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# Verbal Section 1

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1. Anthropologist Jane Goodall was \_\_\_\_\_ in her determination to anthropomorphise the animals she observed with such empathy, and so resisted her editors' attempts to recast her descriptions in more dispassionate language.

A. fickle

B. stalwart

C. solicitous

D. pretentious

E. whimsical

2. The science of astronomy was begun by amateurs and today remains dependent on their contributions, which are incisive by virtue of being \_\_\_\_ by a prior assumptions that often vitiate the work of professional research scientists.

A. characterised

B. unencumbered

C. supported

D. contradicted

E. inspired

3. Far from (i) \_\_\_\_ the actions taken by the newspaper's executives, Willes praised the executives' resistance to corruption —— yet he doubted that their policies were practical enough to warrant (ii) \_\_\_\_ by other papers.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. lionizing	D. criticism
B. impugning	E. admiration
C. surveying	F. emulation

4. In the search for truth, the knowledge gained by scientists consists of approximations with varying degrees of certainty. Such (i) \_\_\_\_ truth can be highly (ii) \_\_\_\_, as the rapid and the relatively steady progress of medical knowledge well exemplifies.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. unambiguous	D. useful
B. esoteric	E. equivocal
C. provisional	F. contentious

5. The prosecutor belied his hardboiled reputation by submitting (i) \_\_\_\_ queries to the witness and accepting turn (ii) \_\_\_\_ responses.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. innocuous	D. evasive
B. quizzical	E. elaborate
C. impertinent	F. informative

6. The cowbird can seem a rather comical creature with a slow awkward walk and often upraised tail. Less (i) \_\_\_\_ is the cowbirds' habit of laying their eggs in the nests of other birds. The (ii) \_\_\_\_ nester will usually accept the cowbird egg and the baby cowbird as their own. Unfortunately for the nesters, cowbird eggs hatch sooner than the eggs of other species and the young cowbirds (iii) \_\_\_\_ using their size to their advantage in getting more food from the parents.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. amusing	D. feckless	G. grow quickly
B. painful	E. resistant	H. leave the nest
C. galling	F. unwitting	I. share their food



7. 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

8. Today the chair of the task force in charge of revising the psychiatric diagnostic manual imposes \_\_\_\_\_ people work for years to position themselves as candidates — but in the early 1970s descriptive psychiatry was a backwater.

A. a coveted

B. an arduous

C. a taxing

D. a lucrative

E. an enviable

F. an influential

9. Scientific discovery calls for a difficult balance: intrepid advocacy of new ideas must often be \_\_\_\_ by the results of self-imposed trials.

A. tempered

B. moderated

C. unhampered

D. preempted

E. superseded

F. prefaced

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

# Verbal Section 2

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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 behaviours attributed to crows such as drinking coffee or presenting gists 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 as (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

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 not \_\_\_\_\_ compromise.

A. disclose

B. reject

C. brook

D. tolerate

E. repudiate

F. weight

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. unfavourable

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 an often \_\_\_\_\_ assembly.

A. apathetic

B. fractious

C. restive

D. cynical

E. compliant

F. tractable

