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真经 GRE 填空高频题汇编使用说明

- 1、机经只能锦上添花，决不能雪中送炭。重点还是要从根本上提升基本解题技能，落实标准答题流程。时间紧张的同学可以参考本文档，如果时间比较充裕，还是尽量把真题题库的所有题目尽量刷完，并且认真总结。
- 2、每次考试 ETS 都安排了多套题目，所以即便在一场考试中，大家彼此遇到的题目也会有很大差异。博哥统计的机经频率，是基于每次大陆地区考试各位同学回忆命中题目所取的并集，选择出考试频率相对较高或者解题技巧上比较具有代表性的题目。
- 3、本高频统计也同样适用于北美或其他地区，全球 GRE 考题没有明显题目偏向性。所以无论大陆还是其他地区考生都可以参考。
- 4、本文档共收录 220 题，并且按照考试频率进一步细分为高、中、低三个频度区间，时间如果非常紧张的同学，可以考虑按照频率优先级完成。

真经 GRE 填空高频题汇编 (2019 年第四季度)

第一部分 高频度习题 (69 题)

1-3. 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).

A. dearth	D. a controversial
B. presumption	E. an unambiguous
C. detection	F. a possible

2-1. 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

2-5. 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.

A. precise	D. problem	G. augmented
B. rich	E. opportunity	H. ameliorated
C. straightforward	F. oversight	I. anticipated

2-10. 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

4-7. 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. a hodgepodge
- C. a model
- D. an innovation
- E. a patchwork
- F. an embarrassment

5-3. 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.

A. a benign	D. overcomes
B. an orthodox	E. embodies
C. an anomalous	F. anticipates

5-4. He was never (i)____; he was nothing if not (ii)____, so he forbore for the present to declare his passion.

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

5-9. 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

6-8. 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

9-3. The description of Green's scholarship as (i)____ is grossly misleading: while her research on interstellar particles is not especially novel, the conclusions she draws from her data are (ii)_____.

A. esoteric	D. remarkably pioneering
B. tendentious	E. dubiously supported
C. derivative	F. strangely comforting

14-6. 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.

A. detectable	D. obvious	G. masked
B. usable	E. subtle	H. disastrous
C. explicable	F. violent	I. minuscule

15-3. Although movie critic Pauline Kael had a distaste for sycophancy, she also had a need for (i)____; as a consequence of these competing feelings, she sent very (ii)____ signals to friends and colleagues.

A. solitude	D. direct
B. obeisance	E. subtle
C. clarity	F. mixed

15-8. Despite the ____ of medical information available through e-mail, the Internet, and mobile devices, not many patients are taking advantage of the potential of electronic communications for health-related needs.

- A. wealth

- B. complexity
- C. intricacy
- D. profusion
- E. resurgence
- F. overload

16-2. In protoscientific (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

16-5. 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)_____.

A. abhor	D. unattainable
B. relish	E. insufferable
C. evoke	F. enchanting

17-3. The benefits offered by information technology do not (i)____ the need for individual reasoning; for example, Internet user should not allow the reasoning process to be (ii)_____ the mere accumulation raw data.

A. disguise	D. preceded by
B. signal	E. supplemented with
C. diminish	F. supplanted by

17-5. The building affairs minister rightly recognizes that the current planning system—under which the government controls every aspect of construction—creates disastrous developments, but she is wrong to propose the opposite: the wholesale (i)_____ of the building market. Such a complete (ii)_____ of responsibility on the part of the state can hardly be in the public's interest.

A. liberalization	D. abnegation
B. preservation	E. recapitulation
C. regulation	F. accretion

19-8. One of the peculiarities of humans is that we irrationally gravitate to the predictable and avoid risk, whatever the reasons 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

20-3. 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.

A. motivating	D. unity among
B. boring	E. disinterest in
C. daunting	F. diversity of

20-6. 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.

A. modified	D. could start to decline	G. celebrated
B. deemphasized	E. can grow unchecked	H. doomed
C. implemented	F. have stabilized	I. bypassed

21-6. Early practitioners of the natural sciences developed methods to remove distortions caused by either the research environment or the researcher. Such methods, especially with respect to the researcher, were considered to (i) ____ those (ii) ____ subjectivity whose unbridled expression was thought to (iii) _____ research.

A. restrain	D. incursions of	G. corrupt
B. reveal	E. restrictions on	H. justify
C. disguise	F. acknowledgements of	I. expedite

21-9. 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

22-8. 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

25-3. 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.

A. diversity	D. isolated
B. naturalness	E. endangered
C. sustainability	F. anthropogenic

25-10. 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

27-1. 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

28-3. 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.

A. designs	D. old-fashioned
B. fails	E. timely
C. purports	F. arcane

28-7. 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

29-10. 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

31-3. 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.

A. qualifies	D. ignoring
B. jettisons	E. predicting

C. affirms	F. confirming
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31-6. 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 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.

A. contribute to	D. provocative	G. captivated
B. reduce	E. misguided	H. confused
C. cover up	F. cynical	I. outraged

32-6. 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.

A. misconstrued	D. cynicism	G. veneration
B. condemned	E. acquiescence	H. justification
C. respected	F. intractability	I. detestation

34-4. The mood of the times is no longer one of (i)_____ over our scientific achievements. Doubts and worries beset technical and scientific specialist, as well as the public at large. I do not consider such worries (ii)_____, though they are often based on intuitive feeling rather than on strictly logical arguments.

A. widening skepticism	D. unfounded
B. uncritical joy	E. sacrosanct
C. false humility	F. foreordained

34-6. 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.

A. seclusion	D. sycophantic	G. allusion to
B. opulence	E. ascetic	H. ramification of

C. enormity	F. mercenary	I. respite from
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36-2. 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

36-3. 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.

A. bewildering	D. unusual
B. admirable	E. regrettable
C. unappreciated	F. persistent

37-1. 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

37-5. 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.

A. accurate	D. visionaries	G. financial
B. hypocritic	E. profitmongers	H. inertial
C. enduring	F. innocents	I. creative

42-3. 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.

A. superseded	D. discredited
B. irrelevant	E. well established
C. emergent	F. half-formulated

43-2. 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

44-6. 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.

