

Section 1

1. In a production process that is complex and often unpredictable, roles that start out discretely defined may become quite _____.
A. confused
B. perfunctory
C. independent
D. overt
E. exacting
2. While the writer was best known for her much-ballyhooed _____, her impact reached far beyond memorable quips.
A. pensiveness
B. drollness
C. stoicism
D. fastidiousness
E. congeniality
3. While people complain about their hectic lives and demanding schedules, one might be justified in suspecting that they are being somewhat (i)_____: compulsive busyness seems to be, for many, a source of (ii)_____

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. disingenuous	D. pride
B. guarded	E. despair
C. dilatory	F. irritation

4. The author argued that the field of sociology has been overly (i)_____, partly because, for many scholars, the edges of the social universe are defined by national borders. In this era of increasing globalization, however, sociology is presented with a historically distinct opportunity to transcend its former (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. narrow in scope	D. utilitarianism
B. susceptible to fads	E. parochialism
C. averse to empiricism	F. historicism

5. Readers may initially be irked by the book's apparent (i)_____ but, once immersed in the author's prose, they may come to regard the work's (ii)_____ as an asset.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. flippancy	D. subtlety
B. aimlessness	E. discursions
C. tendentiousness	F. exhaustiveness

6. Those who took Clark's old-mannered compliance for obsequiousness (i)_____ him: his apparent (ii)_____ veiled a fervent (iii)_____ of the authority that others exercised over him, one that he occasionally expressed by discreetly sabotaging their most important projects.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. misconstrued	D. cynicism	G. veneration
B. condemned	E. acquiescence	H. justification
C. respected	F. intractability	I. detestation

7. Although its director _____ that the movie uses a documentary approach in portraying the famous sit-down strike, in practice its characters are heavily fictionalized and fall into familiar Hollywood types.
- A. asserts
 - B. concedes
 - C. guarantees
 - D. disputes
 - E. grants
 - F. maintains
8. When studying the ancient Greek astronomers, Copernicus realized that despite the intrinsic beauty of many of their arguments, the ancients often made claims that _____ logic.
- A. refuted
 - B. questioned
 - C. influenced
 - D. swayed
 - E. defied
 - F. disregarded
9. For all the _____ the new CEO has received from the press recently, her staff have a decidedly less rosy view of her.
- A. encomiums
 - B. tributes
 - C. evaluations
 - D. critiques
 - E. attention
 - F. publicity
10. Coagulation factors are useful proteins whose simple names—many are known only by Roman numerals—_____ their importance and the specificity of their roles in the thinning and clotting of blood.
- A. nullify
 - B. obviate
 - C. mitigate
 - D. belie
 - E. mask
 - F. accentuate

Section 2

1. Though the volume of radioactive waste produced by nuclear power plants is_____, the problem of how to dispose of that waste is not: rather, it is of major importance.
A. unmanageable
B. troubling
C. significant
D. small
E. deceptive
2. We often regard natural phenomena like rainfall as mysterious and unpredictable; although for short time spans and particular places they appear so, in fact on a truly global scale, nature has been a model of _____.
A. reliability
B. diversity
C. complexity
D. plasticity
E. discontinuity
3. The national bank has been uncommonly powerful in comparison to its counterparts in other nations. It retains this potency partly because its control of the nation's banking system is (i)_____ governmental interference, and thus its actions remain largely (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. unencumbered by	D. compulsory
B. replete with	E. discretionary
C. hindered by	F. bureaucratic

4. The material covered in this article has been (i)_____ in previous publications, and since currently neglected areas remained unexplored, the article contains no (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. skirted	D. revelations
B. scrutinized	E. distortions
C. countered	F. conclusions

5. Unambiguous texts can allow their readers to (i)_____ them quickly, but ambiguous texts can have the attractive (ii)_____ of multiple possible interpretations, all of which can be considered equally (iii)_____, and none of which is the single true meaning.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. misunderstand	D. stigma	G. valid
B. comprehend	E. blemish	H. frank
C. complicate	F. allure	I. inveterate

6. Even the reader acquainted with the outlines of Pushkin's biography will be (i)_____ the

(ii)_____ so vividly conveyed in Binyon's biography. Not only was Pushkin's personal correspondence intercepted and his movements (iii)_____, but Tsar Nicholas I's decision to oversee Pushkin's career obliged Pushkin to submit all his manuscripts for inspection.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. attracted to	D. suffocating lack of creative freedom	G. ignored
B. confused by	E. concern for contemporary society	H. monitored
C. struck by	F. underlying sense of historical change	I. commended

7. The uniquely human ability to rethink and revise our social arrangements is a weird blessing, allowing us to create systems that are as likely to _____ us as to liberate us.
 - A. cheer
 - B. shackle
 - C. admonish
 - D. educate
 - E. stifle
 - F. enliven
8. Although field studies have linked inbreeding to declines among song sparrow populations, some researchers argue that, in nature, inbreeding proves _____ as a factor when compared with crushing blows from weather changes.
 - A. hazardous
 - B. momentous
 - C. trivial
 - D. significant
 - E. precarious
 - F. inconsequential
9. Although the insistence on balancing spending against tax revenues has contributed to the economy's stagnation, unfortunately, the government does not seem likely to _____ this rigid policy.
 - A. initiate
 - B. persist in
 - C. publicize
 - D. repudiate
 - E. continue
 - F. recant
10. Since it was committed to the idea of science as an international, politically neutral enterprise, the Royal Society of London refused to _____ members from enemy nations during world wars of the twentieth century.
 - A. betray
 - B. expel
 - C. endorse
 - D. oust
 - E. sanction
 - F. condemn

Section 3

1. Among the Meakambut people of Papua New Guinea, legends are associated with specific caves in the Sepik region, and these legends are _____.: only the cave owner can share its secrets.
A. impenetrable
B. immutable
C. proprietary
D. didactic
E. self-perpetuating
2. It is a paradox of the Victorians that they were both _____ and, through their empire, cosmopolitan.
A. capricious
B. insular
C. mercenary
D. idealistic
E. intransigent
3. Despite the scathing precision with which she satirizes the lives of social aspirants and moneyed folk, the writer appears to (i)_____ being part of the world she presents as so (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. abhor	D. unattainable
B. relish	E. insufferable
C. evoke	F. enchanting

4. The contemporary trend whereby fashion designers flout mainstream tradition is unique only in its (i)_____; earlier fashion designers experienced the same (ii)_____ impulse, albeit in a less extreme form.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. subversiveness	D. indiscriminate
B. intensity	E. iconoclastic
C. culpability	F. temperate

5. Memory-prompt technology such as online birthday reminders does more than enhance our recall abilities; it induces us to (i)_____ ever more behaviors to automated processes. Witness the (ii)_____ a program that allows us to create computer greeting cards for the entire year in one sitting.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. delegate	D. controversy over
B. ascribe	E. popularity of
C. liken	F. sophistication of

6. Biologists have little (i)_____ drawing the link between the success of humanity and human (ii)_____. Indeed, many biologists claim that this attribute, the ability to (iii)_____, or, to put it more sharply, to make individuals subordinate their self-interest to the needs of the group, lies at the root of human achievement.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. consensus regarding	D. resilience	G. reflect
B. compunction about	E. sociability	H. communicate
C. justification for	F. uniqueness	I. cooperate

7. Progressive and reactionary populist movements are not necessarily _____: each may, and usually does, possess features of the other.
- A. dichotomous
 - B. untenable
 - C. unsustainable
 - D. contradictory
 - E. subversive
 - F. efficacious
8. Flawed as it may be because it is conducted by subjective scientists, science itself has methods that help us _____ our biases and talk about objective reality with some validity.
- A. bypass
 - B. reduce
 - C. exacerbate
 - D. magnify
 - E. acknowledge
 - F. circumvent
9. In Japanese aesthetics, especially but not only in Noh, beauty contains the idea of _____.: beauty must have an air of evanescence, the intimation of its own demise.
- A. transience
 - B. symmetry
 - C. decay
 - D. simplicity
 - E. balance
 - F. deterioration
10. Although one can adduce myriad of examples of ecosystem disruption by nonindigenous species, nevertheless most introduced species that survive in fact appear to have quite _____ effects on the ecosystem they have invaded.
- A. minimal
 - B. trifling
 - C. marked
 - D. conspicuous
 - E. intriguing
 - F. deleterious

Section 4

1. Apparently, advanced tortoises evolved multiple times: the high-domed shells and columnar, elephantine feet of current forms are specializations for terrestrial life that evolved _____ on each continent.
A. independently
B. interchangeably
C. paradoxically
D. simultaneously
E. symmetrically
2. 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
3. Given the (i)_____ the committees and the (ii)_____ nature of its investigation, it would be unreasonable to gainsay the committee's conclusions at first glance.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. sterling reputation of	D. superficial
B. lack of funding for	E. spontaneous
C. <i>ad hoc</i> existence of	F. exhaustive

4. Though many professional book reviewers would agree that criticism should be (i)_____ enterprise, a tendency to write (ii)_____ reviews has risen, partly out of the mistaken belief that sharing personal details will help reviewers stand out of the pack.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. an anonymous	D. scathing
B. an evenhanded	E. confessional
C. a spirited	F. superficial

5. Scientific papers often (i)_____ what actually happened in the course of the investigations they describe. Misunderstandings, blind alleys, and mistakes of various sorts will fail to appear in the final written accounts because (ii)_____ is a desirable attribute when transmitting results in a scientific report and would be poorly served by (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. amplify	D. transparency	G. a comprehensive historical account
B. misrepresent	E. efficiency	H. a purely quantitative analysis
C. particularize	F. exhaustiveness	I. an overly superficial discussion

6. Analysis of 47.5-million-year-old fossils from Pakistan has yielded fresh insights into the early ancestors of modern whales. For example, *Maiacetus inuus* was a land animal (i)_____ life in the sea. One *Maiacetus inuus* fossil encased a fetus positioned for a head-first delivery, which is typical of a land mammal and suggests the species gave birth onshore. But it probably spent much of its time (ii)_____: its big teeth were suited for catching fish, while its flipper-like feet must have been (iii)_____ walking.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. resistant	D. in the water	G. incompatible with
B. removed from	E. fleeing from predators	H. clumsy for
C. adapted to	F. protecting its young	I. strengthened by

7. The Chavez Pass archaeological site was initially interpreted as indicative of _____ society, since it was thought to have been at the center of a cluster of smaller, contemporary settlements that it presumably controlled.
- A. an expansionist
 - B. a hierarchical
 - C. an urban
 - D. a heterogeneous
 - E. a diverse
 - F. a stratified
8. Even if the story now seems a surprisingly innocuous overture to the author's later, more fully developed narrations, it _____ some of the key traits of those bleaker tales.
- A. avoids
 - B. belies
 - C. undercuts
 - D. anticipates
 - E. possesses
 - F. prefigures
9. In the absence of a surface gradient, the new laws of refraction and reflection are _____ the conventional law, so they represent more of an extension than a complete revolution.
- A. inferable from
 - B. entailed by
 - C. antithetical to
 - D. coincident with
 - E. antecedent to
 - F. oppositional to
10. While recognizing that recent reports of cyber warfare, phone-hacking scandals, and identity thefts have tended to accent the destructive connotation of the word, Sue Halpern maintains that "hacking" is such _____ term that its meaning nearly always derives from its context.
- A. a generic
 - B. an inclusive
 - C. a positive
 - D. a subjective
 - E. an affirmative
 - F. a technical

Section 5

1. A new television documentary focuses on one of the prime minister's defining contradiction, portraying her as a woman who cultivated an image of _____, but who liked to live grandly.
A. irascibility
B. abstemiousness
C. contentiousness
D. insouciance
E. surreptitiousness
2. In protoscientific times (for example, in ancient Greece), claims about the physical world were often accepted as true if they were reasonable; experimental verification, if thought necessary at all, was _____.
A. utilitarian
B. perfunctory
C. egregious
D. empirical
E. inductive

3. The economic recovery was somewhat lopsided: (i)_____ in some of the industrial economies while (ii)_____ in others of them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. unexpected	D. robust
B. feeble	E. turbulent
C. swift	F. predictable

4. Scholarly works on detective stories often begin with (i)_____, suggesting that there is something vaguely wrong with adults who spend their time reading such fiction and certainly something (ii)_____ those who devote energy to its analysis.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. chronologies	D. awry in
B. apologies	E. astute about
C. synopses	F. courageous about

5. Due to the extraordinary circumstances, British business owners found themselves in a (i)_____ position during the Second World War, forced to accept regular interference from government and to acquiesce to (ii)_____ role for labor unions in negotiating the terms and conditions of employment.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. defensive	D. a traditional
B. dominant	E. an enhanced
C. customary	F. a diminished

6. For almost two centuries, the German island of Sylt has offered various therapies for every conceivable (i)_____ from broken bones to liver complaints. The local mud, saltwater, thermal pools, and spas have been deemed (ii)_____ by the German medical system, which (iii)_____ some of these treatments. Consequently, the treatments are widely used.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. malady	D. healthful	G. doubts
B. indiscretion	E. suspect	H. denies
C. prognosis	F. innocuous	I. funds

7. Miller reminded his clients that labor relationship are inherently _____: the interests of business owners are diametrically opposed to those of employees.
- A. adversarial
 - B. exploitative
 - C. mercenary
 - D. antagonistic
 - E. variable
 - F. changeable
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 - C. unsustainable
 - D. contradictory
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 - F. efficacious
9. Even the cleverest use of time management techniques is powerless to _____ the sum of minutes in a person's life (over 52 million, optimistically assuming a life expectancy of 100 years), so people squeeze as much as they could into each one of them.
- A. justify
 - B. quantify
 - C. augment
 - D. enrich
 - E. measure
 - F. extend
10. One of the vocalists who auditioned for a leading part in the local production of *Sweeney Todd* seemed to prefer _____ to any attempt at producing a melody; a more pleasant voice was hard to imagine.
- A. warbling
 - B. imitating
 - C. improvising
 - D. shrieking
 - E. crooning
 - F. caterwauling

Section 6

1. The space travels described in science fiction stories always used to be epic adventures, in comparison to which current journals in space seem quite _____.
A. mundane
B. exciting
C. dramatic
D. risky
E. heroic
2. Medieval cathedrals still stand as marvels of architecture, but as far as modern science is concerned, medieval physics 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
3. Although trains may use energy more (i)_____ than do automobiles, the latter move only when they contain at least one occupant, whereas railway carriages spend a considerable amount of time running up and down the tracks (ii)_____, or nearly so.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. lavishly	D. vacant
B. efficiently	E. unimpeded
C. routinely	F. overloaded

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 homogeneous group.

