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As we have seen repeatedly, when new technologies emerge they tend not to replace existing technologies altogether, but rather to \_\_\_\_\_ them.

impair
obviate
augment
supersede
anticipate

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Natural selection has favored some instinctive reactions of organisms over others, so only those that promote survival and reproduction have become established, but instinctive responses need not be \_\_\_\_\_: they may adjust over time.

determinative
immutable
heritable
reflexive
idiosyncratic

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

The effort to locate extraplanetary reservoirs of water is (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the abundant water vapor in Earth's own atmosphere, which (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the view of ground-based telescopes.

Blank (i)

inconsistent with
dependent on
hampered by

Blank (ii)

simulates
exceeds
occludes

Select one entry from each column.



For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill the blank space to the best completes the text.

In a reflection of the senator's enduring popularity, the articles written in response to her impending retirement were less a (i) \_\_\_\_\_ evaluation than a (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ summary of her career.

Blank (i)

valedictory
plodding
frank

Blank (ii)

scathing
glowing
schematic

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Over the years, George Gershwin's jazz opera *Porgy and Bess* has been subject to considerable (i)\_\_\_\_\_. The composer himself cut about forty minutes from the four-hour piece between its Boston tryout and Broadway opening, and producer Cheryl Crawford, in her immensely popular 1942 version, which replaced recitatives with dialogue, (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ it even more.

Blank (i)

debate
tinkering
critique

Blank (ii)

streamlined
promoted
augmented

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Although the impression that quantum mechanics is limited to the microworld (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the public understanding of science, it is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. Quantum effects may be harder to see in the macroworld, but experiments have now confirmed that these effects are (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ than anyone ever suspected.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
undermines	erroneous	more elusive
contradicts	compelling	more pervasive
permeates	unpopular	less counterintuitive

Select one entry from each column.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Joshua Gisemba Bagaka found that the pedagogical results of group projects and other engaged learning activities in Kenyan mathematics classrooms were \_\_\_\_\_; such activities, then, may not be the best way of improving mathematics education.

- overstated
- counterintuitive
- mixed
- discouraging
- inconsistent
- inexplicable

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Cash crops require committed, systematic cultivation; rubber tapping, on the other hand, is much more of \_\_\_\_\_ enterprise: it is largely a matter of stumbling upon a rubber plant that is ready for harvesting.

- a lucrative
- a contingent
- an arduous
- a conventional
- a profitable
- an uncertain

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

There are many insights in the essays collected in *Observations on Modernity*, but they are embedded in a dense English translation of a dense German original that may make many of them \_\_\_\_\_ to most readers.

- vapid
- inaccessible
- sagacious
- banal
- distressing
- opaque

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Many types of rocks contain small voids that \_\_\_\_\_ vibrations: the greater the proportion of a rock's volume that is void, the more gradually vibrations travel through it.

- amplify
- dampen
- generate
- impede
- produce
- conceal

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The stories in Yiyun Li's recent collection are distinctive particularly for the strong contrast between their emotional intensity and their consistently \_\_\_\_\_ tone.

affable
ebullient
measured
irascible
overwrought

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Because elections produce losers as well as winners, democratic systems depend on \_\_\_\_\_: the winners should not have to rely on coercion to enforce an election's results.

impartiality
transparency
acquiescence
partisanship
consistency

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Despite being by repute so (i)\_\_\_\_\_, indeed famous for their skepticism, the news reporters now appear to have become the most devout believers in the supposedly (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ powers of this charlatan's tonic.

Blank (i)

hard-boiled
heavy-handed
dewy-eyed

Blank (ii)

far-fetched
trifling
magical

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

So-called weak, or noncovalent, chemical bonds are ubiquitous, and that (i)\_\_\_\_\_ gives them a power that (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ their modest nature.

Blank (i)

resilience
prevalence
predictability

Blank (ii)

belies
camouflages
highlights

Select one entry from each column.

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Give a computer (i)\_\_\_\_\_ task, winning at chess, say, or predicting the weather, and the machine bests humans nearly every time. Yet when problems are (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, or require combining varied sources of information, computers are (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ human intelligence.

Blank (i)

a well-defined
a random
an open-ended

Blank (ii)

nuanced
inconsequential
solvable

Blank (iii)

no match for
unyielding to
able to dwarf

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Lasting inflation trains consumers to expect that goods will be more expensive tomorrow, so the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ thing to do is buy today. When inflation is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, in other words, people believe the value of their money is (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ and act accordingly.

Blank (i)

sensible
abnormal
brave

Blank (ii)

erratic
deferred
entrenched

Blank (iii)

eroding
unpredictable
stable

Select one entry from each column.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Typefaces, in one sense, are just like styles of shoes: they \_\_\_\_\_ because different people have different tastes and identities and because both creators and users value novelty for its own sake.

