

Section 1.

1. Common and easily accessible resources (prey for predators or hosts for parasites) should be, all other things being equal, used frequently, yet in some environments apparently accessible and suitable resources remain_____ .
 A. Vulnerable
 B. unobtainable
 C. sustainable
 D. depleted
 E. unexploited
2. Even though the authors repeatedly_____ the own shrewdness, they show a remarkable credulousness toward far-fetched ideas such as carbon-eating trees and cloud-making machinery.
 A. Soft-pedal,
 B. extol,
 C. deprecate,
 D. broaden,
 E. compromise

3. The (i)_____ of molecular oxygen on Earth-sized planets around other stars in the universe would not be (ii) sign of life: molecular oxygen can be a signature of photosynthesis (a biotic process) or merely of the rapid escape of water from the upper reaches of a planetary atmosphere (an abiotic process).

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. dearth	D. a controversial
B. presumption	E. an unambiguous
C. detection	F. a possible

4. In reviewing cases decided by lower courts, Supreme Court justices search for precedents to justify their arguments. Reliance on precedent (i)_____ judicial restraint: the precedent (ii)_____ a judge's ability to determine the outcome of a case in a way that he or she might choose if there were no precedent.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. Promotes	D. establishes
B. Compromises	E. constrains
C. Promulgates	F. prioritizes

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

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. Stated as absolute	D. hedged
B. Refused to reveal	E. simplified
C. backed up extensively	F. reiterated

6. To pay for the extra spending under this international poverty plan, each American would have to contribute less than the cost of buying a premium cup of coffee once a week. But financial aid is not (i)_____, and even if the funding recommended here were to (ii)_____the grandest objectives may well remain unfulfilled. Nonetheless, carefully targeted aid can reward responsible governments,(iii)_____ individual initiative, and alleviate suffering. Many will think that's worth a cup of coffee.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(ii)
A. an impediment	D. be insufficient	H. obviate
B. a panacea	E. recede	I. temper
C. a malady	F. materialize	J. encourage

7. The recent exhibition on Dadaism is nothing if not_____, for the visual arts are currently awash in Dadaist gestures and gambits of one variety or another.
- A. Sensational
 - B. timely
 - C. daunting
 - D. ill-advised
 - E. opportune
 - F. misguided
8. Despite the general_____ of Roman archaeological studies toward the major cities and their monuments, archaeology has contributed much to a better understanding of rural developments in Roman territory.
- A. Openness
 - B. indifference
 - C. hostility
 - D. animus
 - E. bias
 - F. orientation
9. The potential reduction in water lost from the proposed reservoir from evaporation is_____inconsequential: even the minimum projected reduction would save enough water to furnish the needs of a Denver-sized municipality.
- A. Nearly
 - B. Comparatively
 - C. scarcely
 - D. rarely
 - E. hardly
 - F. relatively
10. Our mass media are much more fascinated by bad ideas or the failure of good ones than by successes: we drown in bad news--tales of how things went wrong--but we have only the most_____ discussion on how they might go right.
- A. Incisive
 - B. Tantalizing
 - C. Trenchant
 - D. cursory
 - E. Illusory
 - F. perfunctory

Section 2.

1. Instead of demonstrating the_____ of archaeological applications of electronic remote sensing, the pioneering study became, to some skeptics, an illustration of the imprudence of interpreting sites based on virtual archaeology.
 A. Ubiquity
 B. Limitation
 C. Promise
 D. Redundancy
 E. Complexity
2. Studies of hermaphroditic plants may exhibit sampling bias against self-fertilizing and cross-fertilizing species, thus inflating the frequency of species using a mixed mating system (both self-fertilizing and cross-fertilizing); nevertheless the number of mixed-system species is not_____.
 A. Self-evident
 B. Static
 C. Trivial
 D. Relevant
 E. Calculable
3. The pupil had a reputation for obduracy, but the teacher found her to be, on the contrary, quite_____.
 A. Zealous
 B. Astute
 C. Tractable
 D. Efficient
 E. Amusing
4. To abolish the existence of nation-states is neither feasible nor desirable; but insofar as there are collective interests that transcend national boundaries, the (i)_____ of nation-states must be (ii)_____ to international institutions.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. Sovereignty	D. subordinated
B. Traditions	E. attributable
C. genealogy	F. analogous

5. Reviews written by music critic and composer Stephenson were hardly (i)_____ : musicians who performed his music could count on sympathetic coverage, while those who ignored him were held to (ii) standards.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. Disinterested	D. exacting
B. Lucid	E. minimal
C. Conventional	F. accepted

6. People love to talk about their commutes to and from work: those with an easy commute tend to (i)_____, while those who hate their commute think and speak of it as a core affliction, like a chronic illness. Once you raise the subject, the testimonies pour out, and, if your ears are tuned to it, you begin overhearing commute talk everywhere. People who are normally (ii)_____ may, when describing their commutes, be unexpectedly(iii) divulging the intimate details of their lives.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(ii)
A. Grumble	D. inattentive	H. candid in
B. Commiserate	E. garrulous	I. economical in
C. Gloat	F. circumspect	J. flustered about