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

5. One sometimes hears that Marco Polo introduced pasta to the Western world, having encountered it in China. This durable myth, which (i)_____ that nothing should have been known of pasta in Italy until 1295, when Marco Polo returned from the Far East, can easily be (ii)_____ by pointing out that there are Italian references to pasta that (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. requires	D. augmented	G. praise its virtues
B. demonstrates	E. debunked	H. can be authenticated
C. symbolizes	F. traced	I. predate that event

6. Both very good and very bad books are easy to review. Praise and (i)_____ come easily. But what of books that contain a muddle of virtues and vices? Here the reviewer's task is more (ii)_____: the author's useful and thought-provoking observations need to be (iii)_____ the useless and tedious.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. ambivalence	D. evident	G. supplanted by
B. compliment	E. demanding	H. sifted from
C. censure	F. manageable	I. overshadowed by

7. Even though women in the United States would not gain the rights to vote until 1920, throughout the nineteenth century many feminist goals were gradually _____, especially the rights of married women to control their own property.
- A. realized
 - B. abandoned
 - C. eroded
 - D. modified
 - E. revised
 - F. achieved
8. It is hardly _____ the committee calls for: rudimentary competence would be an improvement on the current chaos.
- A. accountability
 - B. disarray
 - C. unruliness
 - D. faultlessness
 - E. loyalty
 - F. perfection
9. Edited collections of scholarly essays generally tend to be somewhat uneven: they suffer from the _____ subject matter of the various essays, the lack of an overarching and consistent thesis, and the variable quantity of the contributions.
- A. intriguing
 - B. heterogeneous
 - C. comprehensive
 - D. disparate
 - E. mediocre
 - F. engaging
10. Films that critics have slumbered through rarely generate industry excitement, even though the critics' _____ reception may be less the fault of the movie than of its unfortunate time slot near a fatiguing film festival's conclusion.
- A. somnolent
 - B. impartial
 - C. lethargic
 - D. laconic
 - E. befuddled
 - F. evenhanded

Section 7

1. The governor might conceivably find a genuine resolution to the budgetary dilemma, but she may be tempted to engage in a deception: a _____ exercise in fiscal prudence.
A. rigorous
B. sparkling
C. specious
D. blatant
E. convincing
2. Without seeming unworldly, William James appeared wholly removed from the _____ of society, the conventionality of academe.
A. ethos
B. idealism
C. romance
D. paradoxes
E. commonplaces
3. The great (i)_____ of most books that examine the American presidency is their ideological bias, but for the most part, this volume on the presidency maintains an impressive degree of (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. contribution	D. certainty
B. limitation	E. fluency
C. paradox	F. objectivity

4. The reclusive clergyman may have lived and died in melancholy, but this doesn't seem to have (i)_____ his genius in any way. On the contrary, we find ourselves wondering whether his genius wasn't (ii)_____ in some mysterious way by his mood.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. influenced	D. served
B. hampered	E. controlled
C. triggered	F. identified

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6. Applications of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) have fared best in contexts in which habitat condition is closely linked to species condition and the cause of habitat degradation is easily identified. The achievements of the ESA in those contexts, however, have (i)_____ that other uses of the act can (ii)_____ that record even where such favorable conditions do not (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. quelled the conviction	D. mitigate	G. vary
B. presaged the uncertainty	E. duplicate	H. pertain
C. fostered the misconception	F. elucidate	I. diminish

7. Since some contemporary Western dieticians believe that the only function of food is to provide nourishment, these dieticians view an emphasis on the aesthetic dimension of the culinary arts as _____.
A. unprecedented
B. unwarranted
C. illuminating
D. groundless
E. promising
F. novel
8. Harper Lee's narration in *To Kill a Mockingbird* is _____, mixing an adult's and a child's perspective according to no logic other than the immediate exigencies of the plot.
A. a paradigm
B. hodgepodge
C. a model
D. an innovation
E. a patchwork
F. an embarrassment
9. A clever form of diplomacy involves subtly inducing the other party to propose your preference so that your _____ their requests appears as the granting of concession.
A. accession to
B. inattention to
C. subversion of
D. abnegation of
E. repudiation of
F. acquiescence to
10. The employee had a reputation for fractiousness, but his coworkers found him to be, on the contrary, quite _____.
A. insightful
B. affable
C. sagacious
D. capable
E. easygoing
F. productive

Section 8

1. The idea of a “language instinct” may seem _____ to those who think of language as the zenith of the human intellect and of instincts as brute impulses.
- A. jarring
 - B. plausible
 - C. gratifying
 - D. inevitable
 - E. conciliatory
2. In contrast to such sparsely populated terrestrial habitats as desert and tundra, the oceans _____ with a seemingly endless array of creatures.
- A. teem
 - B. flow
 - C. evolve
 - D. roil
 - E. ebb
3. As Ellen Donkin explains, in eighteenth-century England, writing plays (i)_____ women. Even when the (ii)_____ meant that playwriting did not bring personal fame, the work nevertheless enabled them to present their own views to the public and offered the possibility of acquiring capital.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. empowered	D. use of a pseudonym
B. overextended	E. lack of a producer
C. impressed	F. poor remuneration

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A. unencumbered by	D. compulsory
B. replete with	E. discretionary
C. hindered by	F. bureaucratic

5. Just because, as a photographer, Friedlander (i)_____ places that most people consider ugly does not mean that he is out to prove they are beautiful. Instead, his work suggests that the photographer simply cannot ignore so much of the built American landscape but is obligated to (ii)_____ what we pass through day in and day out, regardless of (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. tends to avoid	D. document	G. authenticity
B. is harshly critical of	E. emulate	H. truthfulness
C. is interested in	F. discredit	I. aesthetics

6. Traditional Vietnamese culture has long promoted the idea of gender equality. Founding myths (i)_____ the equal division of labor in child care for mothers and fathers. As is often the case, however, theoretical commitments are (ii)_____ actual processes. In reality, gender-based (iii)_____ persists.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. obscure	D. incommensurate with	G. parity
B. celebrate	E. surpassed by	H. inclusiveness
C. countermand	F. inspired by	I. stratification

7. Culture, like speech, is primarily a human faculty, although both functions may exist in a more _____ form in lesser primates.
- A. indispensable
 - B. crucial
 - C. primitive
 - D. intelligible
 - E. recognizable
 - F. rudimentary
8. In mathematics, judgments about the validity of proofs are mediated by peer-reviewed journals, to ensure _____, reviewers are carefully chosen by journal editors, and the identity of scholars whose papers are under consideration are kept secret.
- A. timelessness
 - B. originality
 - C. fairness
 - D. comprehensiveness
 - E. objectivity
 - F. novelty
9. Jackie Wullschlager's biography of Hans Christian Andersen _____ the insipid sweetness with which Andersen coated his life and reveals a vulnerable gingerbread man with a bitter almond where his heart should be.
- A. conjures up
 - B. imagines
 - C. strips away
 - D. overlooks
 - E. removes
 - F. ignores
10. While it is always clear that the author's message is heartfelt, it is mostly buried by shortcomings of style, organization, and production, although the book does become more _____ toward the end.
- A. sincere
 - B. intelligible
 - C. orthodox
 - D. readable
 - E. frank
 - F. voluble

Section 9

1. The subjects who were engaged in more difficult tasks _____ deterioration in their performance over time, and therefore the need to concentrate apparently enhances long-term efficiency.
A. elicited
B. anticipated
C. noticed
D. displayed
E. evaded
2. The medical professor's thesis----hardly new, but rarely _____by a faculty members of his distinction----is that patients are more than the sum of their symptoms and systems.
A. discounted
B. ignored
C. subverted
D. underestimated
E. espoused
3. Contrary to those who fear the impact of invasive species on native plants, the biologist contend that the threat posed to biodiversity by nonnative species is often (i)_____. For instance, a study of garlie mustard, a nonnative plant now thriving in Minnesota's oak forests, found that garlic mustard abundance in forest plots was not (ii)_____ the number of other plant species there.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. subtle	D. consistent with
B. uniform	E. related to
C. exaggerated	F. sustained by

4. Many of the towns that have voted to keep incinerators in the county's solid waste plan have done so not because they necessarily (i)_____ incinerators, but because they are (ii)_____to narrow their waste-disposal options.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. question	D. willing
B. favor	E. eager
C. oppose	F. loath

5. Although movie critic Pauline Kael had a distaste for sycophancy, she also had a need for (i)_____, as a consequence of these competing feeling, she sent very (ii)_____ signals to friends and colleagues.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. solitude	D. direct
B. obeisance	E. subtle
C. clarity	F. mixed

6. A certain amount of theoretical frenzy about comics today is (i)_____. After all, similar frenzies have been in other art forms in periods of their rapid development, for instance, the debates about painting that roiled Renaissance Italy. But such intellectual (ii)_____ rarely precedes creative glory. On the contrary, it commonly indicates that an artistic (iii)_____, having been made and recognized, is over, and that a process of increasingly strained emulation and diminishing returns has set in.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (ii)
A. understandable	D. torpor	G. pitfall
B. unprecedented	E. conservatism	H. tradition
C. perplexing	F. arousal	I. breakthrough

7. Scientists reported last month on a sign of relative solar_____: the solar wind, a rush of charged particles continually spewed from the Sun at a million miles an hour, had diminished to its lowest level in 50 years.
- A. quiescence
 - B. turbulence
 - C. isolation
 - D. calm
 - E. remoteness
 - F. instability
8. Publicity surrounding celebrities' donations to charity is often greeted with cynicism, but a study of celebrity donations shows that they do _____other donations.
- A. preclude
 - B. elicit
 - C. allow
 - D. draw
 - E. bar
 - F. replace
9. Aerial viewings of the gigantic stone horse attributed to the Native American Quechuan people fail to _____the considerable artistry required to create the piece: the horse appears crudely constructed unless carefully examined from the ground.
- A. Reveal
 - B. justify
 - C. manifest
 - D. mitigate
 - E. diminish
 - F. undercut
10. The laboratory maze has grown ever less_____ since it was first invented instead of hoping to lose a rodent in a labyrinth, today's scientists design mazes to elicit a few simple, easily measured behaviors.
- A. Intricate
 - B. extensive
 - C. effective
 - D. convoluted
 - E. useful
 - F. prevalent

Section 10

1. The artist is known for making photographs that deal with politically charged subject matter, yet because her art is so evocative and open-ended, it would be wrong to characterize it as _____.
- A. polemical
B. edifying
C. unobservant
D. innovative
E. ambiguous
2. Investors are grateful that the attorney general has stepped in to pursue inquiries into misfeasance in the financial markets, given that the regulators officially charged with policing the industry have been _____.
- A. diffident
B. meticulous
C. straightforward
D. implacable
E. tenacious
3. The author of this travel guide (i)_____ to show his readers Cairo as it really is, but his information is not reliable: for example, his geography is (ii)_____, with one walking tour covering areas of the city that are twenty miles apart.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. designs	D. erratic
B. forbears	E. erudite
C. purports	F. extensive

4. The museum's compelling new architectural exhibition looks at eleven projects around the world that have had major (i)_____ impacts despite modest budgets. 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

5. Given children's active fantasy lives, one might think of truthfulness as (i)_____ virtue in young children, but it turns out that lying is the more (ii)_____ skill. A child who is going to lie must recognize the truth, intellectually conceive of an alternate reality, and be able to convincingly sell that new reality to someone else. Therefore, lying (ii)_____ cognitive development and social skills in a way that honesty simply does not.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. an instinctive	D. advanced	G. undermines
B. an acquired	E. practical	H. forgoes
C. a conscious	F. mundane	I. demands

6. Within the culture as a whole, the natural sciences have been so successful that the word “scientific” is often used in _____ manner: it is often assumed that to call something “scientific” is to imply that its reliability has been _____ by methods whose results cannot reasonably be _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. An ironic	D. maligned	G. exaggerated
B. A literal	E. challenged	H. anticipated
C. An honorific	F. established	I. disputed

