to speculate that the region was once mostly barren. But others have (ii)_____, noting that the herbivorous dinosaurs there would have needed an abundant food supply.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)



A) attrition	D) abdicated
B) dearth	E) acceded
C) attenuation	F) demurred

29. In the mid-1990s, researchers were aware that individuals and subpopulations vary in their susceptibilities to environmental pollutants. However, environmental health scientists, hoping to identify general trends, tended to view these variations as (i) _____ and used methods, in both human and animal studies, to (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) warnings
B) distractions
C) advantages

Blank (ii)

D) minimize their effect
E) highlight their ubiquity
F) measure their duration

30. 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 divide were often accused of anthropomorphism.

Blank (i)

A) reserved for
B) inconsistent with
C) similar to

Blank (ii)

D) accepted
E) transgressed
F) exacerbated

31. It is incorrect to think of eighth-century Japan as (i)_____. In western and central Japan, for example, there was considerable (ii)_____with many inhabitants deriving their ancestry from the Wa and Yamato peoples and at least a third being descendants of Korean immigrants unrelated to those peoples.

Blank (i)

A) culturally conservative
B) politically unstable
C) ethnically homogeneous

Blank (ii)

D) tension
E) variation
F) obscurity

32. If a healthy political culture is rooted in conversation and based on honest argumentation, then one of the most (i)_____ rhetorical tactics is the use of (ii)_____ alternatives, since discussions shaped by this strategy will foreclose the exploration of the full range of possible courses of action.

Blank (i)

A) corrosive
B) fecund
C) enlightening

Blank (ii)

D) hypothetical
E) spurious
F) myriad

33. The landmasses that we see on Earth today have moved around the globe, smashing together and splitting apart several times over the past 3 billion years. These cycles of (i)_____ and (ii)_____ have affected Earth's crust and underlying mantle, its atmosphere and climate, and the life it supports.

Blank (i)

A) stability
B) entropy
C) amalgamation

Blank (ii)

D) collapse
E) dispersal
F) renewal

34. In talking to reporters about the controversial legislation before Congress, the senator seemed thoughtful and evenhanded, but when he supported that legislation in a subsequent Senate floor speech, his approach was (i)_____, as though he regarded opposition to the bill as (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) tendentious
B) genial
C) prevaricating

Blank (ii)

D) perverse
E) inevitable
F) serendipitous

35. As a general rule, the larger a governmental jurisdiction is, the (i)_____ its personnel system will be. Since a large percentage of the more than 80 thousand public

jurisdictions in the United States are quite small much human-resource management is conducted in (ii)_____manner.

Blank (i)

A) more expensive
B) more formal
C) less stratified

Blank (ii)

D) a unilateral
E) an ad hoc
F) an equitable

36. In contrast to the (i)_____of her first novel, which is (ii)_____of narrative judgements about how her characters conduct their lives, Perez' latest work offers much instruction about how to live an orderly and productive life.

Blank (i)

A) reticence
B) awkwardness
C) bombast

Blank (ii)

D) critical
E) free
F) full

37. The study of the evolutionary interaction between herbivorous dinosaurs and the plants they fed on, as reflected in the fossil record (i)_____. For this reason, many of the interpretations the author presents in her recent book on the subject are undoubtedly (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) is in its infancy
B) is highly contentious
C) reveals surprising patterns

Blank (ii)

D) groundbreaking
E) provisional
F) superfluous

38. Native American filmmakers have (i)_____the concept of Native cinema as a category of film, noting that while the formulation of such a category (ii)_____something special about films made by Native Americans, it may also burden those films with unwieldy expectations.

Blank (i)

A) advocated strenuously for

Blank (ii)

D) obscures



B) expressed ambivalence about

C) overlooked the benefit of

E) highlights

F) attenuates

39. Weeds lack the lethality of insects and microbes, which can strike farm crops seemingly out of nowhere and rapidly wipe them out. It is worth bearing in mind, however, that infestations of insects and disease are typically (i)_____events, whereas weeds are (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) sporadic

B) devastating

C) intractable

Blank (ii)

D) resilient

E) controllable

F) ubiquitous

40. The enlightenment philosophers of the eighteenth century acknowledged that unrestricted freedom to publish could (i)_____motivated by envy or hatred, but they hoped that any such (ii)_____enabled by expanded liberties would suffer from being publicly exposed.

Blank (i)

A) encourage blandishments

B) facilitate calumny

C) constrain vituperation

Blank (ii)

D) evasion

E) defamation

F) prurience

41. 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.

Blank (i)

A) definitive

B) sobering

C) implausible

Blank (ii)

D) entreating

E) defying

F) absolving



42. Though nations no longer (i)_____ nuclear physicists-the men and women who once delivered the destructive power of the atom bomb-physics still has the same power to (ii)_____, but in another way. by revealing the basic truths that underpin reality.

Blank (i)

A) compete for
B) worry about
C) cower before

Blank (ii)

D) produce awe
E) incite debates
F) challenge orthodoxy

43. Historian Barbara Alpern Engel's task in writing a book about women in Russia can hardly have been a (i)_____ one, because the (ii)_____ the peoples within Russia's borders meant that Russian women could never be treated as a homogeneous group.

Blank (i)

A) motivating
B) straightforward
C) daunting

Blank (ii)

D) uniformity of
E) variation among
F) indifference to

44. The foundations new president is well aware that the foundation's charter intends (i) role for the office of president, but he is clearly determined to flout that intention by (ii)_____ as much power and responsibility as possible.

Blank (i)

A) a nominal
B) an unfettered
C) a clandestine

Blank (ii)

D) delegating
E) identifying
F) annexing

45. As a work of popular science the book is (i)_____: its focus may be on numbers, but most of the mathematical legwork is confined to the appendices and the accompanying is amusing and witty, as well as (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) exemplary

Blank (ii)

D) recondite

B) daunting

C) slight

E) entertaining

F) informed

46. Movies based on the lives of popular musicians constitute a durable genre in Hollywood, but also a fairly unambitious one. While there are very few that manage to be completely (i)____ not many of them rise to the level of (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) unwatchable

B) stellar

C) accurate

Blank (ii)

D) difficulty

E) greatness

F) mediocrity

47. The writer argues that the concept of race is (i)____ morphing with the social and political tides of the time; but at the same time it is (ii)____, although there seems to be no biological proof of the existence of race itself.

Blank (i)

A) obscure

B) controversial

C) ephemeral

Blank (ii)

D) perplexing

E) persistent

F) malleable

48. Because self-defense was peripheral to the karate training techniques instituted throughout the Okinawan educational system in the early twentieth century, the pugilistic dimension of karate techniques was (i)____ or even (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) intentionally downplayed

B) gradually expanded

C) strongly emphasized

Blank (ii)

D) revitalized

E) eliminated

F) exploited

49. A problem with the new collection of Tolson's work "Harlem Gallery" and Other Poems is that while it treats his last book with (i)____ all the poems that came before seem left to fend for themselves (ii)____ "Other Poems."



Blank (i)

A) disdain
B) care
C) expediency

Blank (ii)

D) reduced to
E) lionized as
F) rehabilitated as

50. Through a steady stream of books, articles, and speeches, he sought to provide (i) analysis of political and economic issues, thus (ii)_____, rather than merely touting, the social utility of the scientific method.

Blank (i)

A) a dispassionate
B) a jaundiced
C) an intuitive

Blank (ii)

D) demonstrating
E) undermining
F) praising

51. The so-called “good” translations of the historian's major work-those that are (i)_____, in other words-give a very bad idea of the linguistic character of the author's original writing, which is notoriously (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) true to the original
B) committed to consistency
C) easy to read

Blank (ii)

D) indecorous
E) crabbed
F) lively

52. While it would be hard to categorize her as a (i)_____ liberal the governor appears to have ceded some of her carefully cultivated reputation as (ii)_____ and is now more in line with the liberal wing of her party.

Blank (i)

A) disingenuous
B) provisional
C) doctrinaire

Blank (ii)

D) an independent
E) a sycophant
F) a neophyte

53. Feeling that Francisco Suarez' views on early modern philosophy had received an amount of attention (i)_____their great importance, the scholar decided to write a paper about Suarez to help (ii)_____that neglect.

Blank (i)

A) consonant with
B) independent of
C) incommensurate with

Blank (ii)

D) codify
E) redress
F) corroborate

54. Galileo's refutation of the speed-distance law of fall in his Two New Sciences is often cited as (i)_____. However, some theorists contend that Galileo did aptly explain why the speed-distance law is (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) inspired deduction
B) confused argumentation
C) extraordinary prescience

Blank (ii)

D) untenable
E) illustrative
F) indispensable

55. The philosopher's lesser-known writings include exhaustive commentaries on the work of his contemporaries, and that fact by itself should be enough to (i)_____his critics claim that his work is intellectually (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) scotch
B) distort
C) encompass

Blank (ii)

D) sophisticated
E) solipsistic
F) derivative

56. All of these writers rely on (i)_____and (ii)_____to make their argument: they take a single idea and illustrate it with endless, rather overblown examples while avoiding any genuinely nuanced analysis.

Blank (i)

A) fabrication

Blank (ii)

D) exaggeration

B) equivocation

C) simplification

E) speculation

F) prevarication

57. Unlike some other experimental poets, Ashlery has (i)_____the notion that poetry need not (ii)_____; nonetheless, he also is opposed to tethering poetry to the expository flatness of the assertion of doctrine or ideology.

Blank (i)

A) resisted

B) ignored

C) studied

Blank (ii)

D) communicate intelligibly

E) appeal to the emotions

F) appeal to an audience

58. Most of us view mountain ranges and other large-scale features of Earth's surface as (i)_____geographic entities. But over geologic timescales, such features are as (ii)_____as clouds.

Blank (i)

A) awe-inspiring

B) fixed

C) crucial

Blank (ii)

D) dense

E) expansive

F) dynamic

59. Wald's biography of Rosetta Tharpe brings the constructed nature of biographical writing to the foreground, rendering (i)_____tools and techniques that are usually (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) suspect

B) highbrow

C) visible

Blank (ii)

D) concealed

E) controversial

F) common

60. Stigler brings a fundamental (i)_____to his protagonists, somehow treating them with respect even while he reveals these sometimes prickly characters behaving in (ii)_____ways.



Blank (i)

A) sentimentality
B) sympathy
C) baseness

Blank (ii)

D) spontaneous
E) perceptive
F) petulant

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

Blank (i)

A) an idealized
B) a comprehensive
C) a compelling

Blank (ii)

D) an unflinching
E) a slapdash
F) an erudite

62. The severity with which societies enforce their restrictions on marriage (i)_____, violations being considered serious crimes in some and only (ii)_____ in others.

Blank (i)

A) fluctuates
B) overlaps
C) varies

Blank (ii)

D) felonies
E) peccadilloes
F) transgressions

63. The (i)_____ that one occasionally finds in the columnist's articles are so memorable that many people think of her as being far more (ii)_____ than she in fact is.

Blank (i)

A) banalities
B) denunciations
C) accolades

Blank (ii)

D) censorious
E) praiseworthy
F) irresolute

64. The economist's initial (i)_____ to the government's somewhat controversial policy was (ii)_____: she ultimately became its most vociferous critic.

Blank (i)

A) resistance
B) contribution
C) acquiescence

Blank (ii)

D) fleeting
E) expedient
F) unexpected

65. Although (i)_____ is arguably (ii)_____ in all academic writing, each discipline has its own standard for how to convey meaning unambiguously.

Blank (i)

A) originality
B) intelligibility
C) integrity

Blank (ii)

D) indefinable
E) essential
F) fortuitous

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

Blank (i)

A) too harshly judged
B) analyzed in depth
C) frankly acknowledge

Blank (ii)

D) erudite
E) judicious
F) acrimonious

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

Blank (i)

A) innocuous
B) quizzical
C) impertinent

Blank (ii)

D) evasive
E) elaborate
F) informative

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

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)



A) ingenuous

B) laconic

C) intractable

D) garrulity

E) ostentatiousness

F) tenacity

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

Blank (i)

A) dependable

B) diffident

C) diligent

Blank (ii)

D) timidity

E) assertiveness

F) punctiliousness

70. The man was an avowed (i)_____: he made no secret of his disdain for (ii)_____endeavor.

Blank (i)

A) partisan

B) dilettante

C) philistine

Blank (ii)

D) political

E) aesthetic

F) amateur

71. An architect of Koolhaas (i)_____might plausibly prefer designing on paper to building in concrete. Remaining within the realm of his own imagination, he need not worry about pesky clients who can dilute a project into mediocrity. But in fact, what Koolhaas enjoys most is the opportunity to engage with a client. When asked if he would consider designing a house for himself, he replied that the idea bored him, that it would feel too (ii)_____. For him, the whole point of architecture is the encounter with the other.

Blank (i)

A) unbridled ambition

B) unfettered originality

C) unalloyed pragmatism

Blank (ii)

D) sybaritic

E) altruistic

F) solipsistic



72. To some extent, the dominant narrative of the civil rights struggle rests on the premise that the integrationist racial liberalism of Martin Luther King Jr. and the separatist Black nationalism of Malcolm X were (i)_____of Black intellectualism between 1954 and 1965. This (ii)_____obscures the range of ideological perspectives among Black intellectuals during that period.

Blank (i)

A) a curious amalgamation
B) the only significant strands
C) the least controversial forms

Blank (ii)

D) binary
E) paradox
F) debate

73. In researching his book about the lavish processions used by Spain's medieval monarchs to glorify their power, Ruiz (i)_____contemporary evidence that had not been royally sponsored. Nevertheless, he suggests that some (ii)_____regarding these accounts is warranted since few writers who had their works printed were entirely free from the influence of royal power.

Blank (i)

A) defended
B) favored
C) downplayed

Blank (ii)

D) wariness
E) optimism
F) leniency

74. Although economics emerged as a discipline in Great Britain and France at the end of the eighteenth century, it has taken two centuries to become (i)_____field of study: among early economists, intuition and opinion (ii)_____facts and figures in economic thought, but teaching of economics today is dominated by complex algorithms and mathematical models.

Blank (i)

A) a popular
B) an empirical
C) a controversial

Blank (ii)

D) enjoyed equal status with
E) nearly always corroborated
F) were irrelevant to

75. The Mexican artist Frida Kahlo actively and self-consciously participated in the creation of her own legendary stature. Because Kahlo was so complex and so self-aware, a protective biographer who recognizes that there are some aspects of her life that might (i)_____ the mythic image she created of herself would perhaps hesitate to (ii)_____ them.

Blank (i)

A) undercut
B) parallel
C) sanctify

Blank (ii)

D) question
E) disclose
F) mitigate

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

Blank (i)

A) authentic
B) complicated
C) disingenuous

Blank (ii)

D) escapist appeal
E) high-minded purpose
F) gripping suspense

77. The Korean alphabet is unusual in that it did not (i)_____ but rather came about (ii)_____. In 1446, King Sejong of the Chosun Dynasty issued a proclamation introducing this entirely new, and uniquely Korean, script.

Blank (i)

A) meet with acceptance
B) evolve organically
C) function efficiently

Blank (ii)

D) by fiat
E) gradually
F) haphazardly

78. Notwithstanding that the songs in the collection have (i)_____ origins and are similarly (ii)_____ linguistically and stylistically, they nevertheless have a surprising similarity in the themes their lyrics address.



Blank (i)

A) humble
B) rarefied
C) disparate

Blank (ii)

D) heterogeneous
E) pungent
F) consistent

79. The geographer held a (i)_____view of the succession of theoretical trends (environmental determinism, spatial determinism, and various types of critical theory) in her field, maintaining that theory can (ii)_____what is transpiring in a complex environment by focusing excessively on the favored schemes and variables of the moment.

Blank (i)

A) self-contradictory
B) sanguine
C) deprecatory

Blank (ii)

D) exacerbate
E) obfuscate
F) magnify

80. Ifeanyi Menkiti claims that changes in a person's qualities over time are ontologically (i)_____. That is, he argues that a person in her youth and that same person in her old age are fundamentally different people (i.e., they are ontologically distinct). This difference is not merely one of characteristics but one of (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) significant
B) present
C) misleading

Blank (ii)

D) demeanor
E) circumstances
F) identity

81. 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.

Blank (i)

A) believes
B) admits

Blank (ii)

D) anticipates
E) necessitates



C) disputes

F) precludes

82. Linus Torvalds' adamant opposition to (i)_____the operating system he created probably (ii)_____programmers who were wary of any activities by software distributors that smacked even remotely of commercialism.

Blank (i)

A) compromising on

B) profiting from

C) improving upon

Blank (ii)

D) ignored its vulnerability to

E) misjudged its reliance on

F) increased its popularity with

83. 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)_____company, because it was uneconomical for foreign companies to ship similarly large objects to California.

Blank (i)

A) stagnated

B) diversified

C) flourished

Blank (ii)

D) transform

E) insulate

F) finance

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

Blank (i)

A) naive

B) personable

C) obdurate

Blank (ii)

D) powerful

E) arbitrary

F) malleable



85. With its immense biomass of top predators, the Ross Sea is (i)_____ compared to other modern ocean ecosystems. Its high proportion of top predators (ii)_____ the standard textbook description of an ecological pyramid, in which primary producers-phytoplankton in ocean ecosystems drive the system and make up most of the biomass.

Blank (i)

A) robust
B) anomalous
C) inhospitable

Blank (ii)

D) inverts
E) epitomizes
F) elucidates

86. African fashion designers, like artists in any medium, (i)_____ forms, themes, media, or other elements reflective of their specific identities and cultural contexts. For example, an appreciation of the work of Azzedine Alaia, arguably Africa's most famous designer does not (ii)_____ a consideration of his Tunisian heritage.

Blank (i)

A) may misrepresent
B) need not hew to
C) appreciate the cachet of

Blank (ii)

D) require
E) enrich
F) preclude

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

Blank (i)

A) virtue
B) drawback
C) peculiarity

Blank (ii)

D) erroneous
E) derive from
F) improve upon

88. Humans can have (i)_____ tastes: crab brains and squeezable cheese are delicacies to many people, even as others find them repulsive. The preference for sweet and abhorrence of bitter is (ii)_____, however.



Blank (i)

A) self-indulgent
B) refined
C) idiosyncratic

Blank (ii)

D) explicable
E) strong
F) universal

89. 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.

Blank (i)

A) contagious
B) unfounded
C) sagacious

Blank (ii)

D) less frequent
E) more accessible
F) less publicized

90. Aztec songs dating from the mid-1500s were wrapped in mystery from the time they became written texts: judging by the largely (i)____glosses contained in the manuscripts it is clear that even the native scribes, though fluent in Nahuatl, were (ii)____the material they had taken in dictation from the singers.

Blank (i)

A) erudite
B) inept
C) superfluous

Blank (ii)

D) baffled by
E) uninterested in
F) conversant with

91. The notion that scientists consider the work they do to be (i)____contradicts popular stereotypes that depict the work of scientists (and the scientists themselves) as being formal and rigid, following lockstep procedures in which the (ii) elements of researchers personalities fail to enter their labors.

Blank (i)

A) socially useful

Blank (ii)

D) affective

B) emotionally satisfying

C) intellectually demanding

E) cognitive

F) conjectural

92. Butterflies, although tending not to fly speedily, often take a flight path that involves so many odd dips and turns that they look (i)_____. The appearance is deceptive: it's really not accidental that they fly in that (ii)_____ way. Such unpredictable flight is how butterflies evade birds and other predators.

Blank (i)

A) impossible to catch

B) out of control

C) faster than they are

Blank (ii)

D) erratic

E) skillful

F) dangerous

93. The readiness with which media outlets gave the actor opportunities to air her ingenuous views on public health reflected the extent to which, in our culture, celebrity (i)_____ authority and negates (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) trumps

B) underwrites

C) countenances

Blank (ii)

D) notoriety

E) erudition

F) popularity

94. Although the university president can deploy considerable (i)_____ and her emotional reticence never seems rude, one nevertheless cannot help being aware of the (ii)_____ behind the affable public persona.

Blank (i)

A) cunning

B) charm

C) erudition

Blank (ii)

D) reserve

E) acumen

F) sagacity



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

Blank (i)

A) nonchalance
B) commercialism
C) permanency

Blank (ii)

D) elegant
E) ephemeral
F) mundane

96. Xie proposes that sleep achieves its restorative function by switching the brain into a state that facilitates the clearance of waste products resulting from neural activity during wakefulness; indeed, the very (i)_____ of such waste products in the waking brain may (ii)_____ the switch to sleep state.

Blank (i)

A) utilization
B) accumulation
C) analysis

Blank (ii)

D) delay
E) succeed
F) trigger

97. George Eliot's novels were calculated to inspire sympathy in the reader for characters from a broad range of social classes, but her design was not (i)_____. Eliot hoped her fiction would have a (ii)_____ effect, spurring readers to show charity for those oppressed by the economic inequalities of her age.

Blank (i)

A) always obvious
B) without complications
C) exclusively affective

Blank (ii)

D) pacifying
E) consoling
F) galvanizing

98. Galileo began to undermine humans sense of self-importance a full five centuries ago, when he proved that Earth is not at the center of the universe, no matter how things look to us Yet the tendency to judge the cosmos based on appearances and assumptions of our own (i)_____ has proved (ii)_____.



Blank (i)

A) authenticity
B) permanence
C) primacy

Blank (ii)

D) tenacious
E) misleading
F) negligible

99. Any account of experimental music in the United States that (i)_____the predominantly African American bebop and free jazz movements is (ii)_____since this body of music constitutes what is arguably the most influential American experimentalist music in the decades following the Second World War.

Blank (i)

A) neglects
B) exaggerates
C) reinterprets

Blank (ii)

D) underappreciated
E) problematic
F) self-serving

100. Hyana Kusiemko and her colleagues speculate that the (i)_____support among low-income workers 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.

Blank (i)

A) unwavering
B) vociferous
C) tepid

Blank (ii)

D) disavow their willingness
E) retain their ability
F) dissemble their need

101. The researcher's recent study provides a crucial introduction to the subject of ancient Chinese tombs, supplying objective data and classifying recovered items, but that introduction is (i)_____insofar as it (ii)_____questions about possible meanings of the arrangement of items within the tombs.

Blank (i)

A) useful
B) punctilious

Blank (ii)

D) skirts
E) broaches

C) circumscribed

F) resolves

102. I did not begin work on my biography of Mary Somerville as Somerville's (i)____. When I first began studying her, I saw Somerville and the esteem in which her contemporaries held her as (ii)____. Over time, however, I have come to understand what she accomplished and why it was justly valued.

Blank (i)

A) counterpart

B) adversary

C) advocate

Blank (ii)

D) a boon

E) a puzzle

F) an inspiration

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

Blank (i)

A) partisanship

B) originality

C) understatement

Blank (ii)

D) restraint

E) inventiveness

F) objectivity

104. Lohr's (i)_____ the trappings of literary celebrity creates a Romantic aura for him: by distancing himself from all public discourse about himself or his work, Lohr becomes an even greater, albeit more (ii)_____ celebrity than most authors manage in all their interviews and memoirs.

Blank (i)

A) refusal to wear

B) eagerness to understand

C) inability to renounce

Blank (ii)

D) renowned

E) appealing

F) mysterious



105. One type of evidence for estimating atmospheric pressure on early Mars comes from the (i)_____of craters on ancient terrain: in a thick atmosphere, more diminutive impactors would burn up before reaching the surface, so the (ii)_____of the craters is a gauge of atmospheric pressure.

Blank (i)

A) location
B) size
C) age

Blank (ii)

D) tight clustering
E) irregular shape
F) minimum diameter

106. Because the requerimiento, a formal statement in Spanish that was read to indigenous in Southwestern pueblos during the Coronado expedition in the 1540s, was replete with concepts and terms that (i)_____the Pueblo world of that day, its audience likely found it (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) portended danger to
B) lacked equivalents in
C) underscored divisions within

Blank (ii)

D) inscrutable
E) evenhanded
F) auspicious

107. Among geophysicists there was considerably less (i)_____the proposed environmental measure than the (ii)_____media accounts of the conference would suggest: the debate was often animated but never uncivil.

Blank (i)

A) ambivalence toward
B) satisfaction with
C) rancor over

Blank (ii)

D) sanitized
E) sensationalized
F) poignant

108. The title of Lee's 1964 textbook, A History of Far Eastern Art, might seem to imply that the entire subject could be encapsulated in a single work. In fact, the treatment of art across Asian cultures and over millennia could never (i)_____if it also aspired to be (ii)_____.



Blank (i)

A) avoid anachronism
B) achieve coherence
C) justify digressions

Blank (ii)

D) accessible
E) comprehensive
F) groundbreaking

109. A long-running philosophical debate in the field of stratigraphy-the study of sequences of sedimentary rocks-is whether the sedimentary record represents mainly (i)_____happenings (e.g.waves and tides) or their opposite (ii)_____events (e.g, hurricanes and flash floods).

Blank (i)

A) measurable
B) everyday
C) discrete

Blank (ii)

D) destructive
E) extraordinary
F) unclassifiable

110. The evidence for short-term effects of prenatal and clearly postnatal conditions on ban swallows is (i)_____. However, early-life ecological conditions, such as the size of the brood in which you are reared. may he similarly (ii)_____affecting birds well into adulthood.

Blank (i)

A) inconsistent
B) provisional
C) appreciable

Blank (ii)

D) underestimated
E) deleterious
F) consequential

111. In his new book, Hanson is captious about the personal qualities of the Ashby family's members. Yet however well the book succeeds in (i)_____their character, it does not in the end (ii)_____their work. If Hanson is right, they did considerable good in spite of themselves.

Blank (i)

A) exemplifying
B) rescuing

Blank (ii)

D) extol
E) acknowledge



C) impugning

F) discredit

112. In Japan from 690-800 C.E, women occupied the throne more than half the time. These women were not (i)_____ male politicians; rather, female sovereigns such as Jito and Shotoku were highly (ii)_____ essentially dictating the formative policies of their respective reigns.

Blank (i)

A) officially superiors to

B) consistently accepted by

C) simply pawns for

Blank (ii)

D) controversial

E) symbolic

F) powerful

113. The author strove to avoid plot developments that would seem ineluctable. For although she did, as she acknowledged, want to create a sense of (i)_____ in her narratives, she felt that it must be possible to do so with a chain of events that would never appear (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) realism

B) romance

C) causality

Blank (ii)

D) random

E) circuitous

F) overdetermined

114. Mr. Stevens found that home schooling, far from representing (i) philosophy, (ii)_____ some of the most widely accepted education ideas: that children should be treated as individuals, taught in small numbers, and given a measure of discretion over their own learning.

Blank (i)

A) a benign

B) an orthodox

C) an anomalous

Blank (ii)

D) overcomes

E) embodies

F) anticipates



115. Intuitively, something is considered to be matter if, and only if there is mass along with energy and/or momentum associated with it. In other words, possession of mass along with energy and/or momentum is regarded as (i)____, rather than (ii)____property of matter.

Blank (i)

A) an optima
B) an essential
C) a contingent

Blank (ii)

D) a unique
E) an irreducible
F) an accidental

116. Whereas in the early nineteenth century phrenologists had seen every part of the brain surface as the seat of a specific intellectual or moral faculty, the 1830s and 1840s saw a (i)____of this belief to such an extent that the brain came to be seen as (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) popularization
B) vindication
C) reexamination

Blank (ii)

D) hierarchical
E) undifferentiated
F) decipherable

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

Blank (i)

A) convergent
B) disparate
C) repudiated

Blank (ii)

D) refuted by
E) germane to
F) subordinate to

118. Hubbert's 1956 prediction that peak oil output in the United States would occur in or around 1970 was met with little (i)_____at the time, but daily output did peak in 1970, and since then Hubbert's calculations have been viewed as extraordinarily (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)



A) bewilderment	D) conservative
B) disbelief	E) audacious
C) acceptance	F) farsighted

119. During laboratory experiments designed to simulate high-velocity asteroid collisions (i)_____was (ii)_____at specific energies sufficient to disrupt both the target and projectile, only the projectile was fractured, and the target remained undamaged.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A) a long-standing mystery	D) prevented
B) an unexpected anomaly	E) explained
C) a conceptual confusion	F) discovered

120. In many insects and other arthropodslimb (i)_____is (ii)_____: for example, the jumping legs of locusts, raptorial legs of praying mantids, or digging legs of mole crickets strongly differ from the other legs, both functionally and morphologically.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A) atrophy	D) easily prevented
B) specialization	E) often misclassified
C) evolution	F) highly pronounced

121. 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)_____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

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



122. Readers had little reason to (i)_____ what proved to be the rather uncanny (ii) of Kaja Silverman's and Bell Hook's polemics, given the two author's contrary methodologies, interests, and audiences.

Blank (i)

A) distinguish
B) anticipate
C) dispute

Blank (ii)

D) convergence
E) timeliness
F) dissonance

123. Because the currents that flow back and forth between the Galapagos Islands and the Ecuadoran mainland create connections, the evolutionary (i)_____ of the sea creatures in the two areas, compared with that of the land dwellers, has been (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) association
B) sophistication
C) separateness

Blank (ii)

D) disguised
E) derailed
F) diminished

124. There are several reasons why the rainbow color scale, and its use in data visualization is problematic. Perhaps the most fundamental issue is that the (i) the colors in a rainbow is not (ii)_____; people do not perceive the colors as ordered.

Blank (i)

A) intensity of
B) difference in
C) sequence of

Blank (ii)

D) great
E) intuitive
F) uniform

125. The (i)_____ seen in most of eastern Eurasia is (ii)_____ on the Mongolian plateau, despite only 200 millimeters of annual precipitation because evaporation decreases at higher altitudes and latitudes.

Blank (i)

A) variability in temperatures
B) tendency toward aridity
C) complexity of ecosystems

Blank (ii)

D) reversed
E) discernible
F) exacerbated



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1. For decades scientists believed in the (i)_____ of long-term memories: they were unstable for a few hours but then became etched into the brain for good. Current research, however, suggests that recalling a memory causes it to revert temporarily to an insecure state in which the recollection can be (ii)_____. Thus, memory is much more (iii)_____ than scientists had previously thought it to be.

Blank (i)

A) accuracy
B) immutability
C) predictability

Blank (ii)

D) instilled
E) modified
F) observed

Blank (iii)

G) reliable
H) constrained
I) fluid

2. Arguments based on mere possibilities (i)_____ the difficulty of discussing future technology, not least since they (ii)_____ public debates on technological options. A mere possibility argument such as “Agricultural biotechnology can have serious effects on ecosystems that we still know nothing about” can be taken by opponents of the technology to be (iii)_____, whereas proponents tend to dismiss it completely.

Blank (i)

A) epitomize
B) mitigate
C) outweigh

Blank (ii)

D) polarize
E) forestall
F) undergird

Blank (iii)

G) decisive
H) empirical
I) dogmatic

3. The problem of species endangerment has become (i)_____: it may be managed but cannot be solved. Few human activities from power plants belching fumes down to a person turning on the kitchen water tap (ii)_____ in some degree to the problem. Indeed, the sources of species imperilment are (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) intractable
B) contentious
C) impersonal

Blank (ii)

D) consistently give rise
E) are directly relevant
F) do not contribute

Blank (iii)

G) elusive
H) ubiquitous
I) controversial

4. Current climate models find it exceedingly difficult to simulate the seasonal and regional variability seen in Antarctic sea ice. Most models have (i)_____, including



ones in basic features such as the amount of heat input to the ice from the ocean, and because ice and climate are closely linked, even (ii)_____are (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) similarities
B) uncertainties
C) parameters

Blank (ii)

D) extreme values
E) close parallels
F) minor errors

Blank (iii)

G) identified
H) compromised
I) amplified

5. Cole makes the argument that while some advocates of government transparency seem to treat any exposure of state secrets as an (i)_____that position is (ii)_____there are many legitimate bases for (iii)_____disclosures, Cole contends, particularly when they reveal the identities of sources and methods of foreign intelligence.

