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新新高高频填空篇（更新中）

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第一部分：高频单空题

SECTION 1 (3.11 更新)

XGSC0001

Baron's book implores scientists to present their work in ways that are accessible to the general public in order to save the world at large from scientific illiteracy, _____ that is echoed in other recent publications.

- A) a query
- B) an analysis
- C) an exhortation
- D) an allurement
- E) an implication

XGSC0002

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

XGSC0003

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

XGSC0004

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

XGSC0005

As a history, Bunker'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

XGSC0006

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

XGSC0007

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

XGSC0008

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

XGSC0009

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

XGSC0010

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

SECTION 2 (3.12 更新)

XGSC0011

Despite being obviously whimsical, the sixteenth-century paintings of human figures constructed of botanical objects show remarkable _____: every plant, fruit, and flower is depicted in detail and is clearly recognizable.

- A) facetiousness
- B) spontaneity
- C) originality
- D) abstraction
- E) verisimilitude

XGSC0012

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

XGSC0013

Because limestone is a highly soluble rock, limestone regions are easily _____ by acidic rainwater.

- A) replaced
- B) neutralized
- C) distended
- D) obstructed
- E) modified

XGSC0014

The Jungian literary scholar argued that *Frankenstein*, *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

XGSC0015

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

XGSC0016

Dependency theorists blame poor countries' poverty solely on economic exploitation from outside; those who believe that culture is destiny focus on _____ cause, but, in contrast to dependency theorists, they find that cause within.

- A) a single
- B) a foreign
- C) an expedient
- D) an inevitable

E) an indeterminate

XGSC0017

The distance between Tibetan villages is sometimes _____ by the number of cups of tea necessary to sustain a person traveling that route: three cups of tea are roughly equal to eight kilometers.

- A) amplified
- B) foreshadowed
- C) eclipsed
- D) constrained
- E) reckoned

XGSC0018

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

XGSC0019

Political cartoons are defined by their _____: a cartoon will be viewed and talked about maybe for a day, but six months later it will need an extended footnote to be understood.

- A) popularity
- B) transparency
- C) sarcasm
- D) partisanship
- E) ephemerality

XGSC0020

Wilson was a generally _____ person: he rarely did anything pleasurable at all.

- A) boorish
- B) sophisticated
- C) contemplative
- D) ascetic
- E) sybaritic

SECTION 3 (3.15 更新)

XGSC0021

When the Sphinx and the pyramids were built, the Egyptian pharaohs could marshal labor forces on an epic scale, but in later centuries workers' numbers dwindled as rainfall became less dependable and harvests became more _____.

- A) commonplace
- B) sustainable
- C) unwieldy
- D) precarious
- E) predictable

XGSC0022

Archaeopteryx had feathers on its hind limbs that helped stabilize it and acted as air brakes, allowing the otherwise _____ creature to turn more adeptly and fly steadily.

- A) docile
- B) ungainly
- C) unpredictable
- D) torpid
- E) reckless

XGSC0023

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

XGSC0024

While the theory that volcanic activity enables the venting of methane gas from subsurface reserves offers a reasonable explanation for the replenishing of methane in Titan's atmosphere, volcano-like structures on Titan's surface are _____.

- A) relatively typical
- B) slowly evolving
- C) truly fascinating
- D) geologically active
- E) still undiscovered

XGSC0025

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

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

XGSC0026

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

XGSC0027

While Pompeian houses vary in their size, ground plan, 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

XGSC0028

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

XGSC0029

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) closely affiliated with
- D) virtually unknown to
- E) deliberately exoticized by

XGSC0030

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

SECTION 4 (3.15 更新)

XGSC0031

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

XGSC0032

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

XGSC0033

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

XGSC0034

Massive geological changes do not always happen gradually for example, asteroid and comet impacts and volcanic eruptions cause _____ changes in Earth's environment.

- A) transitory
- B) precipitate
- C) predictable
- D) inconspicuous
- E) incalculable

XGSC0035

Unlike other rap artists, who often _____ behind the microphone, Drake writes out every word of his rhymes before he performs them.

- A) linger
- B) proselytize
- C) extemporize
- D) fulminate
- E) compromise

XGSC0036

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

XGSC0037

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) ingratiating

XGSC0038

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

XGSC0039

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

XGSC0040

Melinda's political beliefs were a matter of _____: she held true only to those positions that served her own best interest.

- A) naïveté
- B) pretentiousness
- C) expediency
- D) desperation
- E) selflessness

SECTION 5 (3.17 更新)

XGSC0041

Neither Giles, whose every initiative floundered, nor Haldeman, whose only successes were trifling, can be considered _____ personal triumph.

- A) a mockery of
- B) a paradox of
- C) the antithesis of
- D) an avatar of
- E) an anodyne for

XGSC0042

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

XGSC0043

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

XGSC0044

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

XGSC0045

Different comets have different _____: some come in from their distant reservoirs and fall straight into the Sun, where they are vaporized, while many more pass close to the Sun but miss it.

- A) origins
- B) compositions
- C) densities
- D) fates
- E) speeds

XGSC0046

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

XGSC0047

Hotels in major urban markets seem to offer the biggest potential _____ seasoned investors looking to make an investment in the lodging sector, those hotels took the hardest hit during the recession, and analysts expect them to bounce back just as steeply.

- A) risk for
- B) concession from
- C) source of
- D) disincentive to
- E) windfall to

XGSC0048

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

XGSC0049

The myth of the scientific method as a neat progression from hypothesis to experiment to conclusion is dispelled once you enter a lab and observe the _____ process by which researchers actually make discoveries.

- A) meticulous
- B) unproductive
- C) imperturbable
- D) haphazard
- E) sequential

XGSC0050

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

SECTION 6 (3.23 更新)

XGSC0051

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

XGSC0052

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

XGSC0053

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

XGSC0054

The conference panelists covered a broad range of issues fairly evenhandedly, even managing to avoid being _____ when discussing topics that routinely generate heated arguments and strong feelings.