7. The researcher noted that microbes, although_____, make up far more of the living protoplasm on Earth than all humans, animals and plants combined
- A. invisible
 - B. omnipresent
 - C. diminutive
 - D. ubiquitous
 - E. minuscule
 - F. ethereal
8. In matters of taste, the art patron and collector Peggy Guggenheim was _____: she was for the strangest, the most surprising, the most satisfying, the best, the unique.
- A. neophyte
 - B. novice
 - C. realist
 - D. extremist
 - E. pragmatist
 - F. zealot
9. In Inuit culture, elaborate carving has often been used to enhance _____ object such as harpoon heads and other tools.
- A. utilitarian
 - B. functional
 - C. domestic
 - D. decorative
 - E. manufactured
 - F. ornamental
10. Benjamin Franklin’s reputation is so much one of appearing scientific investigation with commonsense empiricism that it is somewhat startling to realize how_____ the great experiment’s mentoring truly was.
- A. reasonable
 - B. speculative
 - C. pragmatic
 - D. conjectural
 - E. careless
 - F. judicious

Section 11

1. For the urban researcher, the long lives of ancient cities can provide ample chronological data, making up for the paucity stemming from relative _____ of most present-day cities.
- A. complexity
 - B. formlessness
 - C. transparency
 - D. diversity
 - E. youthfulness
2. Even if he wants to serve again---and given his obvious love for the job, the assumption among insiders is that he is more likely to stay than go---there is at least_____ his serving another term.
- A. impediment to
 - B. incentive for
 - C. precedent for
 - D. benefit in
 - E. rationale for
3. Nordhaus predict that in the future we will increasingly be (i)_____ ecological problems like global warming rather than (ii)_____ them. We may, for example, make some headway in limiting emissions that contribute to warning, but much of our work will be in adapting to ecological problems and alleviating their effects.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. managing	D. solving
B. analyzing	E. addressing
C. transcending	F. mitigating

4. What they see in Tanaka is the one candidate capable of (i)_____ leadership, in direct contrast to Williamson, whose term in office has been marred by (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. compassionate	D. grandstanding
B. decisive	E. partisanship
C. nepotistic	F. vacillation

5. Partly because of Lee's skill at synthesizing (i)_____ trends drawn from many fields of study, her theories appeared to present, with uncanny aptness, ideas already (ii)_____ in the minds of her contemporaries.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. superseded	D. discredited
B. irrelevant	E. well established
C. emergent	F. half-formulated

6. Unlike most other serious journals, which drain money from their owners, the Review has long been (i)_____. But the formula is not without its imperfections, which have grown more pronounced in recent years. The publication has always been erudite and (i)_____ but not always lively and readable. (iii)_____, accompanied by a certain aversion to risk taking, has pervaded its pages for a long time.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. lucrative	D. authoritative	G. An originality
B. realistic	E. animated	H. An impulsiveness
C. unesteemed	F. trendy	I. A staleness

7. Far from _____ innovations, as the patent system was designed to do, the patenting of concepts such as gene sequences gives individuals and corporations a legal choice hold over ideas that should be useful to all.
- A. spurring
 - B. recognizing
 - C. codifying
 - D. acknowledging
 - E. fostering
 - F. cataloging
8. During the renaissance, the use of optical lenses, which were capable of projecting images onto blank canvases, greatly aided artists by allowing them to accurately observe and depict the external world, in other words, these lenses were instrumental in conveying _____.
- A. idealism
 - B. optimism
 - C. ambition
 - D. realism
 - E. sanguinity
 - F. verisimilitude
9. The professor's habitual air of _____ was misleading front, concealing amazing reserves of patience and a deep commitment to his students' learning.
- A. cordiality
 - B. irascibility
 - C. disorganization
 - D. conviviality
 - E. diffidence
 - F. exasperation
10. Advocates for workers' rights have adopted a new strategy, one that will requires considerable ingenuity but that if successful, could _____ a movement aimed at making labor rights an unassailable feature of American democracy.
- A. frustrate
 - B. galvanize
 - C. presume
 - D. affect
 - E. animate
 - F. thwart

Section 12

1. Barring the discovery of new letters, hidden diaries, or the like, fresh information about eminent people is hard to find because their lives have been so intensely _____.
A. ridiculed
B. scrutinized
C. admired
D. embellished
E. underrated
2. Despite having only recently learned to walk, toddlers make the most (i) _____ dance students. Their joy in movement is so pure, so complete, and so (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (i)
A. skilled	D. futile
B. inattentive	E. irrelevant
C. delightful	F. contagious

3. Tagore had a sharply defined sense of the (i)_____ of scientific inquiry. The fact that science dealt in statistics and numbers, that its logic was probabilistic, meant that the domain of moral questions (ii)_____ it: moral questions, for Tagore, required certainties, not probabilities.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. irrationality	D. guarded over
B. limits	E. lay outside
C. futility	F. was subject to

4. The modern iron suspension bridge dates from the early nineteenth century, but it did not have (i) _____debut, many early suspension bridges were damaged, if not outright destroyed, by the wind. There were few (i)_____, however, so the form (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (i)	Blank(i)
A. a propitious	D. obvious parallels	G. declined
B. a conspicuous	E. practical alternatives	H. inspired
C. an equivocal	F. unnoticed instances	I. persisted

5. The experimental theater company's members know that their performances (i) _____ an audience, that they were dense and unpredictable and not always easy to digest. But none of the techniques used would be (ii)_____ anyone with an interest in music or films. Indeed, they would seem strange only to people who expected to see traditionally crafted plays. The actors therefore felt that theater critics' derisive commentary showed only that the critics (iii)_____ the company's work.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. made demands on	D. contemplated by	G. lambasted
B. had to command	E. alien to	H. exploited

C. were sure to please	F. intuitive for	I. misunderstood
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6. The characters in this comic strip fret about the (i)_____ of their “little counterculture lives,” especially when terrible things are happening in the world, but the cartoonist makes their lives (ii)_____in ways that do not seem (iii)_____at all. Real things happen here—births, deaths, adoptions, affairs, breakups, commitments, ceremonies, civil union—and they matter.

Blank (i)	Blank(ii)	Blank (iii)
A. unpredictability	D. stagnate	G. outlandish
B. arduousness	E. resonate	H. inconsequential
C. triviality	F. compete	I. intangible

7. One _____is that so far, Web services have turned out to be much harder to deliver than their champions had hoped.
- A. hope
 - B. snag
 - C. prospect
 - D. hitch
 - E. upshot
 - F. reason
8. Asserting a need to preserve the _____ that became the hallmark of her predecessor’s tenure, the new director of federal monetary policy refused to subscribe to rigid or mechanistic rules in policy making.
- A. firmness
 - B. adaptability
 - C. unpredictability
 - D. autonomy
 - E. strictness
 - F. flexibility
9. Wilson is wont to emphasize the _____ of ants, how ants with full stomachs will regurgitate liquid food for those without, or how the old will fight so the young can survive.
- A. beneficence
 - B. altruism
 - C. unpredictability
 - D. intelligence
 - E. fecundity
 - F. fertility
10. At first, most of the famous fairy tales seem so implausible and so irrelevant to contemporary life that their _____ is hard to understand.
- A. universality
 - B. persistence
 - C. appeal
 - D. ephemerality
 - E. survival
 - F. transience

Section 13

1. My grandma has a strong belief in all things _____: she insists, for example, that the house in which she lived as a child was haunted.
A. clamorous
B. invidious
C. numinous
D. empirical
E. sonorous
2. Consolidating memory is not instantaneous or even _____: every memory must be encoded and moved from short-term to long-term storage, and some of these memories are, for whatever reason, more vividly imprinted than others.
A. salutary
B. deliberate
C. sequential
D. momentary
E. inevitable
3. Many of the unusual behaviors attributed to crows—such as drinking coffee or presenting gifts to people who feed them—are based on (i) _____ and therefore fall into the category of (ii) _____ rather than science.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. long-term observation	D. anecdote
B. controlled experiments	E. speculation
C. secondhand testimony	F. hypothesis

4. The notion of film producers as the ogres of the movie business has proved an (i) _____ one, but according to *The Producers* by Tim Adler, it is not always grounded in reality. Attacking what he calls the “auteur myth”—the idea of the director as the single purveyor of art in an industry otherwise peopled with (ii) _____—he places at the heart of his book an image of the producer, not the director, as the primary (iii) _____ force in the development and production of a movie.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. accurate	D. visionaries	G. financial
B. hypocritic	E. profitmongers	H. inertial
C. enduring	F. innocents	I. creative

5. The (i) _____ nature of the candidate’s comments is calculated. As a long-standing target of critics who regard him as a radical, he understands that he needs to be as (ii) _____ as possible if he is to overcome those critiques and appear as a (iii) _____ leader.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. opprobrious	D. innocuous	G. polarizing
B. platitudinous	E. truculent	H. cautious

C. pugnacious	F. supercilious	I. conciliatory
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6. The new art museum's (i) _____ building augurs well for that ambitious institution because it speaks of (ii) _____ contemporary architecture on the part of the board of directors that may (iii) _____ equal astuteness about contemporary art.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. nondescript	D. a discernment about	G. conceal
B. outstanding	E. a hostility toward	H. supplant
C. outdated	F. an intoxication by	I. promise

7. Members of the union's negotiating team insisted on several changes to the company's proposal before they would support it, making it clear that they would _____ no compromise.
- A. disclose
 - B. reject
 - C. brook
 - D. tolerate
 - E. repudiate
 - F. weigh
8. Excessive focus on what might have been can cause in us feelings of restlessness and regret, but some scientists are beginning to think that fancying an alternative reality might have _____ effects as well.
- A. subtle
 - B. adverse
 - C. restorative
 - D. pleasurable
 - E. unfavorable
 - F. tonic
9. Apparent flaws in the sculptor's work have not _____ its respectful reception by most modern critics.
- A. determined
 - B. controlled
 - C. undermined
 - D. prevented
 - E. overshadowed
 - F. precluded
10. Williamson had a fierce commitment to achieving an accord, spending enormous amount of time trying to forge a consensus out of an often _____ assembly.
- A. apathetic
 - B. fractious
 - C. restive
 - D. cynical
 - E. compliant
 - F. tractable

Section 14

1. In the solar system, collisions involving cosmic object are among the most_____ processes shaping surfaces: images of many solar objects show a proliferation of impact craters formed throughout the past 4.5 billion years.
A. cataclysmic
B. pervasive
C. misleading
D. uncontrollable
E. random
2. Many creative photographers were delighted to find in instant photography a mode that encouraged them to stop viewing photography as_____ and start viewing it as something they could handle with spontaneity, even derision.
A. sacrosanct
B. ephemeral
C. malleable
D. egalitarian
E. autonomous
3. Recent scholarship has questioned the (i)_____ of tropical forests around the world archaeologists have shown, for example, that the largest contiguous tract of what was thought to be virgin rain forest in the southern Amazon had been transformed into a cultural parkland before European contact, and many of the forest islands in West Africa's savanna forest transition zone are (ii)_____ as well.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. diversity	D. isolated
B. naturalness	E. endangered
C. sustainability	F. anthropogenic

4. The research found that in assessing others, many people hold an unconscious view that competence and warmth are (i) _____: when they perceive a person to be highly capable, they infer that he or she must have a tendency to be (ii) _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. equally important	D. ambitious
B. mutually reinforcing	E. unfeeling
C. inversely related	F. disingenuous

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
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6. Most capuchin monkey conflict involves such a (i) _____ repertoire of gestural and vocal signals that it is difficult for researchers to tease apart the meanings of the individual signals. This (ii) _____ is (iii) _____ by the fact that many signals seem to shift in meaning according to the context in which they are produced and the developmental stage of the individuals producing them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. precise	D. problem	G. augmented
B. rich	E. opportunity	H. ameliorated
C. straightforward	F. oversight	I. anticipated

7. Architects may be more extroverted and therefore the more _____ members of a bridge design team, but they are not always the most essential.
- A. indispensable
 - B. conscientious
 - C. reliable
 - D. visible
 - E. valuable
 - F. salient
8. Although scientific progress leads to constant revision of ideas, one observation that has remained _____ over the years is that there are a lot of insects in the world: some 950,000 species have been identified.
- A. robust
 - B. significant
 - C. strong
 - D. perplexing
 - E. confounding
 - F. obscure
9. Anne Carson's book *Nox* 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. an flexible
10. One of the peculiarities of humans is that we irrationally gravitate to the predictable and avoid risk, whatever the reason 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

Section 15

1. Some ethicists worry that a deeper understanding of the brain may be tantamount to____: if we discover that free will is an illusion of neural circuitry, how will we hold people responsible for their actions?
A. vindication
B. proscription
C. ministration
D. valediction
E. exculpation
2. The stories in Yiyun Li's recent collection are distinctive particularly for the strong contrast between their emotional intensity and their consistently _____ tone.
A. affable
B. ebullient
C. measured
D. irascible
E. overwrought
3. Scholarly works on detective stories often begin with (i) _____, suggesting that there is something vaguely wrong with adults who spend their time reading such fiction and certainly something (ii) _____ those who devote energy to its analysis.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. chronologies	D. awry in
B. apologies	E. astute about
C. synopses	F. courageous about

4. So, perhaps the lesson is that rather than wanting their monarchy to (i) _____ its modernized Scandinavian counterparts, the British public cherishes it most when it is most (ii) _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. commend	D. egalitarian
B. discount	E. anachronistic
C. emulate	F. regal

5. 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. chivalrous	D. boorish
B. impetuous	E. circumspect
C. thoughtful	F. spontaneous