A. legitimize	D. longer-term	G. requirement
B. augment	E. acute	H. surplus
C. disgorge	F. qualitative	I. facet

47-3. As he has matured as a scholar, Felmar has come to see the merit of qualification. His conclusions, which early in his career he (i)_____, are now often (ii)_____.

A. stated as absolutes	D. hedged
B. refused to reveal	E. simplified
C. backed up extensively	F. reiterated

49-5. The research on otters' environmental requirements is surprisingly (i)_____. One reason for this has to do with the estimation of how much they use different areas. Doing so may be (ii)_____ in some kinds of terrain, such as Shetland where the Eurasian otters are active in daytime and have clear individual markings. There it is possible to identify the individuals over stretches of coast of a few kilometers and to see what kinds of coast they use. However, the field conditions are (iii)_____.

A. straightforward	D. quite problematic	G. routine
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B. controversial	E. relatively simple	H. deceptive
C. difficult	F. largely unnecessary	I. exceptional

49-7. While normal floods resulting from usual monsoon rainfall are ____ the growth of crops, recently there has been an increase in the frequency of high-intensity floods that do not have such welcome effects.

- A. conducive to
- B. hindered by
- C. devastating for
- D. deleterious for
- E. essential for
- F. indispensable to

53-3. Knowing how (i) ____ she was at work, her colleagues were surprised at her (ii) ____ throughout the dinner.

A. dependable	D. timidity
B. diffident	E. assertiveness
C. diligent	F. punctiliousness

54-2. The automation of many of the functions performed at the factory, although initially inspiring ____ in many of the company's employees, has had none of the deleterious effects forecast either within and beyond the organization.

- A. indifference
- B. optimism
- C. ambition
- D. arrogance
- E. trepidation

56-10. For parents, the pleasure of letting children choose which book to read aloud together is not always ____: I well remembered my inner groans when my child would constantly pick my least favorite book from the shelf.

- A. intangible
- B. enduring
- C. impalpable
- D. unalloyed
- E. ephemeral
- F. unqualified

63-3. While in their consideration of the unique way athletics and academics are

combined in United States universities, Markovits and Rensmann do not (i)____ Gumbrecht's idealizing vision of the compatibility of college athletics with the intellectual missions of institutions of higher learning, neither do they regard college athletics as (ii)____: they believe that big-time sports have a rightful place in university life.

A. fully endorse	D. indispensable
B. intentionally recapitulate	E. venal
C. entirely misconstrue	F. profitable

68-9. For certain economists, "pure" economic theory, that is, economic theory ____ a specific social structure, is impossible, much like a concept of anatomy that investigates no specific species.

- A. attuned to
- B. abstracted from
- C. derived from
- D. divorced from
- E. sensitive to
- F. analyzed in

69-3. Throughout much of the twentieth century, common scientific sense seemed to dictate that animals could not make a choice based on rational or aesthetic criteria. Such choices were (i)____ the mental capacity of humans. Scientists who (ii)____ this animal-human cognitive division were often accused of anthropomorphism.

A. reserved for	D. accepted
B. inconsistent with	E. transgressed
C. similar to	F. exacerbated

74-4. The humor in this play derives from its (i)____. The new production, however, inexplicably goes in the opposite direction; it is so (ii)____ that the audience does not even seem to realize that the play is supposed to be a comedy.

A. verbal nimbleness	D. accessible
B. political allusions	E. plodding
C. deadpan dialogue	F. implausible

76-6. 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.

A. precise	D. problem	G. augmented
B. rich	E. opportunity	H. ameliorated
C. straightforward	F. oversight	I. anticipated

77-3. The virtual absence of cougars from late prehistoric faunas in the North American Great Basin (i)_____ a general scarcity of carnivores from these sites: bobcats, coyotes, and badgers are routinely found, and even such historically (ii)_____ carnivores as bears and wolves are found as well.

A. largely parallels	D. widespread
B. does not reflect	E. rare
C. is a consequence of	F. representative

78-3. Reviews written by music critic and composer Stephenson were hardly (i)_____ : musicians who performed his music could count on sympathetic coverage, while those who ignored him were held to (ii)_____ standards.

A. disinterested	D. exacting
B. lucid	E. minimal
C. conventional	F. accepted

79-3. Britain's Queen Victoria, however (i)_____ she had been at the beginning of her reign, was politically much more (ii)_____ by the end of her time on the throne, as she resigned herself to the emergence of an increasing powerful electorate that prevented her from stubbornly insisting on getting her own way in matters of state.

A. naïve	D. powerful
B. personable	E. arbitrary
C. obdurate	F. malleable

79-5. To get funding and tenured positions, medical researchers have to get their work published in well-regarded journals, where rejection can climb above 90 percent. Not surprisingly, the studies that tend to make the grade are those that make (i)_____ claims. But while coming up with such (ii)_____ claims is relatively easy, getting the data to bear them out is another matter. When studied rigorously, the great majority of these claims (iii)_____.

A. well-supported	D. practical	G. yield contradictory evidence
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B. eye-catching	E. orthodox	H. require extensive analysis
C. small-scale	F. striking	I. support conventional beliefs

81-1. The chairman, faced with the need to forge a consensus on a number of proposals, acknowledged that it would be difficult to reconcile the push for a radical overhaul with the stance of those who want ____ change.

- A. deliberate
- B. indiscriminate
- C. genuine
- D. immediate
- E. wholesale

82-6. Conventionally, the ultimate measure of a scientific work's validity is how broadly and confidently its conclusions become accepted in the relevant field, which in turn (i)____ the extent to which its findings are replicated and extended. However, establishing such validity, especially for a novel experimental finding, can take years, and what (ii)____ replication or extension may be (iii)____ for some time.

A. derives from	D. justifies	G. evident
B. works against	E. impugns	H. disputed
C. leads to	F. constitutes	I. touted

83-6. The difficulty for nineteenth-century advocates of the claim that forests helped regulate climate was that their argument (i)____ historical anecdote and observations. Proving the forest-climate link through verifiable and experimental scientific means rather than observation was (ii)____ for these individuals, a situation that eventually led to the link (iii)____ justifications for forest conservation.

A. lacked	D. problematic	G. being revived in
B. discounted	E. unnecessary	H. dropping out of
C. employed	F. straightforward	I. losing out to

88-1. Many Latin American writers and critics have come to bristle at the very mention of the type of fiction termed "magic realism," but to the common reader the appeal of such fiction is ____.