Blank (i)

A) abuse of power
B) ambiguous act
C) unmitigated good

Blank (ii)

D) untenable
E) understandable
F) commonplace

Blank (iii)

G) condemning
H) condoning
I) extolling

6. When Eric Temple Bell, in his 1937 work *Men of Mathematics*, related the anecdote about German mathematician Carl Gauss's precocious summation of integers as a schoolboy, he was (i)_____one of his (ii)_____: Bell had always been praised as a highly (iii)_____writer, but in this case it undermined his credibility as a biographer.

Blank (i)

A) forgetting about
B) drawing from
C) betrayed by

Blank (ii)

D) literary strengths
E) profound theories
F) earlier publications

Blank (iii)

G) imaginative
H) meticulous
I) productive

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

Blank (i)

A) consensus regarding

Blank (ii)

D) resilience

Blank (iii)

G) reflect



B) compunction about	E) sociality	H) communicate
C) justification for	F) uniqueness	I) cooperate

8. Anonymous sources have a tendency to (i)_____the information content of news stories in which they are quoted. Most of these sources are (ii)_____because they spin and leak selectively for political personal, or institutional gain; all the balancing quotations from other sources can never remove their (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) contradict	D) unreliable	G) transparency
B) corroborate	E) intransigent	H) taint
C) degrade	F) obsequious	I) obscurity

9. One explanation for the (i)_____science in late antiquity has to do with the (ii)_____of science and technology: given the prevailing belief that natural knowledge should not be applied to practical ends. the incentive for scientists to search for practical applications of abstract theories of nature was (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) increased profits from	D) popularity	G) irresistible
B) pronounced decline of	E) separation	H) negligible
C) strong interest in	F) sophistication	I) commercial

10. Herbivorous vertebrates often influence the relative (i)_____of plants with differing palatability within an ecosystem, even though their impact on system-level plant biomass is generally (ii)_____. Predators control herbivore numbers ensuring that the surviving herbivores have (iii)_____marginally edible plants.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) abundance	D) uncertain	G) some ability to detect
B) hardness	E) irreversible	H) few reasons to avoid
C) nutritiousness	F) negligible	I) no need to consume

11. In her book, Schmidt (i)_____confidence in her opinions. She is excessively (ii)_____authorities. even when gently rejecting their views. It is always a pleasure

to encounter the lucid astute prose of academics from the past, but this book is (iii) a surplus of pedestrian quotations from the less notable.

Blank (i)

A) exudes
B) inspires
C) lacks

Blank (ii)

D) pugnacious toward
E) insightful about
F) deferential to

Blank (iii)

G) enhanced by
H) substantiated by
I) encumbered with

12. Excitement is often considered anathema in science writing because it interjects the scientist's emotions and values into the work. Indeed, one should not be too quick to (i)_____of science. At the same time, however, this (ii)_____stance can occasionally be (iii)_____cloaking more than it reveals.

Blank (i)

A) evaluate the principles
B) embrace the rhetoric
C) abandon the objectivity

Blank (ii)

D) unpopular
E) dispassionate
F) inflexible

Blank (iii)

G) misleading
H) unnecessary
I) haphazard

13. Guadalajara's reputation for (i)_____is not exactly (ii)_____, but it is certainly (iii)_____. While the city retains its traditional way in many respects, it has lately developed an innovative technology sector employing talented designers, programmers, and engineers from both Mexico and abroad.

Blank (i)

A) unpredictability
B) cosmopolitanism
C) stodginess

Blank (ii)

D) baseless
E) harmful
F) unique

Blank (iii)

G) overdone
H) unmatched
I) widespread

14. Dali Tambo's objection to (i)_____element in a proposed statue of Nelson Mandela was (ii)_____by the notion that commemorative sculpture must be (iii)_____if it is to be respectful. Defenders of the statue, however, argued that Tambo wrongly conflated respectfulness with solemnity.

Blank (i)

A) a whimsical
B) an unrealistic

Blank (ii)

D) underpinned
E) subverted

Blank (iii)

G) devoid of humor
H) grand in scale



C) a poignant

F) outweighed

I) meaningful to viewers

15. The author does not claim that scientists are (i)_____preconceptions and prejudices, but rather argues that they should strive to (ii)_____biases in their work: while absolute objectivity is (iii)_____it is nonetheless an ideal to which all researchers should aspire.

Blank (i)

A) troubled by

B) immune to

C) unaware of

Blank (ii)

D) downplay

E) mitigate

F) accept

Blank (iii)

G) identifiable

H) desirable

I) unattainable

16. As a matter of good practice, members of the scientific community tend to be (i)_____when it comes to affirming received opinion. They constantly question whatever is offered as accepted truth. Science (ii)_____when its practitioners hew to a (iii)_____approach.

Blank (i)

A) coy

B) chary

C) ambivalent

Blank (ii)

D) regresses

E) flounders

F) thrives

Blank (iii)

G) pragmatic

H) skeptical

I) circuitous

17. Penrose is (i)_____theoretical physicists for engaging in (ii)_____by (iii)_____what is implied by the known data. One of his favorite examples is inflationary cosmology, which, according to him, is treated as an established theory despite a lack of evidence.

Blank (i)

A) indebted to

B) critical of

C) singular among

Blank (ii)

D) partisanship

E) plagiarism

F) conjecture

Blank (iii)

G) experimenting with

H) combing through

I) venturing beyond

18. Anyone who thinks that the contemporary media's focus on celebrity gossip and rumor marks some sort of journalistic (i)_____will find in this book (ii)_____. The



book shows that we live, on the contrary, in a hitherto unexampled golden age of (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) nadir	D) a bracing corrective	G) tradition
B) frontier	E) a long-overdue explanation	H) integrity
C) anomaly	F) an unexpected validation	I) profitability

19. The human (i)_____landscape has, at times, come at the cost of a proper sense of the human community, or with (ii)_____of human worth. In addition, the worship of a particular patch of nature can sound, (iii)_____, like territorialism of the worst kind.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) struggle against	D) a validation	G) repellently
B) indifference to	E) an underestimation	H) optimistically
C) reverence for	F) a transcendence	I) mercifully

20. Science is inherently (i)_____. Whether (ii)_____a long-standing idea or showing disdain for received political wisdom, the scientific ethic which demands that the scientist follow the evidence wherever it leads, is a threat to (iii)_____of all kinds.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) subversive	D) substantiating	G) authorities
B) principled	E) overturning	H) skeptics
C) collaborative	F) identifying	I) methodologies

21. While the subtropical ocean gyres are (i)_____accumulation zones of floating plastic debris, the possibility of plastic accumulation at polar latitudes has been (ii)_____because of the (iii)_____of nearby pollution sources.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) adjacent to	D) overlooked	G) heterogeneity
B) recognized as	E) exaggerated	H) dearth
C) affected by	F) suggested	I) emergence

22. For scientists who wish to conduct research in the national parks, the new plan promises a warm welcome in place of the (i)____, or even resistance, that often greets requests for research permits. The plan says that “parks can and should be centers for broad scientific research and inquiry.” It also maintains that scientific research should be (ii)_____ in parks where it can be performed without (iii)_____ other park values.

Blank (i)

A) alacrity
B) opposition
C) indifference

Blank (ii)

D) circumscribed
E) endured
F) facilitated

Blank (iii)

G) advertising
H) jeopardizing
I) augmenting

23. Although the venerable paradigm of the balance of nature is (i)_____ scientists studying evolution and ecology, the idea is aesthetically (ii)_____ a fact that is largely responsible for its (iii)_____ through the ages.

Blank (i)

A) clearly foundational for
B) variously interpreted by
C) essentially worthless to

Blank (ii)

D) satisfying
E) contrived
F) outmoded

Blank (iii)

G) neglect
H) resilience
I) development

24. Books about humor are rarely funny. Their goal, after all, is to (i)_____ the workings of that which we find comic, not to (ii)_____ laughter, and understanding why jokes are funny is not in itself (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) celebrate
B) analyze
C) improve

Blank (ii)

D) explain
E) occasion
F) recall

Blank (iii)

G) amusing
H) helpful
I) admirable

25. 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?

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)



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

26. Sheila Ramirez is most certainly (i)_____, but the (ii)_____ of her (ii)_____ can make it hard for the intended audience to take offense.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) blunt	D) intensity	G) caviling
B) discerning	E) suddenness	H) snobbery
C) insecure	F) guilelessness	I) candor

27. Campuswide discussions 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) expedited	D) disparate	G) indictment of
B) obscured	E) conventional	H) impediment to
C) hampered	F) rigid	I) metaphor for

28. Biographies tumble off the presses in profusion these days, a (i)_____ linked, for better or worse, to the current obsession with celebrity. Some antics complain that biographers too often (ii)_____ the messy reality of a life, and it's true that lesser authors simply glorify or, more often, vilify their subjects. But good biographers are far more respectful of (iii)_____ : the best see not one monolithic truth about a person but many overlapping truths.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) boom	D) impose a specious coherence on	G) privacy
B) paucity	E) provide excessive detail about	H) complexity
C) felicity	F) are complete-ly overwhelmed by	I) partiality



29. Common usage treats the adjectives “artificial” and “synthetic” as (i)_____. But “synthetic” has meanings that are (ii)_____ that everyday (iii)_____ “artificial.” “Synthesis” implies the bringing together of different components to form a union, while “artificial” is defined in opposition to the natural and does not suggest any similar process of combination.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) erchangeable	D) equired for	G) servience to
B) pejorative	E) revealed in	H) conflation with
C) classificatory	F) betrayed by	I) parison to

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

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

31. Recently, we have been the emergence of the food movement, or perhaps we should say “movements,” since it is (i)_____ as vet by little more than the recognition that industrial food production is in need of reform because its social or environmental or public health or animal welfare or gastronomic costs are to high. As that list suggests, the activists are coming at the issue (ii)_____. Where many social movements, over time, break into various factions representing differing concerns or tactics, the food movement has been (iii)_____ from its beginning.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) tempered	D) in increasing numbers	G) ideological
B) impeded	E) from divergent directions	H) splintered
C) unified	F) with renewed commitment	I) effective

32. 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 a cup of coffee.

Blank (i)

A) an impediment
B) a panacea
C) a malady

Blank (ii)

D) be insufficient
E) recede
F) materialize

Blank (iii)

G) obviate
H) temper
I) encourage

33. 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.

Blank (i)

A) lacked
B) discounted
C) employed

Blank (ii)

D) problematic
E) unnecessary
F) straightforward

Blank (iii)

G) being revived in
H) dropping out of
I) losing out to

34. Our contemporary preference for natural expression over artifice is (i)_____ the traditional Western view that the skill with which you expressed a position corresponded closely to the credibility of your argument. Rhetorical styles might vary, but style itself was never a matter of (ii)_____. And "style" was not just a well-turned sentence: poor expression, it was believed (iii)_____ poor thought.

Blank (i)

A) a departure from
B) a reflection on
C) an endorsement of

Blank (ii)

D) substance
E) indifference
F) intention

Blank (iii)

G) ameliorated
H) elevated
I) betrayed

35. William Newman and Lawrence Principe point out that prior to the seventeenth



century the terms “alchemy” and “chemistry” were largely (i)_____ in European usage. It was from the third decade of the eighteenth century that the two terms began to (ii)_____. Newman and Principe suggest that a third term, “chymistry,” should be used to denote the transitional early modern phase when “alchemy” and “chemistry” were becoming (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) interchangeable
B) absent
C) misapplied

Blank (ii)

D) coalesce
E) proliferate
F) diverge

Blank (iii)

G) increasingly more convoluted
H) steadily less synonymous
I) fundamentally less significant

36. The tape recorder is to blame for the (i)_____ of the interview and has thus had a (ii) effect on journalism. The possibility of verbatim reproduction has fostered the illusion that the voice of truth is that of the interviewee rather than the more critically detached voice belonging to the journalist. Maybe journalists should return to the lowly notebook, which allows them to (iii)_____ while listening, relegating the tape recorder to its real role of invaluable witness.

Blank (i)

A) glorification
B) superannuation
C) vilification

Blank (ii)

D) negligible
E) pernicious
F) salutary

Blank (iii)

G) edit intelligently
H) relinquish control
I) transcribe exactly

37. Although it is quite probable that many small asteroids in the solar system's asteroid belt have (i)_____, the total mass of these objects cannot be (ii)_____, since the combined gravitational pull of all known asteroids is (iii)_____ to fully account for the asteroid belt's effect on the motion of nearby planets such as Mars.

Blank (i)

A) similar structures
B) formed by accretion
C) escaped detection

Blank (ii)

D) diminished
E) estimated
F) substantial

Blank (iii)

G) sufficient
H) unlikely
I) required

38. Once photographs depicting important family events such as vacations or weddings are assembled and presented in a family album, the collection of photographs is treated as (i)_____ record of events; but what we (ii)_____ to (iii)_____ is the active selection process that led to the making of the album.

Blank (i)

A) a precious
B) a satirical
C) an objective

Blank (ii)

D) tend
E) hesitate
F) aspire

Blank (iii)

G) overlook
H) replicate
I) transform

39. One reason island trees may not have evolved defenses against herbivores is that such defenses may be (i)_____. Because many island herbivores such as the tortoises of the Galapagos Islands and the flightless geese of Hawaii, are (ii)_____, arboreal foliage is (iii)_____ to them.

Blank (i)

A) anomalous
B) ineffective
C) superfluous

Blank (ii)

D) diurnal
E) earthbound
F) indigenous

Blank (iii)

G) hazardous
H) unappealing
I) inaccessible

40. During the past decade, there has been a quiet (i)_____research into symbioses involving microorganisms: purely descriptive and speculative work has given way to investigations generating data that allow for (ii)_____interpretation and thus (iii)_____unfounded speculation.

Blank (i)

A) change in
B) obsolescence of
C) aversion to

Blank (ii)

D) defensible
E) equivocal
F) sweeping

Blank (iii)

G) reduce the tendency toward
H) stimulate the growth of
I) validate the need for

41. When we forgive a person, we (i)_____our (ii)_____his or her transgression but (iii)_____certain punitive responses that we could ordinarily be justified in taking on the basis of that person's objectionable conduct.

Blank (i)

A) relinquish
B) regret
C) retain

Blank (ii)

D) leniency toward
E) uncertainty about
F) condemnation of

Blank (iii)

G) disguise
H) forgo
I) initiate

42. When the relationship between theories and finding was first elaborated, philosophers of science thought of experimental findings as the fixed part of science and they pondered how theories were built upon the foundations of data that experiments provided, But sociologists have shown that the relationship between theory and data is (i)____. Empirical data may be as (ii)____ as theories: a theory with strong prior confirmation may reduce the (iii)____ of a conflicting new finding, just as an unexpected finding can bring a theory into question.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) nebulous at best	D) hypothetical	G) variance
B) not as arbitrary	E) disputable	H) likelihood
C) less one-sided	F) consequential	I) credibility

43. Computers' triumph in chess had been engineered not by creating machines that (i) human thought, as most experts in artificial intelligence had expected, but by perfecting machines that played like machines. The analogy with flight is (ii)____: as long as people tried to fly by imitating birds, attaching wings to their arms and flapping madly, they were (iii)____ to fail. Once engineering escaped the paradigm of the familiar, however, people were soon flying much faster than birds.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) aped	D) disingenuous	G) expected
B) shelved	E) instructive	H) likely
C) subverted	F) narrow	I) doomed

44. The fantastic conceit of the film's plot is that global warming (i)____ global freezing. After a chunk of Antarctic ice the size of Rhode Island suddenly melts, most of what follows-an instant ice age, for example-is impossible as science but not as metaphor. The data from the Greenland ice sheet show that, over the past hundred thousand years, temperatures have often (ii)____-so often that it is our own relatively static experience of climate that should now be seen as (iii)____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) succeeds	D) swung wildly	G) humdrum
B) inhibits	E) changed gradually	H) exceptional
C) produces	F) seemed unvarying	I) authentic



45. Reading Frankfurt's book, I worried that in the absence of specific examples or nuanced analysis, the unnamed postmodernists who are so (i)_____ in it might feel that they have been tarred by superficial and unsubstantiated generalizations. Of course, postmodernism is something of a (ii)_____ these days. and many readers may feel that no insult is too gross to heap on it. It arouses the same (iii)_____ that used to be aroused by idealism and skepticism.

Blank (i)

A) meticulously critiqued
B) enthusiastically vilified
C) earnestly championed

Blank (ii)

D) scapegoat
E) model
F) mystery

Blank (iii)

G) curiosity
H) indifference
I) horror

46. Academics have become increasingly interested in the culture of science, but their understanding of that culture remains too (i)_____: it is often focused more on theory (strictly intellectual activity) than on the (ii)_____ of working scientists. To understand the culture of natural history museums properly however, one must not be too (iii)_____ to enter into morbid and mundane practice of specimen preservation.

Blank (i)

A) rarefied
B) politicized
C) capacious

Blank (ii)

D) social relevance
E) everyday activities
F) philosophical beliefs

Blank (iii)

G) outspoken
H) equitable
I) cerebral

47. The book's notoriety at the time it was published definitely had as a contributory factor its author's (i)_____ which meant that contemporary readers and critics were (ii)_____ the author's intellectual pedigree and motives. Hence it was also difficult, if not impossible, for the critics to (iii)_____ the book's arguments by engaging in ad hominem attacks. Readers repeatedly sought to discover the book's true provenance.

Blank (i)

A) affluence
B) arrogance
C) anonymity

Blank (ii)

D) quick to analyze
E) unable to establish
F) prone to trust

Blank (iii)

G) trumpet
H) embellish
I) dismiss



48. When a new scientific discovery is discussed in a scientific paper or book, the process of discovery is often represented as something (i)_____and almost (ii)_____. Unfortunately, science publishers simply do not have space for detailed descriptions of experiments that fail along with discussions of every false and blind alley, elements that are associated with even quite (iii)_____endeavors.

Blank (i)

A) straightforward
B) exciting
C) circuitous

Blank (ii)

D) redundant
E) inevitable
F) random

Blank (iii)

G) successful
H) compromised
I) ambitious

49. While environmental activists tend to assume a strong causal relationship between the diversity of a natural system and its health, many theorists have argued that diversity can in fact (i)_____the functioning of an ecosystem. In the 1960s and 70s, a series of mathematical models suggested that the complexity resulting from too much diversity could (ii)_____an ecological system's (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) degrade
B) stabilize
C) predict

Blank (ii)

D) offset
E) enhance
F) diminish

Blank (iii)

G) disequilibrium
H) vulnerability
I) productivity

50. With so many scientific papers chasing so few pages in the most prestigious journals, the winners could be the ones most likely to oversell themselves-to trumpet amazing or important results that later turn out to be false. This would produce a (i)_____picture of scientific knowledge, with less (ii)_____but more (iii) results either relegated to obscure journals or left unpublished.

Blank (i)

A) comprehensive
B) bewildering
C) distorted

Blank (ii)

D) dramatic
E) threatening
F) arbitrary

Blank (iii)

G) controversial
H) obvious
I) accurate

51. The author notes that rather than (i)_____local weaving among the Merina people of Madagascar in the eighteenth century, the advent of textile imports stimulated (ii)_____by the close of the eighteenth century, Merina weavers were not only (iii)_____foreign textiles but also incorporating exotic materials, such as coral silver disks, and glass beads, into their weaving.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) safeguarding	D) production and innovation	G) boycotting
B) dampening	E) resentment and disapproval	H) collecting
C) promoting	F) pride and envy	I) outcompeting

52. Fortunately for aspiring students of yawning, the specific frontiers are relatively (i)_____, the result of our tendency to (ii)_____the commonplace. Moreover, serious science may require no more than a stopwatch, notepad, and pencil. This (iii)_____of yawning as a problem makes it a low-tech approach to the brain and behavior based on everyday experience

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) fixed	D) misconstrue	G) accessibility
B) unpopulated	E) emphasize	H) topicality
C) transparent	F) undervalue	I) strangeness

53. Many perplexed observers find present-day museum design a choice between outlandishly sculptural structures that (i)_____the proper display of art and neutral containers so (ii)_____to art that all architectural presence is lost. But the New Museum persuasively demonstrates that honoring art and honoring architecture need not be (iii)_____propositions.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) ignore	D) submissive	G) carefully considered
B) enhance	E) demeaning	H) mutually exclusive
C) honor	F) impervious	I) entirely practical

54. Despite its instructions and the recipes it provides, the main purpose of *The Insect Cookbook* is not (i)_____. Instead, the book seeks to (ii)_____of entomophagy, i.e., the consumption of insects as food: it is composed of interviews with chefs, farmers,



politicians. and United Nations figures, all of whom attempt to (iii)_____the custom of eating insects.

Blank (i)

A) scientific
B) culinary
C) educational

Blank (ii)

D) explore the history
E) condemn the practice
F) proselytize on behalf

Blank (iii)

G) promote
H) discredit
I) reform

55. The flood of new candidates, including newcomers, party veterans, and the first female candidate, is a startling (i)_____Japan's (ii)_____political succession. The crowded field means that the selection of the new prime minister, instead of being a customarily (iii)_____backroom affair, has become a source of intense public excitement.

Blank (i)

A) abbreviation of
B) illustration of
C) departure from

Blank (ii)

D) scripted
E) chaotic
F) prolonged

Blank (iii)

G) conspicuous
H) celebrated
I) dry

56. Strains of *Prochlorococcus* plankton have such (i)_____sequences at their small subunit RNA genes that they would be considered the same species by the normal criteria used by microbiologists. By contrast the same strains exhibit such ecological (ii)_____that they would be considered (iii)_____species by normal ecological criteria.

Blank (i)

A) similar
B) unusual
C) complex

Blank (ii)

D) consistency
E) diversity
F) vigor

Blank (iii)

G) endemic
H) discrete
I) ancestral

57. The extant evidence of Pluto's collisions with other cosmic objects over time is (i)_____. When Pluto is closest to the Sun, frozen surface material evaporates into a temporary atmosphere and eventually into space. This process (ii)_____older impact craters, so Pluto's surface provides a record of (iii)_____collisions.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)



A) incomplete	D) erases	G) only recent
B) indirect	E) bypasses	H) many major
C) inconclusive	F) deepens	I) some unknown

58. The fact that one can (i)_____myriad examples of substantial ecosystem disruption by nonindigenous species does not really demonstrate that all such newcomers are destined to have such major impacts. Indeed, most of the (ii)_____that survive appear to have (iii)_____effects on the ecosystems they have invaded.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) ignore	D) transients	G) minimal
B) adduce	E) interlopers	H) long-lasting
C) explain away	F) parasites	I) unpredictable

59. Although genes certainly do play a role in our fates, there is little about us that is completely destined. Our genes are among the factors that determine the realm of possibility for each of us, but that realm is so (i)_____, its boundaries so (ii)_____, that for the most part genes are (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) alien	D) constricting	G) oppressive
B) large	E) impermeable	H) conspicuous
C) distressing	F) mysterious	I) irrelevant

60. The history of Latino baseball players reveals a tradition of (i)_____that resulted in making the game seem more (ii)_____: together, baseball executives, sportswriters and editors and players manipulated the concept of race to (iii)_____the participation of minorities in organized baseball.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) collusion	D) lucrative	G) inflate
B) confrontation	E) dynamic	H) analyze
C) selfishness	F) inclusive	I) conceal

61. The unattractive hyena is unjustly (i)_____. It was long believed that when both lions and hyenas were present at a kill, the later invariably stole from the former,

but this notion proved to be (ii)____. we now know that the lion is just as (iii)___ the hard-won prey of the hyena.

Blank (i)

A) maligned
B) imperiled
C) forgotten

Blank (ii)

D) divisive
E) convoluted
F) untrue

Blank (iii)

G) apt to pilfer
H) capable of overtaking
I) likely to become

62. Because some invasive plant and animal species severely reduce the abundance of native species and may even (i)____their existence. it is (ii)____to (iii)____the introduction of species that have substantial probabilities of unwanted impacts and to improve the science of predicting those impacts.

Blank (i)

A) foreshadow
B) abet
C) preclude

Blank (ii)

D) ineffective
E) difficult
F) prudent

Blank (iii)

G) minimize
H) facilitate
I) recommence

63. For many readers nowadays, The Quest for Community, published in 1953, is (i)____. It is filled with references to thinkers whose ideas seemed (ii)____at the time-Susanne Langer, Harry Stack Sullivan, Franz Oppenheimer-but who are rarely viewed as (iii)____intellectual now.

Blank (i)

A) refreshing literate
B) somewhat dated
C) excessively angry

Blank (ii)

D) important
E) quirky
F) unfashionable

Blank (iii)

G) seminal
H) marginal
I) obvious

64. Transportation maps of Alaska are (i)____in large part by what they (ii)____: lines identifying roads and railroads. With a single track bisecting the state and a handful of spokes to the east and south, Alaska is notable for its (iii)____of transportation options.

Blank (i)

A) demarcated
B) characterized
C) elucidated

Blank (ii)

D) lack
E) obscure
F) evince

Blank (iii)

G) panoply
H) scope
I) dearth



65. Lasting inflation trains consumers to expect that goods will be more expensive tomorrow, so the (i)_____thing to do is buy today. When inflation is (ii)_____in other words, people believe the value of their money is (iii)_____and act accordingly.

Blank (i)

A) sensible
B) abnormal
C) brave

Blank (ii)

D) erratic
E) deferred
F) entrenched

Blank (iii)

G) eroding
H) unpredictable
I) stable

66. The literary critics's first book, coming after a long period of reviewing poetry in magazines, is the author's chance to (i)_____positions previously (ii)_____somewhat confusingly, and show how they (iii)_____, if in fact they do.

Blank (i)

A) clarify
B) appropriate
C) duplicate

Blank (ii)

D) disavowed
E) withheld
F) intimidated

Blank (iii)

G) cohere
H) collapse
I) collude

67. Documenting the lives of African Americans before Emancipation is (i)_____undertaking: even when printed accounts are (ii)_____, they are often (iii)_____, and details printed as fact may be merely speculative.

Blank (i)

A) an urgent
B) a collaborative
C) a difficult

Blank (ii)

D) contested
E) illegible
F) available

Blank (iii)

G) contradictory
H) disheartening
I) revealing

68. The (i)_____positive thinking in our current culture can have a (ii)_____effect: it may create unacknowledged pressures to suppress emotions that are perceived as negative, and this suppression can (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) suspicion of
B) indifference to

Blank (ii)

D) paradoxical
E) salutary

Blank (iii)

G) diminish contentment
H) foster optimism



C) bias toward

F) negligible

I) assuage anxiety

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

Blank (i)

A) restrain
B) reveal
C) disguise

Blank (ii)

D) incursions of
E) restrictions on
F) acknowledgements of

Blank (iii)

G) corrupt
H) obviate
I) expedite

70. Genetic researchers have recently suggested that our political leanings may be determined by our DNA a view that tends to undermine our reflexive self-flattery. We (i)_____the idea that personal politics are entirely (ii)_____. The genetic explanation for ideology (iii)_____our belief that we are persuaded only by rational arguments.

Blank (i)

A) recoil from
B) revel in
C) puzzle over

Blank (ii)

D) deliberative
E) inexplicable
F) self-serving

Blank (iii)

G) defies
H) entails
I) parallels

71. The diversity of uses of the term “emotional intelligence” in popular culture has (i)_____definitional clarity: the term has become so (ii)_____that it is (iii)_____conceptual meaning

Blank (i)

A) facilitated
B) exploited
C) impaired

Blank (ii)

D) protean
E) sacrosanct
F) divisive

Blank (iii)

G) nearly bereft of
H) tidily encompassed by
I) easily reduced to

72. The historian's narrative of the dynasty's decline is (i)_____, because though there is nothing (ii)_____the account, large parts of it rely on (iii)_____.



Blank (i)

A) diffuse
B) reasonable
C) questionable

Blank (ii)

D) psychologically penetrating in
E) inherently implausible about
F) fully documented in

Blank (iii)

G) plagiarism
H) conjecture
I) pretense

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

Blank (i)

A) evidentiary value of
B) uncertainty inherent in
C) increasing reliance on

Blank (ii)

D) avoided
E) predictive
F) exacerbated

Blank (iii)

G) adduce
H) obfuscate
I) replicate

74. Newcomb did more than merely extol the use of objective analysis to address social problems. Through a steady stream of books, articles, and speeches, he sought to provide a (i)_____examination of and prescription for political and economic ills, thus practically demonstrating-rather than simply (ii)_____the (iii)_____of such impartial study.

Blank (i)

A) dispassionate
B) sympathetic
C) terse

Blank (ii)

D) exaggerating
E) emulating
F) touting

Blank (iii)

G) theoretical instability
H) popular appeal
I) social utility

75. The only way to definitively test a large civil engineering structure such as a bridge is to build it in anticipation of possible challenges from nature and then let nature take its course. That is not to say that every new large structure is a (i)_____. Engineers understand a great deal about the behavior and limitations of their structures' components. Furthermore, it is the (ii)_____structure that is built more than 10 or 20 percent larger than its predecessors, thus allowing engineers to move (iii)_____into unknown territory.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) success	D) conventional	G) incrementally
B) gamble	E) unusual	H) unchecked
C) mistake	F) outstanding	I) enthusiastically

76. When potentially disruptive change appears on the horizon, managers approaches should be to assemble the capabilities to (i)_____that change before it affects the mainstream business. The (ii)_____to run two businesses, one with processes attuned to the existing business model and another geared toward the new model. While apparently onerous, this parallel operation is far less dangerous than either (iii)_____innovation irrevocably or remaining committed to tried-and-true methods that are threatened with obsolescence.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) obstruct	D) competition might have	G) jumping into
B) stimulate	E) requirement is	H) exploring
C) handle	F) mistaken approach is	I) rejecting

77. By the end of the 1970s, the postmodern novel had degenerated from a bold attempt to (i)_____the conventions of traditional narrative into a literary style as (ii)_____as any other. There are it seems (iii)_____number of ways to avoid telling a straightforward story.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) refine	D) predictable	G) a limited
B) perpetuate	E) inescapable	H) a variable
C) subvert	F) comprehensible	I) an inexhaustible

78. The concept of national character declined in the 1960s when political and cultural events made it difficult to think of the United States in (i)_____. There seemed to be too much conflict and diversity to locate a core American identity, and historians generally avoided sweeping claims about all Americans in favor of detailed local studies of specific groups. (ii)_____attempts to plot a (iii)_____tradition, they disavowed not just previous definitions of American character but the very notion of defining one.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
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A) global contexts	D) Suspicious of	G) variable
B) singular terms	E) Enthralled by	H) vanished
C) innovative ways	F) Involved with	I) unitary

79. Mars rover landing simulations indicated that the probability of failure due to landing on a rock higher than the rover belly pan was (i)_____ 0.30 percent at the proposed landing sites. Since the engineering requirement was that there be less than a 0.50 percent chance of landing on a rock taller than the 0.55m high rover clearance, all proposed sites were judged (ii)_____with respect to rocks, and the presence of rocks was therefore (iii)_____selecting the actual landing site from among the proposals.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) at least	D) impractical	G) irrelevant to
B) not reducible to	E) suboptimal	H) useful in
C) no greater than	F) safe	I) exaggerated by

80. Rosenfeld's study, while treading over some relatively well-known ground, offers a (i)_____perspective on its contours. For one her treatment of Leonard Woolf's life is serious and respectful, going some distance in (ii)_____his portrayal as a baleful monster and as a relentlessly (iii)_____influence on his wife Virginia.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) familiar	D) resurrecting	G) deleterious
B) fresh	E) revising	H) recondite
C) jaundiced	F) illustrating	I) affable

81. When learners are engaged in mathematical problem-solving, their activity does not have from the outset the structure of what will be considered a mathematical proof. Instead a tangle of intuitions, know how, factual knowledge, and a variety of other mental constructs allows learners to entertain choices and make decisions. Nonetheless, (i)_____such mental activity (ii)_____is (iii)_____: in many situations this process works, although it can prove to be wrong as a result of over generalizations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
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A) concealing	D) from scrutiny	G) uncommon
B) adapting	E) as confused	H) unintentional
C) describing	F) to the task	I) uncharitable

82. Many people today blame science and technology for contributing to environmental degradation and to global warming. Indeed, one of the noteworthy features of our time is that the relentless (i)_____ of the power of science is paralleled by a growing sense of (ii)_____ about science. Anyone old enough to recall the public's enthusiasm for so many of the scientific breakthroughs in the 1950s and 1960s will be struck by the more (iii)_____, even fearful, attitude toward scientific development at present.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) stagnation	D) distrust	G) pragmatic
B) expansion	E) promise	H) fervid
C) diminution	F) complacency	I) grudging

83. An influential idea proposed in the 1950s held that the amount of attention we pay to an object or event can be predicted from the volume of information our brains must process to form an understanding of it. But this model (i)_____ that most data available to our senses are (ii)_____, while only a little is of interest to us or relevant to our survival. Researchers now believe that those latter factors are more important in explaining how we (iii)_____ our attention.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) rejected the premise	D) useless	G) conceal
B) failed to consider	E) unforeseen	H) misdirect
C) derived from the concept	F) contradictory	I) apportion

84. Some historians studying early encounters between Native Americans and Europeans question the evidentiary value of Native oral traditions: they regard the information from these traditions as inadmissible unless it can be corroborated by other means. Yet the (i)_____ of evidence from Native oral traditions is (ii)_____ the criticism that the surviving documentary record may have been (iii)_____ especially in circumstances involving oppression or exploitation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
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A) explication
B) assimilation
C) repudiation

D) dependent upon
E) vulnerable to
F) followed by

G) needlessly elaborate
H) purposefully distorted
I) thoroughly investigated

85. There is (i)_____evidence that the giant African land snail *A. fulica* is a serious threat when it comes to the spread of human disease. Giant snails do carry rat lungworm-infection by which is a common cause of meningitis- but so do many other snail species. Moreover if the threat posed by *A. fulica* were (ii)_____one would expect to see an increase in disease rates (iii)_____a rise in the spread of snails. However, in places like New Caledonia, explosions in giant snail populations have coincided with a fall in the number of meningitis cases.