6. Although political events in different countries were not (i) _____ in the nineteenth century, their interrelationship was (ii) _____ compared with the present, when interdependence has become far greater: (iii) _____ has ceased to be an option.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. unconnected	D. conditional	G. isolationism
B. trivial	E. superficial	H. resilience
C. simultaneous	F. transparent	I. idealism

7. Well organized and researched and including all significant discoveries and medical scientists, this history of Western medicine has justly been called_____.
- A. encyclopedic
 - B. long-winded
 - C. exhaustive
 - D. rambling
 - E. overbearing
 - F. indiscriminating
8. Science is arguably a very high-minded pursuit, but that is not to say that all of its practitioners are_____, as numerous articles alleging overly generous pharmaceutical industry payments to medical researchers have tried to show.
- A. conventional
 - B. clever
 - C. unimpeachable
 - D. ingenious
 - E. blameless
 - F. predictable
9. In a field of egotists, Bloomfield is _____, often praising her competitors and punctuating her correspondence with self-deprecating remarks.
- A. unassuming
 - B. complimentary
 - C. acerbic
 - D. ingenuous
 - E. cutting
 - F. modest
10. Because its previously _____ beliefs had become core tenets of mainstream politics, the activist group disbanded; with no more skeptics to persuade, its purpose had evaporated.
- A. arcane
 - B. seditious
 - C. quixotic
 - D. idealistic
 - E. popular
 - F. conventional

Section 16

1. 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
2. Of all her works, this play is the most dependent on the dramatic conventions of the author's day; it was both the least ____ of her plays and the most commercially successful.
A. experimental
B. popular
C. formulaic
D. lucrative
E. contemporary
3. One way to predict the effects of global climate change on an ecosystem is to extrapolate current trend in global change factors into the future. A (i) _____ of this method is that its predictions (ii) _____ actual observation, but the method also makes the questionable assumption that the future will resemble the present.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. virtue	D. dispense with
B. drawback	E. derive from
C. peculiarity	F. improve upon

4. Just because as a photographer, Friendlander (i) _____ places that most people consider ugly not mean that he is our to prove they are beautiful. Instead, his work suggests that the photographer simply cannot ignore so much of the built American landscape but is obligated to (ii) _____ what we pass through day in and day out regardless of (iii) _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. tends to avoid	D. document	G. authenticity
B. is harshly critical of	E. emulate	H. truthfulness
C. is interested in	F. discredit	I. aesthetics

5. China's rapidly growing population is the main threat facing large carnivores in the People's Republic. Increasingly policies aimed at limiting population growth have been (i) _____, nevertheless, the country's vast size and the isolation of many of its regions mean that human populations in areas where large carnivores still occur (ii) _____. This human pressure has (iii) _____ the south China tiger.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. modified	D. could start to decline	G. celebrated

B. deemphasized	E. can grow unchecked	H. doomed
C. implemented	F. have stabilized	I. bypassed

6. Behavioral economists have come to believe that a (i) _____ of choices can be paralyzing as Schwartz pointed out in the recent book *The Paradox of Choice*. Studies of retirement plans show that the more investment choices a plan offers, the less likely people are to participate in it. It may follow, then that a lack of flexibility in certain plans may actually be a (ii) _____. People reasonably (iii) _____ some advantages in exchange for peace of mind.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. surfeit	D. virtue	G. foresee
B. reduction	E. conundrum	H. forestall
C. stabilization	F. revelation	I. forgo

7. It is hardly _____ the committee calls for: rudimentary competence would be an improvement on the current chaos.
- A. accountability
 - B. disarray
 - C. unruliness
 - D. faultlessness
 - E. loyalty
 - F. perfection
8. Explorers could not build 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
9. Although its director _____ that the movie uses a documentary approach in portraying the famous sit-down strike, in practice its characters are heavily fictionalized and fall into familiar Hollywood types.
- A. asserts
 - A. concedes
 - B. guarantees
 - C. disputes
 - D. grants
 - E. maintains
10. Joshua Gisemba Bagaka found that the pedagogical results of group projects and other engaged learning activities in Kenyan mathematics classroom were _____; such activities, then, may not be the best way of improving mathematics education.
- A. overstated
 - B. counterintuitive
 - C. mixed
 - D. discouraging
 - E. inconsistent

F. inexplicable

Section 17

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. condone
C. remedy
D. boast of
E. downplay
2. Carmen's affection for her sister, though not_____, was plainly too great to permit a painless departure.
A. unsteady
B. ambivalent
C. careless
D. unbounded
E. noticeable
3. A (i)_____ to disseminate the vast scientific knowledge of our time to nonscientists shows real (ii) _____ the magnificent achievement humanity is capable of, like allowing a great work of art to mold in a warehouse.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)
A. triumph	D. indifference to
B. failure	E. enthusiasm for
C. diffusion	F. glory of

4. So (i)_____ is the reputation of the city's police force for (ii)_____ that whenever a new police chief take office, he or she routinely promises to clean up the force.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)
A. persistent	B. corruption
C. recent	D. efficiency
E. discouraging	F. inexperience

5. Readers may initially be irked by the book's apparent (i)_____ but, once immersed in the author's prose, they may come to regard the work's (ii)_____ as an asset.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)
A. flippancy	B. subtlety
C. aimlessness	D. discursions
E. tendentiousness	F. exhaustiveness

6. Laws protecting intellectual property are intended to stimulate creativity, yet some forms of creative work have never enjoyed legal protection—a situation that ought to be of great interest. If we see certain forms of creative endeavor (i)_____ as a result of uncontrolled copying, we might decided to (ii)_____ intellectual property law. Conversely, if unprotected creative work (iii) _____ in the absence of legal rules against copying, we would do well to know how such flourishing is sustained.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. languishing	B. jettison	C. declines in originality
D. proliferating	E. extend	F. manages to thrive
G. diversifying	H. relax	I. openly invites imitation

7. The major_____ of much popular history is that it betrays no interest in making intellectual contributions to our understanding of an issue.
- A. characteristic
 - B. shortcoming
 - C. dilemma
 - D. quandary
 - E. ploy
 - F. fault
8. After rising continuously over the summer, commodity prices fell, leaving analyst wondering whether the downward trend is a turning point or merely a _____ before demand picks up in the winter months.
- A. spike
 - B. upsurge
 - C. harbinger
 - D. portent
 - E. lull
 - F. respite
9. Doris Kearns Goodwin’s elegant, incisive study of Lincoln _____ those whose knowledge of Lincoln is an amalgam of high school history and popular mythology as well as those who are experts.
- A. gratify
 - B. entice
 - C. inspire
 - D. confuse
 - E. perplex
 - F. please
10. Although in his new book he tends to repeat himself like a _____ uncle, McHughen makes a persuasive case for the safety of tinkering with genes to create new foods.
- A. taciturn
 - B. reserved
 - C. prototypical
 - D. cantankerous
 - E. loquacious

F. garrulous

Section 18

1. If the study proves that bears are still endemic to the area, the proposal to introduce additional bears of the same species will probably face less opposition, since the plan would then involve _____ a historic population, not trying to build population from scratch.
- A. reclassifying
 - B. augmenting
 - C. forestalling
 - D. publicizing
 - E. winnowing

2. 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

3. The author argued that the field of sociology has been overly (i)_____, partly because, for many scholars, the edges of the social universe are defined by national borders. In this era of increasing globalization, however, sociology presented with a historically distinct opportunity to transcend its former (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. narrow in scope	D. utilitarianism
B. susceptible to fads	E. parochialism
C. averse to empiricism	F. historicism

4. Now that photographic prints have become a popular field for collecting, auctions are becoming more (i)_____. It is not just the entry of new collectors into the field that is causing this intensification. Established collectors' interests are also becoming more (ii)_____. Those who once concentrated on the work of either the nineteenth-century pioneers or the twentieth-century modernists are now keen to have (iii)_____ collections.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. competitive	D. fickle	G. comprehensive
B. tedious	E. wide-ranging	H. legitimate
C. exclusive	F. antiquarian	I. impressive

5. Although Thaler employs an innovative mode of analysis, his study offers yet another examination of quite (i) _____ ground—namely, the cultural ideology of Norwegian-American preservationist writers in the early twentieth century. The history, literature, and changing internal dynamics of the Norwegian subculture in America constitute a particularly well-studied area. Anyone familiar with the authoritative work of scholars in the field will (ii)_____ little in Thaler's study that is (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. unfamiliar	D. find	G. accurate
B. well-worked	E. understand	H. new
C. fruitful	F. reveal	I. recognizable

6. If you wish to make a novel (i)_____ a field of study, you must master what scholars have already said on the subject but at the same time keep in mind the (ii)_____ received opinion, which can (iii)_____ a nascent idea before it can develop.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. contribution to	D. temptation to reject	G. quash
B. depiction of	E. fundamental wisdom of	H. embrace
C. attack upon	F. oppressive influence of	I. inspire

7. In a book that inclines to _____, an epilogue arguing that ballet is dead arrives simply as one more overstatement.
- A. pessimism
 - B. misinterpretation
 - C. imprecision
 - D. vagueness
 - E. exaggeration
 - F. hyperbole
8. Not only was this writer content to leave the reading public in the dark, she seems to have _____ the role of trickster, seeding her works with apparent clues that led nowhere.
- A. rejected
 - B. disdained
 - C. relished
 - D. participated in
 - E. delighted in
 - F. developed
9. William Perkins, his _____ speaking style notwithstanding, has long been seen as the moderate face of his political party.
- A. fiery
 - B. genteel
 - C. bumbling
 - D. unremarkable
 - E. affable
 - F. impassioned
10. The political upheaval caught most people by surprise: despite the _____ warnings of some commentators, it had never seemed that imminent.
- A. stern
 - B. prescient
 - C. prophetic
 - D. indifferent
 - E. repeated
 - F. apathetic

Section 19

1. Slight but _____ variation in the timing of the star's pulses led astronomers to deduce that it was being pulled backwards and forwards by three planets orbiting around it.
A. subtle
B. regular
C. undetectable
D. inconsequential
E. explicable
2. Blake's reputation for weakness is _____: almost all who have worked with him say he is a disciplined, intellectually formidable, and very tough politician.
A. specious
B. pervasive
C. irreversible
D. trivial
E. ambivalent
3. Unlike the elected branches of the United States government, where making personal connection with citizens is (i) _____ and almost (ii) _____ political efficacy, the United States Supreme Court continues to maintain that its members should communicate with the public almost exclusively through formal opinions---and even then through ceremonial rituals that date back to the nineteenth century.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. frowned upon	D. a requirement for
B. rampant	E. a detriment to
C. disregarded	F. an irrelevance to

4. Scientists said that cosmology was the field where the ratio of theory to data was (i) _____: there was an abundance of theories, but almost no data. Recently, however, that ratio has flipped. A huge and ever-increasing amount of data has (ii) _____ all theories but one.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. completely unknown	D. eliminated
B. nearly infinite	E. supported
C. always variable	F. clarified

5. The material covered in this article has been (i) _____ in previous publications, and since currently neglected areas remained unexplored, the article contains no (ii) _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. skirted	D. revelation
B. scrutinized	E. distortions
C. countered	F. conclusions

6. The historian of ancient science Otto Neugebauer concluded that Babylonian astronomical texts are (i)_____because everything has been eliminated from the astronomy except observations and the mathematical consequences of an initial hypothesis about the fundamental character of the astronomical movements. This judgment cohered with the high level of mathematical theory, which (ii)_____ mathematical computation together with empirical observation as (iii)_____ of science and denied any role to speculative hypotheses of a strongly theoretical nature.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. questionable	D. repudiated	G. end result
B. scientific	E. admitted	H. necessary characteristics
C. limited	F. confounded	I. discredited path

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. The reconstruct known work is beautiful and also probably_____: it is the only Hebrew verse written by a woman.
- A. singular
 - B. unique
 - C. archaic
 - D. counterfeit
 - E. valuable
 - F. fake
9. Joshua Gisemba Bagaka found that the pedagogical results of group projects and other engaged learning activities in Kenyan mathematics classroom were _____; such activities, then, may not be the best way of improving mathematics education.
- A. overstated
 - B. counterintuitive
 - C. mixed
 - D. discouraging
 - E. inconsistent
 - F. inexplicable
10. Much of the literature of railroad seeks someone to _____, and it is thus replete with encomiums on entrepreneurs and managers.
- A. indict
 - B. rehabilitate
 - C. exalt
 - D. valorize

- E. emulate
- F. excoriate

Section 20

1. Though the volume of radioactive waste produced by nuclear power plants is _____, the problem of how to dispose that waste is not: rather, it is of major importance.
 - A. unmanageable
 - B. troubling
 - C. significant
 - D. small
 - E. deceptive
2. Investors are grateful that the attorney general has stepped in to pursue inquiries into misfeasance in the financial markets, given that the regulators officially charged with policing the industry have been _____.
 - A. diffident
 - B. meticulous
 - C. straightforward
 - D. implacable
 - E. tenacious
3. The author suggests that cinema archives should become more like museums, justifying their existence by selecting, grouping and commenting on important films. By thus (i)_____ films, archives would not only serve as repositories but would provide (ii)_____ as well.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. improving	D. conservation
B. restoring	E. education
C. interpreting	F. income

4. Argument may be an overly (i)_____ word to apply to the gossamer contrivance that is *A Summer of Hummingbirds*. In what seems a self-conscious (ii)_____ of its mascot the book flits from one subject or moment in history to another, following the various whims of its author.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. archaic	D. repudiation
B. imprecise	E. emulation
C. robust	F. misrepresentation