- A. elusive
- B. undiminished
- C. unfathomable
- D. unexpected
- E. derivative

88-3. Not only is the field of behavioral genetics strewn with (i)_____ findings, but even among those findings that managed to survive, many have turned out to be (ii)_____ a very restricted class of cases.

A. convergent	D. refuted by
B. disparate	E. germane to
C. repudiated	F. subordinate to

89-5. His new role gives the normally clownish actor a chance to impress audiences with his (i)_____. He is among the most uninhibited comic performers around, but here he buttons his lip and stares straight ahead. Perhaps without quite knowing it, the audience waits for a wink, a hint that some of the (ii)_____ spirit that animated his previous movies might be lurking inside the (iii)_____ manner he presents in this film.

A. raillery	D. madcap	G. facetious
B. effusiveness	E. lugubrious	H. reserved
C. forbearance	F. edifying	I. beguiling

96-3. In a sharp blow to his reputation as (i)_____ leader, the evidence that the mayor has recently been involved in malfeasance seems to be (ii)_____.

A. a partisan	D. fabricated
B. an unsuccessful	E. sound
C. an exemplary	F. dubious

97-3. No one (i)_____ that building a ship powered by black holes or dark matter would be a formidable task. Yet remarkably there seems to be nothing in our present understanding of physics that (ii)_____ our doing so.

A. believes	D. anticipates
B. admits	E. necessitates
C. disputes	F. precludes

100-2. The assumption that children learn about science primarily in the classroom is so _____ that few scientists, educators or policymakers question it, despite an ever-growing body of evidence demonstrating that most science is learnt outside of school.

- A. tenuous
- B. subtle
- C. irrefutable

- D. pervasive
- E. misconstrued

103-8. It's true that occasional ____ entries might have been edited without damaging the diary's overall impact, but the very completeness of Clara's eloquent reflections conveys a strong sense of the density of a young woman's experiences.

- A. verbose
- B. redundant
- C. long-winded
- D. curt
- E. mundane
- F. laconic

104-10. Jaime Javier Rodriguez notes that popular art forms often conceal a daunting complexity: frequently what appears ____ becomes intricate and challenging when closely examined.

- A. tedious
- B. canned
- C. convoluted
- D. vacuous
- E. tortuous
- F. formulaic

111-6. There is no sense trying to rehabilitate the reputation of the mosquito; nobody loves such a creature. But it's (i) ____ to (ii) ____ all 2,600 described species of mosquito when it's just 80 or so—3 percent that drink human blood. Among those 2,520 relatively (iii) ____ kinds of mosquitoes, there's even one we'd like to see in greater numbers: Taxorhynchites, the mosquito that eats other mosquitoes.

A. rare	D. malign	G. blameless
B. necessary	E. represent	H. pernicious
C. unfair	F. commend	I. valuable

120-7. Because the political situation seriously impeded international communication, French scientific research was at that time uncharacteristically ____.

- A. biased
- B. insular
- C. competitive
- D. misleading
- E. deceptive
- F. parochial

第二部分 中频度习题 (101 题)

1-5. 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.

A. effect	D. pressure	G. eaten
B. origin	E. produce	H. neutralized
C. purpose	F. suffer from	I. poisoned

2-3. The economic recovery was somewhat lopsided: (i)_____ in some of the industrial economies while (ii)_____ in others of them.

A. unexpected	D. robust
B. feeble	E. turbulent
C. swift	F. predictable

3-9. 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

4-3. 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)_____.

A. compassionate	D. grandstanding
B. decisive	E. partisanship
C. nepotistic	F. vacillation

4-10. 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

5-6. 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 conservation management is (ii) ____, as we have, in a sense, become nature, and the responsibilities that come with the role cannot be (iii) ____.

A. exotic	D. ineffective	G. jettisoned
B. vulnerable	E. obligatory	H. assumed
C. now common	F. promising	I. contrived

5-10. 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

6-2. The company suffers from an almost total lack of ____: even the most innocuous communications between departments lend to devolve into acrimony.

- A. dissension
- B. variance
- C. comity
- D. conformity
- E. mordancy

6-5. 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.

A. completely unknown	D. eliminated
B. nearly infinite	E. supported
C. always variable	F. clarified

6-6. 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)_____.

A. atypical	D. preserve	G. elicits adversities
B. unavoidable	E. improvise	H. emerges victorious
C. insurmountable	F. shy away	I. evades achievements

7-7. 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

8-1. Parker's model of human reflects a ____ outlook, in stark contrast to the generally pessimistic analyses of her colleagues in the economics department.

- A. prescient
- B. circumspect
- C. technical
- D. magisterial
- E. sanguine

8-10. 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

10-3. 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.

A. derivative	D. obscure
B. arcane	E. controversial
C. careless	F. innovative

10-7. In establishing that the dust she had observed constitutes two percent of the mass in the quadrant, the astronomer showed that the dust's 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

11-1. The title of her final and unfinished film, *Escape*, was ____: indeed while shooting it, she was preoccupied with thoughts of desertion.

- A. quixotic
- B. apt
- C. misleading
- D. inconsequential
- E. uncharacteristic

11-5. 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.

A. complicated by	D. complemented
B. important to	E. obscured
C. independent from	F. underscored

11-7. 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

12-3. 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.

A. irrationality	D. guarded over
B. limits	E. lay outside
C. futility	F. was subject to

12-5. Although Professor Pearson's colleagues often complained that he was (i)_____, his friends were quick to defend him from this charge of (ii)_____.

A. importunate	D. inconstancy
B. garrulous	E. dishonest
C. mercurial	F. partiality

14-3. World demand for oil had been intensified, but it slackened because China's surge in oil consumption had (i)_____. Moreover, high oil price had themselves started to act as a short-term (ii)_____ the global economy, thus further dampening demand.

A. spread	D. spur to
B. commenced	E. drag on
C. slowed	F. panacea for

17-2. The modest but functional new wing finally gives the museum the _____ to serve its visitors properly, including multiple entrances to eliminate the lines that used to snake around the building.