7. There is a revelation on almost every page of this book, and the author's prose is_____ in the best possible way: blunt, sweet, off-kilter, and often quite funny.
- A. Eloquent
 - B. Austere
 - C. Somber
 - D. Awkward
 - E. Solemn
 - F. ungainly
8. A few decades ago the idea of animal morality would have been met with_____ : however, recent research suggests that animals not only **acct** altruistically but also have the capacity for empathy, forgiveness, trust, and reciprocity.
- A. Derision
 - B. Resentment
 - C. Dismissal
 - D. Conviction
 - E. Ridicule
 - F. certainty
9. The town's air was consistently_____ : depending on the breeze, one might be greeted with the sour effluvia of twenty breweries, choking fumes from the coal tar factory, or brackish smells from the nearby river.
- A. Malodorous
 - B. Toxic
 - C. Redolent
 - D. Benign
 - E. Noisome
 - F. anodyne
10. A priori mathematics, according to Galileo, does not_____ the need for observation, but mathematics does allow us to deduce unobservable properties and thus to penetrate further into the structure of nature than observation does.
- A. Address
 - B. Acknowledge
 - C. Obviate
 - D. Diminish
 - E. Displace
 - F. appreciate

Section 3.

1. The often-cited parallels between human communities and insect colonies are _____: the cooperation found among social insects is essentially due to the insects' genetics ties, while human often collaborate with non-relatives

- A. superficial
- B. obvious
- C. hackneyed
- D. contradictory
- E. uncanny

2. While early biographies of Florence Nightingale tended to be quite _____, Lytton Strachey's irreverent 1918 massge about her ushered in a new era, making it acceptable, even fashionable, to criticize her.

- A. unsympathetic
- B. unsentimental
- C. sycophantic
- D. pedantic
- E. censorious

3. While in their consideration of the unique way athletics and academics are combined in United States universities, Markovits and Rensmann do not (i)_____ Gumbrecht's idealizing vision of the compatibility of college athletics with the intellectual missions of institutions of higher learning, neither do they regard college athletics as (ii)_____: they believe that big-time sports have a rightful place in university life.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. fully endorse	D. venal
B. entirely misconstrue	E. profitable
C. intentionally recapitulate	F. indispensable

4. He was never (i)_____: he was nothing if not (ii)_____, so he forbore for the present to declare his passion.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. impetuous	D. boorish
B. thoughtful	E. circumspect
C. chivalrous	F. spontaneous

5. In science education, it is important to differentiate between inaccurate ideas that are conceptually (i)_____ and understandings that are inaccurate, and yet can (ii)_____ learning of more sophisticated understanding. The former are simply wrong, the latter can be seen as incomplete, overly simplistic, or tied to only a few limited contexts.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. unproductive	D. foster
B. unproblematic	E. delay
C. distinct	F. resemble

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. an obvious	D. followed	G. evident to
B. significant	E. preceded	H. overlooked by
C. a controversial	F. entailed	I. revolutionary for

7. Origin, distribution, and habitat are included in the book for some but not all of the plants; offering this information for each species would have given readers a clearer appreciation of the differences between_____ and introduced species.

- A. endemic
- B. native
- C. seasonal
- D. rare
- E. unusual
- F. dominant

8. In Inuit culture, elaborate carving has often been used to enhance_____ objects such as harpoon heads and other tools.

- A. utilitarian
- B. functional
- C. domestic
- D. decorative
- E. manufactured
- F. ornamental

9 Although in the mid-1970s nuclear power seemed poised for a still greater role in energy supply, in fact the_____ of its prestige had already begun.

- A. evaluation
- B. waning
- C. defense
- D. undermining
- E. ebbing
- F. vindication

10. As a critic, Nelson is noteworthy for her_____; rather than representing fully formed pronouncements, she is willing to let us watch as she works out her ideas.

- A. generosity
- B. humility
- C. integrity
- D. modesty
- E. eloquence
- F. rhetoric

Section 4.

1. 1. Baker set a new standard for explaining difficult art in language the public could understand; consequently, her books remain exemplars of _____ in art-historical analysis.

- A. fashion
- B. rigor
- C. lucidity
- D. erudition
- E. grandiosity

2. The cognitive flexibility of successful fictional detectives is often _____ by their cultural ambivalence: detectives' intellectual acumen, it seems, exists in direct proportion to their uneasy place in society.

