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# Verbal Section I

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

A. elusive

B. undiminished

C. unfathomable

D. unexpected

E. derivative

2. Because the critic thought that the mark of great literature was grandiosity and elegance not to be found in common speech, writers seeking his approbation \_\_\_\_\_ the vernacular.

A. exploited

B. embraced

C. misapplied

D. considered

E. eschewed

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. naive	D. powerful
B. personable	E. arbitrary
C. obdurate	F. malleable

4. The professor frequently reiterated a basic assumption behind the experimental method — namely, that the outcome of the experiment is always (i) \_\_\_\_\_. The hypothesis can never assume the experiment's results, in other words, but instead must (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ their appearance.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. undetermined	D. await
B.incontrovertible	E. signal
C. inconsequential	F. negate

5. The virtual absence of cougars from late prehistoric faunas in the North American Great Basin (i) \_\_\_\_ a general scarcity of carnivores from these sites: bobcats, coyotes, and badgers are routinely found, and even such historically (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ carnivores as bears and wolves are found as well.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. largely parallels	D. widespread
B. does not reflect	E. rare
C. is a consequence of	F. representative



6. For a time in the early Middle Ages, Latin culture came close to (i) \_\_\_\_: the witness to that is the (ii) \_\_\_\_ of manuscript copies of texts datable to the period. The process of copying manuscripts, the only way in which the fragile products of centuries of accumulating knowledge could be preserved, (iii) \_\_\_\_, a situation that did not change for two and a half centuries, until the time of Charlemagne. In the intervening period, much of Classical literature was lost to use forever.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. reversing	D. paucity	G. was pursued methodically
B. exploding	E. provenance	H. expressed the spirit of the time
C. vanishing	F. proliferation	I. virtually came to a standstill



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

A. a coveted

B. an arduous

C. a taxing

D. a lucrative

E. an enviable

F. an influential

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

A. spurious

B. speculative

C. predictive

D. conjectural

E. fabricated

F. implausible

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

A. eclectic

B. genuine

C. derivative

D. spurious

E. legitimate

F. specious

10. For parents, the pleasure of letting children choose which book to read aloud together is not always \_\_\_\_: I well remembered my inner groans when my child would constantly pick my least favourite book from the shelf.

- A. intangible
- B. enduring
- C. impalpable
- D. unalloyed
- E. ephemeral
- F. unqualified

# Verbal Section 2

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1. Given the many thematic strands that the book seeks to draw together into a continuous cord of narrative, it is perforce work of \_\_\_\_\_, which is not to say that the author's research fails to provide sufficient detail about each of his chosen themes.

A. synthesis

B. conjecture

C. analysis

D. reconstruction

E. accretion



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

A. unpropitious

B. anomalous

C. anathema

D. redundant

E. meretricious

3. Throughout much of the twentieth century, common scientific sense seemed to dictate that animals could not make a choice based on radical or aesthetic criteria. Such choices were (i) \_\_\_\_ the mental capacity of humans. Scientists who (ii) \_\_\_\_ this animal-human cognitive divide were often accused of anthropomorphism.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. reserved for	D. accepted
B. inconsistent with	E. transgressed
C. similar to	F. exacerbated

4. Common sense tells us some people are more (i) \_\_\_\_\_ than others. The claim that these differences are (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, or that deep down, everybody acts only to further their own interests, (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ our everyday observations and deep-seated human practices of moral evaluation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. altruistic	D. growing	G. mimics
B. adaptable	E. illusory	H. explains
C. disciplined	F. relevant	I. contradicts

5. Many researchers assume that politicians consider the preferences of the entire public, and not merely those of likely voters, when making decisions. Yet, since the desire to be reelected is central, it is plausible that politicians (i) \_\_\_\_ the opinions of likely voters in formulating their positions on issues. It is possible that researchers' suppositions about policy makers' (ii) \_\_\_\_ aggregate public opinion may serve to (iii) \_\_\_\_ the fact that only the preferences of likely voters actually matter.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. rely insufficiently on	D. responsiveness to	G. mask
B. depart sporadically from	E. neglect of	H. reflect
C. attend disproportionately to	F. misrepresentation of	I. obviate

6. Compared to Earth over most of its 4 to 6-billion-year history, the world we live in today is quite (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Of course, it is human nature to regard the world that we are used to as (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. The oceans, prairies, and mountain chains — even the air we breathe — seem the norm and therefore (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. bountiful	D. invaluable	G. eternal
B. atypical	E. permanent	H. precious
C. stable	F. corrupted	I. endangered

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

A. resonates

B. entertains

C. diverts

D. confuses

E. rings true

F. falls short



8. Laughter, like speech, is primarily a human faculty, although both functions may also exist in a more \_\_\_\_\_ form in lesser primates.

A. indispensable

B. crucial

C. primitive

D. intelligible

E. recognisable

F. rudimentary

9. The story lines of silent dramas may often have been \_\_\_\_\_, yet within those basic narrative outlines, the true artists among silent-film actors could express emotional shadings that have no analogue in spoke language.

A. implausible

B. incredible

C. conventional

D. elemental

E. rudimentary

F. confusing

10. The candidate seeks to depict his opponent as being \_\_\_\_\_, as one who is simply unable to make a decision and stand his ground.

A. inconstant

B. cowardly

C. opportunistic

D. petty

E. capricious

F. spiteful