- A) forbearing
- B) facile
- C) equivocal
- D) unctuous
- E) tendentious

XGSC0055

Refusing to speak plainly, the candidate tested her audience's patience with her _____ speech.

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

XGSC0056

The composers 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

XGSC0057

Unlike the introductions to many other biographies, this one is not _____; in fact, it would be a stretch to call it evenhanded.

- A) evaluative
- B) contrived
- C) concise
- D) laudatory
- E) formal

XGSC0058

Given the wild and fantastical nature of the witness' story, it is not surprising that many believe it to be _____.

- A) apocryphal
- B) unengaging
- C) abstruse
- D) credible

E) prosaic

XGSC0059

It would be a disservice to the novel's intricate construction to provide its readers in advance with even _____ summation of its unfolding events: the book should be allowed to reveal its own surprises.

- A) a subjective
- B) a cursory
- C) an incisive
- D) a comprehensive
- E) a predictable

XGSC0060

When an olive oil fails a taste test by one of the country's official certification panels, producers often successfully appeal the verdict by arguing that the samples were incorrectly collected or stored, or they secure a judgment from a more _____ panel.

- A) zealous
- B) penitent
- C) obsequious
- D) indulgent
- E) brusque

第二部分：高频双空题

SECTION 1 (3.12 更新)

XGSC0061

The rapid developments of crystallography over the past hundred years have been (i) _____ by the work of physicists, while, similarly, modern physics is indebted to crystallography. This is clearly (ii) _____ relationship, albeit one that is often underacknowledged.

A) reflexively challenged	D) a nascent
B) unjustifiably disregarded	E) a symbiotic
C) substantially supported	F) an adversarial

XGSC0062

The foundation's 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.

A) a nominal	D) delegating
B) an unfettered	E) identifying
C) a clandestine	F) annexing

XGSC0063

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.

A) an arcane	D) ignored
B) a hybrid	E) questioned
C) a subjective	F) absorbed

XGSC0064

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.

A) enigmatic	D) malleable
B) cautious	E) fragile
C) upbeat	F) complex

XGSC0065

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 (i)_____ the emergence of small independent polities as any other part of the world.

A) consider the importance	D) desolate before
B) question the adequacy	E) secure against
C) dismiss the critiques	F) conducive to

XGSC0066

At its best, the storytelling in this television series manages to accommodate a sense of historical (i)_____. The narrative shows that American independence was not (ii)_____. It was debated. It didn't happen overnight. No one was sure how it would turn out.

A) contingency	D) inevitable
B) plausibility	E) unforeseen
C) constancy	F) unremarkable

XGSC0067

The historian noted that her first work of fiction, set in Boston in the 1760s, did not really feel like a (i)_____ scholarly endeavors: she had always practiced history as a creative discipline in which imagination and (ii)_____ are complementary rather than antithetical.

A) continuation of	D) rigor
B) reflection on	E) monotony
C) departure from	F) invention

XGSC0068

In her biography of literary critic Diana Trilling, Natalie Robins exhibits a (i)_____ the intellectual passions and fierce arguments that consumed Trilling and her coterie: Robins' treatment of Trilling's positions is generally (ii)_____, never providing much in the way of real analysis or opinion.

A) polemical view of	D) descriptive
B) polite boredom with	E) tendentious
C) vested interest in	F) enthusiastic

XGSC0069

Curry suggests that what we learn from literature is (i)_____ and might even be (ii)_____: literature allows us to gain skills and sensitivities that can be difficult to put into words.

A) valuable	D) vicarious
B) elusive	E) ineffable
C) impractical	F) quixotic

XGSC0070

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.

A) rising	D) ignorant of
B) uniform	E) confused by
C) little	F) responsive to

SECTION 2 (3.17 更新)

XGSC0071

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

A) based upon	D) become otiose
B) inimical to	E) generate controversy
C) saddled with	F) remain seminal

XGSC0072

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)_____.

A) intentionally downplayed	D) revitalized
B) gradually expanded	E) eliminated
C) strongly emphasized	F) exploited

XGSC0073

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

A) unethical	D) skulduggery
B) impractical	E) indolence
C) quixotic	F) incivility

XGSC0074

Gutierrez is the only one who seems to be (i)_____ the controversy sparked by his article: his appetite for scientific (ii)_____ seems, if anything, to be increasing with age.

A) relishing	D) altercations
B) quelling	E) conundrums
C) whitewashing	F) breakthroughs

XGSC0075

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)_____.

A) swell	D) merge
B) coalesce	E) implode
C) endure	F) deteriorate

XGSC0076

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.

A) biased	D) limitless
B) inflammatory	E) harmless
C) consistent	F) senseless

XGSC0077

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)_____.

A) sporadic	D) resilient
B) devastating	E) controllable
C) intractable	F) ubiquitous

XGSC0078

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)_____.

A) warnings	D) minimize their effect
B) distractions	E) highlight their ubiquity
C) advantages	F) measure their duration

YGSC0079

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.

A) corrosive	D) hypothetical
B) fecund	E) spurious
C) enlightening	F) myriad

YGSC0080

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 females mate with more than one male; studies of savanna baboons show that male care certainly can occur in nonmonogamous systems.

A) an association	D) precluded by
B) an asymmetry	E) contingent on
C) a confusion	F) retracted in

SECTION 3 (3.17 更新)

YGSC0081

In Chilean writer Marcela Serrano's first detective novel, *Nuestra Senora de la Soledad*, themes of female repression and identity that are (i)_____ Serrano's other novels are not (ii)_____: rather, Serrano reconceives them within the context of a detective story.