- A. visibility
B. wherewithal
C. reputation
D. solemnity
E. panache

17-7. 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

18-1. 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

18-7. 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

18-10. 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

19-2. 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

19-6. Common sense tells me some people are more (i)_____ than others. The claim that these differences are (ii)_____, or that deep down, everybody acts only to further their own interests, (iii)_____ our everyday observations and deep-seated human practices of moral evaluation.

A. altruistic	D. growing	G. mimics
B. adaptable	E. illusory	H. explains
C. disciplined	F. relevant	I. contradicts

19-7. 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. a flexible

24-1. 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

24-8. 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

26-3. In her works, she (i)_____ confidence. She gets excessively (ii)_____ to authorities, even when rejecting their views.

A. inspires	D. pugnacious
B. exudes	E. deferential
C. lacks	F. condescending

27-10. 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

29-7. His premiership, seemingly cast-iron 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

30-2. 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

30-6. 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.

A. consensus regarding	D. resilience	G. reflect
B. compunction about	E. sociability	H. communicate
C. justification for	F. uniqueness	I. cooperate

31-5. 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.

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

31-9. 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

32-1. 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

32-7. In ways large and small, millions of people are taking active steps to _____ the medical mainstream, whether by taking herbal remedies for disease or by placing their hopes for a cure in alternative treatment.

- A. augment
- B. sidestep
- C. support
- D. vilify
- E. circumvent
- F. endorse

35-10. 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

36-5. 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 once 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.

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

38-1. 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. sparking
- C. specious
- D. blatant
- E. convincing

38-2. Without seeming unworldly, William James appeared wholly removed from the _____ of society, the conventionality of academy.

- A. ethos
- B. idealism
- C. romance
- D. paradoxes
- E. commonplaces

40-3. 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.

A. delegate	D. controversy over
B. ascribe	E. popularity of
C. liken	F. sophistication of

41-1. 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

42-9. 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. naïveté
- B. prominence
- C. supremacy
- D. ingenuousness
- E. salience
- F. resurgence

44-9. 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

48-3. The description of humans as 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.

A. euphemism	D. an elusive psychological phenomenon
B. cliché	E. a standard literary trope
C. metaphor	F. a real biological feature

48-5. Firebaugh and Beck contend that economic development improves the overall well-being of people within developing countries. However, other scholars emphasize the (i) _____ of this view, empirically demonstrating that while economic development

does in fact contribute to the well-being of the population of developing countries, the magnitude of development's positive effects on well-being has (ii)____. In other words, these scholars suggest that (iii)____ economic development and human well-being is taking place in developing countries.

A. falsity	D. been greatly underestimated	G. a decoupling of
B. arbitrariness	E. not yet been measured	H. an inversion of
C. limitation	F. decreased over time	I. a decline in

50-1. One baffling aspect of the novel is its capacity to generate emotional power from a plot that lacks the most elementary ____: readers must accept not an occasional coincidence, but a continuous stream of them.

- A. synergy
- B. continuity
- C. naivety
- D. premise
- E. credibility

51-8. Some have argued that naming scientific discoveries after the people who make them can ____ scientific progress, because the nomenclature lacks useful clarity, having no relationship to the underlying principles that govern nature.

- A. hamper
- B. abet
- C. instigate
- D. obscure
- E. nullify
- F. impede

51-9. Each of the country's 26 states and most of its more than 2,000 municipalities have their own police forces, ____ communication and making it difficult to establish a coordinated law-enforcement strategy.

- A. establishing
- B. impeding
- C. hampering
- D. launching
- E. obscuring
- F. preventing

52-8. One big challenge with placebo responses is that they are ____: people given the same inert pill or potion may show wildly different reactions, and the effects can vary widely according to each person's illness.

- A. capricious

- B. illusory
- C. unpredictable
- D. chimerical
- E. marginal
- F. ephemeral

53-8. There is a revelation on almost every page of this book, and the author's prose is ____ in the best possible way: blunt, sweet, off-kilter, and often quite funny.

- A. eloquent
- B. austere
- C. somber
- D. awkward
- E. solemn
- F. ungainly

59-4. According to Dr. Edith Widder, measuring the level of pollutants in sediment provides a more accurate and robust indication of an estuary's health than does measuring the level of chemicals in the water, since pollution in water is (i)____, but pollution in sediment is (ii)_____.

A. declining	D. significant
B. manageable	E. persistent
C. transient	F. detectable

62-9. The ____ of biographies of antebellum capitalists is particularly striking in contrast with the abundance of life stories of industrialists in later eras.

- A. brevity
- B. banality
- C. utility
- D. paucity
- E. triteness
- F. dearth

63-9. Criticized for decades of overproduction in their signature line of derivative goods, Rectangle Record has satiated the market with a ____ of repackaged old CDs, which interferes with its ability to innovate and produce new albums.

- A. dearth
- B. glut
- C. deficiency
- D. surfeit
- E. abundance
- F. profusion

64-3. In the years prior to the Civil War, Philadelphia's African American press encourage readers to be vaccinated against smallpox. This journalistic campaign was initially (i)____, appealing to readers sense of communal duty, and became even more (ii)____ once the war started, as smallpox outbreaks began to occur on Philadelphia's outskirts.

A. hortatory	D. controversial
B. ineffective	E. urgent
C. widespread	F. inopportune

64-4. A hallmark of certain nineteenth-century mystery novels was the reform agenda of their authors, who ostensibly sought to expose economic injustice while depicting the seamy underside of urban life. In reality, however, these claims to a radical political agenda were often (i)____ meant to give lurid thrillers the appearance of (ii)_____.

A. authentic	D. escapist appeal
B. complicated	E. high-minded purpose
C. disingenuous	F. gripping suspense

64-5. So (i)____ is the reputation of the country's police for corruption and other forms of (ii)____ that it has become a kind of tradition that every newly appointed police chief pledges to (iii)____ the force.

A. persistent	D. indolence	G. contradict
B. paralyzing	E. incompetence	H. reform
C. unfounded	F. criminality	I. reward

65-6. Industry-sponsored scientific research on chemical safety often (i)____. Media reports regularly imply that industry support of scientific work is alone sufficient to (ii)____ that research. Even though the source of funding has been determined to be a less significant cause of bias than other factors, industry support suffices, in the minds of many people, to (iii)____ the credibility of scientific work.