- A. amplified
- B. highlighted
- C. spurred
- D. matched
- E. negated

3. In the discussions on international patent law, many (i)_____ issues will probably be pushed far into the future. This cautious approach makes diplomatic sense, since attempts over the past 15 years to reach international agreements on patents have (ii)_____ just such sensitive issues.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. contentious	D. approached
B. stimulating	E. articulated
C. subjective	F. foundered on

4. If the candidate wins the election now that rivals within his own party have (i) _____ him in a campaign that was (ii)_____ without their help, he will be mightily indebted to these self-styled saviors.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. rallied to	D. foundering
B. separated from	E. effective
C. undermined	F. improving

5. Communal feeding is a remarkable behavioral aspect of this generally solitary animal. It is also misunderstood behavior and one of the reasons that Tasmanian devils have a bad reputation. Far from being a (i)_____, communal devil feeding is (ii)_____ and purposeful, and is described as (iii)_____ behavior. The screaming and apparent fighting is an elaborate combination and variety of vocalizations and postures by which order is maintained.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. free-for-all	D. structured	G. innate
B. rarity	E. vicious	H. acquired
C. necessity	F. infrequent	I. ritualized

6. Observers of modern presidential campaigns who (i)_____ the highly (ii)_____ productions that pass for campaigns these days do sometimes find reason for hope in the occasional mix-ups that (iii)_____ candidates on the trail despite the presence of political strategists plotting every event with the tactical precision of military commanders.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. relish	D. ambitious	G. rattle
B. misinterpret	E. chaotic	H. bolster
C. despair over	F. choreographed	I. legitimate

7. For those of us who have been intoxicated by the power and potential of mathematics, the mystery isn't why that fascination developed but why it isn't_____

- A. advantageous
- B. discounted
- C. prevalent
- D. undervalued
- E. celebrated
- F. widespread

8. In ways large and small, millions of people are taking active steps to_____ the medical mainstream, whether by taking herbal remedies for disease or by placing their hopes for a cure in alternative treatment.

- A. augment
- B. sidestep
- C. support
- D. vilify
- E. circumvent
- F. endorse

9. Her attempts to wrest fiction free from traditional constraints like plot and character were never entirely popular with readers; nonetheless, her fiction has had _____ influence on critical theory, novel, cinema, and even psychology.

- A. a studied
- B. a negligible
- C. a decisive
- D. an unmistakable
- E. an insignificant
- F. a restorative

10. Although the biography never explicitly assesses what role the dynamic between Mr. Merrill's parents might have played in the development of his personality, the author offers plenty of _____.

- A. mystification
- B. elucidation
- C. speculation
- D. reflection
- E. obfuscation
- F. conjecture

Section 5.

1. The painter's problem, like that of an author whose early literary masterpiece exhausts the themes it embodies, is how to _____ his first highly acclaimed efforts with works of comparable significance and presence.

- A. combine
- B. illuminate
- C. realize
- D. amend
- E. follow

2. If the African farmers face a soil fertility problem, providing funding for fertilizer seems _____: closer examination of data raises some troubling questions, however.

- A. imprudent
- B. expensive
- C. unimpeachable
- D. modern
- E. worrisome

3. In years prior to the Civil War, Philadelphia's African American press encouraged readers to be vaccinated against the smallpox. This journalistic campaign was initially (i) _____, appearing to readers' sense of communal duty, and became even more (ii) _____ once the war started, as smallpox outbreaks began to occur on Philadelphia's city skirts.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. hortatory	D. controversial
B. ineffective	E. urgent
C. widespread	F. inopportune

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

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. authentic	D. escapist appeal
B. complicated	E. high-minded purpose
C. disingenuous	F. gripping suspense

5. It remains a mystery how Theobroma cacao, which scholars believe originated in lowland Amazonia, was introduced to tropical Mesoamerica. It must have been a (i) _____ process: cacao trees do not easily sprout from seed, need years to mature, and grow only in humid lowland forest. Moreover, in a tropical climate, cacao pods spoil quickly, rendering their transport from lowland Amazonia to tropical Mesoamerica in a single journey by foot or canoe (ii) _____.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. clandestine	D. unlikely
B. protracted	E. redundant
C. spontaneous	F. expeditious

6. So (i)_____ is the reputation of the country's police for corruption and other forms of (ii)_____ become a kind of tradition that every newly appointed police chief pledges to (iii)_____ the force.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. persistent	D. indolence	G. contradict
B. paralyzing	E. incompetence	H. reform
C. unfounded	F. criminality	I. reward

7. For decades, Pluto seemed to be the mysteriously_____ planet: it was first thought to be about as large as Earth, but, subsequently, measurements had it smaller and smaller.

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

8. Every illness is a story, and when Annie's began it was characterized by the kinds of _____ details that mean nothing until seen in hindsight.

- A. salient
- B. unexceptional
- C. conspicuous
- D. suggestive
- E. abundant
- F. nondescript

9. Explorers could not build on each other's knowledge if they could not trust the records of previous explorers; thus exploration depended on the _____ of those who had gone before.

- A. collegiality
- B. endurance
- C. exactitude
- D. meticulousness
- E. eminence
- F. tenacity

10. In Schaller's contradictory introduction to the book, she alternately applauds and _____ humankind's role in animal conservation.

- A. authorizes
- B. endorses
- C. denounces
- D. discloses
- E. relates
- F. lambastes

Section 6.

1. A curiosity of the film *Vertigo* is its capacity to generate emotional power from a plot that lacks the most of elementary _____: viewers are required to accept not an isolated implausibility, but a continuous stream of them.

