

Section 41

1. In interviews, it is easy to mistake the novelist's silences for aloofness, especially since in the court of public opinion all writers are guilty of being _____ until proven innocent.

- A. snobs
- B. equivocators
- C. pessimists
- D. subversives
- E. wastrels

2. Geologists suggest that as the most productive oil reservoirs begin to dry up, the expensive cost and high risk of drilling in the marginal area becomes less _____ and more acceptable.

- A. onerous
- B. efficacious
- C. auspicious
- D. benign
- E. natural

3. The new drug was useful, but unfortunately its effect was largely (i) _____ rather than (ii) _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. salutary	D. immediate
B. beneficial	E. curative
C. palliative	F. analgesic

4. Even though company's CEO professes to be (i) _____ and urges the deal forward, its investors are unlikely to be so (ii) _____ about its prospect. Many were uncomfortable at the way the corporation was forced to spend in much of last year's expansion, and this new venture is potentially even more risky.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. apprehensive	D. indifferent
B. apathetic	E. sanguine
C. confident	F. anxious

5. Proffering one increasingly improbable scene and character after another, (i)_____ by the constraint of realism, the novel revels in this (ii)_____ by ever more brazenly defying its readers' presumed expectations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. untrammelled	D. exiguity
B. liberated	E. ponderousness
C. confined	F. implausibility

6. How does one evaluate the effects of modern democracy on individuals? The first clarifying step must be to recognize that "democracy" itself can, in the abstract, (i)_____ us as we think of our society and our perception of democracy as citizens. The experience of living in a democracy (ii)_____ each generation. A feature of democracy is that something that benefits us in one generation may no longer be a benefit to the next. Thus, experiencing democracy in the twenty-first-century is (iii)_____ the political order our ancestors cherished in 1901.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. define	D. changes for	G. vastly preferable to
B. mislead	E. improves with	H. radically different from
C. abet	F. persists beyond	I. ultimately derived from

7. The Red Sea town of Aydhab presents scholars with _____: medieval records describe it as a major port for ships engaged in trade, yet today there is no trace of a viable harbor at the site.

- A. an illusion
- B. a contradiction
- C. a chimera
- D. a puzzle
- E. an anachronism
- F. a conundrum

8. The story lines of silent dramas may often have been _____, yet within those basic narrative outlines, the true artists among silent-film actors could express emotional shadings that have no analogue in spoken language.

- A. implausible
- B. incredible
- C. conventional
- D. elemental
- E. rudimentary
- F. confusing

9. According to some political analysts, the candidate's occasionally rambling responses to questions suggest that she has been out of circulation for a while and her debating skills need to be _____.

- A. honed
- B. discredited
- C. enhanced
- D. reevaluated
- E. remedied
- F. de-emphasized

10. A closer examination of the author's footnotes explains the datedness of his argument: he has ignored most of the recent work in the field, drawing instead mainly on research that is now decidedly _____.

- A. familiar
- B. germane
- C. obsolete
- D. relevant
- E. discredited
- F. outmoded

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1. Motivation is the hardest of all managerial tasks, and it is _____ to expect a single memo, no matter how well-crafted, to have much effect on the staff's attitude.

- A. ingenious
- B. reasonable
- C. fanciful
- D. scrupulous
- E. radical

2. This is neither praise nor criticism, neither a compliment nor _____, just an observation.

- A. an exposition
- B. an elucidation
- C. an animadversion
- D. a culmination
- E. a divination

3. The author's best-selling book on Virginia Woolf is not (i)_____ treatment of her subject; on the contrary, it presents (ii)_____ portrait of the novelist, faults and all.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. an idealized	D. an unflinching
B. a comprehensive	E. a slapdash
C. a compelling	F. an erudite

4. Despite the fact that the book promises a complete rethinking of the factors contributing to the conflict, the picture that the book paints is (i)_____: in identifying causes, it is more orthodox than (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. obscure	D. restrictive
B. detailed	E. revisionist
C. familiar	F. enigmatic

5. The trade in scientific literature in nineteenth-century Germany was so robust that publishers constantly worried about (i)_____ of new titles, an anxiety that gave even relatively undistinguished authors, who made their living writing technical treatises, (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (i)
A. prices	D. limited public relevance
B. supplies	E. enviable scholarly credentials
C. embargoes	F. strong bargaining positions

6. Several studies (i)_____ the assumption that paper cups, because they were made of natural products, were more environmentally (ii)_____ than cups made of plastic (polystyrene). Indeed, these studies indicated that the environmental (iii)_____ of producing and recycling paper cups were similar to, if not more than, those related to the production, disposal, and recycling of polystyrene cups.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. corroborated	D. friendly	G. benefits
B. exploited	E. hazardous	H. costs
C. dispelled	F. predictable	I. opportunities

7. Some kinds of deadly bacteria, including those that cause tetanus, tuberculosis, and botulism, remain _____ until something triggers their insidious activity.

- A. harmless
- B. innocuous
- C. anomalous
- D. aberrant
- E. efficacious
- F. undetectable

8. The author takes issue with the ideological blinders that have distorted much migration research, especially _____ modernization theorists and others for their untested assumptions of an immobile preindustrial past.

- A. undermining
- B. citing
- C. castigating
- D. chastising
- E. endorsing
- F. commending

9. 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

10. 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 to
- E. essential for
- F. indispensable to