5. The skin of the poison dart frog contains deadly poisons called batrachotoxins. But the (i)_____ of the toxins has remained an enigma, as the frog does not (ii)_____ them. Now an analysis suggests that the melyrid beetle is the source. Collected beetle specimens all contained batrachotoxins, suggesting that these beetles are (iii)_____ by the frogs.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. effect	D. pressure	G. eaten
B. origin	E. produce	H. neutralized
C. purpose	F. suffer from	I. poisoned

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6. When a new scientific model emerges, research studies (i)_____that paradigm tend to dominate in the scientific literature: the process of selecting articles for publication is tilted towards positive results. But because the paradigm (ii)_____, the academic incentives shift in the opposite direction: research results are more considered worthy publication when they (iii)_____ what has become the established view.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. tweaking	D. is initially articulated	G. bolster
B. affirming	E. has become entrenched	H. circumvent
C. controverting	F. is about to be attacked	I. undermine

7. The beauty of the scientific approach is that even when individual researchers do _____ bias or partiality, others can correct them using a framework of evidence on which everyone broadly agrees.
- A. overreact to
 - B. deviate from
 - C. succumb to
 - D. recoil from
 - E. yield to
 - F. shrink from
8. The initial, widely shared pessimism turned out to be _____, because it ignored the many things that could be done with the resources left behind.
- A. unintelligible
 - B. unfathomable
 - C. unfounded
 - D. unimaginative
 - E. unjustified
 - F. unimportant
9. Despite a tendency to be overtly _____, her poetry does not consist solely of pious sentiments: it often sparks the imagination and provides lively entertainment.
- A. preachy
 - B. querulous
 - C. insincere
 - D. sanctimonious
 - E. plaintive
 - F. disingenuous
10. Though it may seem as if more than a century of _____ has made the electrical grid an all-encompassing web connecting the whole of the continent, many vast and beautiful areas remain without power.
- A. refinement
 - B. expansion
 - C. ubiquity
 - D. augmentation
 - E. omnipresence

F. isolation

Section 21

1. With the numerous opponents of the controversial new taxation measure in such a fury, anyone who publicly advocated the measure did not fail to meet with_____ usage.
A. politic
B. severe
C. sober
D. respectful
E. dejected
2. The paleontologist examined the problem afresh, believing that the accepted classification_____ the essential continuity of the specimens by making specious distinctions among them.
A. disproved
B. belied
C. conflated
D. divulged
E. relaxed
3. Invention was (i)_____ the work of the ancient Greek historians, whose writings were filled with long and often purely fictitious speeches by great historical figures. The animating force in historical writing was rhetoric rather than (ii)_____. Even well into the eighteenth century, not a few historians continued to understand themselves as artists, given a license to invent.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. discouraged in	D. eloquence
B. a hallmark of	E. evidence
C. exceptional in	F. imagination

4. Scholars have marveled over the (i)_____ that Shakespeare displays in his works, noting that such broad learning is all the more remarkable given that books were relatively (ii)_____ in Shakespeare's time.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. meticulousness	D. edifying
B. humor	E. scarce
C. erudition	F. inexpensive

5. She was never (i)_____: she was nothing if not discreet, so she (ii)_____ for the present to declare her passion.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. precipitate	D. pretended
B. tactful	E. decided
C. thoughtful	F. forbore

6. The slow pace of job creation was without precedent for the period of recovery from a recession, but the conditions that conspired to cause the recession were also (i)_____. The stock market declined sharply, and rampant business investment slumped. Then an ensuing spate of scandals (ii)_____ public trust in the way companies were run. And yet, despite these powerful (iii)_____ to growth, the recession proved surprisingly mild.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. heartening	D. weakened	G. counterforces
B. atypical	E. illuminated	H. stimulants
C. ambiguous	F. consolidated	I. concomitants

7. A cure for the common cold has been so elusive that it has become a modern symbol of_____.
- A. danger
 - B. futility
 - C. unease
 - D. pointlessness
 - E. sloth
 - F. apathy
8. The dictator's gleaming military uniform and imperial paraphernalia sharply contrast with the_____ fashion favored by most other contemporary political leaders.
- A. unostentatious
 - B. modest
 - C. august
 - D. majestic
 - E. formal
 - F. casual
9. Despite her rather_____ choices, Moreland was neither a rebellious spirit nor someone who saw herself as anything out of the ordinary.
- A. unconventional
 - B. impractical
 - C. quirky
 - D. flamboyant
 - E. successful
 - F. lucrative
10. His premiership, seemingly cast-iron a year ago, is now so vulnerable that even a good day at the office does no more than buy him a few weeks of _____ from rebels within his own party.
- A. controversy
 - B. reproach
 - C. respite
 - D. relief
 - E. blame

F. deference

Section 22

1. In the last two hundreds years, the practice of archaeology has changed greatly, from digging up ancient artifacts for use by wealthy individuals as art objects to analyzing the detritus of everyday life in the laboratory, and thus from_____ to data collection.
A. supposition
B. theorizing
C. fact-finding
D. treasure hunting
E. scientific discovery
2. The identity of hominid remains found in a cave in the Altai Mountains was_____ until Paabo and his colleagues ended the speculation by showing that DNA sequences indicated the bones belonged to Neanderthals.
A. extraneous
B. conjectural
C. improbable
D. demonstrable
E. consistent

3. The documentation of Earth's biodiversity is complicated by the (i)_____ taxonomists. Those experts in classifying species tent to be (ii)_____ North America and Europe, whereas most of the undocumented biodiversity is likely in the tropics.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. uneven distribution of	D. clustered in
B. theoretical commitments of	E. oblivious to
C. professional rivalries among	F. exported from

4. For decades, economic ideas have been (i)_____ political purpose. Economists, for example, have peddled their theories as a way of gaining public prominence or political appointment, while politicians have (ii)_____ economic doctrines as possible solutions to the nation's social problems.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. undermined by	D. rejected
B. inspired by	E. ignored
C. exploited for	F. promoted

5. Computers make it spectacularly easy to search for particular pieces of information in downloaded texts. And doing research in this strategic, targeted manner can feel (i)_____. Instead of (ii)_____ the organizing logic of the book you are reading, you can approach the book with your own questions and (iii)_____. You, not the author, are the master.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. Disorienting	D. disregarding	G. begin to discern the author's intent
B. humbling	E. surrendering to	H. glean precisely what you want from it
C. empowering	F. imitating	I. evaluate the book on its own terms

6. There are two opposing theories about mountain formation and climate over the past 40 million years: either the surge of mountain building (i)_____ the global cooling, or vice versa. The first of these two theories asserts that widespread mountain building cooled (ii)_____ mountains and climate. For example, mountain glaciers tend to be (iii)_____ : once established, they increase the reflectivity of the surface, thus lowering temperatures and allowing more ice to form.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. superseded	D. disparity between	G. unpredictable
B. halted	E. feedback between	H. static
C. caused	F. complexity of	I. self-perpetuating

7. If giant x-ray flares churn circumstellar disks enough to keep newborn planets, such as Earth once was, from spiraling into their suns, it would be an ironic twist on our conception of x-ray flares as_____.
- A. dangerous
 - B. predictable
 - C. ancient
 - D. ephemeral
 - E. perilous
 - F. foreseeable
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 researches.
- A. undue
 - B. scant
 - C. excessive
 - D. focused
 - E. limited
 - F. dwindling
9. Although Wynne claims to recognize that_____ evidence is available to make definitive statement, she offers them nonetheless, arriving at some sweeping generalizations.
- A. concrete
 - B. finite
 - C. insufficient
 - D. indirect
 - E. conclusive
 - F. meager
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 23

1. Though humanitarian emergencies are frequent features of television news, such exposure seldom _____ the public, which rather seems resigned to a sense of impotency.
 - A. paralyzes
 - B. demoralizes
 - C. assuages
 - D. galvanizes
 - E. exasperates
2. The science of astronomy was begun by amateurs and today remains dependent on their contributions, which are incisive by virtue of being _____ by the a priori assumptions that often vitiate the work of professional research scientists.
 - A. characterized
 - B. unencumbered
 - C. supported
 - D. contradicted
 - E. inspired
3. In aquatic environments, the herbicide atrazine is more likely to (i)_____ developing amphibians when it is highly diluted than when it is much more concentrated, a new study suggests. Although counterintuitive, the finding is (ii)_____ some past research on atrazine and studies showing that other hormonally active compounds are most damaging at trace concentrations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. supplant	D. unanticipated given
B. kill	E. consistent with
C. circumvent	F. undiminished by

4. 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 Nickleby, which many found (ii)_____.

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

5. Except for a few passages in the biography in which the subject's flaws are (i)_____, the author's treatment of her subject is (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. too harshly judged	D. erudite
B. analyzed in depth	E. judicious
C. frankly acknowledged	F. acrimonious

6. Given our species' increasing numbers and appetites—which are reflected in and compounded by global climate change—even (i)_____ species are likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future. If we are to avoid a calamitous loss of biodiversity, according to Golbe, we cannot simply let nature take its course. Ongoing conversation management is (ii)_____, as we have, in a sense, become nature, and the responsibilities that come with the role cannot be (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. exotic	D. ineffective	G. jettisoned
B. vulnerable	E. obligatory	H. assumed
C. now common	F. promising	I. contrived

7. There are great _____ in countries' greenhouse gas emissions, especially in per capita terms: while the United States and China are similar in aggregate emissions, United States per capita emissions are a huge multiple of China's.
- A. distortions
 - B. disparities
 - C. fluctuations
 - D. advances
 - E. variances
 - F. vacillations
8. Despite her rather _____ choices, Moreland was neither a rebellious spirit nor someone who saw herself as anything out of the ordinary.
- A. unconventional
 - B. impractical
 - C. quirky
 - D. flamboyant
 - E. successful
 - F. lucrative
9. There is frequently a protracted time interval between the introduction of an innovative musical composition and its public acceptance: the concert-going public often spurns the _____ in favor of the familiar for a prolonged period.
- A. comprehensive
 - B. intricate
 - C. novel
 - D. original
 - E. intelligible
 - F. complex
10. The concept of the Hellenistic period in ancient history has proved useful but also _____, with scholars disagreeing on the dates when the period began and ended.
- A. slippery
 - B. elusive
 - C. fruitless
 - D. deceptive

- E. futile
- F. compelling

Section 24

1. History teaches us that science is not _____ enterprise, indeed, it is quite the opposite, a motley assortment of tools designed to safeguard researchers against their own biases.
 - A. an opportunistic
 - B. an anomalous
 - C. a haphazard
 - D. a collective
 - E. a monolithic
2. There is _____ in the director's most recent film that keeps the melodramatic possibilities latent in its script safely at bay.
 - A. a mawkishness
 - B. a predictability
 - C. an austerity
 - D. an ostentatiousness
 - E. an emotiveness
3. Few studies have been published on ground-squirrel dispersal, and most of them have involved very small sample sizes, thus most statement regarding ground-squirrel dispersal must be considered _____.
 - A. invaluable
 - B. unexceptional
 - C. inveterate
 - D. routine
 - E. conjectural
4. Since fibromyalgia's symptoms can be (i) _____ and can (ii) _____ other disorder, and its diagnosis depends largely on patients' descriptions rather than blood tests or biopsies, fibromyalgia's cause and treatment have been the subject of much debate.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. wide-ranging	D. mimic
B. distinctive	E. illuminate
C. debilitating	F. preclude

5. Many fairy tales are complex narratives of wish fulfillment. They teach the reader that a struggle against severe difficulties in life is (i) _____, that it is an intrinsic part of human existence, and that if one does not (ii) _____, but steadfastly meets unexpected and often unjust hardships, one masters all obstacles and at the end (iii) _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. atypical	D. preserve	G. elicits adversities
B. unavoidable	E. improvise	H. emerges victorious
C. insurmountable	F. shy away	I. evades achievements

6. The writer argues that jewelry-grade diamonds, because they are both (i) _____ and (ii) _____, prove one of two conclusions: their purchasers have so much money they can spend it on goods that (iii) _____, or their purchasers are so committed to making others think they have such wealth that they are willing to go into debt to do so

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. flawless	D. durable	G. may appreciate in value
B. fungible	E. useless	H. reflect the buyers' connoisseurship
C. expensive	F. irreplaceable	I. serve no practical purpose

7. In Ramachandran's opinion, it is perfectly acceptable to propose bold speculations about the brain, even if these speculations seem _____; as Ramachandran frequently remarks, science thrives on risky conjecture.
- A. unfounded
 - B. premature
 - C. controversial
 - D. verifiable
 - E. testable
 - F. baseless
8. In order to cultivate new repertoire, the music industry is providing a hearing for previously _____ composers.
- A. idle
 - B. thwarted
 - C. celebrated
 - D. renowned
 - E. anonymous
 - F. obscure
9. The concert hall's suspended ceiling is two-inch-thick plaster that reflects low-frequency sound energy; similarly, all wall surfaces are angled and shaped to _____ sound from the stage throughout the audience area.
- A. diffuse
 - B. amplify
 - C. spread
 - D. dampen
 - E. eclipse
 - F. deaden
10. Although many skeptics of the scientific theory _____ critiques that have long since been disproved, some of the doubters arguably bring up valid points.
- A. overlook
 - B. revise
 - C. recycle
 - D. utilize
 - E. neglect
 - F. rehash