- A. believability
- B. impact
- C. narrative
- D. tension
- E. premise

2. Internet in creating handheld computers is fueled by the desire to shrink the size of the electronic circuitry and to create exceptionally small mechanical systems. At this scale, however, physical (i)_____ poses unique challenges. Machining, positioning, and assembling parts by hand are easy at microscopic scales but at minute scales they are far from (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. deterioration	D. subtle
B. manipulation	E. inflexible
C. durability	F. routine

3. The introductions to each section, written by the editors of the anthology, provide useful background material, but they do not provide analysis of the articles. Because the articles are in many senses the editors' personal favorites, it is probably (i)_____ to expect more such criticism would be as (ii)_____ as the articles themselves.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. juvenile	D. biased
B. paradoxical	E. complex
C. unrealistic	F. informative

4. A bird's feathers would seem to be a (i)_____ design for protecting a bird from attack by microscopic organisms. They create a warm, moist space next to the skin that could be an ideal incubator for spores. **Wild birds rarely (ii)_____ skin diseases, however.** The chemicals in the sebum include an array of antibacterial and antifungal agents that allow the bird's skin to (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. perfect	D. contract	G. stay healthy
B. typical	E. overcome	H. become irritated
C. poor	F. notice	I. recover quickly

5. Women in the mining towns of the American West were strictly stereotyped into neat categories of public and private, good and bad, but the 100 intrepid female prospectors in Zanjani's book managed to (i)_____ those categories. In addition to providing documentation that demolishes the all-male version of prospecting, Zanjani uses the examples of her female loners to (ii)_____ some of the (iii)_____ generalizations about Euro-American women as uniformly nurturant and sociable pioneers.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. inhabit	D. puncture	G. accurate
B. reveal	E. invent	H. facile
C. confound	F. perpetuate	I. unknown

6. Leo Tolstoy wrote many works of nonfiction and professed (i)_____ these explorations of ethics and religion compared with his novels and short stories. The fiction writer in him, however, was hard to (ii)_____. Handi Murdd is a short with the breadth and power of an epic, with vivid characterization and intense storytelling that sweep the reader away. While the reader senses the moral concerns of the tale's creator, the novel is a far cry from the (iii)_____ of Tolstoy's nonfiction.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. a preference for	D. suppress	G. didacticism
B. an aversion to	E. identity	H. fluidity
C. an indifference toward	F. incite	I. creativity

7. Although most scientists hold that quantum theory and the theory of general relativity ought to be intimately connected, the theories have remained stubbornly_____.

- A. consistent
- B. unlinked
- C. self-contradictory
- D. estranged
- E. arbitrary
- F. congruent

8. She expected her book to be_____, but in fact few of her readers disagreed with its premise that street art, long considered a mere sideshow entertainment, deserved to be regarded as high art.

- A. controversial
- B. dramatic
- C. impressive
- D. acclaimed
- E. provocative
- F. popular

9. Despite its best efforts to stimulate sales, the bookselling business remains far from_____, for it has high fixed costs in wages and rent, and falling prices make these ever harder to spur.

- A. effective
- B. healthy
- C. innovative
- D. robust
- E. stingy
- F. parsimonious

10. Since the data we have analyzed are so_____, it would be hazardous to draw a definite conclusion.

- A. copious
- B. overwhelming
- C. meager
- D. paltry
- E. abundant
- F. uncertain

Section 7.

1. Some of the areas of research covered in the collection have already attracted substantial scholarly interest, while others are more_____, hence requiring pioneering effort to map the territory and suggest productive avenues of inquiry.

- A. intricate
- B. pristine
- C. parochial
- D. heterogeneous
- E. onerous

2. Hyana Kusiemko and her colleagues speculate that the (i)_____ support among low-income works for increases in the minimum wage is a form of last-place aversion: people who are in a marginally better position than the worst off seek to (ii)_____ to distinguish themselves from those in last place.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. unwavering	D. disavow their willingness
B. vociferous	E. retain their ability
C. tepid	F. dissemble their need

3. For many adults, the adolescent years occupy (i)_____ place in the memory, which to some degree is even quantifiable: give a grown adult a series of random prompts and cues, odds are he or she will recall (ii)_____ number of memories from adolescence.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. a peripheral	D. a disproportionate
B. a privileged	E. a modest
C. an arbitrary	F. an uncertain

4. Recent proposals for fixing the climate have taken the form of large-scale geoengineering projects such as launching mirrors into space to reflect solar radiation away from Earth, undertakings that are vastly more (i)_____ than anything a nineteenth-century rainmaker could have cooked up. What is unclear, as one looks back at the history of weather modification research, is whether this resourceful ambition will be (ii)_____, or if, by contrast, it serves to make the scientific community's (iii)_____ that much more devastating.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. effective	D. anticipated	G. avidity
B. enterprising	E. challenged	H. impotence
C. accessible	F. productive	I. resignation

