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Verbal Section 1

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1. For the urban researcher, the long lives of ancient cities can provide ample chronological data, making up for the paucity stemming from relative _____ of most present-day cities.

- A. complexity
- B. formlessness
- C. transparency
- D. diversity
- E. youthfulness

2. 'RESIGNATION', an English word the French novelist Christian Oster would no doubt appreciate, presents an elegant paradox: in one sense, it indicates a bold step, a cleaving of oneself from an attachment grown onerous; in another, it's the height of _____, an acquiescence to fate.

A. maturity

B. desperation

C. passivity

D. sham

E. fissure

3. Nordhaus predict that in the future we will increasingly be (i) _____ ecological problems like global warming rather than (ii) _____ them. We may, for example, make some headway in limiting emissions that contribute to warming, but much of our work will be in adapting to ecological problems and alleviating their effects.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. managing	D. solving
B. analyzing	E. addressing
C. transcending	F. mitigating

4. What they see in Tanaka is the one candidate capable of (i) _____ leadership, in direct contrast to Williamson, whose term in office has been marred by (ii) _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. compassionate	D. grandstanding
B. decisive	E. partisanship
C. nepotistic	F. vacillation

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. superseded	D. discredited
B. irrelevant	E. well established
C. emergent	F. half-formulated

6. Unlike most other serious journals, which drain money from their owners, the Review has long been (i) _____. But the formula is not without its imperfections, which have grown more pronounced in recent years. The publication has always been erudite and (ii) _____ but not always lively and readable. (iii) _____, accompanied by a certain aversion to risk taking, has pervaded its pages for a long time.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. lucrative	D. authoritative	G. An originality
B. realistic	E. animated	H. An impulsiveness
C. unesteemed	F. trendy	I. A staleness

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

A. spurring

B. recognising

C. codifying

D. acknowledging

E. fostering

F. cataloging

8. During the Renaissance, the use of optical lenses, which were capable of projecting images onto black canvases, greatly aided artists by allowing them to accurately observe and depict the external world; in other words, these lenses were instrumental in conveying ____.

A. idealism

B. optimism

C. ambition

D. realism

E. sanguinity

F. verisimilitude

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

A. cordiality

B. irascibility

C. disorganisation

D. conviviality

E. diffidence

F. exasperation

10. Advocates for workers' rights have adopted a new strategy, one that will require considerable ingenuity but that if successful, could _____ a movement aimed at making labor rights an unassailable feature of American democracy.

A. frustrate

B. galvanize

C. presume

D. affect

E. animate

F. thwart

Verbal Section 2

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

A. ridiculed

B. scrutinised

C. admired

D. embellished

E. underrated

2. Despite having only recently learned to walk, toddlers make the most (i) ____ dance students. Their joy in movement is so pure, so complete, and so (ii) ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. skilled	D. futile
B. inattentive	E. irrelevant
C. delightful	F. contagious

3. Tagore had a sharply defined sense of the (i) ____ of scientific inquiry. The fact science dealt in statistics and numbers, that its logic was probabilistic, meant that the domain of moral questions (ii) ____ it: moral questions, for Tagore, required certainties, not probabilities.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. irrationality	D. guarded over
B. limits	E. lay outside of
C. futility	F. was subject to

4. The modern iron suspension bridge dates from the early nineteenth century, but it did not have (i) ____debut, many early suspension bridges were damaged, if not outright destroyed, by the wind. There were few (ii) ____ , however, so the form (iii) ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. a propitious	D. obvious parallels	G. declined
B. a conspicuous	E. practical alternatives	H. inspired
C. an equivocal	F. unnoticed instances	I. persisted

5. Higher energy prices would have many (i)_____ effects on society as a whole. Besides encouraging consumers to be more (ii)_____ in their use of gasoline, they would encourage the development of renewable alternative energy sources that are not (iii)_____ at current prices.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. pernicious	D. aggressive	G. unstable
B. counterintuitive	E. predictable	H. adaptable
C. salubrious	F. sparing	I. viable

6. The characters in this comic strip fret about the (i) ____ of their “little counterculture lives,” especially when terrible things are happening in the world, but the cartoonist makes their lives (ii) ____ in ways that do not seem (iii) ____ at all. Real things happen here —— births, deaths, adoptions, affairs, breakups, commitments, ceremonies, civil unions —— and they matter.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. unpredictability	D. stagnate	G. outlandish
B. arduousness	E. resonate	H. inconsequential
C. triviality	F. compete	I. intangible

7. One ____ is that so far, web services have turned out to be much harder to deliver than their champions had hoped.

A. hope

B. snag

C. prospect

D. hitch

E. upshot

F. reason

8. Asserting a need to preserve the _____ that became the hallmark of her predecessor's tenure, the new director of federal monetary policy refused to subscribe to rigid or mechanistic rules in policy making.

A. firmness

B. adaptability

C. unpredictability

D. autonomy

E. strictness

F. flexibility

9. Wilson is wont to emphasise the ____ of ants, how ants with full stomachs will regurgitate liquid food for those without, or how the old will fight so the young can survive.

A. beneficence

B. altruism

C. unpredictability

D. intelligence

E. fecundity

F. fertility

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

A. universality

B. persistence

C. appeal

D. ephemerality

E. survival

F. transience