A. uncovers risks	D. fund	G. adopt
B. elicits skepticism	E. vindicate	H. vitiate
C. promotes innovation	F. invalidate	I. bolster

65-7. What they see in Jimenez is the one candidate capable of decisive leadership, in stark contrast to Diaz, whose team in office has been marred by _____.

A. defensiveness

- B. corruption
- C. irresolution
- D. vacillation
- E. belligerence
- F. pugnacity

67-4. Even if the merits of the proposal are (i)____, faculty members may be reluctant to (ii)____, given their fear of offending the group that champions it.

A. unparalleled	D. demur
B. dubious	E. approve
C. obvious	F. acquiesce

67-9. A few decades ago the idea of animal morality would have been met with ____; however, recent research suggests that animals not only act altruistically but also have the capacity for empathy, forgiveness, trust, and reciprocity.

- A. derision
- B. resentment
- C. dismissal
- D. conviction
- E. ridicule
- F. certainty

68-4. Research note that wolves' otherwise strongly hierarchical society is marked by occasional displays of populist (i)____; if a pack leader proves a too-snappish tyrant, subordinate wolves will (ii)____ the top cur.

A. umbrage	D. collectively overthrow
B. expiation	E. eventually placate
C. torpor	F. quickly appraise

69-1. The often-cited parallels between human communities and insect colonies are ____: the cooperation found among social insects is essentially due to the insects genetic ties, while humans often collaborate with non-relatives.

- A. superficial
- B. obvious
- C. hackneyed
- D. contradictory
- E. uncanny

69-10. Despite its best efforts to stimulate sales, the bookselling business remains far

from ____, for it has high fixed costs in wages and rent, and falling prices make these ever harder to spur.

- A. effective
- B. healthy
- C. innovative
- D. robust
- E. stingy
- F. parsimonious

71-5. A minor criticism of the book, which is (i) ____ an understanding of the difficulty of doing direct research in Hong Kong's, is that So relied on secondary sources to tell the story of Hong Kong's political development, with previous histories of the period (ii) ____ his research. Given So's (iii) ____ many of the players in Hong Kong politics, it is surprising that he did not use interviews and other forms of direct research to delve further into the motivations, strategies, and tactics of participants.

A. attributable to	D. largely debunked by	G. deference to
B. exacerbated by	E. obviating the need for	H. estrangement from
C. tempered by	F. playing a large role in	I. proximity to

73-4. There has been (i) ____ elephant's fabled mental capacities until recently, when these behavioral observations have begun to be (ii) ____ by brain science. MRI scans of an elephant's brain suggest that even relative to its overall size it has a large hippocampus, the component in the mammalian brain linked to memory and an important part of its limbic system, which is involved in processing emotions.

A. surprising credence given to	D. buttressed
B. a widespread dismissal of	E. anticipated
C. only anecdotal evidence for	F. overwhelmed

74-3. The novel's heroine shows a remarkable (i) ____ to worship at the altar of youth; in her world, youth is (ii) ____, while age, by contrast, confers competence and wisdom.

A. disinclination	D. incredulous
B. desire	E. sagacious
C. tendency	F. callow

74-5. Recently released statistics on the prevalence of heart disease in the United States, while (i) ____, nevertheless reflect a decline from heights reached in the 1960s, before health officials began publicly (ii) ____ people to guard against heart disease.

A. definitive	D. entreating
B. sobering	E. defying
C. implausible	F. absolving

76-1. Like her literary heroine, George Eliot, Barbara Kingsolvers is an old-fashioned _____, deeply curious about all branches of human learning.

- A. prodigy
- B. polymath
- C. tyro
- D. ante
- E. philistine

79-8. Given that the department director was such a feeble contributor, sitting silently at important policy meetings and usually deferring to low-level aides, it was surprising that he had such a reputation for _____.

- A. magnanimity
- B. perspicacity
- C. impartiality
- D. detachment
- E. benevolence
- F. discernment

81-5. The perennial problem for critics of nineteenth-century novelist Charlotte Yonge is the relationship of her realism to her (i) _____. While admiring her complex psychological portraits and detailed descriptions of quotidian family life, readers since her own time have tended to fault her improbable manipulation of plot to teach a moral lesson. Indeed, many critics (ii) _____ her because of her willingness to (iii) _____.

A. pessimism	D. dismiss	G. squander suspense
B. didacticism	E. applaud	H. sacrifice credibility
C. eclecticism	F. underestimate	I. deflate pretension

81-7. In its few decades of existence, the field of technology assessment has undergone large changes: its original high ambitions to predict consequences of technology have been _____ if not discarded.

- A. deferred
- B. subverted
- C. abandoned
- D. relinquished
- E. tempered

F. modulated

83-9. Three of the nation's largest airlines could be operating under bankruptcy protection in coming weeks, analysts say, the latest sign of the industry's ___ as it lurches through a historic transformation.

- A. upheaval
- B. exorbitance
- C. affluence
- D. peril
- E. convulsion
- F. opulence

85-1. "RESIGNATION", an English word the French novelist Christian Oster would no doubt appreciate, presents an elegant paradox: in one sense, it indicated a bold step, a cleaving of oneself from an attachment grown onerous; in another, it's the height of ___, an acquiescence to fate.

- A. sham
- B. fissure
- C. desperation
- D. passivity
- E. maturity

86-2. Even though the authors repeatedly ___ their own shrewdness, they show a remarkable credulousness toward far-fetched ideas such as carbon-eating trees and cloud-making machinery.

- A. soft-pedal
- B. extol
- C. deprecate
- D. broaden
- E. compromise

86-6. Persian prose writers from the second half of the twelfth century onward were characteristically (i)___ the literary form of their works, a fact that some scholars have perceived as a derogation of those works' content. It may be better interpreted as (ii)___ the development of an awareness of authorship, for the awareness of authorship (iii)___ the awareness of form.

A. ambivalent about	D. a retreat from	G. evolves through
B. indifferent to	E. an indication of	H. extends beyond
C. preoccupied with	F. a justification for	I. holds back

87-6. Observers of modern presidential campaigns who (i)___ the highly (ii)___

productions that pass for campaigns these days do sometimes find reason for hope in the occasional mix-ups that (iii)_____ candidates on the trail despite the presence of political strategist's plotting every event with the tactical precision of military commanders.