Blank (i)

A) abundant
B) ambiguous
C) little

Blank (ii)

D) contained
E) recognized
F) major

Blank (iii)

G) corresponding to
H) predating
I) giving way to

86. Statistics is the branch of applied mathematics that studies ways of drawing inferences from limited and imperfect data. Of course, if all data sources were totally (i)_____, statisticians could do little but (ii)_____every conclusion with “but we could be wrong about this.” A mathematical science of statistics is possible because, although repeating an experiment numerous times may not yield uniform results. some results are more (iii)_____than others.

Blank (i)

A) empirical
B) capricious
C) defensible

Blank (ii)

D) qualify
E) affirm
F) substantiate

Blank (iii)

G) dubious
H) unexpected
I) common

87. The obsidian found across the Pungaere-Upokorau area in New Zealand has previously been thought to come from two distinct sites (Pungaere and Waiare), but considering that the visual characteristics and chemical composition of the obsidian in the area so (i)_____there is no reason to continue regarding Waiare as (ii) source, especially in view of the fact that finds of obsidian near Waiare settlement and in the Waiare Stream are (iii)_____.



Blank (i)

A) diverse
B) anomalous
C) consistent

Blank (ii)

D) a separate
E) the primary
F) a declining

Blank (iii)

G) rare
H) varied
I) abundant

88. Whereas Wegener's ideas about continental drift eventually (i)____, even though most of it was (ii)____, his 1921 paper on the origin of lunar craters seems to have remained (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) needed revision
B) drew attention
C) found confirmation

Blank (ii)

D) straightforward
E) unsympathetic
F) consequential

Blank (iii)

G) unfinished
H) unnoticed
I) unexceptional

89. When reviewing a book that advertises lying as its subject, the critic has a duty to screen the title for possible (i)____, and it is therefore necessary to report that The Concise Book of Lying is not concise. If the book were making a case for deception, the mismatch might not matter a (ii)_____ title might suit a book designed to disabuse us of our respect for (iii)_____. But the book is not an apology for lying: it is on the side of truth.

Blank (i)

A) ambiguity
B) mendacity
C) partiality

Blank (ii)

D) misleading
E) dependable
F) verbose

Blank (iii)

G) brevity
H) pedantry
I) veracity

90. Japanese consumers-no matter what a brief stroll in Tokyo's Ginza shopping district may suggest are saving more and spending less. In March, for instance, sales at department stores fell by 21 percent compared with the previous year. (i)____, in the previous March shoppers had been out in force to (ii)_____ the implementation of a new consumption tax. But even when that is (iii)_____, households are still spending less than they did a year ago.

Blank (i)

A) Fortunately
B) Nevertheless

Blank (ii)

D) beat
E) exploit

Blank (iii)

G) taken into account
H) seen as erroneous



C) Admittedly

F) forestall

I) established as a trend

91. People who have never worked in physics tend to describe it with words like “dry,” “exact,” and “precise.” But physics is, in important respects, an art. Few real physics problems (i)_____ a precise, determinate solution. Therefore, to a physicist solving a problem almost always involves judging which aspects of a phenomenon are (ii)_____ and which can be ignored what parts of the mathematics to be faithful to and what parts to (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) dispense with

B) account for

C) admit of

Blank (ii)

D) unknowable

E) visible

F) essential

Blank (iii)

G) maintain

H) alter

I) calculate

92. Unlike other anthologies of Asian American literature, this one is organized solely by alphabetical order of the authors last names rather than along chronological or ethnic lines. While this decision is not explained, it is not in itself (i)_____. More troubling is that similarly shrouded in editorial (ii)_____ is the question of why these particular writers were selected and others excluded for which some (iii)_____ was clearly employed.

Blank (i)

A) comprehensible

B) distinctive

C) problematic

Blank (ii)

D) respectability

E) silence

F) convention

Blank (iii)

G) detachment

H) rationale

I) action

93. Sharon Ghamari-Tabrizi is not the first to focus on Herman Kahn's (i)_____. In 1968, when Kahn was at the height of his celebrity, a profile of him appeared that suggested Kahn had “a thoroughly (ii)_____ sensibility,” meaning that Kahn was uninhibited by conventional ways of thinking about science, alert to (iii)_____ positions that were starting to seem obsolete continually trying to find new ways to see around the next corner.

Blank (i)

A) originality

B) improvidence

C) collegiality

Blank (ii)

D) stable

E) abstract

F) avant-garde

Blank (iii)

G) abandon

H) establish

I) defend



94. Olfaction is our (i)_____sense, depending on messages carried not at the speed of light or of sound, but at the (ii)_____pace of passing breeze. Yet olfaction is also our (iii)_____sense. Whereas signals detected by our eyes and ears must be assimilated by the thalamus before reaching the brain's interpretive regions, odoriferous messages travel dedicated pathways straight from the nose to the cortex for instant processing.

Blank (i)

A) slow
B) essential
C) primitive

Blank (ii)

D) highly random
E) far statelier
F) somewhat overwhelming

Blank (iii)

G) trickiest
H) quickest
I) most unreliable

95. Dominance hierarchies among primates vary in their degree of (i)_____Rhesus monkeys, for example, severely punish any challenge from below, but chimpanzees, while not exactly (ii)_____, have certainly moved toward a social arrangement with room for sharing, tolerance, and alliances. High-ranking individuals do have disproportionate privileges and influence, but dominance also depends to some degree on (iii)_____from below.

Blank (i)

A) permanence
B) altruism
C) despotism

Blank (ii)

D) atypical
E) egalitarian
F) combative

Blank (iii)

G) resistance
H) ingenuity
I) acceptance

96. Responding to concerns about the destruction of rain forest for oil palm plantations scientists have suggested that new research in (i)_____will reduce the pressure to clear more land. However, others predict the opposite: technological boosts to efficiency could increase the (ii)_____palm oil, making it even more (iii) developers.

Blank (i)

A) tropical forest ecology
B) agricultural product marketing
C) productivity-improving technology

Blank (ii)

D) profitability of
E) controversy over
F) prevalence of

Blank (iii)

G) expensive for
H) attractive to
I) burdensome on

97. Despite the occasional (i)_____ of their venues, the culture of corporate conferences is a deeply (ii)_____ one: at a typical conference, each day consisted of nearly nine hours of continuous lectures and panels enlivened by few pleasantries or anything that could be constructed as a joke. The only (ii)_____ sensory deprivation during the sessions came from the handsome color slides favored by the corporate presenters.

Blank (i)

A) seclusion
B) opulence
C) enormity

Blank (ii)

D) sycophantic
E) ascetic
F) mercenary

Blank (iii)

G) allusion to
H) ramification of
I) respite from

98. 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.

Blank (i)

A) raillery
B) effusiveness
C) forbearance

Blank (ii)

D) madcap
E) lugubrious
F) edifying

Blank (iii)

G) facetious
H) reserved
I) beguiling

99. Although the Endangered Species Act is intended to conserve ecosystems, it is only the ecosystems of listed endangered and threatened species that the statute (i)_____. Moreover, even in this sense, the conservation of ecosystems is (ii)_____ the conservation of listed species the word "ecosystem" appears only once in the statute, in the purpose statement and from there the statute is (iii)_____ species.

Blank (i)

A) addresses
B) excludes
C) redefines

Blank (ii)

D) incidental to
E) independent of
F) at odds with

Blank (iii)

G) fixated on
H) ambivalent about
I) requisite for

100. Belief in the harmful effects of the drug has all the hallmarks of a viewpoint that is not (i)_____, even though the notion that the drug has negative consequences has been (ii)_____ multiple epidemiological studies over the past decade. Yet the



true believers have (iii)_____critiquing each new study that challenges their views and continuing to lean on supporting research that was retracted long ago.

Blank (i)

A) amenable to refutation
B) driven by self-interest
C) capable of propagation

Blank (ii)

D) refined by
E) cited by
F) upended by

Blank (iii)

G) persisted
H) splintered
I) capitulated

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

Blank (i)

A) an obvious
B) a significant
C) a controversial

Blank (ii)

D) followed
E) preceded
F) entailed

Blank (iii)

G) evident to
H) overlooked by
I) revolutionary for

102. From having been (i)_____subject before the 1970s, the neuroscientific study of consciousness has grown into (ii)_____engaging scientists all over the world. Every level of consciousness is now being fruitfully investigated, from the most (iii) perceptual mechanism, which are common to many animals besides ourselves, to the higher reaches of memory imagery, and self-reflective consciousness.

Blank (i)

A) a venerated
B) a commonplace
C) an unexamined

Blank (ii)

D) an insuperable challenge
E) an essential consideration
F) a controversial focus

Blank (iii)

G) mysterious
H) fundamental
I) sophisticated

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

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)



A) legitimize	D) longer-term	G) requirement
B) augment	E) acute	H) surplus
C) disgorge	F) qualitative	I) facet

104. The Confucian traditions of Korea, which prioritize collectivity over self, help explain why Korean actors were so (i)_____ the (ii)_____ ethos of Suzuki Tadashi's theater company an ethos that more (iii)_____ actors unused to mutualism and fellowship quite often rejected.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) hesitant to endorse	D) abstemious	G) conscientious
B) quick to embrace	E) communal	H) individualistic
C) surprised to encounter	F) contemplative	I) eclectic

105. Eventually, the framed painting looked as Easton had hoped it would, the frame offering a subtle rebuke to some of the more ostentatious baroque confections on display. Easton believed that it was more (i)_____ than any other frame in the exhibition, despite its (ii)_____ quality. That apparent simplicity, however, was so much more difficult to realize than something more obviously (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) nondescript	D) unassuming	G) sumptuous
B) ornate	E) inexpensive	H) fashionable
C) striking	F) representative	I) outmoded

106. It would be easy to (i)_____ Dahl's fine little book on democracy-barely 200 pages long, yet sketching the meaning of democracy, the history of democracy, the forms of democracy, and the prospects for democracy-on the grounds that it failed to go into this or that in the detail required. But such a response would be misguided. (ii)_____ and (iii)_____ are the whole point of such a book.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) compress	D) Accuracy	G) controversy
B) overrate	E) Brevity	H) subtlety
C) criticize	F) Authenticity	I) sweep



107. The (i)_____in some portions of Sanskrit accounts of their authors activities at India's seventeenth century Mughal court make our knowledge of those activities (ii)_____in some of its particulars. In general, however, these accounts present claims that are (iii)_____so it is reasonable to use the accounts to construct an overarching social history of these authors court lives.

Blank (i)

A) obvious exaggerations
B) careful explications
C) anodyne enumerations

Blank (ii)

D) detailed
E) unremarkable
F) tentative

Blank (iii)

G) credible
H) interesting
I) novel

108. Many owners of small farms in the United States are (i)_____the practice of using animal labor to help with farming, but even their most ardent supporters (ii)_____that draft animals are likely to remain (iii)_____the rural landscape. For one thing, draft animals are time-intensive performing well only when they are worked every day, and becoming temperamental when neglected.

Blank (i)

A) abandoning
B) reviving
C) supplementing

Blank (ii)

D) doubt
E) hope
F) concede

Blank (iii)

G) active players in
H) attractive elements of
I) minor features of

109. Governments tend to be (i)_____the Internet. Most are truly (ii)_____its phenomenal growth and the opportunities it offers to both business and education. They also sense that any country attempting to hold it back risks looking foolish and technophobic. (iii)_____, they find the Internet's libertarian culture and contempt for national borders subversive and frankly terrifying.

Blank (i)

A) ambivalent about
B) overly optimistic about
C) indifferent to

Blank (ii)

D) unaware of
E) anxious about
F) excited by

Blank (iii)

G) Moreover
H) At the same time
I) Consequently



110. The (i)_____ of rocks at a South Carolina archaeological site is consistent with the hypothesis that the region's native people taught stone-tool-making skills there. Learning to break rocks to create a useful edged tool (ii)_____; therefore, people who relied on the natural world for provisions would probably not use rocks for education in places where rocks were (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) porousness
B) homogeneity
C) abundance

Blank (ii)

D) depletes raw materials
E) precludes other activities
F) requires considerable skill

Blank (iii)

G) scant
H) heavy
I) eroded

111. Models of the interior evolution of Venus suggest that the planet (i)_____ periods of relative (ii)_____ and periods of instability and rapid surface overturn. In other words, Venus may “freak out” occasionally getting rid of its internal heat in great planet wide (iii)_____ of activity, rather than in the steadier cycling of lithospheric plates that occurs on Earth.

Blank (i)

A) stabilizes during
B) oscillates between
C) revolves around

Blank (ii)

D) congruity
E) disruption
F) quiescence

Blank (iii)

G) absences
H) paroxysms
I) patterns

112. The theater presented directors and designers with a remarkably (i)_____ space, since the placement of the stage and of the audience could be (ii)_____ the needs of the production. And though audiences were sometimes unsettled when they found themselves thrust into the midst of the action on balance they saw this as adding to the (iii)_____ of the performance.

Blank (i)

A) plastic
B) compact
C) recalcitrant

Blank (ii)

D) irrelevant to
E) preferred over
F) dictated by

Blank (iii)

G) deficiencies
H) remoteness
I) excitement

113. Exotic technologies originally developed for military and space applications are sometimes (i)_____ the development of new medical devices. However, advances in medical technology might well occur (ii)_____ such expensive



antecedents: for a fresh idea a personal computer and some simple circuitry may be (iii)_____ to start the next revolution in medical care.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) impediments to	D) without recourse to	G) sufficient
B) by-products of	E) despite interference from	H) available
C) redeployed for	F) via reliance on	I) required

114. Some chemists argue that although molecular motors are (i)_____, they are (ii) by themselves: nevertheless, the chemical principles behind them might be (iii)_____: using the same light-activated mechanism that drives certain molecular motors, researchers have developed around 100 drug-like compounds that can be switched on or off in response to light.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) intricate	D) promising	G) well established
B) untested	E) straightforward	H) highly valuable
C) appealing	F) useless	I) imperfectly understood

115. One reason contemporary ecological research focuses on competition is that nature is portrayed poorly whenever (i)_____ is implied. Back in 1930, ecologist Charles Elton rightly (ii)_____ the notion of a balance of nature, and except for some who flirt unwisely with visions of some unifying Nature spirit very few biologists since then have (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) harmony	D) dismissed	G) risen to its defense
B) diversity	E) broached	H) followed Elton's lead
C) conflict	F) defended	I) paid much attention

116. In 1998, observations of a (i)_____ in the growth of atmospheric methane a potent greenhouse gas suggested that many of the scenarios for global warming provided in a 1995 assessment may have been overly (ii)_____. Celebration was, however, premature: subsequent research has established that the observed phenomena were likely caused by (iii)_____ declines in industrial and natural emissions.

Blank (i)

A) spike
B) slowdown
C) fluctuation

Blank (ii)

D) gloomy
E) detailed
F) ambitious

Blank (iii)

G) massive
H) persistent
I) temporary

117. Films that hew to genre conventions are not necessarily (i)____: some of the best movies ever made are (ii)____ westerns, detective stories, melodramas, and marriage comedies, and (iii)____ conventions is not in itself a virtue. But nonetheless it can be thrilling to see something that feels new, risky, unusual, or even confounding.

Blank (i)

A) blockbusters
B) masterpieces
C) failures

Blank (ii)

D) innovative
E) orthodox
F) ponderous

Blank (iii)

G) delineating
H) championing
I) flouting

118. Unlike news reports, theater isn't expected to stick to the facts. Built on a sandy foundation of make-believe and (i)____, the form, by nature, traffics in (ii)____. Good documentary drama exploits its inherent paradox: creating artifice from verbatim texts, it uncovers truths by playing on the tension between what's real and what's (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) zeal
B) pretense
C) optimism

Blank (ii)

D) illusion
E) controversy
F) platitudes

Blank (iii)

G) remarkable
H) invented
I) predictable

119. The enthusiasm that many English artists and writers felt regarding the Labour Party (i)____ amid complaints that arts funding remained as (ii)____ under Labour as it had been under the Tory Party. And even though the government recently announced a significant funding boost for the Arts Council some arts leaders still refuse to (iii)____ Labour.

Blank (i)

A) intensified

Blank (ii)

D) far-reaching

Blank (iii)

G) trust



B) resurfaced	E) parsimonious	H) condemn
C) waned	F) staggering	I) ignore

120. The good news is that even though the new program sounds quite (i)____, it is not technologically (ii)____. The transformation will take decades, even generations to complete, but industrial experts affirm that it is achievable. Starting promptly on this historic commitment will (iii)____, or at least mitigate, the larger catastrophes ahead.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) banal	D) feasible	G) precipitate
B) overwhelming	E) complex	H) obscure
C) straightforward	F) dreary	I) prevent

121. The intense interest in probing the Martian soil for water is no mere (i)____preoccupation. Beyond solving the mystery of where Mars's surface water went, scientists are simply being (ii)____. Human exploration or even settlement of Mars is being considered as a real possibility and it certainly will not be cost-effective to (iii)____water.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) long-term	D) pragmatic	G) bring along huge amounts of
B) practical	E) careless	H) have no indigenous resources other than
C) geologic	F) objective	I) extract sufficient water from the surface soil

122. Advocates of conservative political views often argue that progressives are (i)____the mainstream, but on this issue it was (ii)____conservatives who were the insulated world of their own think tanks. Having touted the proposals among themselves for years, conservatives did not appreciate how (iii)____the idea would seem to most people.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) oblivious to	D) unfettered by	G) palatable
B) deferential to	E) mired in	H) foreign
C) synonymous with	F) estranged from	I) exhilarating

123. One strategy lawyers use to undermine unfavorable scientific or expert testimony is to present conflicting testimony even when the basis for that testimony is (i)_____. The goal in such testimony is to make claims that have (ii)_____ even if the science (or supposed science) underlying those claims must rightly be considered (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) unacknowledged
B) axiomatic
C) tenuous

Blank (ii)

D) somewhat controversial origins
E) many possible interpretations
F) some appearance of credibility

Blank (iii)

G) salient
H) dubious
I) incontrovertible

124. History is about recognizing continuities and therefore the historian must (i)_____ stories that rope together the disparate worlds of past and present. But it is also true that honest history arises from a sense of (ii)_____. It is the experience of discontinuity that alerts us to the (iii)_____ of the past and sets us looking for narratives to capture that unfamiliar entity.

Blank (i)

A) weave
B) shun
C) untangle

Blank (ii)

D) interruptedness
E) powerlessness
F) imperiousness

Blank (iii)

G) inexorableness
H) strangeness
I) lucidity

125. To comprehend the Continental Army of the American Revolutionary War in more (i)_____ terms Holly A. Mayer would have the general reader (ii)_____ a functioning community consisting not just of rank-and-file soldiers and officers but a whole variety of (iii)_____ noncombatants as well, such as the wives and children of enlistees.

Blank (i)

A) holistic
B) minute
C) conservative

Blank (ii)

D) anticipate
E) envision
F) create

Blank (iii)

G) detached
H) attendant
I) superior

IV. 句子等价题

1. Scholars of the Civil Rights movement have often characterized it as springing from social, political, and economic structures_____the South, thus overlooking the tradition of civil rights activism in other regions of the country.

A. originating in
B. imposed on
C. perpetuated by
D. unique to
E. characteristic of
F. detrimental to

2. The concept of increasing complexity of organisms has_____history among evolutionary biologists, and yet many lay people 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

3. Although streams of solar particles cause beautiful auroras-the northern and southern lights- sometimes their consequences are less_____: their electromagnetic effects, for instance, can overload power grids and damage orbiting satellites.

A. spectacular
B. significant
C. benign
D. consequential
E. innocuous
F. palpable

4. The team of physicists regarded the data as too_____not to study with fresh eyes and first questions.
- A. anomalous
 - B. singular
 - C. implausible
 - D. incidental
 - E. confounding
 - F. ancillary
5. In this otherwise_____study, the internal tensions resulting from the increasing integration of the United States with the world economy are simply mentioned rather than analyzed.
- A. tedious
 - B. thorough
 - C. biased
 - D. exhaustive
 - E. superficial
 - F. shallow
6. 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 Rome.
- A. openness
 - B. indifference
 - C. hostility
 - D. animus
 - E. bias
 - F. orientation
7. 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. questionable
 - C. sound

- D. prominent
E. unassailable
F. unverifiable
8. Critics of compost production often do not fully consider the potential environmental benefits of compost use—benefits that might_____the energy consumption, gaseous emissions, and other negative environmental effects attributable to compost production.
- A. trigger
B. offset
C. intensify
D. exacerbate
E. eliminate
F. counterbalance
9. Until the late 1990s, the company had a strict policy_____personal phone calls during working hours.
- A. proscribing
B. condoning
C. indulging
D. admitting
E. enjoining
F. divulging
10. The_____of criteria for determining what is meant by “balance” and whether it is beneficial makes it difficult to evaluate claims that probiotics promote a healthy balance of microorganisms in the body.
- A. diversity
B. vagueness
C. stringency
D. paucity
E. dearth
F. rigor

11. In a production process that is complex and often unpredictable, roles that start out discretely defined may become quite____.
- A. unambiguous
B. untenable
C. fluid
D. mutable
E. explicit
F. perfunctory
12. When deciding from whom to learn, children are surprisingly____; by early preschool, they rely on multiple cues when determining informant credibility, such as prior accuracy in a particular domain, benevolence, and social group status.
- A. indifferent
B. arbitrary
C. selective
D. stubborn
E. efficient
F. discerning
13. Meteorology is one of the few fields of applied science that demands prediction; since prediction involves considerable uncertainty and uncertainty is____scientists, meteorology will continue to exist in a fraught intellectual space.
- A. mysterious to
B. anathema to
C. discredited by
D. pivotal for
E. repellent to
F. familiar to
14. The book brings together many valuable reports on conservation projects, but with less variety than might have been wished: nearly half the contributors are from the same state and consequently, the case studies are similarly____geographically.
- A. polarized

- B. classified
C. targeted
D. circumscribed
E. organized
F. restricted
15. Faced with so much conflicting information on the internet, many people come to believe that all sources are so_____that efforts to discriminate between the true and the false are inevitably futile.
- A. slanted
B. imprecise
C. splenetic
D. tendentious
E. surreptitious
F. acrimonious
16. Because the country's media are now operating freely and the electoral authorities have been changed, there should be no repeat of the_____of last year's election, when media coverage and vote counts were manipulated by the intelligence agency.
- A. chicanery
B. blundering
C. ingenuousness
D. naivete
E. vindictiveness
F. subterfuge
17. Responsibility for the nation's decline rests squarely with a people who take for granted their claims to preeminence but do not_____interest in or commitment to actually maintaining it.
- A. foresee
B. rebuff
C. evince
D. reject
E. predict
F. betray

18. Software makers typically write licensing agreements disclaiming responsibility for any negative consequences of using their products, but as computers become integrated into everything from cars to medical devices, that stance will become_____.
- A. ambiguous
 - B. untenable
 - C. disfavored
 - D. indefensible
 - E. unwarranted
 - F. gratuitous
19. This novel is not great literature: there are too many characters, too many subplots, and no clearly defined protagonist making for_____story.
- A. a banal
 - B. a diffuse
 - C. a mawkish
 - D. an innocuous
 - E. an amorphous
 - F. a hackneyed
20. Even though some governments are now expressing alarm over their nations_____birth rates, the planetary threat of human overpopulation has not ceased to concern many scientists and environmentalists.
- A. fluctuating
 - B. incommensurate
 - C. burgeoning
 - D. flagging
 - E. thriving
 - F. languishing
21. Whether the film is_____adaptation of the legend is debatable : the author of the screenplay claims that it was based on the original tale, but admits taking some interpretive license with the story.

- A. an inspired
- B. a rigorous
- C. an unsentimental
- D. a successful
- E. a sober
- F. a faithful

22. It is an ironic reversal that just those politicians who most vociferously lambasted the distorting complexities of the country's tax system are now the ones_____an agreement that worsens the mess.

- A. espousing
- B. discounting
- C. eschewing
- D. championing
- E. negotiating
- F. ignoring

23. 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

24. While the coauthors of the new guide to the American artistic experience have received accolades for their wide-ranging work, they do not_____that the publication is exhaustive in content.

- A. hope
- B. care
- C. assert



- D. insist
- E. doubt
- F. question

25. 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. unimportant
- B. beneficial
- C. preventive
- D. prophylactic
- E. insignificant
- F. redundant

26. Well organized and researched and including all significant discoveries of medical scientists, the History of Western Medicines has been justly called_____.

- A. encyclopedic
- B. long-winded
- C. exhaustive
- D. rambling
- E. overbearing
- F. indiscriminating

27. Before 1917, the Russian workforce had been one of the most politically active and vociferous in the world; under Soviets this_____disappeared.

- A. skepticism
- B. bravado
- C. diffidence
- D. truculence
- E. belligerence
- F. incredibility



28. Indian physicist Meghnad Saha is an example of_____: facing discrimination because of his humble background, he went on to establish the journal Science and Culture to disseminate scientific knowledge without regard for class hierarchies.
- A. originality
 - B. serendipity
 - C. equanimity
 - D. precocity
 - E. tenacity
 - F. doggedness
29. As the global climate warms, some deserts, expanding to higher latitudes, are beginning to_____fertile regions.
- A. augment
 - B. endanger
 - C. destroy
 - D. displace
 - E. supplant
 - F. enrich
30. Conditions at the training camp for runners were_____; few of the runners had proper shoes or a training kit.
- A. unpleasant
 - B. tedious
 - C. spartan
 - D. austere
 - E. rigorous
 - F. monotonous
31. Although some literary scholars may express disdain for works meant for popular audiences, only the most_____proponent of so-called great literature could dismiss the works in a recent anthology of African science fiction as formulaic pulp.
- A. radical
 - B. pedantic
 - C. oblivious

- D. hidebound
- E. illiberal
- F. charitable

32. There's _____ throughout the Broadway adaptation of *The Color Purple* that while hardly true to the harrowing bleakness of the early chapters of Alice Walker's novel, does bring to mind the enjoyably hoke cinematic lavishness of the film version.

- A. a starkness
- B. a splendor
- C. an austerity
- D. a sumptuousness
- E. a frivolousness
- F. a gravity

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

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

34. A single, cheap tablet combining an array of drugs that protect against heart disease was _____ years ago, but pharmaceutical companies were reluctant to undertake the project because it failed to provide sufficient financial incentive.

- A. banned
- B. broached
- C. proscribed
- D. proposed
- E. authorized
- F. developed



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

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

36. 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

37. Church, Nussbaum, Waldman, and Wills have written very different books- Nussbaum and Wills range both farther and deeper-but each 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

38. While lunar geology may appear to be a relatively_____area of planetary science, it is important to realize that the Moon's surface and interior retain records that shed light on the histories of all terrestrial planets.

- A. parochial



- B. insignificant
- C. narrow
- D. new
- E. straightforward
- F. novel

39. 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

40. Scientists reported last month on a sign of relative solar_____: the solar wind, a rush of charged particles continually spewed from the Sun at a million miles an hour, had diminished to its lowest level in 50 years.

- A. quiescence
- B. turbulence
- C. isolation
- D. calm
- E. remoteness
- F. instability

41. Because there has been such a_____of information about Jorge Luis Borges' personal life, it is easy to understand the eager excitement generated by Borges, a selection from the diaries of his closest friend.

- A. stream
- B. glut
- C. paucity
- D. dearth
- E. surfeit



F. tangle

42. For parents, the pleasure of letting children choose which book to read aloud together is not always_____. I well remember 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

43. 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

44. Despite the_____of medical information available through e-mail, the Internet, and mobile devices, not many patients are taking advantage of the potential of electronic communications for health-related needs.

- A. wealth
- B. complexity
- C. intricacy
- D. profusion
- E. resurgence
- F. overload



45. Unsurprisingly, the novelist's new work has not been without its critics, drawing particular attention from those who have_____the vapidness of other novels of the same genre in a number of acerbic reviews.

- A. reprehended
- B. questioned
- C. ignored
- D. overlooked
- E. decried
- F. relished

46. The twentieth-century Chinese painter Fu Baoshi was an impassioned advocate of ink-and-brush painting, a form that was often dismissed by his contemporaries as_____, a relic of the old imperialist elite.

- A. fusty
- B. conventional
- C. constricted
- D. retrograde
- E. effete
- F. sentimental

47. Most farmers alternate corn and soybean crops in their fields rather than periodically leaving fields unplanted, as was once customary, but such cropping can deplete the organic content of the soil.

- A. strenuous
- B. consistent
- C. continuous
- D. unremitting
- E. haphazard
- F. slipshod

48. Some zoo animals-cheetahs, pandas, and black rhinos, for instance-are reluctant to breed in captivity, while others are too_____, creating a problem for zoos when there is no more room in the cage.

- A. fertile



- B. wild
- C. fecund
- D. untamed
- E. docile
- F. precocious

49. The landmasses that form our continents are notably_____: they are plates of rocks continuously shifting around within the Earth's crust, in movements that are not just horizontal but also vertical.

- A. coordinated
- B. dispersed
- C. itinerant
- D. ancient
- E. peripatetic
- F. scattered

50. Contrary to certain recent analyses that paint a dire portrait of soil loss from farmland, a new study of surveying data reaching back to the 1930s shows that erosion rates have been steadily_____.

- A. intensifying
- B. waning
- C. accelerating
- D. worsening
- E. declining
- F. deteriorating

51. Many types of rocks contain small voids that_____vibrations: the greater the proportions of a rock's volume that is void, the faster the deterioration of the vibrations that travel through it.

- A. amplify
- B. dampen
- C. generate
- D. impede
- E. produce
- F. conceal



52. Since it is an incredible challenge to detect dark matter directly, scientists have_____its existence from its gravitational effects on shaping galaxies and other large-scale structures.
- A. isolated
 - B. confirmed
 - C. inferred
 - D. surmised
 - E. documented
 - F. hypothesized
53. In a time when so much new concert music failed to speak to listeners, the composer's symphonies expressed with_____wit and scorching emotional power the tragic history he lived through.
- A. torpid
 - B. insouciant
 - C. patronizing
 - D. caustic
 - E. phlegmatic
 - F. stinging
54. Looking back on the project that they had approached with both great trepidation and considerable_____, they were amused to recognize that neither the fears nor the hopes had been at all realistic.
- A. unease
 - B. anxiety
 - C. preparation
 - D. fortitude
 - E. anticipation
 - F. hopefulness
55. Cunliffe is intellectually indebted to the Annales school of French economic and social historians which emphasized largely static environmental influences and long-term historical continuity and regarded political events mainly as_____.

