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Verbal Section I

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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 saviours.

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

5. Communal feeding is a remarkable behavioural aspect of this generally solitary animal. It is also misunderstood behaviour 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) ____ behaviour. The screaming and apparent fighting is an elaborate combination and variety of vocalisations 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

Verbal Section 2

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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 fertiliser 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) ____, appealing 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 characterised 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

