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# Verbal Section I

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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 fuelled 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 \_\_\_\_.

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 favourites, 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 anti fungal 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) \_\_\_\_\_. Hands Murdd is a short with the breadth and power of an epic, with vivid characterisation 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 analysed are so \_\_\_\_\_, it would be hazardous to draw a definite conclusion.

A. copious

B. overwhelming

C. meager

D. paltry

E. abundant

F. uncertain

# Verbal Section 2

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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. Ilyana 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 often 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 project 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 behaviours 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 behaviour 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