5. A minor criticism of the book, which is (i)_____ an understanding of the difficulty of doing direct research in Hong Kong's, is that So relied on secondary sources to tell the story of Hong Kong's political development, with previous histories of the period (ii)_____ his research. Given So's (iii)_____ many of the players in Hong Kong politics, it is surprising that he did not use interviews and other forms of direct research to delve further into the motivations, strategies, and tactics of participants.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. attributable to	D. largely debunked by	G. deference to
B. exacerbated by	E. obviating the need for	H. estrangement from
C. tempered by	F. playing a large role in	I. proximity to

6. Barker's account of how mores have evolved over time is illuminating. It reveals as (i)_____ and (ii)_____ some values that have often regarded as (iii)_____, while uncovering other values that do indeed seem to be universal.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. transient	D. transcendent	G. liberating
B. instinctive	E. relative	H. nonnegotiable
C. resilient	F. enduring	I. antiquated

7. Researchers have recorded around 60 separate behaviors for worker honeybees, a number that seems to_____ the achievements of many mammals: even the versatile bottlenose dolphin only performs about twice the number a worker honeybee manages.

- A. approximate
- B. eclipse
- C. reflect
- D. compound
- E. outdo
- F. echo

8. As the biography makes plain, the scientist led_____ sort of life, rarely remaining in one place for long.

- A. an enigmatic
- B. an idiosyncratic
- C. an itinerant
- D. a cautious
- E. a peripatetic
- F. a circumspect

9. We do not always use words in accordance with their dictionary definitions, for meaning often fluctuates with context: that does not mean, however, that we are completely_____ in how we use language.

- A. rote
- B. unconstrained
- C. irrational
- D. unpredictable
- E. free
- F. methodical

10. The sociologist argued that criminal behavior is an impermanent condition because it is the result of cyclical forces operating through _____factors, not the manifestation of deeply rooted personal characteristics.

- A. contingent
- B. alarming
- C. circumstantial
- D. proliferating
- E. unsustainable
- F. intensifying

Section 8.

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. naïve	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 of (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 favorite book from the shelf.

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

Section 9.

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. recognizable
- 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 spoken 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

Section 10.

1. That Seiberg and Witten lack celebrity can be explained by the _____ nature of their pursuit: the mathematical exploration of four-dimensional space.

- A. pedestrian
- B. esoteric
- C. compelling
- D. global
- E. unequivocal

2. The painter has emphasized the figure's erect posture by making it contrast so starkly with the _____ exhibited by trees of the windswept orchard in the background.

- A. strength
- B. list
- C. rigidity
- D. fruitfulness
- E. uprightness

3. Earlier discussions with neighboring countries (i)_____ due to the government's failure to alter policies that those countries find objectionable. Moreover, there is every reason to (ii)_____ the success of further talks, since the government if anything different, more intransigent.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. commenced	D. doubt
B. advanced	E. undermine
C. foundered	F. anticipate

4. Architecture scholar Sandy McCreery recently argued that traffic congestion, far from being a sign of urban (i)_____, is a mark of urban(ii) _____: congestion promotes contemplation of our surroundings and takes us out of the race; it provides us with a shared experience, thereby fulfilling the essential task of the city. (题源)

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. plentitude	D. ambition
B. decline	E. privation
C. excitement	F. health

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

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. a benign	D. overcomes
B. an orthodox	E. embodies
C. an anomalous	F. anticipates

6. Part of what currently makes it so (i) _____ to arrive at a scientific understanding of the living world is that while technological advances have produced a cascade of data---from detailed genome sequence to the sophisticated satellite imagery that documents the planet's ecosystems---our ability to(ii)_____ these data still lags far behind their (iii)_____.

Blank	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. frustrating	D. gather	G. acquisition
B. intriguing	E. apprehend	H. interpretation
C. challenging	F. dispute	I. implementation

7. To keep the museum's admission lines moving, security inspections are considerably _____.

- A. thorough
- B. annoying
- C. cursory
- D. casual
- E. irritating
- F. methodical

8. For those of us who have been intoxicated by the power and potential of mathematics, the mystery isn't why that fascination developed but why it isn't_____

- A. advantageous
- B. discounted
- C. prevalent
- D. undervalued
- E. celebrated
- F. widespread

9. Any antimatter in our part of the universe is necessarily _____ because of the overwhelming preponderance of ordinary matter, by which antimatter is quickly annihilated.

- A. short-lived
- B. nebulous
- C. scarce
- D. concrete
- E. substantial
- F. ephemeral

10. The _____ of ophthalmology as a field in the United States from 1820 to 1850 is evident in the opening of at least five eye hospitals during this period, offering new venues for ophthalmic treatment and experimentation.

- A. sophistication
- B. retrenchment
- C. burgeoning
- D. resurgence
- E. curtailment
- F. expansion

Section 11.

1. Unable to escape their own literary tradition, literary critics either become the _____ of that tradition or, on the contrary, use their knowledge of it to reinterpret writers and trends from new perspectives.

