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# Verbal Section I

第一套

1. The artist's career was remarkable partly because it was so \_\_\_\_: she died, with only a few paintings to her credit, while still in her twenties.

A. felicitous

B. prolific

C. enduring

D. conventional

E. abbreviated

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. The irony of digital networking is that it can produce more (i) \_\_\_\_ than did the geographical confinement it supposedly transcended. As human interactions become (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ physical location, people are less likely to have regular dealings with others who do not share the same values and outlooks.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. provincialism	D. more determined by
B. diversity	E. less contingent on
C. materialism	F. less insensitive to

4. The controversy about Alexander the Greats' personality derives from the fact that our sources are (i) \_\_\_\_\_, all eyewitness accounts having perished. What remains is, at best, (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ (one history, for instance, is based largely on the now-lost memoirs of Alexander's alleged half-brother, Ptolemy) and at worst, highly unreliable.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. outdated	D. secondhanded
B. inadequate	E. repetitious
C. abstruse	F. deceptive

5. It would be (i) \_\_\_\_ not to (ii) \_\_\_\_ these tabloid journalists for thriving in hard times: they deserve credit for doing well in a profession in financial straits.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. <u>apropos</u>	D. <u>admire</u>
B. <u>churlish</u>	E. envy
C. cagey	F. emulate

6. While some commentators suggest that abstraction and complexity in scientific research are signs that a given direction is misguided, Lisa Randall, a professor of physics at Harvard, counters that these qualities instead reflect the success of human ingenuity in (i) \_\_\_\_ the increasingly (ii) \_\_\_\_ challenges that nature presents. They can, however, make it more (iii) \_\_\_\_ to communicate scientific developments, even to colleagues.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. creating	D. difficult	G. challenging
B. meeting	E. conspicuous	H. unproductive
C. eschewing	F. pragmatic	I. advantageous



7. Noise suppression in phones can play an important role in making cellphone networks more efficient, since when sounds that are \_\_\_\_ to the meaningful signal are transmitted, precious network bandwidth is wasted.

A. unsuitable

B. detrimental

C. irrelevant

D. confined

E. limited

F. extraneous

8. Tompkinson's prior donations to the university, while very generous, failed to \_\_\_\_ the magnitude of her latest gift.

A. compensate for

B. portend

C. clarify

D. predict

E. offset

F. undermine

9. The union states its position polemically; its leaders say they are fighting to save good jobs while \_\_\_\_ corporations replace full-time workers with part-time ones in order to cut down both wages and benefits..

A. precarious

B. enterprising

C. rapacious

D. troubled

E. influential

F. avaricious

10. The performer can be \_\_\_\_ in his comedy, but he is fundamentally a bighearted person who displays a core sweetness even at his most manic.

A. inflammatory

B. pedestrian

C. gloomy

D. uninspired

E. puerile

F. provocative

# Verbal Section 2

第一套

1. Though we live in an era of stunning scientific achievement, many otherwise educated people remain indifferent to or contemptuous of such achievement, even going so far as to \_\_\_\_ their ignorance of basic physics.

A. decry

B. conceal

C. remedy

D. boast of

E. downplay

2. The company suffers from an almost total lack of \_\_\_\_: even the most innocuous communications between departments devolve into acrimony.

A. dissension

B. variance

C. comity

D. conformity

E. mordancy

3. The description of human's having an internal clock is not a (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Or rather, it is \_\_\_\_\_ you do not have a tiny watch in your cerebellum \_\_\_\_\_ but it also refers to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, a specialised bundle of cells that regulates cyclical processes.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. euphemism	D. an elusive psychological phenomenon
B. cliché	E. a standard literary trope
C. metaphor	F. a real biological feature



4. While acknowledging that the behaviours the Prime Minister took in order to remain in office were (i) \_\_\_\_, some politicians nevertheless believed this small amount of (ii) \_\_\_\_ was justified to keep reforming government in office.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. unethical	D. <u>skullduggery</u>
B. impractical	E. <u>indolence</u>
C. <u>quixotic</u>	F. incivility

5. Mr. Billington, at times, can be a (i) \_\_\_\_\_. For instance, he deplores the Royal Shakespeare Company's eight-and-a-half-hour version of *Nicholas Nicely*, which many found (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. <u>naysayer</u>	D. perplexing
B. pushover	E. unpredictable
C. braggart	F. <u>absorbing</u>

6. A transformative scientific idea that emerged in the eighteenth century was the realisation 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 centuries.

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

7. Individuals, governments, and companies show ample ability to \_\_\_\_ themselves by setting goals based on current conditions and then blindly following them even when those conditions change drastically.

A. hamstring

B. reinvent

C. promote

D. revitalize

E. impair

F. invigorate

8. Creativity is no longer seen as \_\_\_\_ inspiration leading to a poem or a painting, it has come to be thought of as something permeating the whole, of a person's life.

A. a mundane

B. a momentary

C. an illusory

D. an evanescent

E. a metaphoric

F. a prosaic

9. In establishing that the dust she had observed constitutes two percent of the mass in the quadrant, the astronomer showed that the dust's extreme visual prominence \_\_\_\_ its relatively minor contribution to the total mass of the region.

A. belies

B. masks

C. highlights

D. nullifies

E. disproves

F. accentuates

10. Advantages made to ecosystem in order to achieve a goal, such as food production or flood control, often \_\_\_\_ significant unforeseen trade-offs between other important products and services the ecosystem provides.

A. predict

B. delay

C. foretell

D. obscure

E. yield

F. engender