- A. breakthrough
- B. advances
- C. disasters
- D. trivia
- E. conundrums
- F. ephemera

56. For decades, Pluto seemed to be a mysteriously_____planet: it was first thought to be about as large as Earth, but subsequently, measurements made it smaller and smaller.

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

57. Laboratory experiments testing whether memories can be purposely erased or implanted seem decidedly_____compared to the sensational depictions of memory manipulation in movies, but such research has nevertheless yielded dramatic results.

- A. sinister
- B. outdated
- C. ominous
- D. prosaic
- E. frivolous
- F. pedestrian

58. In literature, thrillers thrive on heroes and villains, and usually the characterization is not very_____: writers don't want to confuse or slow the plot.

- A. nuanced
- B. trite
- C. realistic



- D. monotonous
- E. banal
- F. subtle

59. The airline might receive fewer complaints if it got passengers to their destinations on time in the past few years, only one airline has been more_____.

- A. unprofitable
- B. aggressive
- C. remiss
- D. dilatory
- E. impeccable
- F. assiduous

60. The painter Fu Baoshi lived and worked through a tumultuous period in Chinese history,_____by exceptional talent and a steely dedication to his art.

- A. galvanized
- B. buoyed
- C. redeemed
- D. marked
- E. sustained
- F. scarred

61. Because the political situation seriously impeded international communication, French scientific research was at that time uncharacteristically_____.

- A. biased
- B. insular
- C. competitive
- D. misleading
- E. deceptive
- F. parochial

62. Although Wanda Coleman's sonnets sometimes employ_____word choices, they aptly bring to the fore a distinctly modern anxiety.



- A. ambiguous
- B. archaic
- C. puzzling
- D. surprising
- E. fusty
- F. disturbing

63. This book indulges in a number of convenient_____, including its dubious timeline and its veneer of collective authorship.

- A. fictions
- B. contradictions
- C. analyses
- D. reminiscences
- E. refutations
- F. inventions

64. 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

65. Though it lacked_____demeanor, Guatemala City was nonetheless a compelling place to be in 1954.

- A. an engaging
- B. a winning
- C. a sophisticated
- D. a detached
- E. a workaday
- F. a quotidian



66. Beauford Delaney's dynamic depictions of Harlem and Greenwich Village dating from 1929 to 1953, _____ the energy of the city, while the equally captivating abstract compositions from his Paris years of 1953 to 1979 demonstrate his sustained explorations of color.
- A. authenticate
 - B. convey
 - C. elicit
 - D. impart
 - E. stifle
 - F. suppress
67. Despite growing evidence of a positive association between consumption of whole grains and long term health, a research gap exists between observational studies and the elucidation of the mechanisms involved, mechanisms that in some cases are still quite _____.
- A. ineffective
 - B. speculative
 - C. unproductive
 - D. obscure
 - E. unsubstantiated
 - F. controversial
68. Studies of almanacs written in the United States in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries have not been particularly _____: only recently have scholars begun to use almanacs in more insightful ways to analyze scientific beliefs, politics, and ideology.
- A. meticulous
 - B. penetrating
 - C. acute
 - D. lucid
 - E. engrossing
 - F. reliable

69. With poetry seemingly forever composing its own_____, and the novel apparently writing its last chapter, science fiction writers are now similarly concerned that they face a future in which their writing could, ironically, be a thing of the past.
- A. saga
 - B. chronicle
 - C. critique
 - D. inaugural
 - E. elegy
 - F. requiem
70. Aboriginal people of Victoria, Australia, neither rejected Western material culture nor demonstrated an obsession with it; in fact, Western artifacts such as pipes and handkerchiefs were appreciated for their symbolic rather than their_____value.
- A. utilitarian
 - B. intrinsic
 - C. communicative
 - D. aesthetic
 - E. pragmatic
 - F. theoretical
71. Year after year, officials offer apparently_____promises, so as to muster public support for ambitious engineering projects, but reality arrives years later in the form of outlandish expenditures and systems that fail to perform as promised.
- A. comprehensive
 - B. exemplary
 - C. sensible
 - D. level-headed
 - E. dubious
 - F. questionable
72. Hugh Trevor-Roper's series of essays on the Puritan Revolution are considered to be the_____of the genre: though these have exerted a welcome influence on the work of many subsequent historians, their quality has never been equaled.
- A. embodiment

- B. apogee
- C. forerunner
- D. acme
- E. precursor
- F. paradigm

73. Some historians have_____the disjunction between the decades preceding and the ones following the political coup,ignoring the fact that the coup fell in the middle of a twenty-year period of considerable social and economic continuity.

- A. overstated
- B. exaggerated
- C. questioned
- D. misjudged
- E. misinterpreted
- F. overlooked

74. The country had become an economic powerhouse: it not only produced and exported vast quantities of agricultural products and raw materials but also was thoroughly_____in both its manufacturing potential and its technological abilities.

- A. sustainable
- B. modern
- C. antiquated
- D. advanced
- E. integrated
- F. outdated

75. 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. analytically
- E. evocatively



F. blithely

76. As a publisher and a businessman, Guillaume Rouillé was_____he included a full set of portraits of the Ottoman sultans in his encyclopedia to cater to the public thirst for information concerning the expanding empire of the Turks.

- A. capricious
- B. canny
- C. circumspect
- D. cosmopolitan
- E. erratic
- F. shrewd

77. In the Old Southwest, only writers who showed exceptional_____were likely to become widely known, because the region's weak infrastructure inhibited the development of publishing beyond local newspapers that served small towns.

- A. prescience
- B. foresightedness
- C. optimism
- D. resolve
- E. patience
- F. determination

78. The scientific study of laughter faces a frustrating paradox: ideal experiments take place in rigidly controlled environments with all but the most salient variables eliminated, but such sterile settings are often_____laughter.

- A. inimical to
- B. devoid of
- C. subverted by
- D. adverse to
- E. replete with
- F. rife with

79. 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
80. Historically, the depletion of soil's nitrogen has been one of the most___problems faced by farmers: an essential nutrient, nitrogen is quickly leached from soil and farmers have struggled to find ways to replenish it.
- A. capricious
 - B. ubiquitous
 - C. worrisome
 - D. stubborn
 - E. intractable
 - F. unpredictable
81. Even though Our Lady of the Forest achieves clinical evenhandedness in depicting the most depressing members of a small logging town, the novel lacks a single likeable character and too often runs aground on_____writing.
- A. stilted
 - B. caustic
 - C. precise
 - D. wooden
 - E. exact
 - F. convoluted
82. There are several strange_____in the book India; for instance, though subtitled An Intimate Biography of 1.2 Billion People, it finds no place for the nearly 800 million Indians who depend on agriculture for a living.

- A. elisions
- B. omissions
- C. censures
- D. critiques
- E. biases
- F. digressions

83. Those who initially recorded American Indian oral stories often_____them when they wrote them down; the subsequent publishers of American Indian stories, therefore, are not the first to affect the meaning of the text.

- A. modified
- B. preserved
- C. misconstrued
- D. circulated
- E. adapted
- F. promulgated

84. 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 Earth-like 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

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

- A. minimal
- B. trifling
- C. marked
- D. conspicuous



- E. intriguing
- F. deleterious

86. For literary critics and book reviewers, the notion of critical authority has become in an age of quick, teeming Internet response, where all the old critical standards and parameters are in the process of being reinvented.

- A. fluid
- B. transparent
- C. obvious
- D. unstable
- E. justifiable
- F. defensible

87. Psychologists once _____ fiction as a way of understanding people because it is made up, but in the past 25 years cognitive psychologists have developed a new appreciation for the significance of fictional stories.

- A. overlooked
- B. countenanced
- C. underestimated
- D. scorned
- E. sanctioned
- F. disparaged

88. The scholars hypothesis challenges the scope of human psychological and behavioral universals, but does not dispense with them entirely: the team remains confident that displays of pride, for instance, are _____.

- A. inherited
- B. pernicious
- C. ubiquitous
- D. symptomatic
- E. detrimental
- F. omnipresent

89. 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
90. 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
91. The great jazz trumpeter John Birks Gillespie, who was saddled with the nickname “Dizzy” because of his onstage_____, was always considered a comparatively stable and reliable individual despite the nickname.
- A. antics
 - B. capers
 - C. composure
 - D. truculence
 - E. cruelty
 - F. ability
92. Believing that Dr. Robert Walter Johnson's role in the development of tennis stars as Arthur Ashe and Althea Gibson had often been_____; his family worked for the last decade to raise Johnson's profile.

- A. slighted
- B. exaggerated
- C. suppressed
- D. minimized
- E. hyperbolized
- F. misinterpreted

93. The use of retail coupons is commonly touted as a consumer benefit, discounting the price on an item; however, if the coupon relates to an item that the consumer neither needs nor wants, the discount is_____.

- A. immaterial
- B. reduced
- C. diminished
- D. offset
- E. irrelevant
- F. unnecessary

94. World music once represented the timeless and the_____, but now bands across the globe mix rock, dance music, and hip-hop with the sounds of their own cultures, creating new hybrids that are hard to resist.

- A. untranslatable
- B. superior
- C. inclusive
- D. unalloyed
- E. unrivaled
- F. unadulterated

95. Too much focus on what might have been can cause in us feelings of powerlessness and regret, but some scientists are beginning to think that imagining an alternative reality might have_____effects as well.

- A. subtle
- B. adverse
- C. restorative
- D. pleasurable



- E. unfavorable
- F. tonic

96. Although Ogino Ginko's path to becoming Japan's first female physician in 1885 the careers of doctors like Mary Edwards Walker, it is unclear whether Ginko knew about any American female physicians.

- A. presaged
- B. paralleled
- C. inspired
- D. resembled
- E. impeded
- F. exploited

97. Individuals, governments, and companies show ample ability to_____themselves by setting goals based on current conditions and then blindly following them even when those conditions change drastically.

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

98. Jamie offered to loan her classmate a pencil, on the condition that in three days he repay her with two boxes of brand-new pencils: who would have believed that such would exist among the young?

- A. largesse
- B. rapacity
- C. hedonism
- D. munificence
- E. exaction
- F. altruism



99. Evolutionary psychologists hold that mating patterns arise from individual strategies to_____one's genetic qualities, either by producing more offspring or by aiding the survival of one's relatives.
- A. ascertain
 - B. transcend
 - C. transmit
 - D. propagate
 - E. overcome
 - F. regulate
100. The coagulated latex of the gutta-percha tree, which grows wild in Sumatra, Kalimantan, and Malaya, can be formed into a natural plastic that, although inelastic under ordinary conditions, becomes_____when placed in hot water.
- A. smooth
 - B. pliable
 - C. permeable
 - D. malleable
 - E. pervious
 - F. buoyant
101. Historical forces are so numerous and their interactions so_____that extremely small variations in the strength of the forces are multiplied in the outcome; what actually happens is usually something that cannot be predicted.
- A. multifarious
 - B. malign
 - C. imperceptible
 - D. random
 - E. powerful
 - F. complex
102. The danger of isolation appears often in Anishinaabe stories but is nowhere more_____than in the Cree and Ojibwa tales about the Windigo, a terrifying ice monster that is literally a lost soul.

- A. imperative
B. striking
C. bracing
D. pronounced
E. enigmatic
F. inscrutable
103. _____ the idea that attention is a limited resource scientists have repeatedly observed that drivers using mobile phones are slower to react and more apt to miss important details than are drivers focused solely on the road.
- A. Extending
B. Bolstering
C. Obscuring
D. Buttressing
E. Eclipsing
F. Complicating
104. In a 1931 article, Duke Ellington suggested that jazz had _____ aspect: "What we could not say openly, we expressed in music, and what we know as 'jazz' is something more than just dance music."
- A. a furtive
B. an intimate
C. a familiar
D. an intellectual
E. a covert
F. a subversive
105. As astronomers do not yet have a good understanding of the fundamental nature of dark matter, it should not be a surprise that astronomy students' ideas about dark matter are, at best _____.
- A. superficial
B. sketchy
C. inconsistent
D. mistaken
E. outdated

F. far-fetched

106. Though the art of writing was well established in Egypt and Mesopotamia long before the Shang period, the Chinese writing that appeared then seems to have been an entirely_____development.

A. unique

B. banal

C. homegrown

D. practical

E. routine

F. indigenous

107. A fixed definition of the Arctic Circle is_____: the circle is not unchanging but varies over 20 during 40,000-year cycles caused by wobbles in the angle of the Earth's axis.

A. misleading

B. feasible

C. essential

D. possible

E. illusory

F. indispensable

108. Artists such as Jimi Jones reveal how_____art categories really are: Jones successfully uses materials relatively foreign to the hegemonic concept of fine art while working in a style commonly associated with high culture.

A. fragmented

B. contrived

C. pervious

D. prescriptive

E. conventional

F. artificial



109. While many publications offered rather_____reviews of Ellen Semple's Influences of Geographic Environment, the Sun presented a more thoughtful and considered response to the book.
- A. guarded
 - B. unhelpful
 - C. cautious
 - D. perfunctory
 - E. superficial
 - F. negative
110. The geometry student struggled with the request to demonstrate the proposition, feeling that, since opposite angles were self-evidently equal there was no need for a proof.
- A. patent
 - B. nebulous
 - C. arcane
 - D. manifest
 - E. illogical
 - F. plausible
111. Flawed as it may be because it is conducted by subjective scientists science itself has methods that help us_____our biases and talk about objective reality with some validity.
- A. bypass
 - B. reduce
 - C. exacerbate
 - D. magnify
 - E. acknowledge
 - F. circumvent
112. Some social insects, such as bees and ants, are celebrated for their industriousness and engineering feats, 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

113. China has a long tradition of_____the written word; whereas in Renaissance Europe, painting, sculpture, and architecture were viewed as the apex of artistic achievement, in China calligraphy was the preeminent art form.

- A. embellishing
- B. venerating
- C. preserving
- D. studying
- E. commodifying
- F. exalting

114. A key characteristic in the author's presentation of his character's dreary life is_____: paragraphs are short, sentences are laconic, patterns of repetition and circularity are evoked by means of symbolic shorthand.

- A. redundancy
- B. economy
- C. hyperbole
- D. concision
- E. exaggeration
- F. restraint

115. The series of documentaries certainly does seem to promote the country's recent diplomatic initiatives: in fact some of the films appear to be_____those initiatives.

- A. tributes to
- B. references to
- C. encomiums to



- D. arguments against
E. denunciations of
F. indictments of
116. 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. sippary
B. elusive
C. fruitless
D. deceptive
E. futile
F. compelling
117. Despite a reputation, once richly deserved, for_____in adopting new technologies, most big carmakers are pouring resources both into battery power and other alternative forms of propulsion, and into automated driving.
- A. indolence
B. stoicism
C. sloth
D. patience
E. dispassion
F. misjudgment
118. Although the philosopher frequently dealt with_____theoretical topics, she was capable of writing in a style that was comprehensible to a general audience.
- A. ponderous
B. abstruse
C. compelling
D. intriguing
E. recondite
F. sophisticated

119. Personal computers have become so _____ that the use of digital evidence collected from them is now a common part of many criminal and civil investigations.
- A. ubiquitous
 - B. sophisticated
 - C. affordable
 - D. convenient
 - E. elaborate
 - F. omnipresent
120. Pop music continually recycles itself, building new hits around familiar themes, and successful new acts often do not bother to disguise their _____.
- A. appropriations
 - B. innovations
 - C. influence
 - D. pilferage
 - E. originality
 - F. complicity
121. In a newly formed group of people, the hierarchy that emerges may be entirely _____, but group members will nevertheless tend to construct after-the-fact rationalization for why those in charge should be in charge.
- A. predictable
 - B. haphazard
 - C. abstract
 - D. arbitrary
 - E. dysfunctional
 - F. theoretical
122. Despite a dog's talent for detecting those high-pitched whistles that are inaudible to us, a dog's ability to locate sounds is _____ compared with ours.
- A. imprecise
 - B. innate
 - C. impractical

- D. inherent
- E. inexact
- F. impaired

123. Planetary systems are_____, with the orbits of even the largest planets able to evolve and migrate, especially in the early period when interaction between forming planets and the protoplanetary disc is strong.

- A. stable
- B. dynamic
- C. predictable
- D. idiosyncratic
- E. mutable
- F. enigmatic

124. Despite the rather_____conditions required for its preservation, the evidence for glaciation during the late Proterozoic is found on every continent suggesting that ice sheets were present throughout the globe.

- A. unusual
- B. hostile
- C. drastic
- D. stringent
- E. exacting
- F. complex

125. Although collisions between the largest planetesimals in the asteroid belt are_____, they can release large amounts of debris when they occur.

- A. risky
- B. exceptional
- C. irregular
- D. violent
- E. rare
- F. powerful





第二部分: 综合训练

Section 01

1. The_____of the Internet has a price: because the Internet was designed to suit a wide variety of applications, the service it delivers is almost certainly not optimal for any particular application.

A) immediacy

B) generality

C) complexity

D) ubiquity

E) interactivity

2. The depletion of soil and trees in southern West Virginia has resulted in frequent flash floods, since when the mountain slopes are_____, storms cause torrents of water to pour down them unimpeded.

A) riven

B) fecund

C) denuded

D) withered

E) mutable

3. Because human emotions are behavioral complexes, they presumably took a very long time to develop. Therefore, a complete lack of any (i)_____human emotions in ancestral species is (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) alternatives to

Blank (ii)

D) unquestionable



B) antecedents of	E) reassuring
C) understanding of	F) improbable

4. Among the leaders of the revolution, Jensen has the least interesting life story, perhaps because her commitment to the cause was by far the greatest: (i)____is almost always more (ii)____than certainty.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A) fanaticism	D) tiresome
B) reliability	E) creditable
C) ambivalence	F) intriguing

5. By using (i)____prose throughout, the contributors to this anthology have been able to make their subject seem (ii)____in the extreme-of concern only to one another.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A) luminous	D) parochial
B) esoteric	E) pragmatic
C) colloquial	F) egalitarian

6. Although the impression that quantum mechanics is limited to the microworld (i)____ the public understanding of science, it is (ii)____. Quantum effects may be harder to see in the macroworld, but experiments have now confirmed that these effects are (iii)____than anyone ever suspected.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

A) undermines	D) erroneous	G) more elusive
B) contradicts	E) compelling	H) more pervasive
C) permeates	F) unpopular	I) less counterintuitive



7. Some renewable energy technologies are quite_____: for example, hydro power from dams and rivers has been a source of power generation since the early 1900s, and today it supplies sixteen percent of electricity worldwide.
- A. inexpensive
 - B. effective
 - C. mainstream
 - D. conventional
 - E. influential
 - F. appealing
8. The bird-watchers'_____distinguishing personal interpretations from factual observations was a liability in their stated goal of obtaining objective information about the everyday behavior of ravens.
- A. zeal for
 - B. exactness in
 - C. ineptitude at
 - D. maladroitness in
 - E. indifference toward
 - F. fervor for
9. The sound of disembodied human breathing in Miyazaki's films is at once a presence, close to the listener's ear, and a ghostly absence due to its lack of a visual_____.
- A. image
 - B. counterpart
 - C. urgency
 - D. correlative
 - E. cue
 - F. background
10. Members of the union's negotiating team insisted on several changes to the company's proposal before they would support it, making it clear that they would no compromise.
- A. disclose
 - B. reject

- C. brook
- D. tolerate
- E. repudiate
- F. weigh



Section 02

1. DeLillo's writing seems strangely attenuated in the pages, stripped of its usual pop and fizz, its tactile sense of detail, and as a result the novel has _____ feel.

A) an etiolated

B) a tendentious

C) a vernal

D) a labyrinthine

E) a salacious

2. While writers on Parker often present her as an avaricious stick figure, thus making her an object of (i)_____, Nash, by contrast, gives a more (ii)_____ and sympathetic portrait of the woman.

Blank (i)

A) adulation

B) praise

C) opprobrium

Blank (ii)

D) intense

E) polemical

F) nuanced

3. There is little question that in primates there is (i)_____ between monogamous mating partnerships and extensive male care of infants. Nevertheless, that does not mean male care is (ii)_____ situations in which female's mate with more than one male studies of savanna baboons show that male care certainly can occur in nonmonogamous systems.

Blank (i)

A) an association

B) an asymmetry

C) a confusion

Blank (ii)

D) precluded by

E) contingent on

F) protracted in



4. Dupleix's success as a merchant was not (i)_____, for he also attracted (ii)_____perhaps born of resentment.

Blank (i)

A) unqualified
B) unprincipled
C) unexpected

Blank (ii)

D) opposition
E) publicity
F) investment

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

Blank (i)

A) an approximation
B) a precursor
C) the antithesis

Blank (ii)

D) concision
E) reconsideration
F) sensationalism

Blank (iii)

G) sensitivity
H) immediacy
I) formality

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

Blank (i)

A) derives from
B) works against
C) leads to

Blank (ii)

D) justifies
E) impugns
F) constitutes

Blank (iii)

G) evident
H) disputed
I) touted

7. Smil's analysis of climate change is even more_____than that supplied by most well-informed writers. and thus deserves serious consideration.



- A. nuanced
B. unoriginal
C. complex
D. derivative
E. partisan
F. compelling
8. The online discussion was consistently_____each new posting offering up yet another screed.
- A. droll
B. waggish
C. vitriolic
D. bombastic
E. acrimonious
F. scintillating
9. Some experts estimate that the recreational salmon fishery in British Columbia contributes more to the province's economy than the commercial salmon fishery does-a surprising statistic given the political_____of the commercial fishery in the province.
- A. naïveté
B. prominence
C. supremacy
D. ingenuousness
E. salience
F. resurgence
10. The auditors are relying on the failing bank to make changes that it has steadfastly resisted for years and even now does not seem_____to carry out.
- A. able
B. impatient
C. destined
D. disinclined
E. loath

F. keen



Section 03

1. According to the ancient Chinese philosopher Mozi, the world's problems stem from_____: rather than desiring what is best for the community, people care most about themselves, then their family and friends, and little about others.

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| A) delusion |
| B) hubris |
| C) concupiscence |
| D) lethargy |
| E) partiality |

2. The connection between Alan Turing's prewar mathematical ideas and the first stored-program electronic computers of the mid-1940s may be_____than assumed: Turing's reflections were never intended as blueprints for the construction of physical automatic machines.

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|-------------------|
| A) more useful |
| B) more tenuous |
| C) more logical |
| D) less one-sided |
| E) less mediated |

3. Adapted (i)_____, prairie grasses have developed roots that are primed for (ii)_____: if a plant's stem is chewed down even to near ground level, it will shoot right back up again, as if defying discouragement.

Blank (i)

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|-------------------------------|
| A) for different environments |
| B) to survive grazing |
| C) to spread rapidly |

Blank (ii)

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|-----------------|
| D) dispersal |
| E) regeneration |
| F) drought |



4. In the days before woman suffrage, Jane Addams believed that women should make their voices heard in legislation and therefore should have the right to vote, but (i)____, she thought that women should (ii)____ their aspirations and actively seek to realize them.

Blank (i)

A) more conventionally
B) more comprehensively
C) somewhat paradoxically

Blank (ii)

D) transcend
E) acknowledge
F) defer

5. Many of those who resist proposals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions cite economic analyses as proof that such measures would not be cost-effective. Though such economic arguments might sometimes be dismissed on moral or ideological grounds, we live in a world where the (i)____ of (ii)____ cannot be (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) importance
B) instability
C) selflessness

Blank (ii)

D) simple solutions
E) strong convictions
F) financial interests

Blank (iii)

G) ignored
H) defended
I) increased

6. That the ancient Greeks did not understand tides is (i)____: for the Greeks, and the Romans after them, the tidal oscillations of the Mediterranean were so (ii)____ that they were frequently (iii)_____ the effects of local winds and weather.

Blank (i)

A) incongruous
B) unsurprising
C) inexplicable

Blank (ii)

D) minimal
E) regular
F) mysterious

Blank (iii)

G) obscured by
H) compared to
I) stronger than



7. Artist Uzo Egonu's transition from a cultural agenda to a political one was less premeditated than it was_____, imposed upon him by the political turmoil, in the late 1960s. in his native Nigeria.
- A. exigent
B. calculated
C. imperative
D. adventitious
E. circumspect
F. sagacious
8. Such is the strength of randomized controlled trials that the debate among medical researchers is now centered on whether there are any situations where such a trial is_____.
- A. conclusive
B. unwarranted
C. inappropriate
D. unfeasible
E. onerous
F. definitive
9. Although diabetic or extremely large dogs need specific diets, specialist pet foods may not be_____for ordinary dogs: some veterinary nutritionists now suspect that grain-free diets promote canine heart disease.
- A. excessive
B. delectable
C. salubrious
D. superfluous
E. detrimental
F. optimal
10. The Tigris and Euphrates rivers are known for being_____: they flow with such a low gradient that they meander considerably and throw numerous side branches.
- A. similar

- B. unspoiled
- C. navigable
- D. pristine
- E. convoluted
- F. intricate



Section 04

1. The labeling of carbon tetrachloride and trichloroethylene as solvents is_____: while they are often used for degreasing, they also have a multitude of other applications.

A) critical

B) appropriate

C) inconsistent

D) erroneous

E) misleading

2. Even though the survey course was designated as interdisciplinary, it involved no real_____of subject matter.

A) distillation

B) fusion

C) explication

D) dilution

E) encapsulation

3. Gelles urges readers of Abigail Adams' letters to consider their (i)_____: in Adams' era women were denied a public persona separate from that of their husbands. That said, Gelles then (ii)_____to promote Adams from a writer of private letters to a public figure arguing that she was a significant force for change.

Blank (i)

A) value

B) context

C) style

Blank (ii)

D) strains

E) neglects

F) fails



4. The contemporary trend whereby fashion designers flout mainstream tradition is unique only in its (i)_____: earlier fashion designers experienced the same (ii)_____ impulse, albeit in a less extreme form.

Blank (i)

A) subversiveness
B) intensity
C) culpability

Blank (ii)

D) indiscriminate
E) iconoclastic
F) temperate

5. Popular belief suggests that new discoveries in science are invariably (i)_____ accepted wisdom in fact, but most often the opposite is true: old ideas not only survive but almost always (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) based upon
B) inimical to
C) saddled with

Blank (ii)

D) become otiose
E) generate controversy
F) remain seminal

6. Although legislators on both sides of the issue have repeatedly (i)_____ a desire to find a middle ground, until now their actions disclose an unwillingness to (ii)_____ any compromise. The script followed by the latest statements has therefore become a familiar one: (iii)_____ posturing of questionable sincerity accompanied by no hint of real concessions.

Blank (i)

A) claimed
B) betrayed
C) disowned

Blank (ii)

D) endanger
E) risk
F) scuttle

Blank (iii)

G) obdurate
H) cynical
I) conciliatory

7. _____ technological trends is problematic: downsizing computers from room size to pocket size is one thing, but it is quite another to go from pocket size to cellular or molecular scales.

- A. Diverting
B. Celebrating



- C. Projecting
D. Redirecting
E. Extrapolating
F. Identifying
8. 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
9. What differentiates this book from more traditional works on grammar is that it reserves its_____not for students of writing, but for teachers who harbor unduly restrictive views.
- A. mockery
B. skepticism
C. scolding
D. approbation
E. admonishment
F. commendation
10. Recent discoveries suggest that mathematical techniques developed by ancient Babylonian astronomers_____those of medieval European scholars: Babylonian trapezoid procedures can be viewed as a concrete example of graphical methods devised by fourteenth-century philosopher Nicole Oresme.
- A. surpass
B. undermine
C. discredit
D. anticipate
E. prefigure

F. inform



Section 05

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

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| A) synergy |
| B) continuity |
| C) naïveté |
| D) premise |
| E) credibility |

2. The fiftieth birthday of this much-admired musician has, predictably, given rise to various_____, including two flattering television documentaries about her life.

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| A) encomiums |
| B) diatribes |
| C) controversies |
| D) exposés |
| E) conundrums |

3. In the author's view, the idea that individuals have different learning styles, such as auditory or kinesthetic, is (i)_____; it may be highly intuitive to many, but it is simply (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

- | |
|------------------------------|
| A) a foundational assumption |
| B) an untested hypothesis |
| C) a pernicious myth |

Blank (ii)

- | |
|---------------------|
| D) erroneous |
| E) demoralizing |
| F) incontrovertible |



4. The (i)_____in local coverage of a rabies outbreak in colonial Hanoi may be startling today, but it cannot be attributed solely to the (ii)_____of the era's journalists. Rather, before the advent of modern public health systems, (iii)_____the unpleasantness of the disease and its treatment was seen as a way to ensure that the public remained vigilant against possible sources of contagion.

Blank (i)

A) reliance on polite euphemisms
B) deference to medical experts
C) degree of gruesome detail

Blank (ii)

D) sycophancy
E) squeamishness
F) sensationalism

Blank (iii)

G) underscoring
H) minimizing
I) demystifying

5. Even mild criticism of public radio news reporting seems (i)_____, because the (ii)_____such programming regularly receives is well deserved: the reporting is (iii)_____. In recent years, though, it has become clear that, for all its excellence, public radio will continue to lose viewers to its flashy but superficial rivals.

Blank (i)

A) sincere
B) churlish
C) facile

Blank (ii)

D) approbation
E) vitriol
F) skepticism

Blank (iii)

G) famously tendentious
H) increasingly meretricious
I) consistently perspicacious

6. The label "melodrama" tends to have (i)_____implications when used to describe a film with historical subject matter. Melodrama is widely perceived as antithetical to cinematic realism and thus, from a perspective that seeks (ii)_____rendering of the historical past, incapable of delivering the necessary (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) modest
B) pejorative
C) conflicting

Blank (ii)

D) an unabashedly colorful
E) a largely heroic
F) a seemingly unmediated

Blank (iii)

G) dynamism
H) enchantment
I) objectivity

7. Epidemiological studies have found that tea drinkers face a lower risk of heart attacks than do people who _____ the brew.
- A. eschew
 - B. appreciate
 - C. imbibe
 - D. forswear
 - E. quaff
 - F. ferment
8. Observing responses to environmental threats, he contrasts planet fetishizers, who imagine a suddenly _____ humanity restoring Earth to its pristine state, with planet managers, who believe in the effectiveness of technological control.
- A. headstrong
 - B. penitent
 - C. recalcitrant
 - D. contrite
 - E. timorous
 - F. energized
9. The _____ of governmental subsidies to obscure airports that are rarely used underscores the political difficulties of cutting funds from even the most unnecessary projects.
- A. paucity
 - B. effectiveness
 - C. durability
 - D. persistence
 - E. adequacy
 - F. dearth
10. The author's point is not that people should be _____ science; he is careful to point out that what science is discovering about humans, for example, is certainly important and worthy of careful consideration.
- A. skeptical toward



- B. dismissive of
- C. ignorant of
- D. zealous regarding
- E. scornful of
- F. passionate about



Section 06

1. Enlarged sensory organs in cave-dwelling organisms are not necessarily the rule: the phreatic Texas blind catfish has actually developed_____barbels, whisker-like sensory organs near the mouth that are a prominent feature of other catfish species.

A) protective

B) minute

C) intimidating

D) inordinate

E) fragile

2. It is puzzling that postmodern thinkers have won over so many followers with oracular pronouncements about the “death” or the “deconstruction” of the human subject, when the fact that we are selves, finite but real, appears_____.

A) incontrovertible

B) dubious

C) unfathomable

D) unproductive

E) unremarkable

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.

Blank (i)

A) largely parallels

B) does not reflect

C) is a consequence of

Blank (ii)

D) widespread

E) rare

F) representative



4. The company CEO's easygoing manner (i)_____his (ii)_____the job: he was in his office by dawn and hard at work till sunset.

Blank (i)

A) belied
B) amplified
C) divulged

Blank (ii)

D) intensity on
E) suitability for
F) interest in

5. The idea that arguments based on probability are deployed only by (i)_____persons is (ii)_____even among scientists. Perhaps such an evaluation has partly to do with the origins of the subject in the mathematics of gambling games, not generally regarded as pastimes for people of good character.