- A. liberators
- B. guardians
- C. successors
- D. antithesis
- E. gadflies

2. Paintings created in India during the Mughal dynasty were _____ in ambition but ornamental in presentation: in one direction they have an affinity with newspaper photographs, while in the other they have the intricacy of jewels.

- A. metaphorical
- B. documentary
- C. aesthetic
- D. sectarian
- E. baroque

3. As the pace of the trial _____, the wait at the beginning of the day became less interminable, and the attorneys' requests to suspend proceeding for private conferences with the judge, almost invariably granted early on, were routinely _____.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. slowed	D. rebuff
B. materialized	E. repeated
C. accelerated	F. recounted

4. Since the field of quantum mechanics is often considered to be _____, it was surprising to find it attracts so much _____ interest.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. abstruse	D. cursory
B. unconventional	E. technical
C. interdisciplinary	F. general

5. Medical research scientists' _____ claims regarding the _____ new research make the public wonder why their own doctors are not dispensing miracles. There are forces, both external and internal, on scientists that almost require them to _____. Without money, there is no science. Researchers must constantly convince administrators who control tax dollars, investors, and individual donors that the work they are doing will make a difference.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. modest	D. serious constraints on	G. improvise
B. inflated	E. overblown interpretations of	H. oversell
C. fastidious	F. potential benefits of	I. generalize

6. Most advocates of space exploration by the United States would not explicitly associate spaceflight with _____, yet that belief, Launius and McCurdy write, is among the roots of arguments _____ human spaceflight. Throughout United States history there has been _____—seek utopia—on the frontier, and many space advocates have used that notion to make their case for exploring and settling space.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. entertainment	D. questioning	G. a hostile region fit only for the most self-reliant
B. irrationality	E. analyzing	H. the ideal location for one to better oneself
C. utopia	F. prompting	I. a paradise corrupted by European civilization

7. Although people often describe the correct trajectory for a thrown or moving object, their efforts to explain that trajectory in terms of physics can reveal _____ understanding of the forces acting on the object.

- A. a naïve
- B. a subtle
- C. a fallacious
- D. an unsophisticated
- E. a nuanced
- F. a fresh

8. His own writing style was _____: colorful and tart in its choice of language, willing to run risks in its allusions, metaphors, and verbal juxtapositions, prone to irreverent conclusions designed to surprise or startle.

- A. effusive
- B. audacious
- C. lyrical
- D. striking
- E. ornate
- F. emotional

9. Shifting Fortunes takes a conventional approach to American union history by simply explaining the reasons behind union growth and decline in the nineteenth and twentieth century; it is a chronologically and thematically _____ study and nothing more.

- A. complicated
- B. taxing
- C. circumscribed
- D. onerous
- E. confined
- F. multifarious

10. Given the _____ of solid case studies of environment degradation, this new study adds very little to our knowledge of the field.

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| A. erroneousness | D. inaccuracy |
| B. plethora | E. rigor |
| C. surfeit | F. outcome |

Section 12.

1. The province has long claimed to be just another developing region, even as its economy_____ those of other regions and threatens to eclipse the rest of the country combined.

- A. parallels
- B. bolsters
- C. corroborates
- D. outstrips
- E. engages

2. Politicians who invoke the founders of the United States in support of their views seem to imply that the founders consistently concurred in their own views when in reality they were a highly_____ group of thinkers.

- A. erudite
- B. innovative
- C. predictable
- D. contentious
- E. methodical

3. Knowing how (i)_____ she was at work, her colleagues were surprised at her (ii)_____ throughout dinner.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. dependable	D. timidity
B. diffident	E. assertiveness
C. diligent	F. punctiliousness

4. Some academic criticism of popular novels has been (i)_____ in character, being based on the assumption that that wider the appeal, the more (ii)_____ the novel.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. rigorous	D. undesirable
B. exculpatory	E. accomplished
C. elitist	F. comprehensible

5. Researchers note that wolves' otherwise strongly hierarchical society is marked by occasional displays of populist (i)_____ if a pack leader proves a too-snappish tyrant, subordinate wolves will (ii)_____ the top cur.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. umbrage	D. collectively overthrow
B. expiation	E. eventually placate
C. torpor	F. quickly appraise

6. Not all paleontologists agree that connections between the continents were (i)_____ just after the extinction of the dinosaurs. Some hold the view that North America, Asia, and South America had (ii)_____ immediately following the dinosaur extinction, pointing to (iii)_____ between ancient kinds of mammals that existed on all three continents at this time in support of their argument.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. significant	D. lasting differences	G. similarities
B. permanent	E. extensive contacts	H. intermediaries
C. limited	F. trivial likenesses	I. hostilities

7. The book aims to illuminate how science has changed the meaning of nothingness from_____ philosophical concept to something concept to something we can almost put under a microscope.

- A. a tangible
- B. a palpable
- C. a nebulous
- D. a nettlesome
- E. an incontrovertible
- F. a vague

8. For certain economists, “pure” economic theory, that is, economic theory_____ a specific social structure, is impossible, much like a concept of anatomy that investigates no specific species.