A) salient in	D) revisited
B) foreign to	E) relinquished
C) inapplicable to	F) intertwined

YGSC0082

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

A) inconsistent	D) underestimated
B) provisional	E) deleterious
C) appreciable	F) consequential

XGSC0083

Those who knew the senator well were convinced that in spite of his (i)_____ in larger political matters, there was no (ii)_____ in his expressions of feeling for his constituents.

A) candor	D) dissemblance
B) cooperation	E) compassion
C) duplicity	F) fervency

XGSC0084

In clear contradiction to the documentary filmmaking convention of geographical (i)_____, the locations in the film Heremakono are willfully (ii)_____.

A) continuity	D) generic
B) stasis	E) ironic
C) specificity	F) recognizable

XGSC0085

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.

A) antecedent to	D) necessarily reductive
B) compromised by	E) wholly invented
C) autonomous from	F) uniformly inferior

XGSC0086

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.

A) utilization	D) delay
B) accumulation	E) succeed
C) analysis	F) trigger

XGSC0087

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."

A) disdain	D) reduced to
B) care	E) lionized as
C) expediency	F) rehabilitated as

XGSC0088

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.

A) cunning	D) reserve
B) charm	E) acumen
C) erudition	F) sagacity

XGSC0089

Throughout his career he has never displayed a disinterested respect for the truth—for what was actually said and done rather than for what he wishes had been. Given such a (i) _____ historical fact, it will certainly be seen as (ii) _____ that he should now embark on publishing a magazine ostensibly dedicated to history.

A) cavalier disregard for	D) unimportant
B) skeptical appreciation of	E) ironic
C) critical approach to	F) appropriate

XGSC0090

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) _____.

A) association	D) disguised
B) sophistication	E) derailed
C) separateness	F) diminished

SECTION 4 (3.18 更新)

CGSC0091

The psychologist's new findings present the discipline with a (i)_____: although her results pose a problem for the standard theory, the alternative theories she proposes are (ii)_____.

A) predicament	D) unconvincing
B) paradigm	E) persuasive
C) prototype	F) versatile

CGSC0092

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.

A) a pedant	D) scatter his energies
B) a dilettante	E) respond to such criticism
C) an incendiary	F) have a purposeful agenda

CGSC0093

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 Alaïa, arguably Africa's most famous designer, does not (ii)_____ a consideration of his Tunisian heritage.

A) may misrepresent	D) require
B) need not hew to	E) enrich
C) appreciate the cachet of	F) preclude

CGSC0094

Meegan Garber argues that the typical suburban lawn, which was originally designed to (i)_____ homes even as it enforced the distance between them, may be considered (ii)_____ domestic space: the whole neighborhood is invested in the appearance of each neighbor's yard.

A) beautify	D) utilitarian
B) connect	E) common
C) circumscribe	F) contested

CGSC0095

Much scholarship on the early Tana Tradition of coastal East Africa has been characterized by faith in the (i)_____ of that tradition, but detailed analysis of ceramics suggests that there were (ii)_____ the decorative motifs on early Tana Tradition jars, making it difficult to view the various Tana communities as a monolithic whole.

A) originality	D) regional differences in
B) homogeneity	E) practical reasons for
C) longevity	F) periodic revivals of

CGSC0096

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)_____.

A) is in its infancy	D) groundbreaking
B) is highly contentious	E) provisional
C) reveals surprising patterns	F) superfluous

CGSC0097

She may have been (i)_____ when she was finance minister, fighting deficits, but now as prime minister she is marked by her (ii)_____.

A) collaborative	D) discretion
B) austere	E) largesse
C) resourceful	F) platitudes

CGSC0098

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.

A) consonant with	D) codify
B) independent of	E) redress
C) incommensurate with	F) corroborate

CGSC0099

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.

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

CGSC0100

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.

A) coy self-deprecation	D) polemical
B) colloquial informality	E) ingratiating
C) aggressive frankness	F) analytical

SECTION 5 (3.18 更新)

XGSC0101

Defying expectation, the electorate seems poised to (i)_____ a number of political tenets so (ii)_____ that they are often paraded as fact.

A) propound	D) entrenched
B) reject	E) intricate
C) uphold	F) tenuous

XGSC0102

The explanation of tornado formation according to which tornadoes form during a twisting clash of air masses is clearly (i)_____: such clashes occur very frequently both in the United States and in countries where tornadoes are (ii)_____.

A) oversimplified	D) less intensively studied
B) untestable	E) virtually unknown
C) promising	F) harder to predict

XGSC0103

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 Jitō and Shōtoku were highly (ii)_____, essentially dictating the formative policies of their respective reigns.

A) officially superiors to	D) controversial
B) consistently accepted by	E) symbolic
C) simply pawns for	F) powerful

XGSC0104

In the mid-1950s Miles Davis assembled his first important and successful jazz quintet. Like many of the Davis bands to follow, it seemed to be (i)_____ grouping in prospect, mixing suavity and harmonic nuances with forcefulness and raw energy. Nevertheless, it achieved a remarkable balance of delicacy and drive, and it brought Davis his first (ii)_____.

A) a brilliant	D) puzzled reactions
B) a seamless	E) outright criticism
C) an incompatible	F) general popularity

XGSC0105

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.

A) paradox	D) not mutually exclusive
B) tautology	E) inextricably paired
C) misnomer	F) impervious to interpretation

XGSC0106

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.

A) rising	D) ignorant of
B) uniform	E) confused by
C) little	F) responsive to

XGSC0107

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.

A) swagger	D) tolerant
B) fustiness	E) pugnacious
C) delicacy	F) ingenuous

XGSC0108

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.

A) made completely transparent	D) engaged
B) fully vested in them	E) vitiated
C) left deficient	F) mitigated

XGSC0109

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.

A) heralded its decline	D) foundered
B) bucked trends	E) burgeoned
C) mirrored its popularity	F) rebounded

XGSC0110

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.

A) sentimentality	D) spontaneous
B) sympathy	E) perceptive
C) baseness	F) petulant

SECTION 6 (3.20 更新)

XGSC0111

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.