Blank (i)

A) exacting
B) disreputable
C) prominent

Blank (ii)

D) widespread
E) controversial
F) deplored

6. There's no sense trying to rehabilitate the reputation of the mosquito nobody loves such a creature. But it's (i)_____to (ii)_____all 2,600 described species of mosquito when it's just 80 or so-3 percent-that drink human blood. Among those 2,520 relatively (iii)_____kinds of mosquitoes there's even one we'd like to see in greater numbers: Toxorhynchites, the mosquito that eats other mosquitoes.

Blank (i)

A) rare
B) necessary
C) unfair

Blank (ii)

D) malign
E) represent
F) commend

Blank (iii)

G) blameless
H) pernicious
I) valuable

7. 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

8. Throughout human history, intelligence and consciousness have been concepts: those possessing much of the former are assumed, in some ill-defined way, to be more conscious than those less astute.

- A. disputed
- B. allied
- C. conflated
- D. loaded
- E. contested
- F. misjudged

9. On stage, jazz artist James Carter often veers dangerously close to the____: he becomes a man possessed, his tenor saxophone wailing and whimpering with a musicality so muscular it threatens to consume him.

- A. lugubrious
- B. doleful
- C. intemperate
- D. excessive
- E. idiosyncratic
- F. sublime

10. Researchers concluded that although the success of pearl millet crops in the region varied with seasonal climatic conditions, cultivation remains____because of pearl millet's predisposition to perform under stressful growing conditions, including drought.

- A. erratic
- B. advantageous



- C. inconsistent
- D. prevalent
- E. impractical
- F. expedient



Section 07

1. Despite the fact that some of the company's hiring and promotion practices have been widely_____, these practices still persist in certain divisions of the company.

A) misunderstood

B) recognized

C) proscribed

D) imitated

E) praised

2. 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) esoteric

B) jejune

C) corrosive

D) finicky

E) indiscreet

3. Observations from the Chandra X-ray Observatory give astronomers even more evidence that galaxies (i)_____, and that even their central supermassive black holes eventually (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) swell

B) coalesce

C) endure

Blank (ii)

D) merge

E) implode

F) deteriorate



4. Often, developing new methods for scientific research demands a willingness to reach across disciplinary boundaries, something that is notoriously difficult to carry out. Therefore, even though interdisciplinarity is often proclaimed to be (i)_____, there are many structural reasons why it remains (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) a laudable goal
B) an uncertain enterprise
C) a formidable undertaking

Blank (ii)

D) feasible
E) admirable
F) exceptional

5. Since scientific truths must be discovered, and since many probably most, are far from (i)_____, futile investigations are (ii)_____. Thus, the path to the truth is decidedly a (iii)_____ one.

Blank (i)

A) intuitively obvious
B) routinely acclaimed
C) potentially useful

Blank (ii)

D) inevitable
E) auspicious
F) negligible

Blank (iii)

G) sinuous
H) clandestine
I) progressive

6. The artists sought to (i)_____precisely the impulses that traditional or generally accepted thinking had (ii)_____. By cultivating instinctive, irrational awarenesses - which might come from dreams or from accepting results derived by chance or from a receptivity to taboo-they hoped to (iii)_____their audience's sense of everyday reality.

Blank (i)

A) augment
B) conceal
C) affirm

Blank (ii)

D) marginalized
E) assimilated
F) propagated

Blank (iii)

G) reflect
H) unsettle
I) undergird

7. The process known as a modal completion may seem_____to us, but it has turned out to be one of those things that is horrendously difficult to program computers to do.
- A. unambiguous
B. counterintuitive
C. transparent
D. unwieldy
E. trivial
F. awkward
8. Producers are concerned about Broadway theater's economic straits, which, even setting aside current woes, could_____difficulty raising money for future productions.
- A. presage
B. foretell
C. preclude
D. exacerbate
E. belie
F. prevent
9. Attempts to calm down the_____toddler proved futile: he fidgeted, hollered and whined during the entire three-hour plane flight.
- A. befuddled
B. recalcitrant
C. impassive
D. serene
E. morose
F. restive
10. While the politician promised that her speech would be full of fresh ideas, all she really offered was_____.
- A. elucidations
B. bromides

- C. recriminations
- D. platitudes
- E. affectations
- F. hyperboles



Section 08

1. Due largely to the_____of research on the gorilla and the orangutan, little is known about the tool-using ability of these animals.

A) lure
B) manageability
C) proliferation
D) dearth
E) accuracy

2. The researchers theorized that people in power focus so keenly on their own prerogatives that they become oblivious to those around them and that their subordinates, not wanting to provoke the boss,_____this process.

A) subvert
B) imitate
C) abet
D) expose
E) underestimate

3. The intense, pure beams of light known as lasers are now standard components of such commonplace objects as CD players and printers. The (i)_____of lasers does not mean, however, that they perform only (ii)_____tasks.

Blank (i)

A) arcane nature
B) amazing reliability
C) everyday presence

Blank (ii)

D) pedestrian
E) complex
F) pointless



4. What is especially (i)_____about the company's fiscal situation is that everybody knows the grim facts and (ii)_____the implications, but nobody is willing to take any action to improve matters.

Blank (i)

A) scary
B) unfair
C) understandable

Blank (ii)

D) misconstrues
E) ignores
F) concedes

5. In 1995 Susan Sontag wrote a sorrowful summary for the Frankfurter Rundschau of the state of the cinema which she judged to be in "ignominious, irreversible decline." Since she was (i)_____and indeed impassioned moviegoer, her essay was (ii)_____the hundred-year-old art form.

Blank (i)

A) a devoted
B) an unfocused
C) a rash

Blank (ii)

D) a pedantic commentary on
E) an ambiguous forecast about
F) an outraged lamentation for

6. The hospital is equipped with all the latest technology and treatments, but the culture of (i)_____there is (ii)_____modern hospitals. There is no (iii)_____to diagnose and treat a patient quickly, nor is there an administrator trolling through the wards checking length of stay a merciless metric used at many hospitals to push patients out the door and ensure that the institution is paid well.

Blank (i)

A) innovation
B) efficiency
C) patience

Blank (ii)

D) perfectly representative of
E) completely absent from
F) rarely found in

Blank (iii)

G) hesitation
H) disincentive
I) pressure

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. 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. Journal editors note that the peer review process has difficulty detecting_____: deliberate misinformation, if it is clever enough, might sail right through no matter how scrupulous the reviews.
- A. bias
 - B. inconsistency
 - C. fraud
 - D. negligence
 - E. duplicity
 - F. carelessness
10. When called before Congress to testify about the revocation of his passport, Paul Robeson defiantly_____his inquisitors for violating his rights.
- A. sanctioned
 - B. hounded

- C. lambasted
- D. abrogated
- E. endorsed
- F. excoriated



Section 09

1. Few studies have been published on ground-squirrel dispersal, and most of them have involved very small sample sizes; thus, most statements regarding ground-squirrel dispersal must be considered_____.

A) invaluable

B) unexceptional

C) inveterate

D) routine

E) conjectural

2. Not all Native American languages have lexical classes corresponding to those of other languages: many have no adjectival category, and some have even brought the____of nouns and verbs into question.

A) colloquialism

B) signification

C) intelligibility

D) universality

E) origins

3. In the final scene of the movie, the character exhibits an almost unbelievable_____, remaining imperturbable in the face of intense and immediate physical danger.

A) cunning

B) endurance

C) arrogance

D) sangfroid

E) percipience



4. Although it is not uncommon for journalists to portray political inexperience on the part of public officials as an (i)____, it was nevertheless surprising when members of the press treated the new senator's obvious (ii)____ as an extraordinary virtue.

Blank (i)

A) advantage
B) impediment
C) exception

Blank (ii)

D) nonchalance
E) acumen
F) naïveté

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

Blank (i)

A) superseded
B) irrelevant
C) emergent

Blank (ii)

D) discredited
E) well established
F) half-formulated

6. Unlike the definitions of words in a natural language, mathematical definitions are (i)____ rather than extracted. Thus, while the extracted definitions of natural-language words (ii)____ the current usage, mathematical definitions are created on the advice of experts and (iii)____ how a word shall be used and what it shall mean.

Blank (i)

A) stipulative
B) impenetrable
C) indispensable

Blank (ii)

D) evaluate
E) describe
F) anticipate

Blank (iii)

G) deduce
H) distinguish
I) prescribe

7. One of the reporter's central themes is that health care concerns were a secondary consideration to the reformers in their drive to limit if not completely_____the consumption of cigarettes.
- A. indulge
B. proscribe
C. damage
D. spurn
E. disallow
F. impair
8. That the announcement of the new treatment was greeted with_____is hardly surprising given the claims made for it, but attitudes were markedly tempered once the paucity of supporting data became apparent.
- A. skepticism
B. disbelief
C. euphoria
D. optimism
E. impatience
F. jubilation
9. The actor was quick to warn new members of the cast that the director's cherubic countenance belied_____temperament.
- A. a deceitful
B. a choleric
C. a morose
D. an imperious
E. a vengeful
F. an irascible
10. Despite their current reputation, the original Luddites were neither opposed to innovative technology nor_____using it: many were highly skilled machine operators in the textile industry.
- A. inept at

- B. enamored of
- C. resistant to
- D. unequal to
- E. enthralled by
- F. unfazed by



Section 10

1. In terms of energy consumption, the brain is quite_____: we humans, for example have brains that account for slightly more than 2 percent of our biomass, but our brains burn up more than 15 percent of our basal metabolic energy.

A) efficient

B) typical

C) ravenous

D) unpredictable

E) inscrutable

2. In protoscientific times (for example, in ancient Greece), claims about the physical world were often accepted as true if they were reasonable; experimental verification, if thought necessary at all, was_____.

A) utilitarian

B) perfunctory

C) egregious

D) empirical

E) inductive

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

Blank (i)

A) equally important

B) mutually reinforcing

C) inversely related

Blank (ii)

D) ambitious

E) unfeeling

F) disingenuous



4. It is not just Gelbspan's passionate advocacy that makes this, his second book, so compelling; it is also his (i)_____analysis, made that much more (ii)_____by his nine years of research on the subject.

Blank (i)

A) voluble
B) questionable
C) penetrating

Blank (ii)

D) spurious
E) authoritative
F) exciting

5. Many leading photographers have begun to produce work specifically for galleries and museums, and therefore, not surprisingly, they now regard the long-standing question of whether photography really (i)_____art to be (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) reflects on
B) qualifies as
C) derives from

Blank (ii)

D) ephemeral
E) retrograde
F) ambiguous

6. Researchers have tried, with little success, to gain an understanding of how brain activity in roundworms gives rise to various rudimentary behaviors. The (i)_____establishing a link between biology and behavior in humans is (ii)_____. While the media routinely report on scans showing that specific brain locations light up when we feel particular emotions or perform particular actions, the impression given by these news stories-that current technology provides real insights into how the brain works-is (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) incentive for
B) difficulty of
C) controversy over

Blank (ii)

D) still more acute
E) not as remarkable
F) seemingly less troubling

Blank (iii)

G) exciting
H) specious
I) ambiguous



7. For centuries people used the vocabulary of medicine to think about how our bodies are structured, but the language of distinct organs and systems does not do justice to the_____nature of the body.
- A. dynamic
 - B. harmonious
 - C. systematic
 - D. interwoven
 - E. balanced
 - F. integrated
8. 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
9. Because the country's media are now operating freely and the electoral authorities have been changed, there should be no repeat of the_____of last year's election, when media coverage and vote counts were manipulated by the intelligence agency.
- A. chicanery
 - B. blundering
 - C. ingenuousness
 - D. naïveté
 - E. vindictiveness
 - F. subterfuge
10. Yoshiko Yamaguchi was a remarkably_____public figure: she was not only an actress but also a journalist, a prominent politician in the Japanese parliament and the wife of a diplomat.
- A. protean

- B. sporadic
- C. prolific
- D. pedestrian
- E. versatile
- F. prosaic



Section 11

1. It is curious that the same industrialists who are increasingly_____about the economy's prospects are no cheerier about their own firm's outlook than they were a year ago.

A) morose
B) laconic
C) sanguine
D) loquacious
E) knowledgeable

2. Influenza is_____virus: it is full of surprises and newness, prone to mutation and reassortment.

A) a communicable
B) a ubiquitous
C) an archaic
D) an immutable
E) a protean

3. The myth of the small town as a repository of innocence and contentment has frequently been_____in literature and film by depictions of rural life as plagued by worldly ambitions.

A) substantiated
B) interrogated
C) lauded
D) normalized
E) delineated

4. As an essayist, Reed is an equal-opportunity combatant who pulls no punches. One strength in his approach is that this (i)_____can be disarmingly refreshing. On the downside, however, Reed sometimes surrenders too quickly to his more (ii)_____impulses.

Blank (i)

A) coy self-deprecation
B) colloquial informality
C) aggressive frankness

Blank (ii)

D) polemical
E) ingratiating
F) analytical

5. According to the classical idea of space-time reality, two particles, identical or not, can be distinguished by tracing the motion of the particles along their trajectories. This idea is (i)_____that the particles can be observed continuously, a belief that is (ii)_____with respect to macroscopic bodies, but not with respect to free atoms, which (iii)_____constant observation.

Blank (i)

A) based on the assumption
B) incompatible with the view
C) entailed by the fact

Blank (ii)

D) fortuitous
E) innovative
F) tenable

Blank (iii)

G) elude
H) warrant
I) abet

6. The main (i)_____for pianists playing the keyboard works of Couperin lies in the effusion of embellishments, which are much easier to toss off without overemphasis, let alone (ii)_____, on the harpsichord than on the piano. Yet pianist Angela Hewitt's handling of all those fleeting lilt and curlicues is a model of (iii)_____. As a result, little nothings like "Le Petit-Rien" are sheer rippling delights.

Blank (i)

A) difficulty
B) attraction
C) unknown

Blank (ii)

D) ungainliness
E) elegance
F) mastery

Blank (iii)

G) fierce intensity
H) economy and languor
I) lightness and elegance



7. 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
8. Although the virtues of supplementing wild fish populations with fish from hatcheries are often _____, scientific studies have indicated that fish stocking can harm the wild, native species of the water body.
- A. embraced
B. extolled
C. contested
D. evident
E. acclaimed
F. disputed
9. In the absence of a surface gradient, the new laws of refraction and reflection are the conventional laws, so they represent more often extension than a complete revolution.
- A. inferable from
B. entailed by
C. antithetical to
D. coincident with
E. antecedent to
F. oppositional to
10. In his book, the historian presents an idealized image of Queen Elizabeth I: if Elizabeth dallied at some crucial moments, the historian suggests, it was to avoid the mistake of being _____.

- A. punctilious
- B. ineffectual
- C. bellicose
- D. precipitate
- E. hasty
- F. finicky



Section 12

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. 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) overblown
E) unfamiliar

3. A skeptic is someone who does not believe a claim just because someone makes it but instead tests it against evidence. Sooner or later, if the evidence is solid, then the skeptic must acknowledge the claim's legitimacy. Skeptics are (i)_____deniers ,who are ideologically committed to a position and (ii)_____in the face of evidence.

Blank (i)

A) comparable to
B) aligned with
C) distinct from

Blank (ii)

D) disconcerted
E) intransigent
F) conscientious

4. Animals whose behavioral traits are (i)_____thereby have a level of (ii)_____when environmental conditions vary. However, studies of animal personality also suggest



that the behavior of individual animals can be constrained to certain behavioral types, leading to consistent differences between individuals.

Blank (i)

A) plastic
B) habitual
C) understood

Blank (ii)

D) camouflage
E) constancy
F) flexibility

5. She may have been (i)_____when she was finance minister, fighting deficits, but now as prime minister she is marked by her (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) collaborative
B) austere
C) resourceful

Blank (ii)

D) discretion
E) largesse
F) platitudes

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.

Blank (i)

A) uncovers risks
B) elicits skepticism
C) promotes innovation

Blank (ii)

D) fund
E)vindicate
F) invalidate

Blank (iii)

G) adopt
H) vitiate
I) bolster

7. Only novel ideas should be awarded patents; if a concept is_____to practitioners in a given field or has previously been published in almost any fashion, that fact should invalidate the application.

A. lucrative

- B. manifest
C. presented
D. described
E. obvious
F. rewarding
8. The developmental track for human beings-from rudimentary awareness to complex forms of rational agency-is quite_____: development proceeds with even minimally good physical and psychological health in any minimally favorable environment.
- A. sophisticated
B. contingent
C. robust
D. situational
E. elusive
F. reliable
9. Under temperate conditions, the effects of climate on an environment are often muted and intermingled, so that the relationships between stimuli and reactions are difficult to isolate, but under extreme conditions such relationships become more_____.
- A. predictable
B. salient
C. hazardous
D. perilous
E. evident
F. influential
10. Family lore has it that jazz saxophonist James Carter's perfect imitation of birdsong amazed his elementary- school classmates, marking him as_____ conjurer of sound.
- A. an unruly
B. an unlikely
C. an early
D. an astonishing
E. a precocious
F. a preposterous



Section 13

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 nonrelatives.

A) superficial
B) obvious
C) uncanny
D) hackneyed
E) contradictory

2. It was not that mathematical reasoning, according to Galileo, could_____the need for observation-only the most extreme rationalists, Spinoza and Leibniz, were to argue the expendability, in principle of all empirical knowledge.

A) modulate
B) obviate
C) appreciate
D) critique
E) reduce

3. The fanciful notion that the legislative initiative would bring unlimited social benefits has soured into an equally_____mood of skepticism and distrust.

A) valid
B) pessimistic
C) unanticipated
D) pragmatic
E) baseless

4. While the professor was once known for expressing herself (i)_____, that is no longer true. Her writing style is much more (ii)_____than it was when she started her career over 30 years ago.



Blank (i)

A) caustically
B) idiosyncratically
C) plainly

Blank (ii)

D) florid
E) acerbic
F) succinct

5. Though the play crackles with humor, the dialogue is less (i)_____ when it comes to the drama's emotional core. There the players tend to spell out their emotions in (ii)_____ aphorisms and repeat them as necessary.

Blank (i)

A) adroit
B) ambiguous
C) transparent

Blank (ii)

D) shrewd
E) jejune
F) riotous

6. A certain (i)_____ governs the way most of us think about routines. A routine is sometimes conceived as constraining—a self-made prison of inflexible habits that prevent people from changing their lives. But routine is also seen as (ii)_____: activities that become routine (iii)_____, allowing us to expend energy on other things.

Blank (i)

A) pessimism
B) misunderstanding
C) polarity

Blank (ii)

D) liberating
E) alterable
F) unintentional

Blank (iii)

G) are often tedious
H) demand less attention
I) encourage personal discipline

7. Although torrential rains can sometimes be highly destructive, human survival generally proves much more_____ without rain than during periods of its overabundance.

- A. ponderous
B. unmanageable
C. onerous



- D. tedious
- E. arduous
- F. unlikely

8. The play is undeniably cerebral - its plot turns on the interpretation of quantum mechanics - but critics have found this_____exhilarating, and the play does not wear its ideas too heavily.

- A. ebullience
- B. complexity
- C. opacity
- D. intellectualism
- E. jauntiness
- F. erudition

9. _____is often a hallmark of mathematical discovery: as with every pursuit of the mind, mathematics advances when its practitioners resist temptation to acquiesce to received opinion.

- A. Impartiality
- B. Persistence
- C. Creativity
- D. Controversy
- E. Objectivity
- F. Disputation

10. Since beavers rely on auditory signals such as the tail slap and whining and hissing, we can infer that their hearing is_____, although we don't know the exact sensitivity and performance of their acoustical sense.

- A. functional
- B. keen
- C. serviceable
- D. precise
- E. adaptable
- F. malleable



Section 14

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

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|---------------|
| A) unpopular |
| B) repetitive |
| C) stringent |
| D) inflexible |
| E) nebulous |

2. It is a paradox of the Victorians that they were both_____and, through their empire, cosmopolitan.

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|-----------------|
| A) capricious |
| B) insular |
| C) mercenary |
| D) idealistic |
| E) intransigent |

3. In private talks with the provincial leaders that lasted past a midnight meal of pizza the prime minister was (i)_____a contrast with her predecessors often (ii)_____handling of them.

Blank (i)

- | |
|------------------|
| A) direct |
| B) emollient |
| C) unforthcoming |

Blank (ii)

- | |
|---------------|
| D) brusque |
| E) tepid |
| F) pedestrian |

4. Taken together, that ill-assorted pair, Johannes Itten and Walter Gropius, expressed how (i)_____the Bauhaus School's nature actually was. It was at once utopian and (ii)_____intuitive and scientific, highly ordered and subversively anarchic.



Blank (i)

A) rational
B) controversial
C) bifurcated

Blank (ii)

D) far-sighted
E) admirable
F) pragmatic

5. Seemingly to compensate for the (i)_____nature of her subject, in her review, the theater critic (ii)_____a casual chatty style.

Blank (i)

A) undemanding
B) rarefied
C) well-defined

Blank (ii)

D) opted for
E) misused
F) invited

6. The principal reason for the scientists' (i)_____about loon behavior was simple: they could not (ii)_____the individuals they studied. One might think that such a task would be (iii)_____thanks to the intricate plumage patterns of adult loons. But while loons do display distinctions in fine plumage details, such as the number of lines and branches in neck badges, these features can be reliably distinguished only with the bird in hand.

Blank (i)

A) enthusiasm
B) curiosity
C) ignorance

Blank (ii)

D) identify
E) control
F) observe

Blank (iii)

G) pointless
H) simple
I) enjoyable

7. Selling a product with no known or even_____substitute and with an ever-growing demand for it seems as if it would be quite lucrative, but in fact the three biggest private-sector water companies in the world are eager to get out of the business.

- A. recognized
- B. practicable
- C. profitable
- D. acknowledged

- E. imaginable
F. conceivable
8. A telescope orbiting in space, above the unruly atmosphere, is able to detect ultraviolet and infrared emissions that are blocked by Earth's atmosphere and thus to astronomers on the ground.
- A. unremarkable
B. indiscernible
C. exasperating
D. undecipherable
E. inconclusive
F. imperceptible
9. It is troubling that blogs, which may be among the least reliable sources of information in human history, occupy such_____positions in Internet search engine results.
- A. enviable
B. conspicuous
C. suspect
D. dubious
E. controversial
F. prominent
10. While Takaezu's ceramic pieces are highly distinctive, her body of work as a whole can feel_____to critics who wish to track it since she has never dated or conscientiously documented her creations.
- A. edifying
B. nebulous
C. austere
D. anachronistic
E. instructive
F. amorphous

Section 15

1. Science is a seemingly inexhaustible source of_____, yet paradoxically scientists have been portrayed in recent decades as rather conservative-resisting innovation in their discipline sometimes to the point of dogmatism.

A) contention
B) explanation
C) novelty
D) prosperity
E) mystery

2. Persian chronicles of India's seventeenth-century Mughal court often____Sanskrit intellectuals participation in court life, so scholars who rely solely on Persian materials and mirror their sources generally disregard Sanskrit intellectuals' role.

A) exaggerate
B) elide
C) elucidate
D) castigate
E) compartmentalize

3. The methods for composting organic waste aim to (i)_____nature's tendency toward decay - a process unfortunately often (ii)_____in landfills, where organic materials are packed so tightly that they have little access to the oxygen necessary for decomposition.

Blank (i)

A) obviate
B) precipitate

Blank (ii)

D) impeded
E) expedited



C) ameliorate

F) manifested

4. Environmental models are increasingly (i)_____ to the regulatory process. Computer modeling narrows the range of uncertainties related to pollution impacts, uncertainties that have (ii)_____ environmental policy making on all levels.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A) central

D) beset

B) peripheral

E) inimical

C) justified

F) advanced

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

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A) chivalrous

D) boorish

B) impetuous

E) circumspect

C) thoughtful

F) spontaneous

6. It's possible that the (i)_____ of the musicians about the director's appointment is mostly an expression of (ii)_____ the selection process. No matter how much input orchestra players are allowed in choosing a music director, they never feel they have enough. Regardless, their criticisms of Webster's expertise and stature within the field are nothing short of (iii)_____. Would they really prefer some of the other potential candidates whose names have been released?

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

A) carping

D) satisfaction with

G) prescient

B) conferring

E) indifference regarding

H) stimulating

C) crowing

F) disgruntlement regarding

I) preposterous



7. While prudence is recognized as a kind of virtue, there is nonetheless a tendency to view someone who is prudent as, in some sense_____, too narrow and dull to partake of spontaneously arising opportunities.
- A. timid
 - B. laudable
 - C. wanting
 - D. inculpable
 - E. exemplary
 - F. deficient
8. The history of chemistry may not be the greatest adventure ever, but it is, nevertheless, an adventure, and one that_____the dullness often associated with the history of science.
- A. belies
 - B. disguises
 - C. transcends
 - D. contradicts
 - E. conceals
 - F. belittles
9. The essayist was known to suffer fools impatiently, but admittedly her vast intellect made that_____largely justified.
- A. hauteur
 - B. diffidence
 - C. irritability
 - D. imperturbability
 - E. superciliousness
 - F. timorousness

10. Because it has usually been impossible to eradicate exotic species once they have become established, it is_____to minimize introductions of species that have substantial probabilities of unwanted impacts.

- A. prudent
- B. customary
- C. provident
- D. superfluous
- E. essential
- F. pointless



Section 16

1. The economist argued that however much the government might trumpet the value of_____, it had been as bold as any other in its spending programs.

A) thrift
B) consumption
C) dialogue
D) cooperation
E) transparency

2. While Fernandez-Armesto has amply documented the commercial, migratory, scientific, or religious motives of explorers throughout history, it is often harder to_____the motives of modern explorers.

A) generate
B) penetrate
C) extinguish
D) utilize
E) criticize

3. Though McDonough (i)_____discusses the filmmaker's aesthetic principles, it is the description of the (ii)_____, the very vulgarity of the director's films, rather than McDonough's learned discourses on the aesthetics of film, that makes the book so entertaining.

Blank (i)

A) inaccurately
B) superficially
C) adroitly

Blank (ii)

D) subtle ingenuity
E) absolute discretion
F) flagrant crassness



4. Despite being by repute so (i)_____, indeed famous for their skepticism, the news reporters now appear to have become the most devout believers in the supposedly (ii)_____powers of this charlatan's tonic.

Blank (i)

A) hard-boiled
B) heavy-handed
C) dewy-eyed

Blank (ii)

D) far-fetched
E) trifling
F) magical

5. During the lifetime of mathematician and astronomer Johannes Kepler (1571-1630), the (i)_____humanistic scholarship and computational science had not been fully (ii)_____and considerable interaction took place between the disciplines of philology and astronomy.

Blank (i)

A) possibilities for
B) disjunction
C) reciprocity of

Blank (ii)

D) explicated
E) between explored
F) established

6. Although Sapir and Whorf's notion that different languages may impart different cognitive skills met with (i)_____early on, they had little evidence to support their claim. By the 1970s many scientists had become (ii)_____their hypothesis, and it was largely (iii)_____as a new set of theories claiming that language and thought are universal came to dominate the field.

Blank (i)

A) skepticism
B) excitement
C) controversy

Blank (ii)

D) convinced of
E)disenchanted with
F) inured to

Blank (iii)

G) revived
H) corroborated
I) abandoned

7. Architects may be more extroverted and therefore the more_____members of a bridge design team, but they are not always the most essential.
- A. indispensable
B. conscientious
C. reliable
D. visible
E. valuable
F. salient
8. The author first accused the official of espionage in a 1981 book, and-though the case was far from full of_____, suppositions rather than compelling evidence-the accusation has been repeated relentlessly ever since.
- A. unambitious
B. unconvincing
C. unassailable
D. implausible
E. coherent
F. airtight
9. The World Health Organization has recommended that countries use artemisinin-based combination therapies to treat malaria patients, as continued use of artemisinin monotherapies could_____the efficacy of artemisinin, the most successful antimalarial drug available.
- A. negate
B. mask
C. reduce
D. conceal
E. attenuate
F. misrepresent
10. For all the_____that would later come to plague the committee, the atmosphere when it was initially convened was one of optimistic camaraderie.

- A. acrimony
- B. controversy
- C. apathy
- D. rancor
- E. despair
- F. frustration



Section 17

1. The survey showed widespread misgivings among Asian business leaders, with even those who have prospered most in the recent past not being_____about their future prospects.

A) forthright

B) apprehensive

C) sanguine

D) abashed

E) morose

2. The politician was famously restrained, with a tendency to focus his fury inward: while he would defend himself publicly against detractors' attacks, he would never stoop to_____.

A) refutation

B) adjuration

C) fulmination

D) asseveration

E) ingratiation

3. The shift from extraction to cultivation in forestry involves transforming the reproductive biology 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.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)



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

4. Each new generation of students grows 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)_____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

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

5. Japan's first university was more (i)_____than its Chinese counterparts in the same era, since the Chinese Tang system was highly (ii)_____. However, this changed over time. As Japanese court offices became increasingly hereditary, the examination system, by which students from a wide range of social classes were admitted into the universities, (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

A) prestigious	D) aristocratic	G) became widely utilized
B) egalitarian	E) reputable	H) advantaged the proletariat
C) profitable	F) unsystematic	I) atrophied into insignificance

6. The advance of medical knowledge is not always (i)_____on the contrary, it is often the result of (ii)_____. In the 1830s, groups of doctors began to question long-enshrined treatments such as bleeding, cupping, and purging, eventually discovering that many ailments were more effectively treated by nothing more than bed rest, nutrition, and observation. This news must have been (iii)_____to those with a vested interest in the medical orthodoxy of the time.



Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) scientific	D) patient repetition	G) unsurprising
B) experimental	E) heretical departures	H) welcome
C) cumulative	F) chance discoveries	I) jarring

7. Given the important role that apologies can play in human relations and the almost daily news reports of the latest celebrity or political apology, the_____of empirical research on the subject is surprising.

A. weakness
 B. scarcity
 C. complexity
 D. impartiality
 E. want
 F. sophistication

8. The Harvard Observatory took the first picture of a star in 1850, but the complex logistics of photography at the time-involving coating glass plates with chemicals-made it too_____to photograph stars nightly.

A. exorbitant
 B. cumbersome
 C. troubling
 D. unwieldy
 E. worrisome
 F. precarious

9. She had a feeling that was not yet fully articulated, _____sense that something extraordinary and wonderful awaited her.

A. an inchoate
 B. an onerous
 C. a burdensome
 D. an incipient

- E. a foreboding
- F. an enchanting

10. The_____of the folktales in this collection does not inhibit the conveyance of important lessons indeed, the didactic effect would be lost if the stories were more protracted.

- A. gaiety
- B. simplicity
- C. whimsy
- D. brevity
- E. sobriety
- F. economy



Section 18

1. Even though no other species in the Rana genus of frogs exhibits such_____habits, once crawfish frogs have finally been located, they are relatively easy to film.

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| A) furtive |
| B) rigid |
| C) aggressive |
| D) eccentric |
| E) complex |

2. Some critics claim that a good deal of contemporary academic language is_____; only those who have mastered a certain jargon-the initiated, so to speak-can join the club and decode the message.

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|----------------|
| A) tedious |
| B) esoteric |
| C) futile |
| D) abstract |
| E) contentious |

3. Though the country's press is not free, it has some (i)_____; newspaper editors can publish editorials critical of the government without (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

- | |
|-----------------|
| A) liabilities |
| B) prohibitions |
| C) license |

Blank (ii)

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|--------------|
| D) reprisal |
| E) impunity |
| F) incentive |

4. Astronomers have always suspected that planets might orbit stars other than our sun



but (i)_____that they would find systems structured much like our own solar system. Yet a flood of recent discoveries has made it clear that extrasolar planetary systems can (ii)_____our own solar system.

Blank (i)

A) imagined
B) verified
C) doubted

Blank (ii)

D) be affected by
E) differ dramatically from
F) reveal characteristics about

5. The governor, clearly trying to live down a reputation for (i)_____, has recently demonstrated an unexpected ability to be (ii)_____when dealing with state legislators.