A. relish	D. ambitious	G. rattle
B. misinterpret	E. chaotic	H. bolster
C. despair over	F. choreographed	I. legitimate

88-8. Sports stars are often _____ figures, regarded as representative of the city or country for which they compete.

- A. totemic
- B. iconoclastic
- C. protean
- D. idealized
- E. irreverent
- F. emblematic

89-1. 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

90-1. He defended the government's equivocations regarding the mysterious contrail as resulting not from _____ as critics say, but from a benightedness about its own doings that is almost inevitable, given the multitudinous-ness of its agencies.

- A. obtuseness
- B. mendacity
- C. abnegation
- D. guilelessness
- E. trenchancy

90-4. Hyana Kusiemko and her colleagues speculate that the (i)_____ support among low-income works for increases in the minimum wage is a form of last-place aversion: people who are in a marginally better position than the worst off seek to (ii)_____ to distinguish themselves from those in last place.

A. unwavering	D. disavow their willingness
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B. vociferous	E. retain their ability
C. tepid	F. dissemble their need

90-8. Recent research runs counter to the long-cherished notion that a small drop in body temperature during and after surgery is either ____ or actually protects the patient by slowing metabolism and reducing the body's demand for blood and oxygen.

- A. beneficial
- B. immaterial
- C. inconsequential
- D. preventive
- E. prophylactic
- F. redundant

91-3. In light of Elizabeth's habitually (i) ____ nature, her friend were quite surprised by her (ii) ____ at the convention.

A. ingenuous	D. garrulity
B. laconic	E. ostentatiousness
C. intractable	F. tenacity

91-5. Since the 1920s, historical fiction writers in China have emancipated the genre from the traditional notion that (i) ____ was the ultimate goal of history writing. Yet the traditional commitment to (ii) ____ was not simply (iii) ____: this new genre was expected to capture the essence of historical truth even as it allowed space for the writer's imagination.

A. comprehensiveness	D. veracity	G. jettisoned
B. factuality	E. thoroughness	H. rationalized
C. entertainment	F. pleasure	I. acknowledged

94-9. The sailors realized too late that winds had shifted the ice in such a way as to obstruct the ship's path; this process had been so ____ that it was completed by the time they discovered the effect.

- A. gradual
- B. negligible
- C. unpredictable
- D. time-consuming
- E. inconsequential
- F. imperceptible

96-10. It is true that science, and more particularly scientists, ____ cherished paradigms with great reluctance and that when they do, scientific revolutions may result.

- A. unify
- B. share
- C. cede
- D. embrace
- E. dismantle
- F. relinquish

98-1. By cosmic standards, Earth and its fellow terrestrial planets are chemical ____: they consist of primarily four elements (iron, magnesium, silicon, and oxygen) that are rare elsewhere in the universe.

- A. prototypes
- B. mavericks
- C. malefactors
- D. paragons
- E. old-timers

101-2. ____ is valuable in science, even when a scientific idea is true, it can be misused through grandiosity.

- A. humility
- B. experimentation
- C. patience
- D. cooperation
- E. exposure

102-10. Another challenge to biologists and land-use planners alike is that while human-induced changes to the landscape are somethings ____, they can nevertheless drastically alter the habitat for some plants and animals.

- A. indisputable
- B. inappropriate
- C. unacceptable
- D. unfathomable
- E. imperceptible
- F. indiscernible

103-9. Berwick, middle-aged, soft-spoken, and ____, with a keen sense of how to use this apparent ordinariness to his advantage, began with a gripping story about how a firefighter saved himself during a forest fire by using a completely improbable tactic.

- A. imperturbable
- B. implacable
- C. unimaginative

- D. unprepossessing
- E. unremarkable
- F. unruffled

107-2. Paul Robeson. Jr. wrote that his father was a flesh-and-blood artist whose accomplishments made him susceptible to hagiographic treatment by potential biographers. Robeson's achievements were real, and there was no need for ____.

- A. disclosure
- B. hyperbole
- C. retraction
- D. muckraking
- E. reticence

108-8. Although traditionally artists have rightly been seen as the most ____ audience for the work of their colleagues, today taste is also created by critics and curators and occasionally by collectors.

- A. arbitrary
- B. volatile
- C. perceptive
- D. impulsive
- E. subjective
- F. discerning

110-2. Notwithstanding a lack of ____, nineteenth-century anthologies such as Evert and George Duyckinck's Cyclopaedia of American Literature represents serious attempts to collect the national writings up to that point as a way of establishing the viability of American letters.

- A. bias
- B. earnestness
- C. rigor
- D. ambition
- E. ambiguity

120-5. Gelles urges readers of Abigail Adams' letters to consider their (i) ____: in Adams' era women were denied a public persona separate from that of their husbands. That said, Gelles then (ii) ____ to promote Adams from a writer of private letters to a public figure, arguing that she was a significant force for change.

A. value	D. strains
B. context	E. neglects
C. style	F. fails

120-8. Other monarchs have been accused by posterity of murder and treason without having come to be regarded with such ____, perhaps because the cases against them have never been satisfactorily proved.

- A. equivocation
- B. opprobrium
- C. trepidation
- D. infamy
- E. levity
- F. ambivalence

121-4. The lobbyist argues that current environmental regulations must be (i) ____ to prevent a recession, thus reviving the notion that economic progress and environmental protection are inherently (ii) ____.

A. introduced	D. inviolable
B. softened	E. incompatible
C. reviewed	F. unsustainable

123-8. Computerized facial-recognition systems can be ____ by any number of factors, from the dirt caked on a camera lens to a hat pulled low over a subject's face.

- A. neutralized
- B. calibrated
- C. augmented
- D. ameliorated
- E. stymied
- F. confounded

第三部分 低频度习题 (50 题)

1-4. 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.

A. sterling reputation of	D. superficial
B. lack of finding of	E. spontaneous
C. ad hoc existence of	F. exhaustive

2-4. 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.

A. lavishly	D. vacant
B. efficiently	E. unimpeded
C. routinely	F. overlooked

7-9. 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

8-3. 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.

A. neglects	D. underappreciated
B. exaggerates	E. problematic
C. reinterprets	F. self-serving

10-4. 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.