A) a dispassionate	D) demonstrating
B) a jaundiced	E) undermining
C) an intuitive	F) praising

XGSC0112

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 (e, they are ontologically distinct). This difference is not mere one of characteristics but one of (ii)_____.

A) significant	D) demeanor
B) present	E) circumstances
C) misleading	F) identity

XGSC0113

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.

A) antithetical to	D) prefigure
B) legitimate within	E) validate
C) plausible in	F) impede

XGSC0114

A model of scientific (i)_____, the biologist did sometimes write about far-reaching implications of discoveries in his field, but he (ii)_____ formulating grand speculative theories, being at all times conscientiously constrained by the physical evidence.

A) ineptness	D) refrained from
B) caution	E) reverted to
C) clarity	F) delighted in

XGSC0115

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.

A) elitism	D) candid
B) pugnacity	E) petulant
C) vacillation	F) conciliatory

XGSC0116

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.

A) unprecedented levels o	D) emission
B) seasonal variations in	E) combustion
C) gradual increases in	F) depletion

XGSC0117

Because most of the fish and waterfowl observed in the Arctic Ocean are (i)_____ species, disruptive changes at all levels of the Arctic food chain that have resulted from rapid warming and loss of sea ice there will (ii)_____ ecosystems in more southerly habitats.

A) adaptable	D) have an impact upon
B) endangered	E) resemble those in
C) migratory	F) reveal the diversity of

XGSC0118

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, Beethoven's, but there are enough of them to (ii)_____ the notion that Mozart always wrote down fully finished pieces straight out of his head.

A) done casually	D) revitalize
B) thrown away	E) introduce
C) returned to later	F) counter

XGSC0119

The grinding stones featured in some of Puerto Rico's restaurants as part of their decor evoke an idealized rustic past, but the nostalgia is (i)_____: in reality, the job of grinding corn was among the most (ii)_____ of domestic chores, often performed by the women of the house.

A) waning	D) essential
B) misplaced	E) onerous
C) understandable	F) venerated

XGSC0120

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)_____.

A) trumps	D) notoriety
B) underwrites	E) erudition
C) countenances	F) popularity

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SECTION 1 (3.21 更新)

XGSC0121

Some chemists argue that although molecular motors are (i)_____, they are (ii)_____ by themselves; nevertheless, the chemical principles behind them might be (i)_____: 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.

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

XGSC0122

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.

A) successful	D) downplay	G) difficult for laypeople to understand
B) popular	E) result in	H) deeply at odds with each other
C) implausible	F) posit	I) similar to earlier physical theories

XGSC0123

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.

A) creative	D) versatility	G) pervasive in
B) distinctive	E) centrality	H) expressed in
C) fundamental	F) difficulty	I) embellishments of

XGSC0124

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)_____.

A) contradict	D) unreliable	G) transparency
B) corroborate	E) intransigent	H) taint
C) degrade	F) obsequious	I) obscurity

XGSC0125

Proposed technological innovations aimed at removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere would likely be more (iii)_____ than transitioning to clean energy sources. Still, according to some energy experts, given the political barriers to emissions reductions, and the scale of reductions needed, it is (iii)_____ that some carbon-capture technology will (iii)_____ some of the worst effects of warming.

A) realistic	D) unlikely	G) succeed in countering
B) costly	E) puzzling	H) appear to exacerbate
C) effective	F) inevitable	I) be required to avoid

XGSC0126

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.

A) facilitated	D) protean	G) nearly bereft of
B) exploited	E) sacrosanct	H) tidily encompassed by
C) impaired	F) divisive	I) easily reduced to

XGSC0127

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.

A) originality	D) stable	G) abandon
B) improvidence	E) abstract	H) establish
C) collegiality	F) avant-garde	I) defend

XGSC0128

Paradigm-changing discoveries tend to have (i)_____ he more a discovery (ii)_____ the current paradigm, the longer it takes the scientific community to (iii)_____.

A) limited early impact	D) buttresses	G) undermine
B) significant long-term importance	E) deviates from	H) rationalize
C) questionable scientific origins	F) incorporates	I) appreciate

XGSC0129

Organic farming is often thought of as being (i)_____ by its opposition to conventional industrialized agriculture. In truth, however, it is (ii)_____ a unifying rationale for organic agriculture, and many contemporary understandings of organic agriculture are not even (iii)_____.

A) altered	D) impossible to divine	G) superficial
B) marginalized	E) essential to recognize	H) controversial
C) defined	F) tempting to propose	I) complementary

XGSC0130

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.

A) alacrity	D) circumscribed	G) advertising
B) opposition	E) endured	H) jeopardizing
C) indifference	F) facilitated	I) augmenting

SECTION 2 (3.21 更新)

YGSC0131

The advance of medical knowledge is not always (i) _____; on the contrary, it is often the result of (ii) _____. In the 1930s, groups of doctors began to question long-enshrined treatments such as bleeding, cupping, and purging, eventually discovering that many ailments were effectively treated by noting 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.

A) scientific	D) patient repetition	G) unsurprising
B) experimental	E) heretical departures	H) welcome
C) cumulative	F) chance discoveries	I) jarring

YGSC0132

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.

A) enthusiasm	D) identify	G) pointless
B) curiosity	E) control	H) simple
C) ignorance	F) observe	I) enjoyable

YGSC0133

The analyst suggested that democratic forms of government tend to reduce public-health hazards and provide for better health for citizens compared with nondemocratic governments. The rationale for this hypothesis is that people are highly sensitive to threats to their health and, given real political power, will act to reduce such threats. In societies where citizens (i) _____, on the other hand, the government might (ii) _____ public-health risk factors when (iii) _____ them would conflict with other priorities.

A) pay their own health costs	D) tolerate	G) overlooking
B) are not politically apathetic	E) document	H) ameliorating
C) have no voice in policy	F) exploit	I) obfuscating

YGSC0134

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.