Blank (i)

A) elitism
B) pugnacity
C) vacillation

Blank (ii)

D) candid
E) petulant
F) conciliatory

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)_____.

Blank (i)

A) unavoidable
B) irrelevant
C) undecidable

Blank (ii)

D) unlikely
E) controversial
F) compelling

Blank (iii)

G) tainted
H) accommodated
I) reinforced

7. Novelist Toni Morrison rejects the_____art and politics, insisting that art can be “unquestionably political and irrevocably beautiful at the same time.”

- A. corruption of
B. decadence in
C. polarization of
D. dichotomy between
E. snobbery toward
F. cheapening of
8. Early natural history collections in eighteenth-century Europe were_____: a bear's tooth might sit incongruously alongside a piece of silverwork or, in the menagerie, a South American capybara might be housed next to an African baboon.
- A. painstakingly arranged
B. impressively comprehensive
C. meticulously organized
D. highly exotic
E. fundamentally miscellaneous
F. thoroughly eclectic
9. 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
10. In the 1920s, sound cinema_____the possibility that the medium would become an international visual language, splintering the ostensibly universal intelligibility of silent cinema and facilitating the global spread of English.
- A. presaged
B. diminished
C. eliminated
D. foreclosed

E. heralded

F. recalled



Section 19

1. Ironically, the recent_____of the reductive observational methods that have enabled science to progress for four centuries may turn out to be science's next step forward.

A) implementation

B) validation

C) certification

D) standardization

E) rejection

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 listened patiently, encouragingly, and with quiet amusement to my enthusiasm. Indeed, this turned out to be our pattern: I, more ignorant but more (i)_____would babble on, while he would offer (ii)_____objection or refinement.

Blank (i)

A) cerebral

B) bemused

C) voluble

Blank (ii)

D) constant

E) occasional

F) irritating



4. Scholarly works on detective stories often begin with (i)_____, suggesting that there is something vaguely wrong with adults who spend their time reading such fiction and certainly something (ii)_____those who devote energy to its analysis.

Blank (i)

A) chronologies
B) apologies
C) synopses

Blank (ii)

D) awry in
E) astute about
F) courageous about

5. If a figure such as the editor and writer Pauline Hopkins presents (i)_____challenges to a would-be biographer because of her confounding periods of silence, largely unknown personal life, and (ii)_____papers, the problems posed by John Edward Bruce are of the opposite kind: he published (iii)_____throughout his life, had an extensive correspondence, and left a huge trove of materials at his death.

Blank (i)

A) unpredictable
B) negligible
C) colossal

Blank (ii)

D) abundant
E) meager
F) lucid

Blank (iii)

G) indefatigably
H) sporadically
I) secretly

6. Despite their (i)_____superior financial and organizational resources, pulp and paper firms moving into the American South in the first half of the twentieth century could not simply impose their will on the region. Nor could they assume that properly functioning markets for land, labor, and timber would (ii)_____. Instead, they had to develop strategies to (iii)_____such markets that would be compatible with the complex regional politics of land and labor.

Blank (i)

A) remoteness from
B) ignorance of
C) access to

Blank (ii)

D) spontaneously emerge
E) ultimately fail
F) occasionally struggle

Blank (iii)

G) construct
H) restrain
I) serve



7. In the twentieth century, many corporations succeeded by_____innovation: they found that the surest way to grow was to perfect the manufacturing of the same products, year after year.
- A. championing
 - B. eliminating
 - C. discontinuing
 - D. concealing
 - E. distorting
 - F. advocating
8. When first introduced, cubicle workspaces were seen as having_____effect on office workers, but as cubicle sizes steadily shrank, the aspirations of the people working in them became increasingly constrained.
- A. a revitalizing
 - B. a soothing
 - C. a liberating
 - D. a protecting
 - E. an emancipatory
 - F. a calming
9. In many branches of science, our knowledge and technology have advanced so rapidly that new studies carried out with improved instruments and techniques may well_____research done just twenty years earlier.
- A. confirm
 - B. supplant
 - C. elaborate
 - D. supersede
 - E. question
 - F. validate
10. Coral reefs are often referred to as the rain forests of the sea,_____comparison given that only tropical rain forests can compete with the sheer concentration of biodiversity found in coral reefs.
- A. a factitious

- B. an imaginative
- C. a fitting
- D. an artificial
- E. an apposite
- F. a common



Section 20

1. Although preserved dinosaur tracks are themselves inherently_____, they can provide information about how the creatures moved, serving as evidence of a dynamism the tracks themselves do not possess.

A) unfamiliar

B) valuable

C) static

D) fragile

E) scarce

2. The movies'_____capitalism is almost as old as the medium itself: one 1909 film tells the story of a villainous speculator who grabs control of the entire wheat market, sending bread prices skyrocketing.

A) apathy about

B) glorification of

C) mistrust of

D) vacillation about

E) objectivity about

3. The enormous three-volume biographical work, which has taken the author 28 years to complete, serves to caution one about the (i)_____of literary biography when it becomes an obsessive and all-consuming project, a (ii)_____attempt to relive the subject's life vicariously.

Blank (i)

A) nuances

B) perils

Blank (ii)

D) doomed

E) noble



C) paradoxes

F) reasoned

4. A list is at once (i)_____ and (ii)_____; in other words, a list is simultaneously the sum of the items on it and those individual (and often unrelated) items themselves.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A) accretive

D) discontinuous

B) pragmatic

E) idealistic

C) exhaustive

F) incomplete

5. The company president's reputation for unflappability could easily be understood upon observing her (i)_____performance during a particularly (ii)_____board meeting.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A) supercilious

D) productive

B) histrionic

E) contentious

C) composed

F) lifeless

6. A comparison of satellite data from 1970 to 1996 found a steady decline in the amount of energy escaping Earth into space at the wavelengths that greenhouse gases in Earth's atmosphere absorb. (i)_____indications of (ii)_____incoming solar energy, these findings (iii)_____direct experimental evidence for a significant increase in Earth's greenhouse effect, that is, the planet's retention of heat as a result of greenhouse gases.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

A) Given the compelling

D) innovative uses for

G) constitute

B) Based on

E) a reduction in

H) contravene

C) In the absence of

F) a dependence on

I) complicate

7. The traditional Japanese tea ceremony remains _____practice in the country, even though the number of people performing it has been falling since the 1980s.



- A. a salient
 - B. a demanding
 - C. an ambiguous
 - D. an ornate
 - E. a prominent
 - F. an abstruse
8. The artist reworked certain of his etchings in order to make the scenes they depict more logical, yet, paradoxically, the pictorial space seems to become more the more realistically it is defined.
- A. austere
 - B. cogent
 - C. lucid
 - D. fanciful
 - E. ominous
 - F. chimerical
9. In *Cleopatra: A Life*, Schiff_____Cleopatra stripping away the accretions of myth built up around the Egyptian queen and plucking off the imaginative embroiderings of Shakespeare and Shaw.
- A. denigrates
 - B. elucidates
 - C. embellishes
 - D. aggrandizes
 - E. demystifies
 - F. manipulates
10. The Holy People in Navajo sacred narratives do not act as moral_____: when they teach, it is as often by what they do wrong as by what they do right.
- A. agents
 - B. arbiters
 - C. defenders
 - D. paragons

E. ethicists

F. exemplars



Section 21

1. Analysis of the structural features that were thought to_____kinship between the two species prompted an investigation that dispelled that presumption by revealing that they share an evolutionary history.

A) establish

B) preclude

C) magnify

D) disguise

E) predict

2. The argument, while important, combines analysis and_____, swinging in tone from patient consideration to bitter invective.

A) introspection

B) prevarication

C) facetiousness

D) idealism

E) polemic

3. To function as (i)_____, literary critics must write well. A badly written book review is worse than a badly written political speech or greeting card; a badly written review is (ii)_____, like a barber with a terrible haircut. If critics cannot write well, how can they authoritatively recognize and promote good writing?

Blank (i)

A) soothsayers

B) evangelists

C) iconoclasts

Blank (ii)

D) self-aggrandizing

E) self-knowing

F) self-defeating



4. It's (i)_____to avoid smoke from incense. While there's (ii)_____that the smoke has adverse health effects, it does contain some (iii)_____pollutants, notably benzene, toluene, and formaldehyde, which are known carcinogens also found in tobacco smoke. And it pollutes the air with fine particles that can be inhaled and can contribute to cardiorespiratory disease.

Blank (i)

A) impossible
B) unnecessary
C) best

Blank (ii)

D) widespread concern
E) no solid evidence
F) little reasonable doubt

Blank (iii)

G) innocuous
H) unfamiliar
I) potent

5. Paradigm-changing discoveries tend to have (i)_____; the more a discovery (ii)_____the current paradigm, the longer it takes the scientific community to (iii)_____it.

Blank (i)

A) limited early impact
B) significant long-term importance
C) questionable scientific origins

Blank (ii)

D) buttresses
E) deviates from
F) incorporates

Blank (iii)

G) undermine
H) rationalize
I) appreciate

6. The fact that people care about what others think of them has two important behavioral implications. First, people will act differently according to whether they are (i)_____, so that privacy, so understood, has behavioral consequences. Second, people will (ii)_____(or conversely, work to avoid) the scrutiny of others according to how (iii)_____they believe their behavior will seem.

Blank (i)

A) rushed
B) observed
C) motivated

Blank (ii)

D) be hospitable to
E) shy away from
F) fail to anticipate

Blank (iii)

G) estimable
H) intuitive
I) nuanced

7. Like its protagonists, who are caught up in a historical moment that_____the possibility of self-fulfillment, the novel *Ready to Burst* by Haitian writer Frankétienne moves in disorienting circles, never progressing or achieving closure.
- A. celebrates
B. downplays
C. precludes
D. romanticizes
E. elevates
F. frustrates
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. 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
10. The young conservative's college years were probably a lonely time, during which she made a few political contacts but was repeatedly the recipient of_____from the progressive young women at her college.
- A. superciliousness
B. hostility

- C. empathy
- D. condescension
- E. review
- F. responsiveness



Section 22

1. Researchers have deduced that infants come equipped with some simple expectations about how objects behave, _____ of which solicit their rapt attention: babies stare longer when events appear to defy the laws of physics.

A) invocations

B) violations

C) reiterations

D) identifications

E) revisions

2. The moon is _____ as an archive of impact cratering in the solar system throughout the 4.5 billion years, since bigger planets have largely lost their ancient crusts through geologic reprocessing and atmospheric weathering.

A) undervalued

B) unwieldy

C) superior

D) representative

E) inconsistent

3. Although one researcher has lost credibility for (i) _____, there's unfortunately no shortage of other people who (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

A) hyperbole

B) plagiarism

C) partisanship

Blank (ii)

D) ignore important in

E) exploit moral ambiguities of

F) make extravagant claims about



4. Natasha Kholgade Banerjee notes that photo-editing applications have allowed everyday users to (i)_____the (ii)_____of a camera by providing the means to change image colors, move pixels around, and combine natural photographs with artificial elements.

Blank (i)

A) correct
B) control
C) circumvent

Blank (ii)

D) quality
E) constraints
F) cost

5. There was nothing unusual about Plutarch's (i)_____facts in his biographical writing: scholarship in his day was a very (ii)_____affair.

Blank (i)

A) insistence upon
B) insouciance toward
C) regurgitation of

Blank (ii)

D) anachronistic
E) eclectic
F) impressionistic

6. It is ironic that so many physicists (i)_____simplicity and elegance in scientific explanations since there was (ii)_____the notion that simple and elegant theories could satisfactorily explain the universe. Indeed, the historical record of physics includes several instances when the simplest of competing theories turned out to be (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) valued
B) downplayed
C) scrutinized

Blank (ii)

D) something aesthetically pleasing in
E) little reason to believe
F) unambiguous support for

Blank (iii)

G) prescient
H)unpopular
I) wrong

7. Rather than offering a vigorous_____her opponents' claims, Governor Pearigen has managed only timid retorts that she is not the real culprit.

A. capitulation to



- B. withdrawal from
C. condemnation of
D. refutation of
E. rebuttal of
F. submission to
8. Scholarly dialogue in geography has never been_____a civilized process of argument and counterargument, since it also involves workplace and personal antagonisms that often become hopelessly entangled in academic disputes.
- A. synonymous with
B. distinguishable from
C. possible without
D. dismissive of
E. reducible to
F. inimical toward
9. Nicolaus Copernicus' *On the Revolutions of the Celestial Spheres*, published in 1543, laid out the theory that Earth and the other planets go around the Sun,_____a long-held belief that Earth was the center of the universe.
- A. Contravening
B. Sanctioning
C. Ratifying
D. consolidating
E. Gainsaying
F. Prefiguring
10. Tracing a literary genre all the way from ancient Greece to the present day, in four short chapters, implies a degree of_____that could easily turn comic.
- A. acceleration
B. superficiality
C. telescoping
D. circumlocution
E. compression
F. euphemism

Section 23

1. Instead of demonstrating the_____of archaeological applications of electronic remote sensing, the pioneering study became, to some skeptics, an illustration of the imprudence of interpreting sites based on virtual archaeology.

A) ubiquity

B) limitation

C) promise

D) redundancy

E) complexity

2. The message the author conveys is that the bluefin tuna fishery worldwide is being mismanaged and that despite a few_____signs, such as the partial recovery of stocks in some areas, the immediate future looks bleak.

A) extraneous

B) ominous

C) conclusive

D) prosaic

E) propitious

3. Despite having only recently learned to walk, toddlers make the most (i)_____dance students. Their joy in movement is so pure, so complete, and so (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) skilled

B) inattentive

C) delightful

Blank (ii)

D) futile

E) irrelevant

F) contagious



4. Jaworski's treatment of her novel's two main plots moves between extremes: at times she presents them as (i)_____, while at other times they seem almost (ii) as elements of one story infiltrate the other story in the space of a single sentence.

Blank (i)

A) pedestrian
B) discrete
C) analogous

Blank (ii)

D) interwoven
E) poignant
F) disparate

5. While offering important insights into supernova remnants, Finch's paper is often rather (i)_____: it is (ii)_____unexplained concepts and details.

Blank (i)

A) impenetrable
B) unoriginal
C) trivial

Blank (ii)

D) replete with
E) free from
F) purged of

6. Media stories about climate regularly use spokespeople from interest groups as sources, but what those individuals say is often (i)_____, citing results from scientific research in a highly (ii)_____manner and (iii)_____the caveats that are part of a full scientific assessment.

Blank (i)

A) ingenuous
B) maladroit
C) tendentious

Blank (ii)

D) erudite
E) selective
F) perspicuous

Blank (iii)

G) parsing
H) omitting
I) anticipating

7. As a historical genre, biography is best when_____a careful reconstruction of the past in all its unfamiliar particularity.

- A. introspective
- B. reflective
- C. concrete
- D. concise



- E. meticulous
F. thorough
8. When Kim Dae Jung was decisively elected South Korea's president in December 1997, he was considered something of_____, but nevertheless the right man for the time and the job.
- A. an unknown
B. an expert
C. a maverick
D. a nonconformist
E. a dilettante
F. an authority
9. While there is no evidence that Bigfoot is real, several well-known species were once thought to be_____; the okapi, for instance, was known as the "African unicorn" until explorers obtained proof of its existence.
- A. threatened
B. fabulous
C. extinct
D. defunct
E. legendary
F. secretive
10. The essay, focusing on the intricacies of complex corporate accounting practices, was_____almost to a fault, leaving the impression that these practices are rather straightforward..
- A. lucid
B. punctilious
C. reductive
D. exhaustive
E. intelligible
F. comprehensive

Section 24

1. Behavioral economists point to_____as one reason that people do not always make choices that promote their own welfare: sometimes people simply fail to take steps that they know to be in their own best interest.

A) ignorance

B) malice

C) isolation

E) socialization

E) inertia

2. With his winning personality and ingratiating manner, Arturo found it a simple matter to_____the deed to the property for himself, though its original holder initially seemed impervious to persuasion.

A) inveigle

B) confiscate

C) impound

D) annul

E) abrogate

3. Researchers note that wolves' otherwise strongly hierarchical society is marked by occasional displays of populist (i)_____: if a pack leader proves a too-snappish tyrant, subordinate wolves will (ii)_____the top cur.

Blank (i)

A) umbrage

B) expiation

C) torpor

Blank (ii)

D)collectively overthrow

E) eventually placate

F) quickly appraise



4. 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)_____.

Blank (i)

A) a partisan
B) an unsuccessful
C) an exemplary

Blank (ii)

D) fabricated
E) sound
F) dubious

5. History is about recognizing continuities and therefore the historian must (i)_____stories that rope together the disparate worlds of past and present. But it is also true that honest history arises from a sense of (ii)_____. It is the experience of discontinuity that alerts us to the (iii)_____of the past and sets us looking for narratives to capture that unfamiliar entity.

Blank (i)

A) weave
B) shun
C) untangle

Blank (ii)

D) interruptedness
E) powerlessness
F) imperiousness

Blank (iii)

G) inexorableness
H) strangeness
I) lucidity

6. History is the best (i)_____illusions of omnipotence and omniscience. It should forever remind us of the limitations of our passing perspectives. It should strengthen us to (ii)_____the pressure to convert momentary interests into moral absolutes. It should lead us to a profound and chastening sense of our frailty as human beings—to a recognition of the fact, so often and so sadly demonstrated, that the future will (iii)_____all our certitudes.

Blank (i)

A) portent of
B) incitement to
C) antidote to

Blank (ii)

D) resist
E) acquiesce in
F) deepen

Blank (iii)

G) validate
H) outwit
I) simplify

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. While the rate at which absolute global sea level is rising may seem_____it has been far from an incidental factor in human history.
- A. disconcerting
B. intractable
C. improbable
D. imperceptible
E. unnerving
F. trivial
9. The reader does well to approach claims in this autobiography with a certain amount of friendly skepticism but the overall impression it conveys is that veracity wins out over_____.
- A. blame
B. invention
C. contrivance
D. censure
E. venom
F. concern
10. When the field of candidates for provost was announced, a group of outraged faculty confronted university authorities in a final effort to_____the hiring of a particularly controversial individual.
- A. postpone
B. forestall
C. eclipse
D. prevent
E. overshadow
F. denounce

Section 25

1. If dark energy is an energy field, it would not be ____: it might once have been stronger or weaker than it is now and could have affected the universe differently at different times.

A) boundless

B) directional

C) invariant

D) dynamic

E) pervasive

2. Many parents who attended the school board meeting ____ the fact that emerging social problems in some way affected nearly every pupil at the school; nonetheless, these parents often acted with a view to helping only their own children.

A) disregarded

B) bemoaned

C) ignored

D) disputed

E) downplayed

3. If newspaper consumers are concerned about more than (i) ____ and prefer to read news that is consistent with their beliefs, then (ii) ____ is not a journalistic flaw, but, rather a cultivated feature. In a competitive news market, producers can use slant to differentiate their products and save off-rice competition.

Blank (i)

A) politics

B) accuracy

C) expense

Blank (ii)

D) bias

E) sensationalism

F) inconsistency



4. There has been (i)_____elephants' fabled mental capacities until recently, when these behavioral observation 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 processing emotions.

Blank (i)

A) surprising credence given to
B) a widespread dismissal of
C) only anecdotal evidence for

Blank (ii)

D) buttressed
E) anticipated
F) overwhelmed

5. An affinity for (i)_____is a characteristic of Bynum's work ad of her rhetorical strategy as a historian, and it is often both refreshing and illuminating. But this predilection for (ii)_____can be vexing, too, by appearing to eschew necessary distinctions.

Blank (i)

A) paradox
B) humor
C) understatement

Blank (ii)

D) daring hyperbole
E) indiscriminate eclecticism
F) unresolvable ambivalences

6. Human brains are amazing organs but they are not perfect. Cognitive biases, as we know, sometimes produce errors. Yet the tern “error” could be (i)_____in that it suggests that there might be (ii)_____way in which cognition should work. Such a binary opposition is (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) corrective
B) serviceable
C) problematic

Blank (ii)

D) a uniquely correct
E)a surprisingly novel
F) an infinitely fluid

Blank (iii)

G) incontrovertible
H) reductive
I) wanted



7. When discussing the United States Army's 1876 campaign against the Sioux, Powers is occasionally_____context: he describes General Crook's march to the Battle of the Rosebud but neglects to mention how it fit into the army's overall strategy.
- A. misinformed about
 - B. obsessed with
 - C. frugal with
 - D. preoccupied with
 - E. stinting with
 - F. unscrupulous about
8. Song, speech, and music are typically one in the blues the instrument complements the voice, and though they may play instrumental solos, the most_____blues artists sing through both voice and instrument.
- A. characteristic
 - B. innovative
 - C. original
 - D. emblematic
 - E. reminiscent
 - F. nostalgic
9. One of the incongruities of modern industry, according to Reck and Graedel, is that we manufacture modern products with the most sophisticated technologies available yet generally adopt relatively_____approaches to recycling them.
- A. economical
 - B. basic
 - C. crude
 - D. conventional
 - E. inefficient
 - F. inexpensive
10. The Federal Reserve Bank is one of the most_____institutions in the United States, yet many are not aware of the important operations and activities it has carried out during its lifetime.

- A. distinguished
- B. secretive
- C. consequential
- D. indispensable
- E. misunderstood
- F. mysterious



Section 26

1. The_____of chicken in the Western diet is notable: we now eat 50 billion chickens a year, easily making chicken the largest source of animal protein on the planet.

A) sustainability
B) salubriousness
C) evanescence
D) ubiquity
E) novelty

2. During Roosevelt's first meeting with President Harrison, Harrison seemed less than usual: having just returned from a salubrious cruise down the Potomac, his characteristic sour silence was replaced by a ruddy, clear-eyed demeanor.

A) propitiatory
B) sanguine
C) pensive
D) dyspeptic
E) belligerent

3. On one point the book may be said to be (i)_____: while the author claims that he will not (ii)_____populism, his discussion implicitly attributes to it certain core beliefs and principles.

Blank (i)

A) pedantic
B) exemplary
C) contradictory

Blank (ii)

D) ascribe an essence to
E) question the effectiveness of
F) acknowledge inconsistencies in



4. 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.

Blank (i)

A) decrying
B) presuming
C) investigating

Blank (ii)

D) enamored of
E) judicious about
F) unnerved by

5. Scientists cannot directly measure heat conductivity in Earth's iron core, nor can they replicate such extreme conditions in the laboratory. This circumstance is (i)_____, however, if we (ii)_____iron's conductivity behavior in experimental and real-world conditions: then, core conductivity can be (iii)_____results of conductivity experiments performed at lower temperatures in a laboratory.

Blank (i)

A) unfortunate
B) understandable
C) surmountable

Blank (ii)

D) discount variations in
E) assume consistency in
F) manipulate degrees of

Blank (iii)

G) inferred from
H) compared to
I) influenced by

6. Researchers found that people who had just watched film clips of views from an airplane window were much more (i)_____in computer games than people who had watched clips showing scenes from a car window. The same relationship between (ii)_____and (iii)_____behavior appeared in several experiments. The researchers suggest that being high up, or the mere act of ascending, reminds us of lofty ways of thinking and behaving.

Blank (i)

A) passive
B) cooperative
C) unpredictable

Blank (ii)

D) competitiveness
E) altitude
F) mobility

Blank (iii)

G) unselfish
H) random
I) disciplined



7. For those attempting the art, the record of past futurologists' prognostications can be_____: it includes many confident predictions of technological revolutions that never happened, such as domed cities and nuclear-powered cars.
- A. incomplete
B. intriguing
C. mundane
D. humbling
E. prosaic
F. chastening
8. 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
9. To call a preserved artifact a communication channel may seem like science fiction, but to paleoanthropologists the two are_____: ancient artifacts are the media by which information is transmitted from the prehistoric past to the modern world.
- A. linked
B. interchangeable
C. analogous
D. consistent
E. comparable
F. interdependent
10. There is a risk in_____vagueness in speech: all kinds of distortions and lies can go unrecognized in the general haziness and so come off as facts.

- A. detecting
- B. sanctioning
- C. castigating
- D. countenancing
- E. discerning
- F. perpetuating



Section 27

1. Identifying the age of a human cell is tricky because of frequent_____its biological and chronological ages; a cell that has existed for a relatively short time could function erratically, as if elderly.

A) disagreement over

B) correlation between

C) underestimation of

D) misalignment of

E) inattention to

2. Concerned about the growing tendency of universities to sometimes reward celebrity more generously than specialized expertise, many academics have deplored the search for_____to which that practice leads.

A) approbation

B) collegiality

C) erudition

D) renown

E) prowess

3. One example of a (i)_____occurs in a vacuum state in quantum field theory. There, “something” and “nothing” are (ii)_____: it is entirely consistent for there to be nothing, and nonetheless for stuff to show up when we try to detect it.

Blank (i)

A) paradox

B) tautology

C) misnomer

Blank (ii)

D) not mutually exclusive

E) inextricably paired

F) impervious to interpretation



4. Business leaders who prefer centralized, pyramidal managerial structures to diversity and competition tend to (i)_____dissent in the decision-making process. But this insistence on (ii)_____can be dangerous in that it deprives decision makers of a full range of alternatives.

Blank (i)

A) foster
B) deprecate
C) overrate

Blank (ii)

D) spontaneity
E) unanimity
F) ambiguity

5. The recent finding is particularly (i)_____, given that climatologists' predictions about sea-level changes are based on the expectation that if the ice sheet lost mass at its edges, its overall mass would increase, since rising temperatures would lead to more snowfall over the continent's midsection. However, if overall mass is actually (ii)_____, it will mean that climatologists' predictions for the rise in the sea level for the coming century are (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) convincing
B) ominous
C) unimpressive

Blank (ii)

D) stabilizing
E) decreasing
F) unknowable

Blank (iii)

G) highly variable
H) seriously understated
I) on target

6. The author of the study of the world's best-selling but critically disparaged painter would no doubt say that the size of the artist's reputation (i)_____the book on sociological grounds, and the author would also no doubt argue that critics are wrong to (ii)_____middlebrow tastes. But there is a large dose of reverse snobbery threaded through the book, with its repeated claim that the painter's schmaltzy popular works are (iii)_____the masterpieces in museums.

Blank (i)

A) precludes
B) diminishes

Blank (ii)

D) mimic
E) countenance

Blank (iii)

G) rarely inspired by
H) mostly inferior to



C) justifies

F) overlook

I) often the equal of

7. In happier times, ours is a raucous, rude, cacophonous city, _____ cursing, good-matured complaining and laughing aloud.
- A. an abyss of
 - B. an oasis from
 - C. a reminder of
 - D. a hodgepodge of
 - E. a refuge from
 - F. a pastiche of
8. Interest in the recovery of lost works by Brazilian women writers is growing as scholars increasingly recognize writing by Brazilian women as inherently worth study, not as _____ writing by Brazilian men.
- A. divergent from
 - B. ancillary to
 - C. interchangeable with
 - D. antithetical to
 - E. subsidiary to
 - F. complimentary to
9. Tycho Brahe had assigned Kepler the task of deriving parameters for the model of Mars, a particularly _____ problem, which had stymied others because the large eccentricity of Mars exposed the inadequacies of the model itself.
- A. novel
 - B. recalcitrant
 - C. intractable
 - D. crucial
 - E. profound
 - F. treacherous

10. As modern organizations amass more and more digital information, they need guidance on how to deal with the information surplus in a way that is more__than simply increasing their storage capacity.

- A. sustainable
- B. onerous
- C. judicious
- D. discriminating
- E. parsimonious
- F. prohibitive



Section 28

1. Action cinema has a reputation for giving spectators all action and no plot, and that reputation for narrative_____seems to have gained further traction with the increasingly ubiquitous use of digital effects.

- | |
|-------------------|
| A) paucity |
| B) homogeneity |
| C) diffuseness |
| D) predictability |
| E) convolution |

2. Because they were traditionally_____, Jain monks in sixteenth-century India particularly valued special dispensations from the royal court granting them freedom of movement.

- | |
|----------------|
| A) erudite |
| B) ascetic |
| C) apolitical |
| D) peripatetic |
| E) solitary |

3. Gilbert saw himself as an investigator, a role whose mental state he (i)_____with that of (ii)_____. Consequently he never accepted an academic position or wrote a comprehensive textbook, so that despite his years of intellectual leadership he never established a school of followers or articulated a distinctly Gilbertian creed.

Blank (i)

- | |
|---------------|
| A) contrasted |
| B) combined |
| C) equated |

Blank (ii)

- | |
|---------------------|
| D) an administrator |
| E) a teacher |
| F) an engineer |



4. Given the (i)_____the committee and the (ii)_____of its investigation, it would be unreasonable to gainsay the committee's conclusions at first glance.

Blank (i)

A) sterling reputation of
B) lack of funding for
C) ad hoc existence of

Blank (ii)

D) superficial
E) spontaneous
F) exhaustive

5. Researchers claim that early mammals evolved a multistep process to synthesize vitamin C in their own bodies but that tens of millions of years ago some primates became so (i)_____eating fruits rich in this vitamin that making their own became (ii)_____. Their physiology (iii)_____their behavior. Consequently, their descendants, today's anthropoid primates, cannot make vitamin C.

Blank (i)

A) accustomed to
B) averse to
C) inefficient at

Blank (ii)

D) a challenging task
E) an unnecessary cost
F) a practical solution

Blank (iii)

G) adapted to
H) interfered with
I) changed despite

6. The antiestablishment comedy of the early 1960s developed in reaction to an age that was more (i)_____a time when standing on a stage to make fun of a political leader or government official was a (ii)_____act. In those days, the laughter of the audience was something for politicians to be afraid of, because it signaled a (iii)_____the public attitude toward the whole political class. Today, every politician is a target of satire and comedy, and laughter has become a reflexive, tired reaction to situations too depressing to evaluate clearly.

Blank (i)

A) humane
B) austere
C) deferential

Blank (ii)

D) radical
E) placatory
F) prophetic

Blank (iii)

G) developing moderation
H) profound shift
I) diminished resolve



7. The ocean's heat capacity (the amount of heat needed to change its temperature) is far greater than that of dry land and thus_____the ocean's seasonal temperature changes.
- A. reflects
B. mutes
C. alters
D. determines
E. attenuates
F. parallels
8. Just two centuries after the_____of Chinese algebra under the Song, even the finest mathematicians of Ming China could not fathom earlier texts.
- A. apogee
B. rebirth
C. pinnacle
D. nadir
E. expansion
F. initiation
9. Eubank's efforts to facilitate_____between the two sides came to nothing but could be seen as an early blueprint for the historic agreement between the sides over ten years later.
- A. an alliance
B. a rapprochement
C. a conversation
D. a reconciliation
E. an altercation
F. a quarrel
10. Researchers who speculated that the extinct crocodilian Deinosuchus was a fierce predator have_____this view by determining that the bite of Deinosuchus was thirteen times more powerful than that of a modern alligator.
- A. buttressed

- B. complicated
- C. bolstered
- D. disseminated
- E. belied
- F. contradicted



Section 29

1. The province has long claimed to be just another developing region, even as its economy_____those of other regions and threatens to eclipse the rest of the country combined.

A) parallels

B) bolsters

C) corroborates

D) outstrips

E) engages

2. Bridges are often offered as_____examples of engineering, given that a bridge's structure is out in the open for all to see.

A) intelligible

B) collaborative

C) elementary

D) undervalued

E) serendipitous

3. The songwriter's (i)_____nature can lead her audiences to forget that her songs are about painful experience just as often as they are about (ii)_____ones.

Blank (i)

A) forthright

B) jocose

C) turgid

Blank (ii)

D) engaging

E) exultant

F) ponderous



4. The (i)_____ of preserved plant remains found by archaeologists at late Pleistocene Paleoindian sites led them to hypothesize a Paleoindian lifestyle in which hunting (ii)_____ gathering, but it now appears that excavation techniques skewed the findings, leading to an underestimation of the use of plant foods.

