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Verbal Section I

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1. This is neither praise nor criticism

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. unsponaneous

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 specialised 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 limitation 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 organisations 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 specialised eaters, organising themselves into groups that zero in on specific kinds of prey.

A. prodigious

B. indiscriminating

C. fastidious

D. picky

E. voracious

F. omnivorous

Verbal Section 2

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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 1400 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. stabilising	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 publicised

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 travelling.

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. People's 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

