

Verbal Section I

第十九套

- 1. A new television documentary focuses on one of the prime minister's defining contradiction, portraying her as a woman who cultivated an image of ____, but who liked to live grandly.
- A. irascibility
- B. abstemiousness
- C. contentiousness
- D. insouciance
- E. surreptitiousness

- 2. In protoscientific time (for example, in ancient Greece), claims about the physical would were often accepted as true if they were reasonable; experimental verification, if thought necessary at all, was ____.
- A. utilitarian
- B. perfunctory
- C. egregious
- D. empirical
- E. inductive

3. The economic recovery was somewhat lopsided:(i) ____ in some of the industrial economies while (ii) ___ in others of them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. unexpected	D. robust
B. feeble	E. turbulent
C. swift	F. predictable

4. Scholarly works on detective stories often begin with (i) ____, suggesting that there is something vaguely wrong with adults who spend their time reading such fiction and certainly something (ii) ____ those who devote energy to its analysis.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. chronologies	D. awry in
B. apologies	E. astute about
C. synopses	F. courageous about

5. Due to the extraordinary circumstances, British business owners found themselves in a (i) ____ position during the Second World War, forced to accept regular interference from government and to acquiesce to (ii) ____ role for labor unions in negotiating the terms and conditions of employment.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. defensive	D. a traditional
B. dominant	E. an enhanced
C. customary	F. a diminished

6. For almost two centuries, the German island of Sylt has offered various therapies for every conceivable (i) _____ from broken bones to liver complaints. The local mud, saltwater, thermal pools, and spas have been deemed (ii) ____ by the German medical system, which (iii) ____ some of these treatments. Consequently, the treatments are widely used.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. malady	D. healthful	G. doubts
B. indiscretion	E. suspect	H. denies
C. prognosis	F. innocuous	I. funds

- 7. Miller reminded his clients that labor relationship are inherently ____: the interests of business owners are diametrically opposed to those of employees.
- A. adversarial
- B. exploitative
- C. mercenary
- D. antagonistic
- E. variable
- F. changeable

8. Progressive and reactionary populist ...

- 9. Even the cleverest use of time management techniques is powerless to ____ the sum of minutes in a person's life (over 52 million, optimistically assuming a life expectancy of 100 years), so people squeeze as much as they could into each one of them.
- A. justify
- B. quantify
- C. augment
- D. enrich
- E. measure
- F. extend

10. One of the vocalists who auditioned for a leading part in the local production of Sweeney Todd seemed to prefer to any attempt at producing a melody; a more pleasant voice was hard to imagine.

- A. warbling
- B. imitating
- C. improvising
- D. shrieking
- E. crooning
- F. caterwauling

Verbal Section 2

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1. The space travels described in science fiction stories always used to be epic adventures, in comparison to which current journals in space seem quite ____.

A. mundane

B. exciting

C. dramatic

D. risky

E. heroic

2. Medieval cathedrals still stand...

3. Although trains may use energy more (i) ____ than do automobiles, the latter move only when they contain at least one occupant, whereas railway carriages spend a considerable amount of time running up and down the track (ii) ____, or nearly so.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. lavishly	D. vacant
B. efficiently	E. unimpeded
C. routinely	F. overloaded

4. Historian Barbara Alpern ...

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. an anonymous	D. scathing
B. an evenhanded	E. confessional
C. a spirited	F. superficial

5. One sometimes hears that Marco Polo introduced pasta to the Western world, having encountered it in China. This durable myth, which (i) ____ that nothing should have been known of pasta in Italy until 1295, when Marco Polo returned from the Far East, can easily be (ii) ____ by pointing out that there are Italian references to pasta that (iii) ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. requires	D. augmented	G. praise its virtues
B. demonstrates	E. debunked	H. can be authenticated
C. symbolizes	F. traced	I. predate that event

6. Both very good and very bad books are easy to review. Praise and (i) ____ come easily. But what of books that contain a muddle of virtues and vices? Here the reviewer's task is more (ii) ____: the author's useful and thought-provoking observations need to be (iii) ____ the useless and tedious.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. ambivalence	D. evident	G. supplanted by
B. compliment	E. demanding	H. sifted from
C. censure	F. manageable	I. overshadowed by

- 7. Even though women in the United States would not gain the rights to vote until 1920, throughout the nineteenth century many feminist goals were gradually _____, especially the rights to married women to control their own property.
- A. realized
- B. abandoned
- C. eroded
- D. modified
- E. revised
- F. achieved

8. It is hardly ____ the committee calls for....

- 9. Edited collections of scholarly essays generally tend to be somewhat uneven: they suffer from the ____ subject matter of the various essays, the lack of an overarching and consistent thesis, and the variable quantity of the contributions.
- A. intriguing
- B. heterogeneous
- C. comprehensive
- D. disparate
- E. mediocre
- F. engaging

- 10. Films that critics have slumbered through rarely generate industry excitement, even though the critics' ____ reception may be less the fault of the movie than of its unfortunate time slot near a fatiguing film festival's conclusion.
- A. somnolent
- B. impartial
- C. lethargic
- D. laconic
- E. befuddled
- F. evenhanded