Blank (i)

A) paucity
B) ubiquity
C) diversity

Blank (ii)

D) was succeeded by
E) took precedence over
F) merely supplemented

5. After peaking around 3.5 million years ago, the number of large mammalian carnivore species declined gradually over the next million and a half years or so, mostly because the rate at which new species (i)_____ slowed down while the extinction rate (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) adapted
B) originated
C) migrated

Blank (ii)

D) reached historic lows
E) remained largely unchanged
F) exhibited a similar pattern

6. The only way to definitively test a large civil engineering structure such as a bridge is to build it in anticipation of possible challenges from nature and then let nature take its course. That is not to say that every new large structure is a (i)_____. Engineers understand a great deal about the behavior and limitations of their structures' components. Furthermore, it is the (ii)_____ structure that is built more than 10 or 20 percent larger than its predecessors, thus allowing engineers to move (iii)_____ into unknown territory.

Blank (i)

A) success
B) gamble
C) mistake

Blank (ii)

D) conventional
E) unusual
F) outstanding

Blank (iii)

G) incrementally
H) uncheckedly
I) enthusiastically

7. Edited collections of scholarly essays generally tend to be somewhat uneven: they suffer from the_____subject matter of the various essays, the lack of an overarching and consistent thesis, and the variable quality of the contributions.
- A. intriguing
 - B. heterogeneous
 - C. comprehensive
 - D. disparate
 - E. mediocre
 - F. engaging
8. When automobiles became_____in Italy in the early 1950s, the country's ancient towns were inundated by vehicles, and their historic piazzas became, for a time, little more than parking lots.
- A. fashionable
 - B. pervasive
 - C. expensive
 - D. costly
 - E. ubiquitous
 - F. affordable
9. Booker T. Washington was always a welcome guest at the White House: although his aloofness_____intimate conversation, the president felt entirely at ease in his company.
- A. compromised
 - B. ruled out
 - C. presupposed
 - D. precluded
 - E. called for
 - F. necessitated
10. Recent advances in the study of desert varnish have been a boon to geologists, allowing them to date surface features and establish regional climate histories in detail.

- A. novel
- B. realistic
- C. unprecedented
- D. superfluous
- E. extraneous
- F. surprising



Section 30

1. Needing to conceal their increasing alienation from each other, the family settled into what amounted to voluble nonsense, in that they would_____but seldom communicate.

A) complain

B) meddle

C) natter

D) confide

E) congregate

2. The lecturer (i)_____to provide innovative insights into important issues, but her promise of originality was more than she delivered: most of her pronouncements were (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) undertook

B) hesitated

C) declined

Blank (ii)

D) platitudinous

E) trenchant

F) inventive

3. In writing about environmental issues, the author takes on some special artistic challenges. It is hard to write a good novel that takes a strong stand on a social issue, although there are a few novelists, Zola and Norris for example, who do manage to (i)_____the often circumscribing effects of (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) convey

B) reinvent

C) transcend

Blank (ii)

D) cynicism

E) polemic

F) tradition



4. In clear contradiction to the documentary filmmaking convention of geographic (i)_____, the locations in the film Heremaneono are willfully (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) continuity
B) stasis
C) specificity

Blank (ii)

D) generic
E) iconic
F) recognizable

5. During the early twentieth century, when the United States chemical industry faced increasing demands for governmental regulations to limit its air and water emissions, the industry's leaders (i)_____the principle that government should stay out of business affairs. In practice, however, chemical manufacturers' position on government intervention in the industry had been (ii)_____: they hardly (iii) the active role played by the government in the industry's growth during the First World War.

Blank (i)

A) disregarded
B) landed
C) castigated

Blank (ii)

D) controversial
E) conditional
F) unassailable

Blank (iii)

G) objected to
H) acknowledged
I) welcomed

6. Newspaper commentary on the committee report could not be considered logically thorough. Though the report's conclusions were widely (i)_____, no one identified serious errors in the reasoning by which they were reached. Moreover, none could (ii)_____that its data contained significant omissions, the report being (iii)_____that respect.

Blank (i)

A) condemned
B) disseminated
C) acknowledged

Blank (ii)

D) contend
E) question
F) deny

Blank (iii)

G) circular
H) laconic
I) unimpeachable

7. The field of urban ecology is in_____phase: just a decade or two ago the idea of doing natural science in a city was something few researchers ever considered.
- A. an ambiguous
 - B. an incipient
 - C. a nascent
 - D. an obscure
 - E. a turbulent
 - F. a moribund
8. When Mary Forbes was first thrown into national prominence, the news media made much of her restricted and provincial background, but her inclinations are by no means those of_____woman.
- A. an innovative
 - B. an insular
 - C. an intransigent
 - D. an narrow-minded
 - E. an inexperienced
 - F. a forward-looking
9. The biographer laments the_____that abound in texts from antiquity, they are so prevalent, she says, that they nearly amount to a “conspiracy silence”.
- A. fallacies
 - B. myths
 - C. misrepresentations
 - D. elisions
 - E. lacunae
 - F. distortions
10. _____as ever at eighty-three, Williamson berated the journalists hovering outside his home with a constant stream of abuse.
- A. fractious
 - B. irascible
 - C. malicious

D. reticent

E. taciturn

F. voluble



Section 31

1. The relationships between humans and aliens in Octavia Butler's science fiction often seem_____, but close reading reveals the darker undertones of a profound power imbalance.

A) paradigmatic

B) instinctive

C) antagonistic

D) controversial

E) mutualistic

2. The main reason that family farms are more_____than larger farms is that they are operated by family members who, because they care about the family property, do not need extensive supervision.

A) traditional

B) fashionable

C) efficient

D) slow-paced

E) tenuous

3. There is no (i)_____in developing a scientific theory that is (ii)_____; rather, the generation, testing, and frequently, discarding of new ideas must be regarded as an essential part of the process by which scientists gain the knowledge and understanding they seek.

Blank (i)

A) profit

B) shame

C) urgency

Blank (ii)

D) widely applicable

E) eventually refuted

F) overly sophisticated



4. The quest for new drugs to deter the aging process represents a new faith among some researchers that aging is not immutable. This (i)_____, however, is not (ii)_____. Evolutionary biologists have strong reasons to suppose that the human life span cannot be altered in any easy way.

Blank (i)

A) optimism
B) sophistication
C) predictability

Blank (ii)

D) entirely implausible
E) fully shared
F) readily apparent

5. Since her death in 1960, Zora Neale Hurston's literary reputation has (i)_____: Hurston died in obscurity, but she now has the status of a major American author. However, despite her (ii)_____oeuvre, the (iii)_____her reputation is based mainly on *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, her second novel, which has stimulated more scholarly writing than all of Hurston's other books combined.

Blank (i)

A) been seriously undermined
B) undergone a dramatic change
C) generated considerable

Blank (ii)

D) uneven
E) substantial
F) controversy

Blank (iii)

G) disagreement over
H) growth of
I) esoteric mystery of

6. While physicists consider the Navier-Stokes equations used to model the movement of fluids to be (i)_____, mathematicians are (ii)_____them. To a mathematician, it means little that the equations (iii)_____. They want proof that the equations are unfailing: that no matter the fluid, and no matter how far into the future you forecast its flow, the mathematics of the equations will still hold.

Blank (i)

A) complicated
B) flawed
C) reliable

Blank (ii)

D) intrigued by
E) uninformed
F) skeptical regarding

Blank (iii)

G) appear to work
H) are used ineptly
I) require elaborate notation



7. Strayed's advice columns were a clear step away from the_____of societal norms by earlier columnists, instead, her approach was one of liberating, nonjudgmental permissiveness.
- A. forswearing
 - B. modernization
 - C. rationalization
 - D. reinforcement
 - E. scrutiny
 - F. bolstering
8. During sleep the brain-wave patterns of dogs are similar to people's, and they exhibit the stages of electrical activity that are observed in humane, so there is nothing there to_____the notion that dogs dream.
- A. dilute
 - B. complicate
 - C. undermine
 - D. buttress
 - E. support
 - F. contradict
9. Because molecules containing unexpected isotopes-carbon-13 in place of carbon-12 in carbon dioxide, say-weigh slightly more or less than their more common counterparts and yield valuable information about chemical processes, researchers are weighing molecules on ever_____scales.
- A. costlier
 - B. finer
 - C. more comprehensive
 - D. more elaborate
 - E. more sensitive
 - F. more unwieldy

10. Machiavelli's painful account of the Pazzi political conspiracy and the recriminations that followed seems to have been penned with_____intent: to dampen naive enthusiasm for such adventures by warning of their dangers.

- A. an equivocal
- B. an ulterior
- C. a preemptive
- D. a pragmatic
- E. a deterrent
- F. a duplicitous



Section 32

1. Issues associated with intermittent availability of wind and sunlight as forms of renewable energy are not_____, as shown by recent advances in energy conversion and storage.

A) insignificant

B) acknowledged

C) reproducible

D) insurmountable

E) preventable

2. Dialogue exchanges indicating deep-seated rivalries among the characters abound in the novel, but they are almost always associated with_____events-everyday commercial transactions, for instance, or the preparation of an evening meal.

A) intimate

B) sporadic

C) quotidian

D) contentious

E) revelatory

3. Despite her earlier reputation for (i)_____as a negotiator, she had recently held a (ii)_____for which many of her erstwhile supporters censured her.

Blank (i)

A) inefficiency

B) tactfulness

C) shiftiness

Blank (ii)

D) combative stance

E) sympathetic tone

F) conciliatory voice



4. The committee called for restrictions not just on chemicals that are hazardous according to the standard definition(which equates hazard with toxicity) but on all chemicals that are persistent and that accumulate in the biosphere. Toxicity is an (i)_____criterion, the committee argued, since evidence of toxicity (ii)_____public health.

Blank (i)

A) inadequate
B) ambiguous
C) oversensitive

Blank (ii)

D) need not imply a serious threat to
E) can emerge too late to protect
F) provides the strongest link to

5. The political theorist argues that passing laws to (i)_____the state in order to preclude abuse of its citizenry sounds appealing and even necessary, but doing so can (ii)_____the state's ability to protect its citizens from both external and internal aggression. Most citizens want a compromise: a state strong enough to protect them but not so strong that it can harm them.

Blank (i)

A) constrain
B) indemnify
C) aggrandize

Blank (ii)

D) augment
E) vitiate
F) overemphasize

6. According to linguists and cognitive scientists, the human mind specializes in producing analogies. Part of the reason cognitive scientists believe analogy is a (i)_____cognitive process is that drawing analogies requires some sort of similarity mapping of one concept onto another, and similarity mapping is a component of the inductive thinking we depend on. Another argument for the (ii)_____of analogical reasoning in human reasoning is that metaphors, which are linguistically embedded analogies, are (iii)_____language.

Blank (i)

A) creative
B) distinctive

Blank (ii)

D) versatility
E) centrality

Blank (iii)

G) pervasive in
H) expressed in



C) fundamental

F) difficulty

I) embellishments of

7. Although traditionally artists have rightly been seen as the most_____audience for the work of their colleagues, today taste is also created by critics and curators and occasionally by collectors.

A. arbitrary
B. volatile
C. perceptive
D. impulsive
E. subjective
F. discerning

8. Motorcycle riders in London have discovered an ingenious, albeit_____way of parking illegally without getting a ticket.

A. inventive
B. unscrupulous
C. astute
D. dishonest
E. impractical
F. shrewd

9. The author argued that a relentless focus on political scandal was making it hard for even the least_____politicians to maintain their faith in the nobility of public service.

A. prudent
B. ruthless
C. corrupt
D. cynical
E. judicious
F. jaded



10. Commentators on Benjamin Banneker's achievements positioned him as_____: an African American mathematician in a society disinclined to foster the genius of African American scholars.

- A. an iconoclast
- B. an apotheosis
- C. an exception
- D. a forerunner
- E. an exemplar
- F. a singularity



Section 33

1. Contrary to what might be expected, having numerous relationships is not necessarily a_____loneliness since loneliness is determined by the way people experience relationships subjectively.

A) measure of

B) bulwark against

C) catalyst for

D) consequence of

E) substitute for

2. The employee had a reputation for fractiousness, but his co-workers found him to be, on the contrary, quite_____.

A) perspicacious

B) capable

C) affable

D) productive

E) ambitious

3. Many civic institutions tend to (i)_____, when they do not actively discourage, the better natures of the citizenry. People are individually altruistic social animals who nonetheless teach themselves to be (ii)_____in the public sphere.

Blank (i)

A) expose

B) ignore

C) presuppose

Blank (ii)

D) selfish

E) critical

F) adamant



4. Scientific revolutions are (i)_____because they (ii)_____: scientists tend to become (iii)_____, taking the accepted wisdom of their field to be immutable and relinquishing it only in the face of very impressive new observational evidence.

Blank (i)

A) destructive
B) infrequent
C) predictable

Blank (ii)

D) encounter resistance
E) reinforce convention
F) ignore alternatives

Blank (iii)

G) complacent
H) specialized
I) ambitious

5. The authors considered how it can be that the fashion industry continues to (i)_____when there are no laws that prevent one designer or company from copying another designer's original idea. They came to the conclusion that the fashion industry (ii)_____the piracy of new designs: design copying contributes to a process of induced obsolescence by diffusing new designs into the mainstream, causing them to lose their insider appeal. A market for new designs is thus (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) protest
B) prevaricate
C) prosper

Blank (ii)

D) benefits from
E) inveighs against
F) disagrees about

Blank (iii)

G) diluted
H) perpetuated
I) curtailed

6. The recent proposals by John Cairns and his colleagues that cells may have mechanisms for choosing which genetic mutations they will undergo - specifically, in ways that give those cells an advantage in stressful conditions- collided with the principle of genetics that mutations occur in a way unrelated to whatever (i) they might have. Cairns's suggestion (ii)_____the argument of Lamarck, who had proposed that species evolve through the inheritance of acquired characteristics - ones that individuals develop (iii)_____environmental challenges.

Blank (i)

A) precursors
B) difficulties
C) consequences

Blank (ii)

D) presaged
E) underlay
F) recalled

Blank (iii)

G) to overcome
H) as random responses to
I) in order to amplify



7. An airline passenger can reach almost any part of the planet within a day yet the jet engine remains largely_____as both a masterpiece of energy conversion and a means of modern transit.
- A. unsung
B. venerated
C. disregarded
D. disparaged
E. uncharted
F. denounced
8. We might be much closer to building the next generation of observatories if competing groups of astronomers had not_____repeated chances to collaborate: instead, three separate projects with common goals are fighting one another for funding.
- A. spurned
B. avoided
C. sabotaged
D. rebuffed
E. initiated
F. commenced
9. While the_____of reliable sources in later narratives make many details of the early history of China's Zhou dynasty unverifiable, the Zhou rulers' successful rise to power is certain.
- A. dearth
B. ambiguity
C. paucity
D. opacity
E. authenticity
F. credibility
10. Joan's constant stream of_____jokes did sometimes alienate her companions, who thought that no every occasion called for such caustic humor.

- A. clumsy
- B. affable
- C. raucous
- D. mordant
- E. acerbic
- F. genial



Section 34

1. There is little recognition of canine contributions to early Antarctic discovery, even though experts agree that dog were_____on the first expeditions to the South Pole.

A) unpredictable

B) underrepresented

C) intractable

D) indispensable

E) unproblematic

2. Natural selection has favored some instinctive reactions of organisms over others, so only those that promote survival and reproduction have become established, but instinctive responses need not be_____: they may adjust over time.

A) determinative

B) immutable

C) heritable

D) reflexive

E) idiosyncratic

3. The politician's record while in office, though (i)_____, hardly accounts for her high standing three decade later-a standing all the more (ii)_____because of continuing assaults on her reputation during those years.

Blank (i)

A) bewildering

B) admirable

C) unappreciated

Blank (ii)

D) unusual

E) regrettable

F) persistent



4. At first glance, each of the stories in the anthology seemed (i)_____, upon closer inspection of their protagonists, implied morale, and fantasy elements, however, subtle similarities among the stories emerged to (ii)_____this initial observation.

Blank (i)

A) compelling
B) implausible
C) idiosyncratic

Blank (ii)

D) impugn
E) bolster
F) explain

5. Up to the 1970s, histories of science tended to be (i)_____not least in their focus on discoveries and theories that could be read as anticipating later scientific orthodoxies, rather than on those deemed (ii)_____in their own periods. Historians of science are now routinely far more sensitive on such scores.

Blank (i)

A) anachronistic
B) convoluted
C) undogmatic

Blank (ii)

D) major
E) fallacious
F) inessential

6. In 1987, Japanese chemists demonstrated that tiny particles of gold could act as (i)_____facilitating the combination of carbon monoxide and oxygen into carbon dioxide. The idea that gold could hasten chemical reactions was (ii)_____: after all, gold is (iii)_____in its bulk form. It has been used for millennia to make jewelry precisely because it does not tarnish by reacting with oxygen or water.

Blank (i)

A) an inhibitor
B) a catalyst
C) a byproduct

Blank (ii)

D) predictable
E) discouraging
F) counterintuitive

Blank (iii)

G) inert
H) practical
I) valuable



7. Despite its current stagnation, the peace process is not nearly as_____as some officials imply.
- A. capricious
 - B. doomed
 - C. irrefutable
 - D. moribund
 - E. smooth
 - F. straightforward
8. When it comes to arriving at brilliant ideas, filtering out distractions might well be_____: if a person's mind is wandering, that person tends to outperform peers in a range of tasks in which flashes of insight are important.
- A. indispensable
 - B. irrelevant
 - C. overrated
 - D. imperative
 - E. deleterious
 - F. counterproductive
9. Coagulation factors are useful proteins whose simple names-many are known only by Roman numeral-_____their importance and the specificity of their roles in the thinning and clotting of blood.
- A. nullify
 - B. obviate
 - C. mitigate
 - D. belie
 - E. mask
 - F. accentuate
10. In his role as a librarian and historian, Ama Bontemps was a great_____and a preserver of the documents of Black cultural heritage.
- A. annalist
 - B. annotator

- C. chronicler
- D. initiator
- E. instigator
- F. proponent



Section 35

1. As a history, Banker's book can seem_____, prone as it is to diverting asides such as an engaging disquisition on the political science of early modern Europe.

A) holistic

B) unstinting

C) misanthropic

D) unsettling

E) haphazard

2. Mary Beard notes that the classical past has never been_____ by only one political tendency or party: the classics have been used in support of revolutions as well as dictatorships.

A) endured

B) relinquished

C) forsworn

D) critiqued

E) co-opted

3. Because scientific breakthroughs tend to occur when a prevailing theory's predictions start to fail, scientists sometimes find it (i)_____when a theory persists-as the standard model of particle physics has done-in making (ii)_____predictions.

Blank (i)

A) productive

B) frustrating

C) surprising

Blank (ii)

D) bold

E) abstract

F) correct



4. The comments are (i)_____to be sure, meant to suggest new lines of research rather than to deal with the subject in (ii)_____manner.

Blank (i)

A) misguided
B) sketchy
C) exculpatory

Blank (ii)

D) a cavalier
E) an exhaustive
F) a subjective

5. Scientists have devised several techniques for improving crop plants; recombinant genetic technology is just the latest and most (i)_____of them. By contrast another (ii)_____method-bombarding seeds with radiation in the hope of producing (iii)_____mutations-prompted no questions about the safety of the countless crops it produced.

Blank (i)

A) unnatural
B) ambiguous
C) controversial

Blank (ii)

D) heretofore common
E) hotly contested
F) tentatively proposed

Blank (iii)

G) advantageous
H) inexpedient
I) virulent

6. Among chess aficionados, there have been many doomsday scenarios about people (i)_____the game as a result of the superiority of computer chess programs over human players. Others have replied to this with variations on the theme of how we still hold footraces despite cars going much faster, but this analogy is (ii)_____since cars do not help humans run faster while chess computers undoubtedly have an effect on the (iii)_____of human chess.

Blank (i)

A) losing interest in
B) redoubling their efforts at
C) struggling to master

Blank (ii)

D) ineluctable
E) transparent
F) spurious

Blank (iii)

G) popularity
H) quality
I) accessibility

7. Animals could certainly be said to have a sense of_____: there are species-specific rules about who eats first and about proper methods of grooming or making introductions.
- A. loyalty
 - B. altruism
 - C. tradition
 - D. protocol
 - E. decorum
 - F. faithfulness
8. Tuner argued that the frontier experience created American democracy, but he did not dwell on the consequent question, even though it was_____one: if the frontier encounter created democracy could that democracy outlive its lost frontier?
- A. an obvious
 - B. an ominous
 - C. a divisive
 - D. a prosaic
 - E. a portentous
 - F. a pedestrian
9. Though Marie Cool and Fabio Balducci consider themselves visual artists rather than performance artists their work seems_____, not firmly situated in either world.
- A. provisional
 - B. liminal
 - C. anomalous
 - D. prototypical
 - E. intermediate
 - F. archetypal
10. The town's air was consistently_____: depending on the breeze, one might be greeted with the sou effluvia of twenty breweries, choking fumes from the coal tar factory, or brackish smells from the nearby river.
- A. malodorous

- B. toxic
- C. redolent
- D. benign
- E. noisome
- F. anodyne



Section 36

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 buildings were_____for so many years.

A) imitated

B) extolled

C) commemorated

D) disdained

E) unnoticed

2. We tend to perceive the classification of zoo animals into scientific categories such as species and subspecies as_____, but the definition of many species is still hotly debated among biologists and conservationists.

A) abstruse

B) equivocal

C) incontrovertible

D) imperative

E) indiscernible

3. The weather was long seen as (i)_____topic of conversation. But that has changed in recent years, as charged debates over such matters as global warming and acid rain have made the weather a far more (ii)_____matter than it used to be.

Blank (i)

A) an unavoidable

B) an inoffensive

C) a subjective

Blank (ii)

D) predictable

E) intuitive

F) fraught



4. Many of the major developments in fundamental physics of the past century arose from (i)_____existing ideas. For example, the (ii)_____Maxwell's equations and Galilean invariance led Einstein to propose the special theory of relativity. Similarly, the failure to reconcile special relativity with Newtonian gravity led him to develop the general theory of relativity.

Blank (i)

A) expanding the purview of
B) overcoming contradictions between
C) challenging assumptions in

Blank (ii)

D) influence of
E) incompatibility of
F) errors in

5. To understand what accounts for the durability of the Chinese empire, we must first (i)_____of deterministic explanations attributing it to an unusually convenient topographic setting. The empire's terrain, divided into natural enclaves by mountain ranges and huge rivers, was as (ii)_____the emergence of small independent polities as any other part of the world.

Blank (i)

A) consider the importance
B) question the adequacy
C) dismiss the critiques

Blank (ii)

D) desolate before
E) secure against
F) conducive to

6. Although the vibrio fischeri bacterium has the capacity to make all the complex nutrients it needs from a single source of carbon and nitrogen, scientists believe that if fischeri is in an environment that (i)_____particular nutrients, it will use the nutrients in the environment first. This bacterium, in other words, prefers (ii)_____to making its own meals from scratch, the (iii)_____approach being more energy efficient and allowing the bacterium to grow much faster.

Blank (i)

A) depletes
B) tolerates

Blank (ii)

D) relying on its ability to synthesize
E) getting take-out food

Blank (iii)

G) former
H) self-reliant



C) affords

F) migrating in search of nutrition

I) competitive

7. Advertising's role in popular music culture has been redefined: instead of a last resort for the creation and distribution of popular music, advertising now functions as a_____ of music that might otherwise go unheard.
- A. promoter
B. reflection
C. component
D. foe
E. champion
F. rival
8. Recognizing the_____ of earthen material, the West African artists who employ it develop strategies for extending its lifespan, including the application of plasters, organic pigments, and commercial paints.
- A. fragility
B. crudity
C. unwieldiness
D. awkwardness
E. impermanence
F. scarcity
9. This is_____ time for geologists interested in astronomy since astronomers have essentially abdicated much of the solar system to geology: planets and smaller bodies are increasingly recognized as worlds shaped by geologic processes.
- A. a tumultuous
B. an exciting
C. a propitious
D. a favorable
E. a perplexing
F. an anxious



10. By eating tiny organisms and incorporating their prey's nutrients into their own bodies, large insects become “nutrient packages” for larger insectivores for whom the pursuit of tiny organisms would be_____.

- A. unwieldy
- B. insalubrious
- C. unremunerative
- D. unnecessary
- E. inopportune
- F. unprofitable



Section 37

1. Usually the first to spot data that are anomalous relative to other findings, in this particular experiment she let a number of _____ results slip by.

A) inaccurate
B) predictable
C) inconsistent
D) salient
E) redundant

2. The subject of the lecture was not _____ the interests of the physicians who constituted the audience, and their attention perceptibly waned as the lecture progressed.

A) limited by
B) exhausted by
C) isolated from
D) inimical to
E) germane to

3. For millennia, remembering was hard and costly, and people had to choose deliberately what should be remembered allowing most things to be forgotten. The digital age has brought about an (i) _____ of the balance of remembering and forgetting. Committing information to digital memory has become (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

A) attenuation
B) inversion
C) extension

Blank (ii)

D) the default
E) a burden
F) an excuse



4. When an organism is functioning normally, excessive fat is stored in adipose tissue. Thus, the (i)_____ of such tissue may be (ii)_____: the fat is diverted to other organs, such as the liver and the heart, causing serious health problems.

Blank (i)

A) evolution
B) dearth
C) resilience

Blank (ii)

D) unnoticeable
E) ephemeral
F) hazardous

5. Although critics and curators have placed Romare Bearden in any number of contexts-with collage artists, with Black Atlantic artists, among American Abstractionists, or with artists from the Civil Rights movement-he (i)_____the (ii)_____of the conventional art world.

Blank (i)

A) confounds
B) explicates
C) produces

Blank (ii)

D) taxonomies
E) masterpieces
F) innovations

6. The study found that every child has his or her own highly (i)_____daily level of activity. It is not affected by school physical education, or whether the child walks or drives to school, or how much time the child spends in front of a television. We don't know what determines this (ii)_____activity level. But engineering the environment to require more activity (iii)_____children whose nature is to be inactive.

Blank (i)

A) unpredictable
B) consistent
C) productive

Blank (ii)

D) intrinsic
E) problematic
F) heightened

Blank (iii)

G) is likely to encourage
H) will be misunderstood by
I) will have little impact on



7. Although men still dominate the ranks of full professors in the field of astronomy, the increasing numbers of younger women in the field could_____a change in its gender mix.
- A. require
 - B. alleviate
 - C. block
 - D. presage
 - E. portend
 - F. hinder
8. 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
9. Because they view Earth's resources as strictly limited, some environmentalists find the notion of sustainable growth to be_____, believing that self-restraint and sacrifice must be at the heart of any environmentally sound strategy for the future.
- A. inevitable
 - B. desirable
 - C. dubious
 - D. questionable
 - E. chimerical
 - F. certain
10. Though initially presented in a blaze of hyperbole, the thesis is repeated even more in the ensuing paragraphs.
- A. vehemently



- B. pragmatically
- C. soberly
- D. emphatically
- E. pretentiously
- F. sensibly



Section 38

1. Research on a variety of species has shown that the process of aging is_____, leading some scientists to seek technologies by which human aging might be slowed, linear benign malleable inevitable measurable.

A) linear

B) benign

C) malleable

D) inevitable

E) measurable

2. Though the copy of the memorandum that the authors obtained had been_____, it still contained enough information to support their allegations of conspiracy.

A) limned

B) elucidated

C) explicated

D) annotated

E) expurgated

3. Public cynicism toward politics has been attributed by some scholars to the sharply negative coverage of political campaigns by the new media; but a growing body of research suggests that political(i)_____is a complex phenomenon and it is (ii) to the media as its only cause.

Blank (i)

A) indoctrination

B) polarization

C) disaffection

Blank (ii)

D) typical

E) unfair

F) trivial



4. Extreme political positions actually tend to be more (i)_____ than the platforms of large political parties, since the alliance of diverse interests that constitutes a big party is often (ii)_____ except that it makes for a powerful coalition capable collectively of exerting a governing influence.

Blank (i)

A) biased
B) inflammatory
C) consistent

Blank (ii)

D) limitless
E) harmless
F) senseless

5. Teachers in sports, music, and other fields often believe that natural aptitude matters a great deal, but sometimes they may mistake (i)_____ for (ii)_____: there is no way to tell, from a recital alone, whether a young violinist's extraordinary performance stems from years of training or from (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) plaudits
B) flair
C) diligence

Blank (ii)

D) talent
E) merit
F) ostentation

Blank (iii)

G) innate ability
H) careful parenting
I) dedicated study

6. Despite the (i)_____ of many modern conveniences, the dangers of life in Antarctica for scientists and researchers are (ii)_____, even if they are not as (iii)_____ as those faced by the continent's heroic early explorers.

Blank (i)

A) dearth
B) presence
C) complexity

Blank (ii)

D) overstated
E) real
F) minimal

Blank (iii)

G) surmountable
H) constant
I) trivial

7. Another challenge to biologists and land-use planners alike is that while human-induced changes to the landscape are sometimes_____, they can nevertheless drastically alter the habitat for some plants and animals.



- A. indisputable
 - B. inappropriate
 - C. unacceptable
 - D. unfathomable
 - E. imperceptible
 - F. indiscernible
8. 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
9. 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
10. Art historian Olu Oguibe contests Cavell's assumption of a human inclination to escape subjectivity, noting in the human species a _____ to challenge the veracity of that which professes to be purely objective.
- A. reluctance
 - B. failure
 - C. hesitancy

- D. capacity
- E. disposition
- F. proclivity



Section 39

1. Although researchers have studied cartilage's behavior on the macroscopic scale, the several forces that scientists believe to be active on the molecular level have never been_____.

A) disentangled

B) divulged

C) invoked

D) accepted

E) developed

2. He is most_____in matters of business, but in his private life he reveals a streak of prodigality.

A) spendthrift

B) misanthropic

C) candid

D) self-possessed

E) parsimonious

3. Blake's (i)_____weakness is (ii)_____. On the contrary, almost all who have worked with her say she is in fact a disciplined, intellectually formidable, and very tough politician.

Blank (i)

A) denial of

B) reputation for

C) attitude toward

Blank (ii)

D) pervasive

E) unfounded

F) deliberate



4. The philosopher held that art must perform a paradoxical task, simultaneously extricating itself from the (i)_____even while (ii)_____the realities of ordinary experience.

Blank (i)

A) impersonal
B) prescriptive
C) quotidian

Blank (ii)

D) largely transcending
E) casually dismissing
F) forthrightly addressing

5. Like many composers of electronic music, this composer is a pianist by training, and one might be tempted to hypothesize that this (i)_____is due to the fact that early electronic instruments, such as the synthesizer, were keyboard controlled. (ii)_____, the fact that, historically, most composers in any genre began as pianists (iii)_____that hypothesis.

Blank (i)

A) oddity
B) correlation
C) presumption

Blank (ii)

D) Furthermore
E) However
F) Specifically

Blank (iii)

G) clarifies
H) challenges
I) extends

6. Law students are usually told that the purpose of having defendants in liability cases pay damages is to make it as if a wrong had never happened. However, (i)_____professors' explanations of this concept may be, it remains the source of much (ii)_____since money cannot, in fact, (iii)_____serious losses.

Blank (i)

A) lucid
B) flimsy
C) tendentious

Blank (ii)

D) bins
E) perplexity
F) pride

Blank (iii)

G) erase
H) forestall
I) obfuscate

7. Concerned to upend the standard top-down approach to game design, Flanagan calls on game designers to_____the typical model with one that is less hierarchical.



- A. augment
- B. supplant
- C. assail
- D. amplify
- E. modify
- F. replace

8. Ancient coins displayed in museums are almost by definition_____, on display precisely because they are the most beautiful, the most elaborate, and the best-preserved samples.

- A. diverse
- B. atypical
- C. precious
- D. exceptional
- E. disparate
- F. enigmatic

9. It has long been thought that smell might have_____relation with memory, and recent research does indeed confirm that recollections tied to smell can be stronger than memories of other types.

- A. an intimate
- B. an overstated
- C. a privileged
- D. a complex
- E. a favored
- F. an exaggerated

10. The hypothesis that the moon formed from a planetary impact could account for the of water and other volatiles on the Moon since such an impact would have caused volatiles to escape into space.