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

XGSC0135

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.

A) subversive	D) substantiating	G) authorities
B) principled	E) overturning	H) skeptics
C) collaborative	F) identifying	I) methodologies

XGSC0136

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.

A) boom	D) impose a specious coherence on	G) privacy
B) paucity	E) provide excessive detail about	H) complexity
C) felicity	F) are completely overwhelmed by	I) partiality

XGSC0137

Scholars of early modern India's Mughal empire have (i)_____ the role Sanskrit, India's premier classical tongue, played a Mughal political intellectual, and literary activities. This (ii)_____ has (iii)_____ the Mughal emperors' close relationship with the Sanskrit culture.

A) unfairly questioned	D) dilemma	G) complicated
B) generally ignored	E) oversight	H) obscured
C) often debated	F) imprecision	I) confirmed

XGSC0138

Common usage treats the adjectives “artificial” and “synthetic” as (i)_____. But “synthetic” has meanings that are (i)_____ 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.

A) interchangeable	D) required for	G) subservience to
B) pejorative	E) revealed in	H) conflation with
C) classificatory	F) betrayed by	I) comparison to

XGSC0139

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.

A) unnatural	D) heretofore common	G) advantageous
B) ambiguous	E) hotly contested	H) inexpedient
C) controversial	F) tentatively proposed	I) virulent

XGSC0140

When potentially disruptive change appears on the horizon, managers’ approach 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.

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

SECTION 3 (3.22 更新)

XGSC0141

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 are 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) _____.

A) diverse	D) a separate	G) rare
B) anomalous	E) the primary	H) varied
C) consistent	F) a declining	I) abundant

YGSC0142

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.

A) accuracy	D) instilled	G) reliable
B) immutability	E) modified	H) constrained
C) predictability	F) observed	I) fluid

YGSC0143

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.

A) explication	D) dependent upon	G) needlessly elaborated
B) assimilation	E) vulnerable to	H) purposefully distorted
C) repudiation	F) followed by	I) thoroughly investigated

YGSC0144

The unattractive hyena is unjustly (i) _____. It was long believed that when bob lions and hyenas were present at a kill, the latter 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.

A) maligned	D) divisive	G) apt to pilfer
B) imperiled	E) convoluted	H) capable of overtaking
C) forgotten	F) untrue	I) likely to become

XGSC0145

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.

A) amenable to refutation	D) refined by	G) persisted
B) driven by self-interest	E) cited by	H) splintered
C) capable of propagation	F) upended by	I) capitulated

XGSC0146

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.

A) repeats	D) assumption	G) a brief historical background
B) exposes	E) mistake	H) an equal number of words
C) avoids	F) compromise	I) at least one illustration

XGSC0147

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.

A) change in	D) defensible	G) reduce the tendency toward
B) obsolescence of	E) equivocal	H) stimulate the growth of
C) aversion to	F) sweeping	I) validate the need for

XGSC0148

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) _____.

A) interchangeable	D) coalesce	G) increasingly more convoluted
B) absent	E) proliferate	H) steadily less synonymous
C) misapplied	F) diverge	I) fundamentally less significant

YGSC0149

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.

unpredictable	abundant	indefatigably
negligible	meager	sporadically
colossal	lucid	secretively

YGSC0150

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.

A) glorification	D) negligible	G) edit intelligently
B) superannuation	E) pernicious	H) relinquish control
C) vilification	F) salutary	I) transcribe exactly

SECTION 4 (3.22 更新)

YGSC0151

In her book, Lyan Onlla Scott focuses on James Baldwin's later fiction. But in doing so she does not (i) _____ the sharp division between early and late Baldwin that others have seen. On the contrary, she demonstrates the (ii) _____ in his career, even as she acknowledges that the later novels are far from being (iii) _____ his earlier works, the late fiction showing the influence of the turbulent political environment of the late sixties and early seventies.

A) disdain	D) ambiguities	G) as impassioned as
B) obfuscate	E) slowdown	H) related to
C) perpetuate	F) continuities	I) recapitulations of

XGSC0152

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.

A) sensible	D) erratic	G) eroding
B) abnormal	E) deferred	H) unpredictable
C) brave	F) entrenched	I) stable

XGSC0153

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.

A) abundance	D) uncertain	G) some ability to detect
B) hardiness	E) irreversible	H) few reasons to avoid
C) nutritiousness	F) negligible	I) no need to consume

XGSC0154

Researchers have tried with little success, 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)_____.

A) incentive for	D) still more acute	G) exciting
B) difficulty of	E) not as remarkable	H) specious
C) controversy over	F) seemingly less troubling	I) ambiguous

XGSC0155

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 mechanisms, which are common to many animals besides ourselves, to the higher reaches of memory, imagery, and self-reflective consciousness.

A) a venerated	D) an Insuperable challenge	G) mysterious
B) a commonplace	E) an essential consideration	H) fundamental
C) an unexamined	F) a controversial focus	I) sophisticated

XGSC0156

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.

A) forgetting about	D) literary strengths	G) imaginative
B) drawing from	E) profound theories	H) meticulous
C) betrayed by	F) earlier publications	I) productive

XGSC0157

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.

A) empirical	D) qualify	G) dubious
B) capricious	E) affirm	H) unexpected
C) defensible	F) substantiate	I) common

XGSC0158

Human brains are amazing organs but they are not perfect. Cognitive biases, as we know, sometimes produce errors. Yet the term "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)_____.

A) corrective	D) a uniquely correct	G) incontrovertible
B) serviceable	E) a surprisingly novel	H) reductive
C) problematic	F) an infinitely fluid	I) warranted

XGSC0159

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

A) unpredictability	D) baseless	G) overdone
B) cosmopolitanism	E) harmful	H) unmatched
C) stodginess	F) unique	I) widespread

XGSC0160

One way in which capuchin monkey alpha males maintain control over subordinate males is by being (i)_____ in their coalitionary support. In addition to breaking up coalitions and affiliative interactions between subordinates, they are (ii)_____ regarding which of the subordinate males they support, sometimes switching multiple times in a day, such that the subordinate males (iii)_____ the alpha male.