A. unethical	D. skullduggery
B. impractical	E. indolence
C. quixotic	F. incivility

18-4. 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.

A. defensive	D. a traditional
B. dominant	E. an enhanced
C. customary	F. a diminished

18-6. 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 decide 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.

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

22-2. 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

22-6. Although political events in different countries were not (i)_____ in the nineteen century, their interrelationship was (ii)_____ compared with the present, when interdependence has become far greater: (iii)_____ has ceased to be an option.

A. unconnected	D. conditional	G. isolationism
B. trivial	E. superficial	H. resilience

C. simultaneous	F. transparent	I. idealism
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23-9. 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

24-3. 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)_____.

A. motivation	D. premeditated manipulation
B. penalty	E. childish theatrics
C. tendency	F. balanced reflection

27-2. 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

30-8. 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

33-7. 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

36-1. 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

37-9. 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

39-2. 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

40-1. 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

40-6. 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)_____.

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

45-3. Argument may be an overly (i)_____ word to apply to the gossamer contrivance that is *A Summer of Humming birds*. 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.

A. archaic	D. repudiation
B. imprecise	E. emulation
C. robust	F. misrepresentation

45-7. 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

56-8. Because chemistry's position as one of the natural sciences has long seemed _____, historians have generally treated the foundation of chemical professorship as an inevitable component of the progression of universities.

- A. manifest
- B. impregnable
- C. relevant
- D. predictable
- E. germane
- F. self-evident

59-7. Given the ____ of solid case studies of environment degradation, this new study adds very little to our knowledge of the field.

- A. erroneousness
- B. plethora
- C. surfeit
- D. inaccuracy
- E. rigor
- F. outcome

61-5. Evidence has been accumulating since the 1930s that reducing an animals energy intake below its energy expenditure extends the life span and delays the (i) ____ of age-related diseases in rats, dogs, fish, and monkeys. Such results have inspired thousands of people to (ii) ____ in the hope of living longer, healthier lives. They have also led to a search for drugs that (iii) ____ the effects of calorie restriction without the pain of actually going on a diet.

A. diagnosis	D. eat healthier foods	G. undermine
B. onset	E. put up with constant hunger	H. mimic
C. treatment	F. take vitamin supplements	I. delay

70-5. Cynics will dismiss the race between Richard and Gorman as two equally dull candidates. However, the notion that the two leaders are (i) ____ does not meet them, for they are as different as can be. Richard is (ii) ____ and is fastidious of her appearance. So one could hardly accuse her of being either taciturn or (iii) ____.

A. interchangeable	D. condescending	G. unkempt
B. uncritical	E. loquacious	H. reticent
C. competent	F. blunted	I. adherent

71-9. The astronomer admits that his interpretation of so-called Population III stars is ____ at present since no one has yet done any real calculations to see if it holds up under closer scrutiny.

- A. spurious
- B. speculative
- C. predictive
- D. conjectural
- E. fabricated
- F. implausible

77-1. In an ironic twist, the recent ____ of the reductive observational methods that have

enabled science to progress for four centuries may turn out to be science's biggest step forward.

- A. introduction
- B. validation
- C. acceptance
- D. standardization
- E. questioning

77-8. Flash floods are common in desert regions and were widespread before the evolution of trees and woodland soils; in contrast, flash floods are _____ in woodlands, where floodwaters, impeded by trees, form ponds.

- A. overshadowed
- B. redirected
- C. obscured
- D. precluded
- E. mitigated
- F. abated

80-3. As cheaper imports drove most California potteries out of business during the 1950s, one company (i)____. The substantial size and weight of the specialized products produced by Architectural Pottery helped (ii)_____ the company, because it was uneconomical for foreign companies to ship similarly large objects to California.

A. stagnated	D. transform
B. diversified	E. insulate
C. flourished	F. finance

82-2. A curiosity of the film *Vertigo* is its capacity to generate emotional power from a plot that lacks the most of elementary ____: viewers are required to accept not an isolated implausibility, but a continuous stream of them.

- A. believability
- B. impact
- C. narrative
- D. tension
- E. premise

85-4. Just as large manufacturing companies with dominant positions in large domestic markets were once able to resist (i)_____ despite ample signs that foreign competition was rapidly overtaking them, strong and wealthy states can (ii)_____ and still manage to limp along for many years.

A. innovation	D. exploit vulnerable markets
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B. temptation	E. dominate international affairs
C. inertia	F. maintain misguided policies

89-6. Some climatologists dismiss as (i)_____ the debate among geophysicists over the role of carbon dioxide in global climate change across many millions of years. These climatologists say the evidence of a tie between carbon dioxide and planetary warming over the last few centuries is so (ii)_____ that any longer-term evidence against such a link must somehow be (iii)_____.

A. unavoidable	D. unlikely	G. tainted
B. irrelevant	E. controversial	H. accommodated
C. undecidable	F. compelling	I. reinforced

96-2. While the current coffee craze was sparked by the emergence of flavorful, high-quality gourmet varieties, a slew of studies suggesting that concerns about coffee's health effects may be _____ has nurtured the trend.

- A. underemphasized
- B. exacerbated
- C. unfounded
- D. documented
- E. recapitulated

101-3. Though she had some exposure to great art and high culture, it must be said the ultra athletic Marion Carstairs remained throughout her life primarily (i)_____ mental and artistic pursuits. She was by nature (ii)_____.

A. a product of	D. neither bookish nor cerebral
B. indifferent to	E. a model of delicacy and refinement
C. obsessed with	F. both didactic and argumentative

103-5. The essential difference between writing nonfiction and fiction is that the artist can (i)_____ a completed vision of the world, while the journalist never can, the real world being always (ii)_____. Art provides freedom from the bewildering complexities of constant change. Indeed, it is the very (iii)_____ of well-wrought fiction that can sometimes make it feel more real than reality.

A. shun	D. diverting	G. popularity
B. correct	E. tragic	H. rarity
C. realize	F. unfinished	I. clarity

107-3. The scientists who first proposed that Moon's craters had resulted from impacts (i)____: almost all of these craters were circular, and yet most impactors in heliocentric orbit would have an oblique path and hence would be expected to form (ii)____ craters.