Section 25

1. What once seemed a quixotic vision----- the “Subway to the Sea,” connecting Union Station in downtown Los Angeles to the Pacific Ocean in Santa Monica---- no longer seems quite so _____
- A. impracticable
B. prescient
C. banal
D. viable
E. beneficial
2. Unlike some mammals----cows and sheep, for instance----that are notably _____, lions have a wide range of facial expressions.
- A. tractable
B. impassive
C. solitary
D. social
E. sluggish
3. The history of the region’s natural resources has been one of initial (i) _____ followed by (ii) _____; as such the region has over time gone from a resource-rich to a resource-dependent economy.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. disappointment	D. growing interdependence
B. abundance	E. draconian regulation
C. conservation	F. rapacious depletion

4. The author paints a rather dark picture of book publishing as a hidebound industry, one that is facing a profound change in its mode of production but is so (i) _____ its past as to be (ii) _____ opportunities offered by technological change.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. alienated from	D. eager to exploit
B. emboldened by	E. unable to seize
C. encumbered by	F. forced to reconsider

5. Folmer’s book on Edith Wharton seems far removed from recent trends in literary criticism; this need not to be a fault, except that, in its title and introduction, the book (i) _____ to be conversant with contemporary discourse in the field, but in its actual analysis of Wharton’s work, it is marked by a very (ii) _____ approach.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. designs	D. old-fashioned
B. fails	E. timely
C. purports	F. arcane

6. Viewing people as “social atoms” that obey rather simple rule (which are not unlike the laws of physic), one may discover certain (i) _____. Take, for example, the way channels emerge when people move in crowds. In the midst of initially (ii)_____ movements, one person begins to follow another----in an effort to avoid collisions----and streams of movement emerge. As more people join in, there is greater pull on others to join the flow, and the particular channels become (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. apparent contradictions	D. inflexible	G. self-defeating
B. unproductive tendencies	E. straightforward	H. self-aggrandizing
C. lawlike regularities	F. chaotic	I. self-perpetuating

7. Few ideas are more _____ than the notion that cultures evolve in Darwin fashion; many academics have begun writing about cultural evolution, but few treat the underlying Darwinian logic with the care it deserves.
- A. abused
 - B. archaic
 - C. misused
 - D. outdated
 - E. divisive
 - F. derivative
8. Any notion of justice in the fortunes of artists is _____: works of equal value and quality produce quite different returns or no returns at all.
- A. baseless
 - B. cliché
 - C. untenable
 - D. insulting
 - E. condescending
 - F. idealistic
9. In a number of instances, investors hoping to tap into the region’s meteoric growth have instead faced problems ranging from unpredictable management practices to outright _____.
- A. malfeasance
 - B. incompetence
 - C. fraudulence
 - D. capriciousness
 - E. hysteria
 - F. impulsiveness
10. After many years of feeling _____ by his senior managers, Clark was becoming hopeful of advancement.
- A. vilified
 - B. stymied
 - C. hindered
 - D. aggrieved
 - E. circumvented

F. overlooked

Section 26

1. By pointing out the self-serving nature of the governor's motives for supporting the new health care policy, the columnist implied that the governor's idealistic-sounding explanation of her position on the issue was almost certainly_____.
A. impractical
B. derivative
C. simplistic
D. disingenuous
E. ineffectual
2. The paleontologist examined the problem afresh, believing that the accepted classification_____ the essential continuity of the specimens by making specious distinctions among them.
A. disproved
B. belied
C. conflated
D. divulged
E. relaxed
3. It would be naïve to treat remarks made in diaries or personal letters as giving especially candid access to historical truth or even as being expressions of the writer's true state of mind, since the (i)_____ for exaggeration and deception in those forms is virtually nonexistent. Diaries and letters are rarely sites for (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. motivation	D. premeditated manipulation
B. penalty	E. childish theatrics
C. tendency	F. balanced reflection

4. Many of the unusual behaviors attributed to crows---such as drinking coffee or presenting gifts to people who feed them---are based on (i)_____ and therefore fall into the category of (ii)_____ rather than science.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. long-term observation	D. anecdote
B. controlled experiments	E. speculation
C. secondhand testimony	F. hypothesis

5. Any account of experimental music in the United States that (i)_____ the predominantly African American bebop and free jazz movements is (ii)_____, since this body of music constitutes what is arguably the most influential African experimental music in the decades following the Second World War.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. neglects	D. underappreciated
B. exaggerates	E. problematic

C. reinterprets	F. self-serving
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6. Fifty pages of footnotes, some of them presenting quite lengthy bibliographies, suggest that very few pertinent sources on the Black Arts movement in literature have (i)_____ Thompson's search, (ii)_____, the text makes it clear that the author's examination of these sources has been similarly (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. eluded	D. moreover	G. valuable
B. characterized	E. however	H. timely
C. motivated	F. consequently	I. exhaustive

7. His premiership, seemingly cast-iron a year ago, is now so vulnerable that even a good day at the office does no more than buy him a few weeks of_____ from rebels within his own party.
- A. controversy
 - B. reproach
 - C. respite
 - D. relief
 - E. blame
 - F. deference
8. Agencies responsible for protecting natural resources too often issue permits allowing exploitation of those resources, a process that remains_____ given that agencies have become experts at masking their decisions in scientific terms.
- A. controversial
 - B. exacting
 - C. obscure
 - D. onerous
 - E. opaque
 - F. misleading
9. Despite her rather_____ choices, Moreland was neither a rebellious spirit nor someone who saw herself as anything out of the ordinary.
- A. unconventional
 - B. impractical
 - C. quirky
 - D. flamboyant
 - E. successful
 - F. lucrative
10. Readers looking for another condemnation of private equity firms should look elsewhere, this book is not_____ such firms.
- A. a rant against
 - B. a diatribe on
 - C. an exculpation
 - D. a disquisition on
 - E. a vindication of
 - F. an argument about

Section 27

1. To criticize a disaster film for being _____ is a bit silly, since people do not go to disaster movies to see an honest portrayed of reality.
A. expensive
B. harrowing
C. derivative
D. convoluted
E. implausible
2. Though many avant-garde writers _____ traditional distinctions among literary categories, combining elements of biography and fiction, prose and poetry, this fusion of forms has been slow to catch on with publishers.
A. flout
B. presuppose
C. exploit
D. imitate
E. illuminate
3. Despite the abundance and importance of maize, its biological origin has been a long-running mystery. The bright yellow, mouth-watering treat does not grow in the wild anywhere on the planet, so its (i)_____ is not at all (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. utility	B. helpful
C. popularity	D. important
E. ancestry	F. obvious

4. If newspaper consumers are concerned about more than (i)_____ and prefer to read news that is consistent with their beliefs, then (ii)_____ is not a journalistic flaw, but, rather, a cultivated feature. In a competitive news market, producers can use slant to differentiate their products and stave off price competition.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. politics	D. bias
B. accuracy	E. sensationalism
C. expense	F. inconsistency

5. China's rapidly growing population is the main threat facing large carnivores in the People's Republic. Increasingly, policies aimed at limiting population growth have been (i)_____: nevertheless, the country's vast size and the isolation of many its regions mean that human populations in areas where large carnivores still occur(ii)_____. This human pressure has (iii)_____ the South China tiger.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. modified	D. could start to decline	G. celebrated
B. de-emphasized	E. can grow unchecked	H. doomed

C. implemented	F. have stabilized	I. bypassed
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6. The slow pace of job creation was without precedent for the period of recovery from a recession, but the conditions that conspired to cause the recession were also (i)_____. The stock market declined sharply, and rampant business investment slumped. Then an ensuing spate of scandals (ii)_____ public trust in the way companies were run. And _____ yet, despite these powerful (iii)_____ to growth, the recession proved surprisingly mild.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. heartening	D. weakened	G. counterforces
B. atypical	E. illuminated	H. stimulants
C. ambiguous	F. consolidated	I. concomitants

7. Although legislators on both sides of the issues have repeatedly_____ a desire to find a middle ground, until now no acceptable compromise has been achieved.
- A. discussed
 - B. proclaimed
 - C. professed
 - D. rejected
 - E. disowned
 - F. betrayed
8. Even before she went to art school, Veronica found the standard design categories_____ : she didn't understand why designing buildings and designing tables should require different sensibilities.
- A. provocative
 - B. limiting
 - C. stimulating
 - D. confusing
 - E. confining
 - F. exhilarating
9. The author engages this issue from diverse perspectives, supports his arguments with many examples, and manages to avoid antagonizing others in dealing with a very _____ subject.
- A. contentious
 - B. pedestrian
 - C. controversial
 - D. perplexing
 - E. mundane
 - F. intriguing
10. To call Kermode the finest English critic of his generation be a_____ compliment, since not many of its population are professionally engaged in literary criticism.
- A. sincere
 - B. backhanded
 - C. paltry
 - D. heartfelt
 - E. meager
 - F. plausible

Section 28

1. The idea of a “language instinct” may seem_____ to those who think of language as the zenith of the human intellect and of instincts as brute impulse.
A. jarring
B. plausible
C. gratifying
D. inevitable
E. conciliatory
2. The maps in this volume are meant not as guides but as_____ they are designed to make the reader think anew about the city.
A. adornments
B. references
C. truisms
D. provocations
E. valedictions
3. Proponents of international regulation of environmental issues have always struggled against scientific uncertainty and economic hostility, two obstacles which, from a political standpoint, often have been closely related, as economic hostility toward environmental regulation for economic reasons have (i)_____the considerable uncertainty underlying most environmental challenges to (ii)_____ of environmental regulation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. resolved	D. exaggerate the efficacy
B. gainsaid	E. downplay the legitimacy
C. exploited	F. question the fallibility

4. It would be imprecise to characterize her scholarship as (i)_____: though her etymological discussion is necessarily esoteric, there is nothing (ii)_____ about the conclusions she derives from it.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. derivative	D. obscure
B. arcane	E. controversial
C. careless	F. innovative

5. The book is not comprehensive but is, instead, (i)_____ in the most positive sense: (ii)_____ rather than settles.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. definitive	D. stipulates
B. provocative	E. suggests
C. timely	F. disseminates

6. With the emergence of scientific history-writing in the late nineteenth century, several authors sought to ignore the glowing myths surrounding George Washington and uncover the human being within, but their biographies were still (i)_____ enough that Washington remained a marbled and remote figure. Indeed, by the 1920s Washington had become such (ii)_____ personage that inevitably someone had to go to the other extreme and try to (iii)_____ the legend.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. ponderous	D. a deified	G. debunk
B. empirical	E. an ignored	H. aggrandize
C. laudatory	F. a misunderstood	I. reproduce

7. Even though the original settlement may not hold up, it at least proves that the deadlock can be broken and that a hitherto_____ party is ready to bargain.
- A. implacable
 - B. unyielding
 - C. impeccable
 - D. flawless
 - E. unqualified
 - F. capricious
8. The company is so old-fashioned and opposed to innovation that it can seem downright_____.
- A. antediluvian
 - B. flighty
 - C. archaic
 - D. chauvinistic
 - E. capricious
 - F. patronizing
9. Space is often referred to as the final frontier, as the only realm of which humankind has still to gain substantial understanding, yet the ocean is also another vast area about which our knowledge is _____.
- A. erroneous
 - B. confusing
 - C. frustrating
 - D. rudimentary
 - E. delusive
 - F. sketchy
10. In sharp contrast to the novel's scenic realism and precise characterized figure is its persistent philosophical _____.
- A. naturalism
 - B. abstraction
 - C. generality
 - D. impartiality
 - E. sincerity
 - F. objectivity

Section 29

1. The Labrador duck is one of the most_____ extinct birds: although there are a fair number of specimens, few have yielded reliable data and little is known about the species' breeding patterns.
- A. anomalous
B. controversial
C. enigmatic
D. misrepresented
E. cherished
2. People frequently attempt to relieve their workplace frustrations via surreptitious comments around the water cooler but would be better able to resolve their resentment if they were less (i)_____ about their problem and imitated a more (ii)_____ dialogue.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. vexatious	D. equitable
B. clandestine	E. sincere
C. opportunistic	F. open

3. Pioneering medical research scientists' (i)_____ claims regarding the (ii)_____ new researches make the public wonder their own doctors are not dispensing miracles. There are forces, both external and internal, on scientists that most require them to (iii)_____. 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)
modest	D. serious constraints on	G. improvise
inflated	E. overblown interpretations of	H. oversell
fastidious	F. potential benefits of	I. generalize

4. Traditional Vietnamese culture has long promoted the idea of gender equality. Founding myths (i)_____ the equal division of labor in child care for mothers and fathers. As is often the case, however theoretical commitments are (ii)_____ actual practices. In reality, gender-based (iii)_____ persists.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. obscure	D. incommensurate with	G. parity
B. celebrate	E. surpassed by	H. inclusiveness
C. countermand	F. inspired by	I. stratification

5. Despite the occasional (i)_____ of their venues, the culture of corporate conferences is a deeply (ii)_____ conference, each day consisted of nearly nine hours of continuous lectures and panels enlivened by pleasantries or anything that could be construed as a joke. The only (iii)_____ sensory deprivation of the sessions came from the handsome color slides favored by the corporate presenters

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
seclusion	D. sycophantic	G. allusion to
opulence	E. ascetic	H. ramification of
enormity	F. mercenary	I. respite from