A) conspicuous	D) avid	G) are satisfied with their relationship with
B) fickle	E) scrupulous	H) have no idea where they stand with
C) methodical	F) inconsistent	I) anticipate certain favors from

SECYION 5 (3.22 更新)

XGSC0161

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)_____.

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

XGSC0162

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.

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

YGSC0163

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.

A) clearly foundational for	D) satisfying	G) neglect
B) variously interpreted by	E) contrived	H) resilience
C) essentially worthless to	F) outmoded	I) development

YGSC0164

Recently, we have seen the emergence of the food movement, or perhaps we should say “movements, since it is (i)_____ as yet 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 too 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.

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

YGSC0165

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.

A) meticulously critiqued	D) scapegoat	G) curiosity
B) enthusiastically vilified	E) model	H) indifference
C) earnestly championed	F) mystery	I) horror

YGSC0166

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 employ.

A) comprehensible	D) respectability	G) detachment
B) distinctive	E) silence	H) rationale
C) problematic	F) convention	I) action

XGSC0167

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)_____.

A) alien	D) constricting	G) oppressive
B) large	E) impermeable	H) conspicuous
C) distressing	F) mysterious	I) irrelevant

XGSC0168

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)_____.

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

XGSC0169

Temperature-dependent sex determination commonly occurs in reptiles, especially crocodiles, turtles, and some lizards. This mechanism, in which offspring sex is determined by incubation temperature, has generally been (i)_____ in studies on birds for one main reason. Birds usually directly incubate their eggs with their own body heat and regulate egg temperature tightly because their eggs tolerate only a relatively narrow range of incubation temperatures. Hence, (ii)_____ the incubation temperature of bird eggs (iii)_____.

A) adapted	D) manipulating	G) may prove shortsighted
B) dismissed	E) measuring	H) would seem impracticable
C) observed	F) neglecting	I) could yield important insights

YGSC0170

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.

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

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SECTION 1 (3.13 更新)

YGSC0171

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

YGSC0172

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

XGSC0173

The climate researchers' _____ method of presentation caused a stir among those who felt that scientific papers should be dispassionate in their delivery of evidence.

- A) prejudicial
- B) slapdash
- C) tendentious
- D) perfunctory
- E) meticulous
- F) incohesive

XGSC0174

Painfully aware that his inquiry betrayed his ignorance, Desmond could not help feeling he had earned the _____ glance the shop assistant directed at him.

- A) contemptuous
- B) supercilious
- C) furtive
- D) sedulous
- E) conspirator
- F) ingratiating

XGSC0175

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

XGSC0176

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

XGSC0177

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

XGSC0178

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

XGSC0179

As much as we may like to believe that mother animals are designed to nurture and protect their young, in fact, nature abounds with mothers that _____ the standard maternal script.

- A) undermine
- B) revise
- C) defy
- D) accept
- E) flout
- F) comply with

XGSC0180

Looking back on a project that they had approached with both great _____ and considerable aspirations, they were amused to recognize that neither the fears nor the hopes had been at all realistic.

- A) purpose
- B) talent

- C) abilities
- D) trepidation
- E) misgivings
- F) ambition

SECTION 2 (3.14 更新)

XGSC0181

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

XGSC0182

Picasso's habit of keeping every last scrap of paper was not entirely a good thing: he left so much of it that his own archives can seem to _____ any view of the man.

- A) corroborate
- B) reflect
- C) elucidate
- D) inspire
- E) confirm
- F) illuminate

XGSC0183

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

XGSC0184

The television network seems to regard its longest-running comedy show as _____, keeping it in the schedule even as the humor it churns out is notoriously hit-or-miss.

- A) flourishing
- B) outdated
- C) inviolable
- D) archaic
- E) sacrosanct
- F) immovable

XGSC0185

In Roth's fiction, politics is an element that doesn't naturally occur in _____ form but is always getting confused and mixed up with shame and anger, baseball and sex.

- A) an unalloyed
- B) an unease
- C) an uncontroversial
- D) an objective
- E) a neat
- F) a tendentious

XGSC0186

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

XGSC0187

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

XGSC0188

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

XGSC0189

Analysis of the structural features that were thought to _____ kinship between the two species prompted an investigation that dispelled that presumption and revealed that the two do share a family history.

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

XGSC0190

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

SECTION 3 (3.23 更新)

XGSC0191

Fedigan argues that, in actuality, ethologists who claim to _____ anthropomorphism often end up simply substituting one set of anthropomorphic terms for another.

- A) eschew
- B) defend
- C) support
- D) appreciate
- E) denounce

F) avoid

XGSC0192

Robert McCance and Elsie Widdowson's *The Chemical Composition of Foods*, published in 1940, contained an extraordinary fifteen thousand entries, making it the first collection of nutritional information for cooked and raw foods that could be considered _____.

- A) expurgated
- B) accessible
- C) substantiated
- D) exhaustive
- E) comprehensive
- F) authenticated

XGSC0193

An academic with a questionable record in either teaching, administration, or research may still be well regarded at many schools, but simultaneous failure in all three areas normally results in _____ by superiors.

- A) exculpation
- B) dismissal
- C) impeachment
- D) disapprobation
- E) censure
- F) acquittal

XGSC0194

Proponents of the legislation argued that its critics' valid but minor points did not _____ the assertion that the bill would be far more beneficial than hurtful to the nation's citizens.

- A) revoke
- B) bolster
- C) vitiate
- D) undercut
- E) address
- F) legitimize

XGSC0195

The manufacturing company's swift maneuver enabled it to evade the full impact of the increasing cost of raw materials, which brought the downfall of firms that responded less _____.