A. devised a theory	D. massive
B. misinterpreted a finding	E. elongated
C. confronted difficulty	F. shallow

108-5. It was not until 1995 that a planet beyond our solar system was first sighted, a discovery that greatly excited astronomers. Many had supposed that the processes that gave rise to our solar system were not (i)____, and that there were other planets in the universe. Now, observations had (ii)_____.

A. manifest	D. caught up with belief
B. replicable	E. provided grounds for skepticism
C. unique	F. put assumptions to the test

110-4. For a genre that's supposed to be about the future, science fiction has certainly (i)____ lately, (ii)____ is what sells best, with readers spending their money on sequels to long-running series.

A. become quite pessimistic	D. suspense
B. been looking backward	E. fantasy
C. anticipated technological developments	F. nostalgia

111-5. There is (i) _____ evidence that the giant African land snail *a. fulica* is a serious threat to the spread of human disease. Giant snails do carry rat lungworm—infection by which is a common cause of meningitis—but so do many other snail species. Moreover, if the threat posed by *a. fulica* were (ii) _____, one would expect to see an increase in disease rates (iii) _____ a rise in the spread of snails. However, in places like New Caledonia, explosions in giant snail populations have coincided with a fall in the number of meningitis cases.

A. abundant	D. contained	G. corresponding to
B. ambiguous	E. recognized	H. predating
C. little	F. major	I. giving way to

112-6. Based on the evidence available, it would be (i) _____ to insist on a wholly negative portrayal of King Prajadhipok. In his own writings and pronouncements as well as in

firsthand accounts offered by others, Prajadhipok consistently emerges as (ii) ____ and even-tempered, though (iii) ____.

A. accurate	D. whimsical	G. unexceptional
B. convenient	E. thoughtful	H. vicious
C. facile	F. ingenious	I. innovative

113-4. The so-called “good” translations of the historian’s major work—those that are (i) ____, in other words—give a very bad idea of the linguistic character of the author’s original writing, which is notoriously (ii) ____.

A. true to the original	D. indecorous
B. committed to consistency	E. crabbed
C. easy to read	F. lively

114-4. Many civic institutions tend to (i) ____, when they do not actively discourage, the better natures of the citizenry. People are individually altruistic social animals who nonetheless teach themselves to be (ii) ____ in the public sphere.

A. expose	D. selfish
B. ignore	E. critical
C. presuppose	F. adamant

115-4. To function as (i) ____, literary critics must write well. A badly written book review is worse than a badly written political speech or greeting card; a badly written review is (ii) ____, like a barber with a terrible haircut. If critics cannot write well, how can they authoritatively recognize and promote good writing?

A. soothsayers	D. self-aggrandizing
B. evangelists	E. self-knowing
C. iconoclasts	F. self-defeating

118-1. The nineteenth-century legislator Robert Barnwell Rhett was known for using language so intemperate that even in an era of considerable political ____, it came almost to occupy a category of its own.

- A. malfeasance
- B. upheaval
- C. hypocrisy
- D. invective
- E. retrenchment

118-7. It is an ironic reversal that just those politicians who most vociferously ____ the

distorting complexities of the country's tax system are now the ones embracing an agreement that worsens the mess.

- A. espoused
- B. disregarded
- C. lambasted
- D. eschewed
- E. derided
- F. ignored

120-9. Many macroscopic or higher-level properties on the basis of which we sort chemicals into types are not _____ the chemical structure itself but instead only manifest themselves under certain conditions or in particular contexts.

- A. inherent in
- B. intrinsic to
- C. equivalent to
- D. influenced by
- E. affected by
- F. separable from

122-5. Among geophysicists there was considerably less (i) _____ the proposed environment measure than the (ii) _____ media accounts of the conference would suggest: the debate was often animated but never uncivil.

A. ambivalence toward	D. sanitized
B. satisfaction with	E. sensationalized
C. rancor over	F. poignant

122-7. French's tone was reasonable, _____ almost, but the gaze she fixed on Backhouse over her reading spectacles had something of defiance in it.

- A. distracted
- B. preoccupied
- C. deferential
- D. apprehensive
- E. respectful
- F. inquisitive

123-4. The enlightenment philosophers of the eighteenth century acknowledged that unrestricted freedom to publish could (i) _____ motivated by envy or hatred, but they hoped that any such (ii) _____ enabled by expanded liberties would suffer from being publicly exposed.

A. encourage blandishments	D. evasion
B. facilitate calumny	E. defamation

C. constrain vituperation	F. prurience
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123-6. Greenhouse gases emitted into atmosphere are virtually permanent, and because they (i)_____ in the atmosphere, their effects is (ii)_____. These facts necessitate that policies related to greenhouse gases differ from policies related to various pollutants whose effects are (iii)_____ and often temporary.

A. disperse evenly	D. subtle	G. local
B. accrue gradually	E. global	H. contrary
C. persist indefinitely	F. transit	I. hazardous

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6-5	BD	38-1	C	83-9	AE
6-6	BFH	38-2	E	85-1	D
7-7	AF	40-3	AE	86-2	B
8-1	E	41-1	A	86-6	CEG
8-10	AC	42-9	BE	87-6	CFG
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11-5	AE	50-1	E	90-4	CE
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12-3	BE	51-9	BC	91-3	BD
12-5	CD	52-8	AC	91-5	BDG
14-3	CE	53-8	DF	94-9	AF
17-2	B	59-4	CE	96-10	CF
17-7	EF	62-9	DF	98-1	B
18-1	D	63-9	BD	101-2	A
18-7	CE	64-3	AE	102-10	EF
18-10	AC	64-4	CE	103-9	DE
19-2	C	64-5	AFH	107-2	B
19-6	AEI	65-6	BFH	108-8	CF
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24-8	AF	67-9	AE	120-8	BD
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18-4	AE	59-7	BC	112-6	CEG
18-6	AEH	61-5	BEH	113-4	AE
22-2	A	70-5	AEG	114-4	BD
22-6	AEG	71-9	BD	115-4	BF
23-9	AC	77-1	E	118-1	D
24-3	BF	77-8	EF	118-7	CE
27-2	D	80-3	CE	120-9	AB
30-8	BD	82-2	A	122-5	CE
33-3	BE	85-4	AF	122-7	CE
36-1	A	89-6	BFG	123-4	BE
37-9	CF	96-2	C	123-6	AEG
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