- A. attuned to
- B. abstracted from
- C. derived from
- D. divorced from
- E. sensitive to
- F. analyzed in

9. One of the peculiarities of humans is that we irrationally gravitate to the predictable and avoid risk, whatever the reasons for this_____, it is hardly a sound basis for dealing with complex, long-term problems.

- A. eccentricity
- B. predilection
- C. vacillation
- D. proclivity
- E. wavering
- F. cowardice

10. Flash floods are common in desert regions and were widespread before the evolution of trees and woodland soils, in contrast, flash floods are_____ in woodlands, where floodwaters, impeded by trees, from ponds.

- A. overshadowed
- B. redirected
- C. obscured
- D. precluded
- E. mitigated
- F. abated

Section 13.

1. Anthropologist Jane Goodall was_____ in her determination to anthropomorphize the animals she observed with such empathy, and so resisted her editors' attempts to recast her descriptions in more dispassionate language.

- A. fickle
- B. stalwart
- C. solicitous
- D. pretentious
- E. whimsical

2. The small errors of fact in the work are not sufficient to allow one to (i)_____ Johnson's main thesis, but their cumulative effect is to make the reader (ii)_____ of the quality of his research.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. dismiss	D. skeptical
B. endorse	E. credulous
C. decipher	F. appreciative

3. The museum's compelling new architectural exhibition looks at eleven projects around the world that have had major (i)_____ impacts despite modest budget. It is part of (ii)_____ in the museum's architecture and design department, which in the past has championed architecture's artistic value over its real- world consequences.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. social	D. an emphasis on theory
B. aesthetic	E. a shift in philosophy
C. critical	F. a rejection of pragmatism

4. The usual (i)_____ spending public monies on scientific projects is that such projects have the potential to make our lives healthier, safer, and more productive. However, the fact that science---even "pure" science---can strengthen democracy and promote public participation in the political process is hardly ever (ii)_____. It should be Scientific literacy (iii)_____ democracy, and this is an important ancillary benefit of the promotion of science.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. argument against	D. denied	G. stifles
B. rationale for	E. mentioned	H. energizes
C. precedent for	F. gainsaid	I. disregards

5. Twenty years ago, when the book was first published, most reviewers dismissed the author's predictions as (i)_____. Sometimes people (ii)_____ their errors: those same reviewers today, comparing the predictions with actual events, acknowledge how (iii)_____ the author was.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. insightful	D. persevere in	G. mistaken
B. judicious	E. recognize	H. prescient
C. alarmist	F. complicate	I. pessimistic

6. Human-caused disturbances, such as habitat destruction and the introduction of nonnative species, are among the leading causes of plant and animal population declines. Most populations are affected by a combination of adverse human pressures, each of which is in itself insufficient to (i)_____ a population crash. Therefore, studies of population declines that (ii)_____ individual factors and thus (iii)_____ potential interactions may lead to improper management of declining species.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. delay	D. integrate	G. exaggerate
B. trigger	E. focus on	H. overlook
C. offset	F. ignore	I. anticipate

7. Although a dedicate reader of the book can_____ a brief of chronology of Chappelle's life, the book is nevertheless not a real biography of Chappelle.

- A. mass
- B. obtain
- C. overlook
- D. excuse
- E. forgo
- F. glean

8. Despite their cultural and social significance, rapid growth, and widespread appeal in China, video games---unlike traditional media---have received_____ attention from international communication researchers.

- A. undue
- B. scant
- C. excessive
- D. focused
- E. limited
- F. dwindling

9. Although men still dominate the ranks of full professors in the field of astronomy, the increasing numbers of younger women in the field could_____ a change in its gender mix.

- A. require
- B. alleviate
- C. block
- D. presage
- E. portend
- F. hider

10. In their quest for kinder cutting, physicians increasingly rely on endoscopic surgery, replacing large scalpels and clamps with cameras and _____tools that snake into the body through tiny holes.

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

Section 14.

1. This is neither praise nor criticism, neither a compliment nor_____, just an observation.
- A. an exposition
B. an elucidation
C. an animadversion
D. a culmination
E. a divination
2. Although New York exhilarated him, even at first Leger's reaction to it was not_____: he was initially bothered by its stunning verticality.
- A. unspontaneous
B. unintentional
C. unqualified
D. unhopeful
E. uninterested
3. Any number of mysteries to which individual scholars of Athenian history have devoted whole careers are addressed by Ober, and mostly successfully. This will cause some (i)_____ among scholars who have worked for years on a particular problem only to see another scholar suddenly (ii)_____ it.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. chagrin	D. prolong
B. complacency	E. exacerbate
C. hubris	F. resolve

4. In a federally government country, a regional government can function as a (i)_____ for the entire nation--- a setting in which new ideas under consideration for national implementation are (ii)_____ .