- A. condensation
- B. paucity
- C. nullity



D. ephemerality

E. dearth

F. occurrence



Section 40

1. One of the virtues of the essay collection is that it presents _____ views side by side, thereby highlighting the contentious nature of many of the arguments within the discipline.

A) authoritative

B) unsubstantiated

C) irreverent

D) discordant

E) seminal

2. 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

3. Discussing the psychology of insults, the author reminds us that hypersensitivity has (i)_____: some people do not (ii)_____ even when they realize that they have been slighted.

Blank (i)

A) a cost

B) an advantage

C) an opposite

Blank (ii)

D) take offense

E) suppress emotions

F) respond in kind



4. Boostrom argues that many scholars are too (i)_____a tendency toward (ii)_____ in academic prose. It may even be, he says, that some academics deliberately befog their subject with in-group jargon in hopes of lending substance to their thinking.

Blank (i)

A) forgiving of
B) worried about
C) resistant to

Blank (ii)

D) obfuscation
E) partisanship
F) generalization

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

Blank (i)

A) ambivalent
B) complacent
C) indifferent

Blank (ii)

D) ignoring
E) understanding
F) adulating

6. The latest encyclopedia (i)_____the (ii)_____made by many other books on how things work-giving (iii)_____for every device, no matter how complicated - by taking just as long as is needed to explain things.

Blank (i)

A) repeats
B) exposes
C) avoids

Blank (ii)

D) assumption
E) mistake
F) compromise

Blank (iii)

G) a brief historical background
H) an equal number of words
I) at least one illustration

7. So effective are inhaled steroids at staving off asthma attacks that doctors now regard them as_____therapy.

- A. a mainstay of
- B. a precursor to
- C. a supplement to
- D. a complement to
- E. a foundation of
- F. an antithesis to



8. Although political debates supposedly exist to inform viewers about the candidates' policy positions, these debates are often_____by critics who see them as occasions for evasion and posturing.
- A. ignored
 - B. evaluated
 - C. decried
 - D. maintained
 - E. disparaged
 - F. sustained
9. The position of the professional critic is becoming_____as, thanks to the rise of the Internet, increasingly no one person's opinion is of any more worth in the cultural marketplace than any other's.
- A. unequivocal
 - B. unambiguous
 - C. unsustainable
 - D. untenable
 - E. unrealistic
 - F. unremarkable
10. One virtue of cornmeal as a component of the diets of laborers in early Puerto Rico was the mildness of its taste, a trait that enabled it to_____the strong flavors of other foods.
- A. mimic
 - B. temper
 - C. camouflage
 - D. neutralize
 - E. complement
 - F. augment

Section 41

1. For the early years of the twentieth century, ecology remained essentially a science: ecologists went into the field, counted plants and animals, made lists, and that was pretty much that.

A) lay
B) resilient
C) descriptive
D) theoretical
E) pragmatic

2. The author argues that people are not necessarily focused on_____concerns when making decisions, since they usually take into account other interests besides their own.

A) practical
B) trivial
C) shortsighted
D) idiosyncratic
E) altruistic

3. The composer's music had been criticized for being simple and accessible to a fault, but defenders countered that music need not be_____to be great.

A) innovative
B) capricious
C) inscrutable
D) meritorious
E) bombastic



4. The mayor has developed a reputation for (i)_____, and even in a city not known for its (ii)_____ this reputation is proving to be a growing danger to his administration.

Blank (i)

A) ostentation
B) rectitude
C) venality

Blank (ii)

D) flamboyance
E) decadence
F) integrity

5. Traditional Vietnamese culture has long promoted the idea of gender equality. Founding myths (i)_____ the equal division of labor in child care for mothers and fathers. As is often the case, however, theoretical commitments are (ii)_____ actual practices. In reality, gender-based (iii)_____ persists.

Blank (i)

A) obscure
B) celebrate
C) countermand

Blank (ii)

D) incommensurate with
E) surpassed by
F) inspired by

Blank (iii)

G) parity
H) inclusiveness
I) stratification

6. Famous books have been (i)_____ the theater: Dickens suffered so much hackneyed staging that he felt forced to change his writing style, throwing time shifts into his narratives to trip up the adapters. Undeterred, theatrical managements ever since have used other people's literary repute to fill seats though the adaptations still seldom (ii)_____ their literary models. But in the 1990s a small British theater company, Shared Experience, began to (iii)_____ the received wisdom about adaptations by developing thrilling and uniquely theatrical versions of several classic novels.

Blank (i)

A) much abused by
B) extraordinarily indebted to
C) adapted successfully for

Blank (ii)

D) equaled
E) inspired
F) distorted

Blank (iii)

G) confound
H) disseminate
I) reiterate



7. Because they lack a strong opposing political party on which to focus their rancor, the ruling party's leaders seem to have concentrated their malevolence on each other.
- A. mollifying
B. appeasing
C. lambasting
D. beguiling
E. obliterating
F. excoriating
8. Catherine's_____made it nearly impossible to discuss beliefs with her that she didn't already hold.
- A. insularity
B. parochialism
C. ideology
D. openness
E. assertiveness
F. receptiveness
9. While recognizing that recent reports of cyberwarfare, phone-hacking scandals, and identity thefts have tended to accent the destructive connotation of the word, Sue Halpern maintains that "hacking" is such_____term that its meaning nearly always derives from its context.
- A. a generic
B. an inclusive
C. a positive
D. a subjective
E. an affirmative
F. a technical
10. Debates over technologies often_____their development: we can reflect on many of the social and ethical issues that the possibility of geoengineering the climate raises right as these technologies are coming into existence.

- A. misrepresent
- B. anticipate
- C. facilitate
- D. permeate
- E. inform
- F. impede



Section 42

1. In seventeenth-century science, we witness the first instance of technological_____: scientific tools, constructed from existing scientific knowledge, led to the acquisition of new knowledge that in turn contributed to improving the tools' design.

A) breakthrough

B) feedback

C) controversy

D) cooperation

E) malaise

2. Several factors contribute to the_____of swordfish, including the speed at which they travel, the vast distances they cover in their migration, and their impressive stamina.

A) unpredictability

B) vulnerability

C) elegance

D) diversity

E) elusiveness

3. To avoid being brought down by the financial scandal that rocked the government, Jackson sought to (i)_____herself. Along with her staff, she prepared and issued carefully worded statements admitting and detailing her involvement in the financial dealings at issue but claiming that this involvement was entirely (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)



A) exculpate	D) pecuniary
B) celebrate	E) fabricated
C) distract	F) unwitting

4. My (i)_____Hansen's life-size sculpture for real people was memorable precisely because the work did (ii)_____such a complete - if brief - deception, one that is exceptional in my experience as a viewer of representational art.

Blank (i)

A) adapting
B) producing
C) mistaking

Blank (ii)

D) hinder
E) effect
F) confound

5. Political advertising may well be the most (i)_____kind of advertising : political candidates are often quite (ii)_____, yet their campaign advertisements frequently hide important differences behind smoke screens of smiles and empty slogans.

Blank (i)

A) obfuscatory
B) transparent
C) polemical

Blank (ii)

D) dissimilar
E) vocal
F) ambitious

6. The more (i)_____the future goal advocated by an organization's leader, the more (ii)_____it becomes in relation to the status quo, and therefore the greater will be the tendency of followers to perceive the leader as (iii)_____. Conversely, leaders who set goals that are credible extensions of current realities can seem unimaginative.

Blank (i)

A) distinct
B) idealized
C) expedient

Blank (ii)

D) actionable
E) plausible
F) discrepant

Blank (iii)

G) visionary
H) precocious
I) decisive



7. The ear is much more_____than the eye: only the ear can tell a source that oscillates 30 times a second from one that oscillates 60 times a second.
- A. stable
 - B. efficient
 - C. durable
 - D. discerning
 - E. accurate
 - F. tenacious
8. At its most basic, a space suit is meant to perform two seemingly_____functions: to protect the astronaut from the harsh environment of space and to allow the wearer to maneuver and work comfortably.
- A. essential
 - B. incompatible
 - C. identical
 - D. indistinguishable
 - E. straightforward
 - F. conflicting
9. California's building codes are more_____than those elsewhere in the United States to ensure that structures are capable of protecting people from frequent seismic events.
- A. circuitous
 - B. exacting
 - C. controversial
 - D. stringent
 - E. convoluted
 - F. extensive
10. Mathematics is concerned with pattern and order, and since we could not exist in a universe with neither pattern nor order, the fact that we live in a world that is mathematical is not_____.
- A. a puzzle

- B. an axiom
- C. a surprise
- D. a postulate
- E. an assumption
- F. an enigma



Section 43

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

A) burlesque

B) satire

C) pastiche

D) chronicle

E) paradigm

2. Tall grass tussocks are_____source of fodder for llamas grazing in the Andean highlands: no other life form at these altitudes contributes significantly to standing crop biomass and productivity.

A) a nutritious

B) an abundant

C) an occasional

D) a dominant

E) a foreign

3. Practical physics is usually unpredictable: a researcher will have (i)_____model of the way the experiment is meant to work, but when a device is first put together the model is nearly always (ii)_____mundane effects.

Blank (i)

A) an antiquated

B) a questionable

C) a notional

Blank (ii)

D) confounded by

E) consistent with

F) independent of



4. In most of Antarctica, the climate, as well as being extremely cold, is (i)_____, and consequently, Antarctic soils show many similarities with (ii)_____soils in other parts of the world.

Blank (i)

A) harsh
B) arid
C) unpredictable

Blank (ii)

D) ancient
E) desert
F) stony

5. Especially when poorly organized, alliances among nations can send messages that (i)_____either credible threats or credible assurances, thus making stable coercive diplomacy with enemies (short of war) (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) convey
B) undercut
C) proliferate

Blank (ii)

D) pointless to defer
E) impossible to conceal
F) harder to maintain

6. Certain molecular studies imply that, contrary to conventional scientific wisdom, neornithines (modern birds) lived alongside dinosaurs instead of having evolved after dinosaurs' extinction. It seems odd to imagine a duck paddling alongside a Spinosaurus, but the molecular evidence for the (i)_____of modern birds and dinosaurs is so (ii)_____that even paleontologists-who have typically viewed with skepticism those DNA findings that conflict with the fossil record-have begun to (iii)_____it.

Blank (i)

A) diversity
B) longevity
C) contemporaneity

Blank (ii)

D) compelling
E) controversial
F) ambiguous

Blank (iii)

G) embrace
H) revise
I) deflect

7. Duke Ellington managed his career with extreme deliberateness: nothing was_____, and even apparent compromises or trade-offs were actually artful accommodations leading to eventual triumphs.



- A. effortless
 - B. fortuitous
 - C. arduous
 - D. accidental
 - E. laborious
 - F. commercialized
8. Enlightened thinkers in late-eighteenth-century Europe broadly endorsed the concept of progress, yet theories of progress were usually_____a strong streak of pessimism, a sense of the challenges inherent in the human condition.
- A. rooted in
 - B. requisite for
 - C. essential for
 - D. contradicted by
 - E. tempered by
 - F. moderated by
9. Scientists are finding that the adult brain is far more_____than they once thought our behavior and environment can cause substantial rewiring of the brain or a reorganization of its functions and where they are located.
- A. reparable
 - B. heterogeneous
 - C. malleable
 - D. variegated
 - E. complex
 - F. plastic
10. 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



Section 44

1. Counterintuitively, sea levels that are falling absolutely can result in the_____of coastal landscapes in cases where the landmass is falling faster than the sea.

A) compaction

B) inundation

C) exposure

D) gradation

E) petrification

2. Though_____culinary conventions, the chef wisely avoids being hidebound by tradition, and as a result, her dishes surprise the palate.

A) openly contemptuous of

B) visibly angered by

C) increasingly bored with

D) evidently conversant with

E) totally deferential to

3. Fossils that reveal animal (i)_____are (ii)_____in the Ediacaran period: most animals of the period did not move, chew food, or produce waste, resulting in a static ecosystem.

Blank (i)

A) lineages

B) structure

C) activity

Blank (ii)

D) inferior

E) fragile

F) notable

4. Although the musical innovations of flamenco guitarist Paco de Lucia during the 1970s and 1980s were (i)_____jazz, his practice of improvising solos, in quasi-



flamenco style, over chord changes while performing with small groups made him a (ii)_____ of the more elaborate fusions of jazz and flamenco that took place from the 1990s onward.

Blank (i)

A) merely tangential to
B) actually illustrative of
C) frequently derivative of

Blank (ii)

D) beneficiary
E) forerunner
F) critic

5. Because the artist took such great pains to present himself as (i)_____ individual, it seemed somewhat (ii)_____ for him to have worked so hard to achieve such an untidy look in his paintings.

Blank (i)

A) an extravagant
B) a dapper
C) a combative

Blank (ii)

D) natural
E) fruitless
F) paradoxical

6. The chestnut blight spread to southern Europe, where it attacked the commercially important sweet chestnut. Sweet chestnuts have (i)_____, however, because the fungus that causes the disease was infected with a virus that (ii)_____ its (iii)_____. Sweet chestnuts are still infected with the fungus, but most are able to survive nonetheless.

Blank (i)

A) largely recovered
B) barely survived
C) inadequately responded

Blank (ii)

D) reduces
E) mimics
F) augments

Blank (iii)

G) virulence
H) susceptibility
I) diversity

7. The news that compatibility issues with the electronic device had been resolved was received with_____ by analysts and consumers, since they assumed that newer technologies would soon make the device obsolete.

A. indifference

- B. apathy
C. eagerness
D. consternation
E. condemnation
F. enthusiasm
8. When a hand injury forced violinist Kyung Wha Chung off the concert stage in 2005, she responded with_____, which was surprising given the uncertainty of recovery.
- A. acumen
B. equanimity
C. sangfroid
D. prudence
E. vigilance
F. circumspection
9. The newly discovered silk could have practical value: its lightness, flexibility, and strength make it_____as an industrial material.
- A. impeccable
B. lucrative
C. exploitable
D. revolutionary
E. essential
F. useful
10. Osmium, the first metal fashioned into filaments for light bulbs, was so_____that used bulbs were processed to recover the metal.
- A. costly
B. unreliable
C. uncommon
D. rare
E. fickle
F. versatile

Section 45

1. While so-called bioplastics have the potential to significantly reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, they're not_____: claims about bioplastics being biodegradable and compostable are greatly exaggerated.

A) a stopgap

B) a panacea

C) a convenience

D) an advantage

E) an innovation

2. Notwithstanding a lack of____nineteenth-century anthologies such as Evert and George Duyckinck's Cyclopaedia of American Literature represented serious attempts to collect the national writings up to that point as a way of establishing the viability of American letters.

A) bias

B) earnestness

C) rigor

D) ambition

E) ambiguity

3. Monumental changes taking place in the structures of world business match some equally____changes taking place in the relations of international companies to the governments with which they deal.

A) ill-advised

B) magnanimous

C) portentous



D) discreet

E) overblown

4. Because of her founding of the Pastel Society of America and numerous other activities on behalf of pastel painting Flora B. Giffuni is recognized as a (i) _____ of the medium. Her efforts (ii) _____ her hope that the art will reach a higher level of recognition.

Blank (i)

A) neophyte

B) mainstay

C) beneficiary

Blank (ii)

D) reflect

E) belie

F) mitigate

5. To (i) _____ a work of serious literature for pedagogical purposes, however deftly one does it, is inevitably an exercise in (ii) _____, since great literary works contain at least some passages that are too (iii) _____ to lend themselves to such a simple form of exposition and something essential will therefore be lost.

Blank (i)

A) extol

B) paraphrase

C) evaluate

Blank (ii)

D) edification

E) preservation

F) distortion

Blank (iii)

G) engaging

H) elusive

I) contemplative

6. As theories, quantum field theory and the theory of general relativity have been astonishingly (i) _____, in that no experiment yet has shown a crack in either of them even though both of them (ii) _____ wildly counterintuitive properties in physical reality. And yet even proponents note that the two theories are (iii) _____, a fact that has disallowed theorists-at least so far-from incorporating both into a self-consistent theory of quantum gravity.

Blank (i)

A) successful

B) popular

C) implausible

Blank (ii)

D) downplay

E) result in

F) posit

Blank (iii)

G) difficult for laypeople to understand

H) deeply at odds with each other

I) similar to earlier physical theories



7. The adipose tissue in which our bodies store fat from the food we eat has traditionally been thought of as_____, but in reality this tissue constitutes a dynamic organ, not a mere repository.
- A. capacious
 - B. deleterious
 - C. inert
 - D. detrimental
 - E. passive
 - F. inessential
8. Surprisingly, although the textbooks are filled with pages of vocabulary and unnecessary detail, their treatment of some fundamentally important concepts is_____.
- A. prolix
 - B. piecemeal
 - C. verbose
 - D. fragmentary
 - E. abstruse
 - F. succinct
9. Neurologists are scanning the activity that music triggers in our neurons, but far from generating_____the neurophysiological function of music, these data are inspiring a pitched debate among researchers.
- A. disagreement about
 - B. clarity regarding
 - C. discussion regarding
 - D. optimism about
 - E. consensus about
 - F. accord regarding

10. So great is the reputation of the artist Gilbert Stuart (1755-1828) for_____that some modern specialists routinely discount assertions that he made in correspondence with owners of his paintings.

- A. self-aggrandizement
- B. parsimony
- C. opportunism
- D. dissembling
- E. mendacity
- F. miserliness



Section 46

1. Because of its_____, DNA can be invaluable as exculpatory evidence following a criminal conviction: it can be reliably tested years after a crime has occurred.

A) versatility

B) recognizability

C) durability

D) verifiability

E) distinctiveness

2. The field suffers from being puffed up with its own importance, and that attitude of_____seems to infect every professional utterance.

A) self-justification

B) self-abnegation

C) self-congratulation

D) self-persuasion

E) self-castigation

3. At Cerro Portezuelo, the task of separating grinding tools from the larger collection of excavated stone objects was (i)_____the ancient practice of recycling grinding tool fragments for building materials, hammer stones, and other purposes that (ii) their original use.

Blank (i)

A) complicated by

B) important to

C) independent from

Blank (ii)

D) complemented

E) obscured

F) underscored



4. Scottish writer Mary Brunton's novels *Self-control* (1811) and *Discipline* (1814) are undeniably (i)____: her plots, involving virtue rewarded and excess avoided, (ii)____ cautionary tales, though the psychological analysis that pervades the books saves them from blandness and sentimentality.

Blank (i)

A) didactic
B) innovative
C) ambiguous

Blank (ii)

D) amount to
E) avoid becoming
F) implicitly mock

5. If telecommuting ever did reduce traffic congestion noticeably, the excess capacity on the highways would almost certainly be quickly (i)____ by changes in current travel patterns. For example, more people might decide to drive alone instead of using public transportation. Historically, transportation and communications have been (ii)____ to each other-both of them increasing concurrently-rather than (iii) for each other.

Blank (i)

A) absorbed
B) augmented
C) obscured

Blank (ii)

D) barriers
E) spurs
F) foils

Blank (iii)

G) backups
H) incentives
I) substitutes

6. As a response to global warming, some scientists advocate geoengineering through the injection of sulfate aerosols into the stratosphere to block incoming solar radiation. These scientists begin with (i)____: the implementation of measures to reduce the anthropogenic emissions that drive warming would be (ii)____. But they go on to argue that because (iii)____ the optimal policy has been minimal, so far geoengineering should be considered.

Blank (i)

A) an induction
B) a concession
C) a conundrum

Blank (ii)

D) extremely costly
E) somewhat dilatory
F) decidedly preferable

Blank (iii)

G) controversy over
H) progress on
I) resistance to



7. Although a dedicated reader of the book can_____a brief chronology of Chappelle's life, the book is nevertheless not a true biography of Chappelle.
- A. miss
 - B. imagine
 - C. overlook
 - D. extract
 - E. ferret out
 - F. summarize
8. In contrast to relatively_____lunar events, such as lunar eclipses, that are timed in minutes or hours, planets typically remain on display in the sky for weeks or months.
- A. impactful
 - B. transitory
 - C. consequential
 - D. precipitant
 - E. ephemeral
 - F. predictable
9. A strong basic science program can be_____: the rate of return on capital invested in basic science is about three times that of capital invested in applied research and development.
- A. idealistic
 - B. remunerative
 - C. lucrative
 - D. transcendent
 - E. feasible
 - F. radical
10. Although the courts have_____an extremely flexible test for determining the admissibility of expert testimony, that does not mean that all experts will be allowed to testify.
- A. underwritten

- B. administered
- C. waived
- D. renounced
- E. endorsed
- F. rescinded



Section 47

1. The Jemison biography constantly slips from Seaver's control; try as he might to shape it into a form with which he is comfortable, the details of Jemison's experience_____clear narrative boundaries.

A) portray

B) validate

C) encompass

D) reclaim

E) elude

2. Astronomical distance measurement is a_____: although evidence for the existence of other galaxies dates to the mid-nineteenth century, accurate measurements of intergalactic distances started only in the 1950s.

A) collaborative effort

B) scientific abstraction

C) repetitive task

D) venerable concept

E) modern technique

3. The commission's report is free of bureaucratic jargon and for a document that must have been written by multiple authors, it is remarkably (i)_____in style. In that respect, the document is an improbable literary triumph; its analysis and recommendations, however, are hardly (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) heavy-handed

B) undistinguished

C) consistent

Blank (ii)

D) compelling

E) forgettable

F) simple



4. By publishing an ambitious study of Indian film culture during the late-colonial period, Manishita Dass sought to (i)_____resulting from the (ii)_____of scholarship on Indian cinema during this period compared with the extensive body of scholarship on its postcolonial counterpart.

Blank (i)

A) resolve the dispute
B) corroborate the claims
C) redress the imbalance

Blank (ii)

D) tendentiousness
E) paucity
F) uniformity

5. Lorde's songs reflected her era not only in their lyrics but also in their indifference to (i)_____: by the time her album was released, (ii)_____musical categories had become (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) criticism
B) genre
C) fashion

Blank (ii)

D) histories of
E) inquiries into
F) boundaries between

Blank (iii)

G) misleading
H) disruptive
I) indistinct

6. When writing about the light quantum in 1905, Einstein displayed considerable (i)_____. Though his views still shone through, he adopted a rhetorical pose that allowed him to (ii)_____his assertions. This (iii)_____was understandable, considering the extreme skepticism with which the light quantum was received at the time.

Blank (i)

A) candor
B) confidence
C) reserve

Blank (ii)

D) rebut challenges to
E) provide corroboration for
F) distance himself from

Blank (iii)

G) pugnacity
H) coyness
I) abstruseness

7. Her remarks, while in keeping with her maverick personality, naturally put her at odds with members of the committee who were more_____.

- A. mercurial
B. circumspect



- C. capricious
D. inhibited
E. orthodox
F. conformist
8. American novelist Toni Morrison became_____the publishing world: more than any other author of her era, she re-centered the mainstream understanding of what fiction is supposed to be.
- A. a stalwart of
B. an exemplar for
C. a polestar of
D. a preoccupation of
E. an advocate for
F. a challenger to
9. Technetium on the surface of some red stars has led to controversy about its_____: the element's relatively brief half-life indicates it may result from nuclear reactions in the star's core, but the mechanism is unknown.
- A. source
B. properties
C. characteristics
D. weight
E. origin
F. density
10. The author argues that tolerance is, in a sense, an internally inharmonious quality of mind: it requires the reconciliation of_____with a certain magnanimity.
- A. prejudice
B. discretion
C. indignation
D. indifference
E. enmity
F. antipathy

Section 48

1. The glaciations of the Pleistocene were not _____ but consisted of several glacial advances punctuated by interglacial stages, during which ice retreated and a comparatively mild climate ensued.

A) insignificant

B) widespread

C) isolated

D) continuous

E) variable

2. Because it was exposed by a _____ fracture, the rock's structure could be seen free of weathering or lichen growth.

A) primeval

B) complex

C) recent

D) microscopic

E) permanent

3. The national bank has been uncommonly powerful in comparison to its counterparts in other nations. It retains this potency partly because its control of the nation's banking system is (i) _____ governmental interference, and thus its actions remain largely (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

A) unencumbered by

B) replete with

C) hindered by

Blank (ii)

D) compulsory

E) discretionary

F) bureaucratic

4. The kilt has certainly had (i) _____ history, outlawed as it was by Britain in 1746 as an emblem of nationalist subversion, then more recently (ii) _____ from men's to



women's apparel in a 2003 European Union survey, and ridiculed at various times for a wide variety of reasons.

Blank (i)

A) an obscure
B) an illustrious
C) a contentious

Blank (ii)

D) reclassified
E) feigned
F) manufactured

5. The critic admits her fondness for writers who are (i)_____ in describing their love for their cities. Fittingly, her own work is (ii)_____ about the freedoms and pleasures that urban life provides.

Blank (i)

A) restrained
B) meticulous
C) rhapsodic

Blank (ii)

D) effusive
E) coy
F) clumsy

6. A recent survey of 120 United States corporations found that a third of employees in blue-chip corporations wrote poorly in their electronic mail. Millions of these (i) e-mail messages are clogging computers by setting off requests for (ii)_____ and many of the requests, in turn, are also (iii)_____ written, resulting in whole cycles of confusion.

Blank (i)

A) litigious
B) inscrutable
C) intuitive

Blank (ii)

D) evaluation
E) elucidation
F) authentication

Blank (iii)

G) decisively
H) shoddily
I) unresponsively

7. The fear that otherwise_____ economies could fall victim to external shocks is one of the scariest aspects of the world's economic troubles and one of the most portentous.

- A. insignificant
B. small
C. progressive
D. robust



- E. mature
F. healthy
8. Although extreme and singular events occur in a black hole, its event horizon boundary is_____: space travelers crossing it would be subject to the same physical laws that apply anywhere else.
- A. illusory
B. obscure
C. unremarkable
D. immutable
E. unchanging
F. commonplace
9. Velázquez' paintings can be somewhat_____: one cannot get on familiar terms with them, but only admire their colorful polish from afar.
- A. pedestrian
B. slippery
C. ominous
D. prosaic
E. flamboyant
F. elusive
10. Upstream dam construction can be_____aquatic fauna; the natural seasonal flow patterns to which the fauna had become adapted are altered and populations therefore fragmented.
- A. redundant for
B. disorienting for
C. inimical to
D. derogatory to
E. deleterious to
F. superfluous for

Section 49

1. Significant earthquake precursors are seldom noted because they are_____: the earliest indicators of earthquakes may be fault stresses that migrate to the site rather than develop locally near the eventual earthquake hypocenter.

A) transitory

B) frequent

C) distant

D) intermittent

E) silent

2. The design of many seventeenth-century scientific instruments was not entirely_____; in their construction, such instruments already involved many assumptions about aspects of the phenomena that they were aimed to investigate.

A) consistent

B) original

C) precise

D) impartial

E) versatile

3. Gluten-a protein found in wheat, barley, and rye-was formerly avoided only by those suffering from celiac disease but has recently become a popular dietary with gluten-free foods popping up everywhere.

A) fad

B) substitute

C) panacea

D) scam



E) villain

4. The musical sketches Mozart made in the course of composition are fascinating and some are of the highest quality. Even supposing that many were (i)_____his sketches are not as numerous as. Say. Beethovens, but there are enough of them to (ii)_____the notion that Mozart always wrote down fully finished pieces straight out of his head.

Blank (i)

A) done casually
B) thrown away
C) returned to later

Blank (ii)

D) revitalize
E) introduce
F) counter

5. The (i)_____of petroleum remains mysterious, for despite their best efforts, scientists still have not fully (ii)_____the process by which geologic deposits of petroleum are formed.

Blank (i)

A) genesis
B) recovery
C) dispersion

Blank (ii)

D) duplicated
E) investigated
F) fathomed

6. It has been suggested that the use of metaphors from the realms of battle and sports to describe arguments contributes to the (i)_____of the argumentative process. Such metaphors may (ii)_____adversarial conceptions of argument, leading interlocutors to behave aggressively in verbal disputes, thereby (iii)_____a process that ideally leads to resolution.

Blank (i)

A) analysis
B) proliferation
C) breakdown

Blank (ii)

D) distort
E) retard
F) promote

Blank (iii)

G) presaging
H) simulating
I) undermining



7. Ancient coins displayed in museums are almost by definition_____on display precisely because they are the most beautiful the most elaborate and the best-preserved samples.
- A. diverse
 - B. atypical
 - C. precious
 - D. exceptional
 - E. disparate
 - F. enigmatic
8. One early sign of this new thirst for_____is the fact that eight members of the committee on professional conduct have already recused themselves in the name of unbiased justice.
- A. enlightenment
 - B. exactitude
 - C. knowledge
 - D. probity
 - E. pugnacity
 - F. integrity
9. In hindsight, it is easy to say that the geological evidence for ice ages was_____and to wonder why such periods in the Earth's past were not recognized earlier.
- A. accessible
 - B. overwhelming
 - C. emerging
 - D. irresistible
 - E. intriguing
 - F. tenuous
10. The book is impressively_____drawing from multiple disciplines and perspectives, and resting on diverse and extensive archival sources, autobiographies, published collections of letters, and works of history.
- A. learned

- B. progressive
- C. comprehensive
- D. concise
- E. succinct
- F. erudite



Section 50

1. The role of lightning in starting natural fires throughout tropical East Asia has possibly been underestimated, with most authors assuming that all fires today are_____.

A) unpredictable

B) routine

C) anthropogenic

D) catastrophic

E) isolated

2. The documentary concentrates on the convention's most_____moments, and thus captures the convention process only at its most superficial.

A) pivotal

B) deliberative

C) vapid

D) contentious

E) seminal

3. The lobbyist argues that current environmental regulations must be (i)_____to prevent a recession, thus reviving the notion that economic progress and environmental protection are inherently (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) introduced

B) softened

C) reviewed

Blank (ii)

D) inviolable

E) incompatible

F) unsustainable



4. Graffiti originated in and is still often regarded as vandalism, an activity in which contempt for property is (i)_____. Therefore, its rebirth as art, a venerated type of property, places its art-world purveyors in a position that is, at the very least, (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) inherent
B) anathema
C) marginal

Blank (ii)

D) lucrative
E) nefarious
F) peculiar

5. Nowhere is the gulf between humans and chimpanzees (i)_____ than in their mental abilities: whereas children gradually acquire the ability to infer the mental states of others, an acquisition that underlies language and culture evidence for this ability in chimps is (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

A) more bridgeable
B) more apparent
C) less tenuous

Blank (ii)

D) irrefutable
E) equivocal
F) novel

6. There are some biologists, open in principle to using computer modeling in their work, who (i)_____ it because they are (ii)_____ the mathematics such approaches involve. The computer modelers who are their potential collaborators can (iii)_____ by taking a dismissive attitude toward scientists who have relatively little quantitative training.

Blank (i)

A) adopt
B) avoid
C) condemn

Blank (ii)

D) versed in
E) dependent on
F) intimidated by

Blank (iii)

G) overcome this resistance
H) alleviate this confusion
I) exacerbate this situation

7. Although its director_____that the movie uses a documentary approach in portraying the famous sit- down strike, in practice its characters are heavily fictionalized and fall into familiar Hollywood types.
- A. asserts
 - B. concedes
 - C. guarantees
 - D. disputes
 - E. grants
 - F. maintains
8. Among some demographic groups, the Internet is_____: almost everybody who wants Internet access has it.
- A. necessary
 - B. indispensable
 - C. irresistible
 - D. pervasive
 - E. ubiquitous
 - F. homogeneous
9. Since methane doesn't last long in the atmosphere, its detection on Mars would indicate_____source-perhaps a living organism, or an active geological process-and shed valuable light on whether the planet is habitable.
- A. an intermittent
 - B. a dynamic
 - C. an ongoing
 - D. an inexhaustible
 - E. a latent
 - F. an unlimited
10. When Ms. Alvarez campaigns, she tends to_____small towns; most of her campaign appearances occur in large population centers and media markets.
- A. denigrate
 - B. eschew

- C. romanticize
- D. shun
- E. castigate
- F. overlook



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