- A) ruthlessly
- B) deftly
- C) adroitly

- D) carefully
- E) extravagantly
- F) cautiously

XGSC0196

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

XGSC0197

The final chapter of Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex*, in which de Beauvoir argues that only economic self-sufficiency can release women from subordination, was one of the _____ texts that revolutionized the women's movement of the sixties and seventies.

- A) inspirational
- B) animating
- C) introductory
- D) inessential
- E) inscrutable
- F) trivial

XGSC0198

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

XGSC0199

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 rationalizations for why those in charge should be in charge.

- A) predictable

- B) haphazard
- C) abstract
- D) arbitrary
- E) dysfunctional
- F) theoretical

XGSC0200

Although pleased to gain recognition by the Royal Society in 1945, Marjory Stephenson privately _____ the way career scientists (always male) jockeyed for recognition and reputation rather than simply getting on with their work.

- A) questioned
- B) envied
- C) disparaged
- D) bemoaned
- E) begrudged
- F) mocked

SECTION 4 (3.23 更新)

XGSC0201

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

XGSC0202

Even though no other urban center on Earth thrived for so long, the ancient Mesopotamian city of Uruk remains _____ in comparison with its more famous neighbor, Babylon.

- A) prominent
- B) obscure
- C) unknown
- D) ornate
- E) popular
- F) prosperous

XGSC0203

Fungi are a basic component of every ecosystem, and their importance cannot be _____, but mycologists generally lack an understanding of which fungi are present in oceans and what roles they play.

- A) gainsaid
- B) underestimated
- C) calculated
- D) disputed
- E) exaggerated
- F) matched

XGSC0204

Physicians today increasingly rely on endoscopic surgery, replacing large scalpels and clamps with cameras and with tools whose _____ enables them to snake into the body through tiny holes.

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

XGSC0205

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

XGSC0206

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

XGSC0207

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

XGSC0208

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

XGSC0209

The fact that no single Cantonese dictionary is seen as _____ is one of the main reasons why most Hong Kong authors do not depend on formal reference tools when writing in Cantonese.

- A) dependable
- B) authoritative
- C) meticulous
- D) definitive
- E) topical
- F) comprehensive

XGSC0210

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

SECTION 5 (3.23 更新)

XGSC0211

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

XGSC0212

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

XGSC0213

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

XGSC0214

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

XGSC0215

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
- F) a reckless

XGSC0216

A fixed definition of the Arctic Circle is _____: the circle is not unchanging but varies over about 2° 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

XGSC0217

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

XGSC0218

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

XGSC0219

As a muralist, John Thomas Biggers followed his own voice exclusively; absorbed by personal artistic challenges, he devoted _____ attention to prevailing trends in the art world.

- A) occasional
- B) scant
- C) obsessive
- D) grudging
- E) little
- F) eager

XGSC0220

Asteroids of diameter less than 100 km never melted, but asteroids with larger diameters did so and became _____ with the heavier Fe-Ni material forming the core and the silicates forming the crust.

- A) stratified
- B) destabilized
- C) weakened
- D) liquefied
- E) differentiated
- F) distinguished

SECTION 6 (3.23 更新)

XGSC0221

The folktale is perhaps the most _____ form of literature: a story that everyone is free to tell and embellish because it belongs to no one in particular.

- A) unpretentious
- B) archaic
- C) primitive
- D) democratic
- E) egalitarian
- F) changeable

XGSC0222

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

XGSC0223

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

XGSC0224

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

XGSC0225

According to Panamanian composer Danilo Perez, the gravity of jazz pianist Randy Weston's performances is _____: you can copy one of his chords, but it doesn't sound the same.

- A) elusive
- B) indelible
- C) unattainable
- D) estranging
- E) purposeful

F) alienating

XGSC0226

Although, in spirit at least, solar panels _____ nature and the way our biosphere harnesses the energy of our sun, the actual photosynthetic process by which plants convert sunlight into chemical energy is far more complex than solar power generation is.

- A) streamline
- B) enhance
- C) imitate
- D) exploit
- E) simplify
- F) mimic

XGSC0227

Because the influence of French women writers in seventeenth-century England has been _____ by scholars, England's early women writers, such as Aphra Behn and Delarivier Manley, may appear to have sprung from a vacuum.

- A) documented
- B) discredited
- C) slighted
- D) misinterpreted
- E) discounted
- F) corroborated

XGSC0228

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

XGSC0229

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

XGSC0230

A single, cheap tablet combining a range 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

SECTION 7 (3.23 更新)

XGSC0231

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

XGSC0232

The vast majority of universities in the United States promote themselves as institutions of free speech and thought, construing censorship as _____ their search for knowledge.

- A) subordinate to
- B) obviated by
- C) secondary to
- D) antipathetic to
- E) conducive to
- F) inconsistent with

XGSC0233

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

XGSC0234

While the environmental detection of nuclear explosions has become _____, the ability to detect nuclear weapons programs well before they result in a nuclear device would better serve security objectives.

- A) immediate
- B) unnecessary
- C) redundant
- D) straightforward
- E) surreptitious
- F) unproblematic

XGSC0235

Most farmers alternate corn and soybean crops in their fields rather than periodically leaving field 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

XGSC0236

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

XGSC0237

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

XGSC0238

Perhaps the scariest thing about weather extremes is their inherent _____.: just because we are almost certain they will become more frequent does not mean we can pinpoint exactly when and where they will occur.

- A) complexity
- B) anger
- C) unpredictable
- D) ubiquity
- E) fickleness
- F) pervasiveness

XGSC0239

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

XGSC0240

Accounts of early opera performances—both of the performances themselves and of their social milieu—indicate that the origins of the genre were anything but _____.; it began at the peak.