- bemuse
- converge
- proliferate
- abound
- evolve
- coincide

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The tools of science are so specialized that we accept them as a kind of \_\_\_\_\_ machinery for producing knowledge: we know that they work, but cannot explain why.

- occult
- efficacious
- potent
- arcane
- impersonal
- reliable

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The capacity for rational thought and its manifestation in language have long been assumed to distinguish human from nonhuman animals, but apes' proven ability to learn and teach sign language to other apes suggests that such a strict human-animal divide is \_\_\_\_\_.

- indeterminable
- indefensible
- untenable
- intolerable
- inevitable
- unavoidable

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Boyd and Richerson have pointed out how human \_\_\_\_\_, which is a necessary component to any system of cultural transmission through learning, necessarily leads to the accumulation of maladaptive ideas.

- credulity
- insensitivity
- obtuseness
- naïveté
- frailty
- individuality

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

In terms of energy consumption, the brain is quite \_\_\_\_\_: we humans, for example, have brains that account for slightly more than 2 percent of our biomass, but our brains burn up more than 15 percent of our basal metabolic energy.

efficient
typical
ravenous
unpredictable
inscrutable

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Scientists could not build on each other's work if they could not trust the published work of other scientists; thus progress in science depends on the \_\_\_\_\_ of practicing scientists.

consciences
intuitions
ambitions
experiences
optimism

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

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

Blank (i)

subversiveness
intensity
culpability

Blank (ii)

indiscriminate
iconoclastic
temperate

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

It can be (i)\_\_\_\_\_ to read Margaret Fuller's travel writing, as she produced accounts of her travel that (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ conventions of bourgeois travel narrative, often capitulating to the most well-worn clichés of the genre at precisely the moments when she sought most energetically to cast them off in favor of some new, more passionate mode of discernment.

Blank (i)

frustrating
enlightening
exciting

Blank (ii)

challenged
conformed to
established

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

There are far too many (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in the report, such as incorrect data (albeit on (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ points), inconsistency between the text and related tables, and discrepancies between the citations and the references.

Blank (i)

unsupported generalizations
stylistic infelicities
little errors

Blank (ii)

numerous
minor
perplexing

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Like many composers of electronic music, this composer is a pianist by training, and one might be tempted to hypothesize that this (i)\_\_\_\_\_ is due to the fact that early electronic instruments, such as the synthesizer, were keyboard controlled. (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, the fact that, historically, most composers in any genre began as pianists (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ that hypothesis.

Blank (i)

oddity
correlation
presumption

Blank (ii)

Furthermore
However
Specifically

Blank (iii)

clarifies
challenges
extends

Select one entry from each column.

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As a historical genre, biography is best when \_\_\_\_\_, a careful reconstruction of the past in all its unfamiliar particularity.

- introspective
- reflective
- concrete
- concise
- meticulous
- thorough

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

While they may not agree on everything, labor, environmental, and community groups need to act together if they are to be effective in \_\_\_\_\_ what they consider to be abusive corporate power.

- catalyzing
- compounding
- counterbalancing
- offsetting
- reversing
- spurring

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

How much corruption exists in internationally funded development projects is a matter of \_\_\_\_\_, though one well-supported estimate is that it might affect 40 percent or more of such projects.

- concern
- inference
- speculation
- legitimacy
- conjecture
- validity

Select two answer choices.

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Recent discoveries suggest that mathematical techniques developed by ancient Babylonian astronomers \_\_\_\_\_ those of medieval European scholars: Babylonian trapezoid procedures can be viewed as a concrete example of graphical methods devised by fourteenth-century philosopher Nicole Oresme.

- surpass
- undermine
- discredit
- anticipate
- prefigure
- inform

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The composer's music had been criticized for being simple and accessible to a fault, but defenders countered that music need not be \_\_\_\_\_ to be great.

innovative
capricious
inscrutable
meritorious
bombastic

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The fiftieth birthday of this much-admired musician has, predictably, given rise to various \_\_\_\_\_, including two flattering television documentaries about her life.

encomiums
diatribes
controversies
exposés
conundrums

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

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.

Blank (i)

unparalleled
dubious
obvious

Blank (ii)

demur
approve
acquiesce

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

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

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

diffuse
reasonable
questionable

psychologically penetrating in
inherently implausible about
fully documented in

plagiarism
conjecture
pretense

Select one entry from each column.

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The comma butterfly reaches the northern edge of its distribution in Britain. This is (i)\_\_\_\_\_ because many European butterflies come to the end of their range in Britain, but from a scientific standpoint it is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. The continuing (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ of the British, who have now been collecting butterflies for centuries, has helped scientists document a recent expansion of the comma's range.