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. laboratory	D. dispersed
B. catalyst	E. undermined
C. standard	F. tried

5. As cheaper imports drove most California potteries out of business during the 1950s, one company (i)_____. The substantial size and weight of the specialized products produced by Architectural Pottery helped (ii)_____ the company, because it was uneconomical for foreign companies to ship similarly large objects to California.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. stagnated	D. transform
B. diversified	E. insulate
C. flourished	F. finance

6. The limitations of human attention cause us to miss much of what goes on around us. The real problem here is that we are often (i)_____ these limitations: we think that we see the world as it really is, but our ostensibly reliable visual experience (ii)_____ striking mental (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. impatient with	D. belies	G. feats
B. unaware of	E. unifies	H. images
C. distracted by	F. dispels	I. lapses

7. The university's once _____ department of economic history has lost prestige and transmogrified into a department of management and marketing.

- A. respected
- B. slighted
- C. pretentious
- D. gigantic
- E. venerable
- F. snubbed

8. He was one of the most powerful chess players ever and one of the most _____.: at the height of his fame he all but dropped out of chess, entering into a self-imposed exile.

- A. perplexing
- B. creative
- C. troubled
- D. infuriating
- E. enigmatic
- F. imaginative

9. Compared to their predecessors, who were more nationalist than feminist in political orientation, roman women activists of the younger generation are more inclined to_____ women's rights, often creating organizations focused primarily on women's issues.

- A. expand
- B. de-emphasize
- C. champion
- D. idealize
- E. downplay
- F. defend

10. Consuming 25 to 35 percent of their body weight each day, sea otters are not only_____ but highly specialized eaters, organizing themselves into groups that zero in on specific kinds of prey.

- A. prodigious
- B. indiscriminating
- C. fastidious
- D. picky
- E. voracious
- F. omnivorous

Section 15.

1. Medieval cathedrals still stand as marvels of architecture, but as far as modern science is concerned, medieval physical and chemistry are simply irrelevant, at best a dead end, at worst the very_____ of what science is supposed to be.

- A. exemplar
- B. glorification
- C. reflection
- D. dilution
- E. antithesis

2. There are something like 1,400 seed banks around the world, which guard samples of crop plants ranging from alfalfa to yams. But this agricultural archive is (i)_____ as a result of war, storms, scant money, and bad management, particularly in the world's most (ii)_____ places.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. eroding	D. secure
B. expanding	E. turbulent
C. stabilizing	F. cosmopolitan

3. Fears that the recent sharp rise in oil prices is an indication that oil is running out appear to be (i)_____. The Middle East still contains vast oil supplies. Furthermore, even if new oil finds elsewhere have been (ii)_____ than in the past, substantial quantities of oil can be profitably stripped from tar and shale.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. contagious	D. less frequent
B. unfounded	E. more accessible
C. sagacious	F. less publicized

4. Historian Barbara Alpern Engel's task in writing a book about women in Russia must have been a (i)_____ one, because the (ii)_____ the Russian empire's peoples meant that Russian women could never be treated as a homogenous group.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. motivating	D. unity among
B. boring	E. disinterest in
C. daunting	F. diversity of

5. From bottom to top, from poor to rich, was rare, even movement from poor to middle class was (i)_____. Statistical analysis of trends in occupation, income, and property ownership, Thernstrom wrote, "yielded rather (ii)_____ conclusions about social mobility in nineteenth-century America." So we might expect Thernstrom to be suspicious now of claims that differences in class could be (iii)_____ if only the public schools did a better job.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. an anomaly	D. multifaceted	G. distinguished
B. a cinch	E. pessimistic	H. misapprehended
C. a conjecture	F. unsophisticated	I. obliterated

6. During the Harlem Renaissance, Alain Locke (i)_____ the first flourishing of a self-consciously racial art movement in America and was widely credited with providing the philosophical basis for its emergence. His importance as a critic of African America art and as an art theorist is (ii)_____ if controversial, yet he has received (iii)_____ attention for his unique insight into the broad forces that shaped American modernism and cultural nationalism in the visual arts.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. forestalled	D. undisputed	G. undeserved
B. presided over	E. misleading	H. meticulous
C. seethed over	F. questionable	I. insufficient

7. Travel writers have a special burden of forming_____ story- that is, one with a beginning, middle, and end--out of the unformed moments that make up the act of traveling.

- A. a compelling
- B. a coherent
- C. an original
- D. a serious
- E. an orderly
- F. an innovative

8. Although the company still loses the occasional lawsuit, the litigation threat that once seemed so_____ has become quite manageable.

- A. burdensome
- B. pedestrian
- C. sporadic
- D. mundane
- E. promising
- F. onerous

9. Anne Carson's book Nax is, very deliberately,_____ literary object---the opposite of an e-reader, which is designed to vanish in your palm as you read on a train.

- A. an evanescent
- B. a cumbersome
- C. an immutable
- D. an unwieldy
- E. an ephemeral
- F. a flexible

10. Peoples' decisions about childbearing depend on innumerable personal considerations and societal factors, yet even knowing this, demographers are often_____: their projections of birth rates frequently turn out to be embarrassingly at odds with reality.

- A. sanguine
- B. flummoxed
- C. inconsistent
- D. overconfident
- E. heartened
- F. confounded