- A) lavish
- B) disreputable
- C) sumptuous
- D) decadent
- E) plebeian

F) humble

SECTION 8 (3.23 更新)

XGSC0241

Although individual dust devils (small whirlwinds) on Mars are _____, collectively they can be counted on to maintain the atmospheric dust at a certain level.

- A) dangerous
- B) minuscule
- C) unpredictable
- D) impenetrable
- E) treacherous
- F) erratic

XGSC0242

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

XGSC0243

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

XGSC0244

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

XGSC0245

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

XGSC0246

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

XGSC0247

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

XGSC0248

Certainly, the drive to make safety a corporate priority is _____, but whether it will be enough to create the necessary change in corporate culture is another matter; organizational inertia can be a powerful force.

- A) revolutionary
- B) sound
- C) critical
- D) prudent
- E) irresistible
- F) inexorable

XGSC0249

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

XGSC0250

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

SECTION 9 (3.23 更新)

XGSC0251

Recent research has shown that memories are not unchanging physical traces in the brain; instead, they are constructs that are _____, rebuilt every time they are recalled.

- A) complex
- B) intricate
- C) fragile
- D) malleable
- E) ephemeral
- F) pliable

XGSC0252

Technology does not have an inherently _____ effect on society; in fact, some technological advances have counteracted social changes that were reducing economic inequality.

- A) leveling
- B) pernicious
- C) corrupting
- D) beneficial
- E) unsound
- F) equalizing

XGSC0253

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

XGSC0254

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

XGSC0255

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

XGSC0256

A number of researchers have questioned the long-held assumption that decision making is _____, arguing instead that most behavior is relatively automatic.

- A) calculable
- B) deliberate
- C) mechanical
- D) predictable
- E) contentious
- F) calculated

XGSC0257

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

XGSC0258

Many types of rocks contain small voids that _____ vibrations: the greater the proportion of a rock's volume that is void, the more gradually vibrations travel through it.

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

XGSC0259

The landmasses that form our continents are notably _____: they are plates of rock 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

XGSC0260

Deeply self-righteous, the artists defended their new aesthetic principles against a hidebound critical establishment whose mockery only reinforced the artists' belief in the _____ of traditional aesthetics.

- A) shortsightedness
- B) fickleness
- C) exhaustion
- D) destructiveness
- E) changeability
- F) bankruptcy

SECTION 10 (3.24 更新)

XGSC0261

The biographer laments the _____ that abound in texts from antiquity they are so prevalent, she says that they nearly amount to a "conspiracy of silence."

- A) fallacies
- B) myths
- C) misrepresentations
- D) elisions
- E) lacunae
- F) distortions

XGSC0262

The playwright's political activity on behalf of imprisoned artists finds its artistic analogue in her _____ toward her competitors in the theater, many of them in another kind of exile.

- A) affability
- B) indifference
- C) generosity
- D) optimism
- E) magnanimity
- F) apathy

XGSC0263

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

XGSC0264

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

XGSC0265

At every turn in her novels, Patricia Highsmith eschews simple distinctions between good and evil, right and wrong choosing instead to examine how _____ such distinctions can be

- A) plastic
- B) palpable
- C) parochial
- D) arbitrary
- E) concrete
- F) malleable

XGSC0266

The proliferation of the zombie in contemporary popular culture is _____: from novels and comic books to video games and performance art, in smartphone applications and in homemade films zombies are ubiquitous.

- A) mesmerizing
- B) unprecedented
- C) lamentable
- D) disputable
- E) deplorable
- F) obvious

XGSC0267

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

XGSC0268

Many readers are bemused to discover that Ella Wheeler Wilcox's book *Poems of Passion* was thought to be _____ when it was published in 1883, as the book seems fairly innocuous.

- A) scandalous
- B) radical
- C) unseemly
- D) uninteresting
- E) pedestrian
- F) eccentric

XGSC0269

When Gustave Flaubert wrote a rabidly depressed letter to his friend George Sand, she responded with a maternal nudge, typical of their correspondence, she liked to pretend that his _____ was an affectation.

- A) bravado
- B) smugness
- C) abjection
- D) swagger
- E) wretchedness
- F) irascibility

XGSC0270

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

SECTION 11 (3.24 更新)

XGSC0271

Augustus, the first emperor of Rome, was celebrated for his moderation and temperate living, qualities that would distinguish him from so many of his _____ successors.

- A) radical
- B) sybaritic
- C) tyrannical
- D) hedonistic
- E) despotic
- F) dogmatic

XGSC0272

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

XGSC0273

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

XGSC0274

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

YGSC0275

Leaders within the Native American culture known as Fort Ancient differed from those of the neighboring Mississippian groups, whose authority was often _____: indeed, one expert has described the Fort Ancient society as intensely egalitarian.

- A) quixotic
- B) dubious
- C) uncertain
- D) coercive
- E) efficacious
- F) imperious

YGSC0276

Scientists generally agree that causal inferences in well-designed experiments are more reliable than such inferences in purely observational contexts because most uncontrolled variables are _____ in the laboratory environment.

- A) excluded
- B) pronounced
- C) exaggerated
- D) overlooked
- E) distorted
- F) obviated

YGSC0277

To say that John Adams was forthright was to be _____; friends as well as enemies were more likely to characterize his stark honesty and direct manner as blunt and awkward.

- A) fickle
- B) charitable
- C) facetious
- D) unreasonable
- E) forbearing
- F) capricious

YGSC0278

The Chancellor castigated one regime for its mistreatment of political opponents, whereas he inexplicably _____ another that had committed similar acts.

- A) adjured
- B) exculpated
- C) impugned
- D) neglected

- E) cosseted
- F) absolved

XGSC0279

In order to justify a life spent wandering across some of the world's farthest corners, travel writer Bruce Chatwin noted that humans are _____ by nature: there seems to be a roaming instinct embedded in our genes.

- A) inquisitive
- B) itinerant
- C) peripatetic
- D) gregarious
- E) sociable
- F) curious

XGSC0280

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