6. Galaxy Zoo set a standard for citizen-scientist participation project. Zealous volunteers (i)_____ the project's organizers by classifying an entire catalog of galaxies years ahead of schedule, (ii)_____ by the (iii)_____ of the Galaxy Zoo team was inspired to pursue lines of research they had never even imagined

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. beguiled	D. baffled	G. insouciance
B. forestalled	E. buoyed	H. stoicism
C. astonished	F. embarrassed	I. alacrity

7. The professor's habitual air of _____ was misleading front, concealing amazing reserves of patience and a deep commitment to his students' learning.
- A. cordiality
 - B. irascibility
 - C. disorganization
 - D. conviviality
 - E. diffidence
 - F. exasperation
8. Even manifest flaws in the sculptor's work have not _____ its respectful reception by most modern critics.
- A. determined
 - B. controlled
 - C. undermined
 - D. prevented
 - E. overshadowed
 - F. precluded
9. Historically, the depletion of soil's nitrogen has been one of the most_____ problems faced by farmers: an essential nutrient, nitrogen is quickly leached from soil, and farmers have struggled to find ways to replenish it.
- A. capricious
 - B. ubiquitous
 - C. worrisome
 - D. stubborn
 - E. intractable
 - F. unpredictable
10. 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 factory, or brackish smells from the nearby river.
- A. malodorous
 - B. toxic
 - C. redolent
 - D. benign
 - E. noisome
 - F. anodyne

Section 30

- One view of historicism holds that systems of belief prevalent during different period in history are_____ and therefore cannot be understand except in their own term.
A. discriminatory
B. incommensurable
C. anachronistic
D. cosmopolitan
E. objective
- Neuroscientists are excited by technological progress that facilitates brain mapping, the most_____ of them comparing their growing abilities to tremendous advances that led to unimaginable success of the Human Genome Project.
A. rigorous
B. sanguine
C. punctilious
D. unorthodox
E. sophisticated
- At Cerro Portezuelo, the task of separating grinding tools from the larger collection of excavated stone objects was (i)_____ the ancient practice of recycling grinding tool fragments for building materials, hammer stones, and other purposes that (ii)_____ their original use.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. complicated by	D. complemented
B. important to	E. obscured
C. independent from	F. underscored

- The genius of the scientific method is that it (i)_____ the dictum of Aristotle that the goal of science is knowledge of the ultimate cause of things. True science, we now know, advances human knowledge by (ii)_____ ultimate causes and focusing instead on the testing of empirical hypotheses.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. qualifies	D. ignoring
B. jettisons	E. predicting
C. affirms	F. confirming

- Unquestionably, the particular forms that folly and cruelty take in Jane Austen's novels are (i)_____ the character's social milieu, which was also Austen's own; but to realize that one's society motivates people in unfortunate ways is not necessarily to (ii)_____ it, for the alternatives, though different, might be no more (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. shaped by	D. expose	G. salutary
B. removed from	E. condemn	H. corrosive
C. unrecognizable in	F. rationalize	I. realistic

6. To label Hamilton a foreigner because he was born outside what later became the United States is to assume anachronistically the existence of the nation before the fact. It is true that Hamilton came to believe that he was a (i)_____ the United States, but his (ii)_____ was stemmed not from his (iii)_____ but from his confrontation with American democracy, which he considered to be a disease afflicting the nation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. symbol of	D. alienation	G. ideology
B. stranger in	E. ambition	H. profession
C. citizen of	F. patriotism	I. birthplace

7. Some experts estimate that the recreational salmon fishery in British Columbia contributes more to the province's economy than the commercial salmon fishery does---a surprising statistic given the political commercial_____ of the fishery in the province.
- A. naiveté
 - B. prominence
 - C. supremacy
 - D. ingenuousness
 - E. salience
 - F. resurgence
8. The jazz style called bebop was born and nurtured in New York City, and despite a_____ initial reception, it resonated three thousand miles away on the West Coast.
- A. wary
 - B. warm
 - C. confused
 - D. muddled
 - E. convivial
 - F. hostile
9. In 1884, Sewall and Dow agreed to join Roosevelt in the Dakota territory for reasons that appear to have been_____: Sewell later recalled that Roosevelt guaranteed them a share of anything made in his cattle business.
- A. pecuniary
 - B. straightforward
 - C. economic
 - D. selfless
 - E. quixotic
 - F. altruistic
10. Estimating demographic parameters in marine mammals is challenging, often requiring many years of data to achieve sufficient precision to_____ biologically meaningful change.
- A. effect
 - B. tolerate
 - C. discern
 - D. envisage
 - E. withstand
 - F. detect

Section 31

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 or 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 tend to devolve into acrimony.
A. dissension
B. variance
C. comity
D. conformity
E. mordancy
3. 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. apropos	D. admire
B. churlish	E. envy
C. cagey	F. emulate

4. The author clearly supports the causes he writes about, but he is more a narrator than (i) _____. Some say he should have included more (ii) _____, but he is wise to let the fact speak for themselves. They are complex enough to prompt many kinds of interpretation, and he would bog down the complicated tale if he tried to adjudicate all of their competing claims.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. a reporter	D. statistical data
B. an advocate	E. analysis of events
C. an adversary	F. detailed descriptions

5. 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 provides us with a shared experience, thereby fulfilling the essential task of the city.

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

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 colleague.

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. Communicating articulately is typically regarded as an aggressive, persuasive talent, but it can also be protective: it allows a certain _____ closeness, conveying proximity while actually maintaining distance.
- A. feigned
 - B. secretive
 - C. dubious
 - D. subtle
 - E. false
 - F. furtive
9. 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
10. 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 on both wages and benefits.
- A. precarious
 - B. enterprising
 - C. rapacious
 - D. troubled
 - E. influential

F. avaricious

Section 32

1. The artists' 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 Great's 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. secondhand
B. inadequate	E. repetitious
C. abstruse	F. deceptive

5. Gravitational waves---ripples in the geometry of space-time--- are analogous to electromagnetic waves. The challenge in trying to observe these waves directly is that they are extremely weak. To make waves large enough to be (i) _____, the most (ii) _____ events in the universe are required: supernova explosions, the formation of black holes, or the collision of stars. Even so, the effects are (iii) _____. The geometry changes so little that a distance of several kilometers changes by less than the diameter of a proton.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. detectable	D. obvious	G. masked
B. usable	E. subtle	H. disastrous
C. explicable	F. violent	I. minuscule

6. Cultures can shape attitudes and beliefs in ways that (i)_____ conscious awareness or control; in other words, cultural orientations may develop from processes that do not entail (ii)_____ participation, and cultures may pervade subtle psychological dynamics in ways that individuals may not be able to (iii)_____. Thus, theories and tools developed to study implicit cognition may increase our understanding of the complex interplay between culture and individuals.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. operate outside of	D. active	G. report
B. tend to facilitate	E. random	H. maintain
C. may not alter	F. rote	I. condone

7. Writing about advances in climate science is often problematic, in part because the material is so_____: climate science is the study of shifting, interrelated, and sometimes paradoxical patterns.
- A. disheartening
 - B. pedestrian
 - C. complicated
 - D. depressing
 - E. knotty
 - F. mundane
8. Contrary to certain recent analyses that paint a dire portrait of soil loss from farmland, a new study of surveying data reaching back to the 1930s shows that erosion rates have been steadily_____.
- A. intensifying
 - B. waning
 - C. accelerating
 - D. worsening
 - E. declining
 - F. deteriorating
9. 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
10. There are many insights in the essays collected in *Observations on Modernity*, but they are embedded in a dense English translation of a dense German original that may make many of them_____ to most readers.
- A. vapid
 - B. inaccessible
 - C. sagacious
 - D. banal
 - E. distressing

F. opaque

Section 33

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. Many creative photographers were delighted to find in instant photography a mode that encourage them to stop viewing photography as _____ and start viewing it as something they could handle with spontaneity, even derision.
- A. sacrosanct
B. ephemeral
C. malleable
D. egalitarian
E. autonomous
3. The description of humans is 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 specialized 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. Mr. Billington, at times, can be a (i) _____. For instance, he deplores the Royal Shakespeare Company's eight-and-a-half-hour version, which many found (ii) _____.

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

5. While acknowledging behaviors 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. skullduggery
B. impractical	E. indolence
C. quixotic	F. incivility

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 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 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. Changes 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 service the ecosystems provide.
- A. predict
 - B. delay
 - C. foretell
 - D. obscure
 - E. yield

F. engender

Section 34

1. The science community's perennial lament over inadequate budgets has come to seem increasing _____, because government support for science and engineering has never been greater.
A. vital
B. hopeless
C. poignant
D. condescending
E. disingenuous
2. Despite the neighborhood's lingering reputation for _____, it has in fact become increasingly varied in its architecture and demographics.
A. boisterousness
B. unpretentiousness
C. idiosyncrasy
D. accessibility
E. homogeneity
3. The meandering journey across the soundscape of the Internet can be (i) _____. Listening to music in this medium often generates anxiety fulfillment: no sooner has one experience begun than the thought of what else is out there intrudes. Putting an old-fashioned disk and letting it play to the end restores a measure of (ii) _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. liberating	D. choice
B. taxing	E. boredom
C. educational	F. sanity

4. Many scholars have argued that the United States Supreme Court usually (i) _____ public opinion in its decisions because it fears that it will (ii) _____ if does not, when it does depart from public opinion, it whips up political maelstroms.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. comments on	D. lose public support
B. hews to	E. mitigate public anger
C. overrides	F. create public indifference

5. In a view of 17 studies from 2008, Trudeau and Shephard concluded that reserving up to an hour a day for (i) _____ in school curricula does not (ii) _____ academic achievement. In fact, they noted that more exercise often (iii) _____ school performance, despite the time it took away from reading, writing, and arithmetic.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. physical activity	D. contribute to	G. diminished
B. leisure time	E. detract from	H. augmented
C. open study	F. correlate with	I. counteracted

6. Anna Gavalda's fiction is appealing largely because of her writing styles, which is certainly (i)_____. It is heavy on dialogue (and light on embellishment) features very short sections (of often only a few sentence) in rapid succession, and in general favors an unadorned directness. Not surprisingly, this style works better in short-story form than in novels, and the story collection *I Wish someone Were Waiting for Me Somewhere* (ii)_____ her attempt to (iii)_____ it in a novel, as in, for example, *Someone I loved*.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. annoying	D. is thought to precede	G. undermine
B. distinctive	E. fails in comparison with	H. sustain
C. convoluted	F. impresses considerably more than	I. reject

7. The uniquely human ability to rethink and revise our social arrangement is a mixed blessing, allowing us to create systems that are as likely to_____ us as to liberate us.
- A. cheer
 - B. shackle
 - C. admonish
 - D. educate
 - E. stifle
 - F. enliven
8. Because movie studios, under pressure to generate international sales, have favored big-budget pictures with fantasy plots, the representation of everyday domestic life has largely been_____ other media, such as television and literature.
- A. left to
 - B. ceded to
 - C. ascribed to
 - D. attributed to
 - E. substituted for
 - F. replaced with
9. The life of a secret agent is dangerous enough, but the life of a double agent is infinitely more_____ : a single slip can send an agent crashing to destruction.
- A. arduous
 - B. precarious
 - C. clandestine
 - D. perilous
 - E. covert
 - F. exhilarating
10. Natural causes nerves to die off and muscles to weaken, but regular exercise muscle fibers and can_____ the decline by increasing the strengthen muscle you have left.
- A. speed up
 - B. stave off
 - C. forestall
 - D. facilitate
 - E. assist
 - F. exploit

Section 35

1. The identity of the hominid remains found in a cave in the Altai Mountains was _____ until Paabo and Krause's colleagues ended the speculation by showing that DNA sequences indicated the bones belonged to Neanderthals.
A. extraneous
B. conjectural
C. probable
D. demonstrable
E. consistent
2. Some novelists immodestly idealized and exaggerate the significance of their work, but others, _____ to exalt the role of the writer, question a transcendent view of the art.
A. averring
B. declining
C. seeking
D. feigning
E. avowing
3. The economic recovery was somewhat lopsided: (i)_____ in some of the industrial economies while (ii)_____ in others of them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. unexpected	D. robust
B. feeble	E. turbulent
C. swift	F. predictable

4. Attending with equal (i)_____ to any question that presents itself, the sociologist's work has strengths and weaknesses that flow from this energetically (ii)_____ approach.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. skepticism	D. hybrid
B. lethargy	E. indiscriminate
C. fervor	F. conciliatory

5. The author of this biography gives an accurate and (i)_____ account of the subject's life story, but all the carefully assembled detail fails to compensate for the general lack of (ii)_____ in her writing.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. exhaustive	D. specificity
B. glib	E. veracity
C. selective	F. vivacity

6. Inuit print making is less (i)_____ than carving in that it does not have substantial historical precedents, although there are (ii)_____ incised carvings on bone or antler, facial tattoo marks, or inlay skin work on clothing, mitts and footwear. Carving materials such as stone, bone, antler, wood, and ivory were (iii) _____, but paper and drawing tools were unknown until introduced by early explorers and missionaries.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. traditional	D. affinities with	G. available locally
B. prestigious	E. objections to	H. rarely used
C. anomalous	F. regulations about	I. virtually interchangeable

7. Scientists should hope the faults in their theories will be _____ their peers since the refutation of one hypothesis can free its originator to develop a better one.
- A. discerned by
 - B. disregarded by
 - C. discovered by
 - D. ignored by
 - E. opaque to
 - F. inspiring to
8. Though Edmund certainly had a dignified bearing and made a great first impression, those who became acquainted with him soon realized he had an essentially _____ nature.
- A. pugnacious
 - B. deliberate
 - C. punctilious
 - D. courteous
 - E. complacent
 - F. truculent
9. Circulatory systems on organisms originated in widely separated epochs, according to the fossil record, and under a broad range of circumstances, the myriad forms they take attest to that _____ of origin.
- A. mysteriousness
 - B. randomness
 - C. ambiguity
 - D. heterogeneity
 - E. indeterminacy
 - F. diversity
10. 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

Section 36

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. univocal
2. In modern times, friendship has become a _____ relationship: a form of connection in terms of which all are understood and against which all are measured.
A. conciliatory
B. mercenary
C. paradigmatic
D. contentious
E. supplementary
3. The era's examples of _____ that are cited by the author can be balanced in part by certain examples of dissent during the same period.
A. diversity
B. authoritarianism
C. forbearance
D. volatility
E. lucidity
4. The politician's record while in office, though (i)_____, hardly accounts for her high standard three decades later—a standing all the more (ii)_____ because of continuing assaults on her reputation during those years.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. bewildering	D. unusual
B. admirable	E. regrettable
C. unappreciated	F. persistent

5. For many years, Americans have had a love affair with ferryboats. Ferries are said to relieve our frayed nerves after we've stewed in bumper-to-bumper traffic, and conventional wisdom also says ferries (i)_____ congestion and air pollution by getting us out of our cars. Unfortunately, this (ii)_____ notion recently has (iii)_____ several West Coast mayors, who have in consequence eagerly pursued the implementation of ferry service in their cities.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. contribute to	D. provocative	G. captivated
B. reduce	E. misguided	H. confused
C. cover up	F. cynical	I. outraged

6. For Plato the art of music was so (i)_____ moral and political reality that any alteration to music system would necessarily require a corresponding political shift. But two and a half millennia later, when classical music is generally seen merely as a lifestyle accessory, Plato's conception seems (ii)_____. To be sure, there are still people who consider classical music to be of (iii)_____ cultural importance, but few of them are able to articulate this convincingly.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. rarely identified with	D. apt	G. marginal
B. tenuously connected to	E. absurd	H. profound
C. firmly anchored in	F. disingenuous	I. uncertain

7. Although scientific progress leads to constant revision of ideas, one observation that has remained _____ over the years is that there are a lot of insects in the world: some 950,000 species have been identified.
- A. robust
 - B. significant
 - C. strong
 - D. perplexing
 - E. confounding
 - F. obscure
8. Even overt deficiencies in the author's work have not _____ its respectful reception by most modern critics.
- A. tainted
 - B. hindered
 - C. superseded
 - D. inhibited
 - E. proscribed
 - F. forbidden
9. Shifting Fortunes take a conventional approach to American union history by simply explaining the reasons behind union growth and decline in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries: it is a chronologically and thematically _____ study and nothing more.
- A. complicated
 - B. confined
 - C. multifarious
 - D. onerous
 - E. circumscribed
 - F. taxing
10. Titan, Saturn's largest moon, looks surprisingly _____, even though it is a cold, dimly lit world made from unknown materials.
- A. habitable
 - B. familiar
 - C. forbidding
 - D. placid
 - E. daunting
 - F. recognizable

Section 37

1. Scientists have argued not only that the chains of atoms called ladder compounds have _____ theoretical interest but also that studies of such systems can lead to important practical applications.
A. limited
B. dubious
C. superfluous
D. unidimensional
E. intrinsic
2. While the writer was best known for her much-ballyhooed _____, her impact reached far beyond memorable quips.
A. pensiveness
B. drollness
C. stoicism
D. fastidiousness
E. congenially
3. Although the vast weight of evidence supports the contention that the products of agricultural biotechnology are environmentally (i)_____, many people still find them (ii)_____ unsettling.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. destructive	D. retroactively
B. sound	E. innocuously
C. intriguing	F. intrinsically

4. World demand for oil had been intensified, but it slackened because China's surge in oil consumption had (i)_____. Moreover, high oil prices had themselves started to act as a short-term (ii)_____ the global economy, thus further dampening demand.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. spread	D. spur to
B. commenced	E. drag on
C. slowed	F. panacea for

5. Although she admitted that her airport expansion plan had recently collapsed, the governor (i)_____ the significance of the failure, pointing out that competing economic development proposals are now more (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. minimized	D. tenuous
B. touted	E. complicated
C. acknowledged	F. important

6. It is possible for human to go 40 or more hours without sleep and still be able to (i)_____ information acquired at the beginning of the sleepless period. Thus, when we are considering a role for sleep in human memory consolidation, we are referring to a possible role in the (ii)_____ encoding of information and optimizing of recall, not a (iii)_____ of sleep for recalling events of the prior day.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. legitimize	D. longer-term	G. requirement
B. augment	E. acute	H. surplus
C. disgorge	F. qualitative	I. facet

7. Not only is the advent of bookless or largely bookless libraries too large and powerful a change to be _____, it also offers too many real advantages for it to be considered a tragedy.
- A. understood
 - B. averted
 - C. foreseen
 - D. forestalled
 - E. endured
 - F. anticipated
8. 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. hinder
9. The life of a secret agent is dangerous enough, but the life of a double agent is infinitely more _____: a single slip can send an agent crashing to destruction.
- A. arduous
 - B. precarious
 - C. clandestine
 - D. perilous
 - E. covert
 - F. exhilarating
10. An apparent paradox led the scientists to pursue their present line of research. They were struck by the fact that a single mathematic formula can be used to describe physical phenomena that appear to be so _____.
- A. rudimentary
 - B. interdependent
 - C. interrelated
 - D. complex
 - E. heterogeneous
 - F. dissimilar

Section 38

1. The students' _____ nature were in sharp contrast to the imperturbable disposition of their teacher.
A. volatile
B. duplicitous
C. apathetic
D. cunning
E. blithe
2. Because people expect theater directors to be authoritarians, many were surprised that Clark was so _____.
A. histrionic
B. megalomaniacal
C. egalitarian
D. indolent
E. charismatic
3. Although the political science professor's paper is quite (i)_____ about the government's problem, suggesting that they are part of (ii)_____ a process, the prognosis for the government is, on the contrary, actually quite auspicious.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. straightforward	D. degenerative
B. circuitous	E. comprehensive
C. pessimistic	F. spontaneous

4. The author of this biography gives an accurate and (i)_____ account of the subject's life story, but all of this carefully assembled detail fails to compensate for the general lack of (ii)_____ in her writing.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. exhaustive	D. specificity
B. glib	E. veracity
C. selective	F. vivacity

5. In adolescence, (i)_____ interactions are crucial in forging a self-identity. To be sure, this process often plays out in (ii)_____ as a means of defining and shoring up the sense of self. Kids will seek out like-minded companions, and spurn others who seem different. But when kept within reasonable bounds, this in-group (iii)_____ generally evolves into a more mature friendship pattern.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. adult	D. cliquish social behavior	G. alienation
B. wide-ranging	E. dramatic changes in personality	H. clustering
C. peer	F. heightened sociability	I. competition

6. The (i)_____ quality of much contemporary drawing may be attributable to the use of photography as a drawing shortcut. Photography (ii)_____ modern arts, but when it is used as a tracing tool in order to (iii)_____ the difficulties of achieving correct proportion, the resulting art often feels static and lifeless.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. inert	D. frequent enervated	G. augment
B. jubilant	E. wonderfully enriched	H. foreground
C. sensuous	F. inevitably circumscribed	I. circumvent

7. In matters of taste, the art patron and collector Peggy Guggenheim was _____.: she was for the strangest, the most surprising, the most satisfying, the best, the unique.
A. a neophyte
B. a novice
C. a realist
D. an extremist
E. a pragmatist
F. a zealot
8. Even though his opponent is currently trying to portray him as a wild-eyed radical, voters will likely reject this charge because it does not _____ his moderate political record.
A. defer to
B. conform to
C. accede to
D. argue with
E. meddle with
F. square with
9. The _____ nature of the approval process for new drugs suggests that incentives to promote more expeditious decision making may be necessary.
A. pecuniary
B. commercial
C. arbitrary
D. sluggish
E. capricious
F. dilatory
10. The critic claims that, contrary to its reputation for _____, the novelist's prose is full of opaque language games.
A. scrupulousness
B. simplicity
C. mendacity
D. artlessness
E. polish
F. meticulousness

Section 39

1. It seems foolish to refuse the offer of an expedient that is both so _____ success and so difficult to create them absent.
A. reminiscent of
B. lacking in
C. distinct from
D. indispensable to
E. inimical to
2. Many readers today consider the moral sentiments expressed in the ancient writers' work to be quite vapid, and in the seventeenth century they were similarly regarded as _____.
A. jejune
B. didactic
C. dogmatic
D. tendentious
E. arcane
3. Although so far the vast weight of evidence supports the contention that the products of agricultural biotechnology are environmentally (i)_____, many people still find them (ii)_____ unsettling.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. destructive	D. retroactively
B. sound	E. innocuously
C. intriguing	F. intrinsically

4. The school system's modest plan for curriculum improvements has (i)_____ local educators: some call it (ii)_____ effort, while others say it is a pragmatic approach given the complexity of the task.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. surprised	D. genuine
B. impressed	E. halfhearted
C. divided	F. practical

5. The author of this political history text shows considerable bias against the political party when assigning credit or blame for its actions: he deems (i)_____ what he favors and avoidable what he (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. pertinent	D. condemns
B. inevitable	E. condones
C. divided	F. ignores

6. Behavior economists found that the more (i)_____ options listed on the insurance make people all the more offish to endorse, partly because they hope to (ii)_____ some (iii)_____ in order to get a measure of peace of mind.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. lucrative	D. forgo	G. convolution
B. monotonous	E. dampen	H. detriment
C. complicated	F. jockey	I. benefit

7. Scientists should hope the faults in their theories will be _____ their peers since the refutation of one hypothesis can free its originator to develop a better one.
- A. discerned by
 - B. disregarded by
 - C. discovered by
 - D. ignored by
 - E. opaque to
 - F. inspiring to
8. Although the essayist's arguments did not _____ her most perceptive readers, the extreme subtlety of the points she made explains why she was misinterpreted by most critics of her day.
- A. convince
 - B. confound
 - C. entertain
 - D. persuade
 - E. perplex
 - F. enlighten
9. Citing the corruption and intrigue that pervaded politics in the city, my colleague _____ the newspaper's trove of journalism prizes, declaring that finding great stories in the city must be effortless.
- A. slighted
 - B. ignored
 - C. lauded
 - D. disparaged
 - E. confounded
 - F. commended
10. An apparent paradox led the scientists to pursue their present line of research: they were struck by the fact that a single mathematical formula can be used to describe physical phenomena that appear to be so _____.
- A. rudimentary
 - B. interdependent
 - C. interrelated
 - D. complex
 - E. heterogeneous
 - F. dissimilar

Section 40

1. Even those observers who are the most _____ about genetic privacy issues would have to concede that genetic discrimination is rare: there have only been two cases of any notoriety.
A. sanguine
B. zealous
C. candid
D. objective
E. apathetic
2. She constantly _____ herself for not living up to her own ideals—for not working hard enough or not having motives that were pure enough.
A. exalted
B. coddled
C. excoriated
D. mollified
E. deluded
3. In her works, she (i)_____ confidence. She gets excessively (ii)_____ to authorities, even when rejecting their views.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. inspires	D. pugnacious
B. exudes	E. differential
C. lacks	F. condescending

4. Making loans and fighting poverty are normally two of the least glamorous pursuits around, but remarkably enough put the two together, and you have an economic innovation that has become not just (i)_____ but downright (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. popular	D. chic
B. pointless	E. unfathomable
C. dangerous	F. sensible

5. Convinced of the gravity of her poetry, Voigt must have found the reviews of her most recent collection (i)_____ reading: one amused reviewer thought that it was unrecognizable as poetry but decidedly (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. tempting	D. inspiring
B. depressing	E. irritating
C. thrilling	F. diverting

6. The historian's narrative of the dynasty's decline is (i)_____, because though there is nothing (ii)_____ the account large parts of it rely on (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. diffuse	D. psychologically penetrating in	G. plagiarism
B. reasonable	E. inherently implausible about	H. conjecture
C. questionable	F. fully documented in	I. pretense

7. The first images of Jupiter's moon Callisto show bright regions of material, as if older and darker ice had slid downhill and exposed the _____ ice underneath.
- A. ancient
 - B. murky
 - C. compact
 - D. pristine
 - E. grimy
 - F. unblemished
8. Mortoris is dour and _____, seemingly incapable of smiling, let alone laughing.
- A. mirthful
 - B. jovial
 - C. intelligent
 - D. tepid
 - E. lugubrious
 - F. gloomy
9. When the atmosphere over the city is at its best, it is peculiarly _____, and this clarity seems to distill the very special beauty of the place.
- A. limpid
 - B. acute
 - C. calm
 - D. sharp
 - E. pellucid
 - F. tranquil
10. The book brings together many valuable reports on conservation projects, but with less variety than might have been wished: nearly half the contributors are from the same state, and consequently, the case studies are similarly _____ geographically.
- A. rudimentary
 - B. interdependent
 - C. interrelated
 - D. complex
 - E. heterogeneous
 - F. dissimilar