Blank (i)

ironic
unremarkable
uncontroversial

Blank (ii)

paradoxical
fortunate
predictable

Blank (iii)

migration
isolation
enthusiasm

Select one entry from each column.

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Experimental magazine essays are quite in vogue, but many of the characteristics that now seem innovative will doubtless look (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in thirty years' time; a vaunted self-consciousness will look affected, a fractured style, far from appearing (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, will appear (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ instead.

Blank (i)

mannered
groundbreaking
foreign

Blank (ii)

radical
conventional
pretentious

Blank (iii)

quaint
idiosyncratic
auspicious

Select one entry from each column.

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The Harvard Observatory took the first picture of a star in 1850, but the complex logistics of photography at the time—involved coating glass plates with chemicals—made it too \_\_\_\_\_ to photograph stars nightly.

- exorbitant
- cumbersome
- troubling
- unwieldy
- worrisome
- precarious

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The scientific study of laughter faces a frustrating paradox: ideal experiments take place in rigidly controlled environments with all but the most salient variables eliminated, but such sterile settings are often \_\_\_\_\_ laughter.

- inimical to
- devoid of
- subverted by
- adverse to
- replete with
- rife with

Select two answer choices.

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Kusar's efforts to live a life of radical nonconformity were \_\_\_\_\_ enough, but, over time, he ended up in circumstances that were not dissimilar to those of the rest of his generation.

- flamboyant
- assiduous
- sincere
- impulsive
- erratic
- diligent

Select two answer choices.

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British critics covering African American musicians performing in London in the 1910s had little idea how to distinguish what was authentic African American music from what was \_\_\_\_\_, but they knew such a distinction existed.

- eclectic
- genuine
- derivative
- spurious
- legitimate
- specious

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Popularizers of ancient geology and paleontology face a challenge of verifiability: representations of prehistoric landscapes and animals, precisely because those phenomena are prehistoric, are necessarily somewhat \_\_\_\_\_ in nature.

deceptive
speculative
alienating
unpolished
underwhelming

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The introduction of a great idea in mathematics is often followed by a period of \_\_\_\_\_ comprising a series of increasingly grandiose claims about the idea's unlimited applicability.

inactivity
innovation
investigation
instability
inflation

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

She approached the restored hotel with (i)\_\_\_\_\_, feeling that all too often much-loved buildings have their character (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ by elaborate renovations.

Blank (i)

indifference
alacrity
trepidation

Blank (ii)

expunged
augmented
delineated

Select one entry from each column.

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Graffiti originated in and is still often regarded as vandalism, an activity in which contempt for property is (i)\_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, its rebirth as art, a venerated type of property, places its art-world purveyors in a position that is, at the very least, (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

inherent
anathema
marginal

Blank (ii)

lucrative
nefarious
peculiar

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Hundreds of psychology experiments over the past half-century have indirectly demonstrated that people (i)\_\_\_\_\_ consciously holding cognitions that contradict one another; recently, researchers have found stronger evidence for this phenomenon, corroborating the hypothesis that awareness of one's "non-fitting cognitions" is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

overlook
justify
dislike

Blank (ii)

difficult to predict
only intermittently achieved
experienced as aversive

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Despite clamoring in the legislature and among the population at large for (i)\_\_\_\_\_, the president seems determined to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ moves to loosen the restrictions he has imposed on new industrial development in the country. His actions are based on strong personal beliefs about the importance of preserving nature. However much such convictions (iii)\_\_\_\_\_, it is nevertheless wrong to impose them arbitrarily on this pluralistic nation.

Blank (i)

controls
growth
decisiveness

Blank (ii)

consider
thwart
reinforce

Blank (iii)

seem irrelevant
remain inviolable
deserve respect

Select one entry from each column.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

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.

- hamstring
- reinvent
- promote
- revitalize
- impair
- invigorate

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Over the past hundred years, numerous experiments on elementary particles have \_\_\_\_\_ the classical paradigm of a causal, deterministic universe by showing that some natural phenomena are truly random.

- augmented
- supported
- upended
- investigated
- undermined
- probed

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

In a newly formed group of people, the hierarchy that emerges may be entirely \_\_\_\_\_, but group members will nevertheless tend to construct after-the-fact rationalizations for why those in charge should be in charge.

- predictable
- haphazard
- abstract
- arbitrary
- dysfunctional
- theoretical

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

According to theater critic Shiva Rijal, street theater in Nepal is, by its nature, \_\_\_\_\_: it encourages its audiences to eradicate all forms of social injustice.

- political
- galvanizing
- controversial
- adaptable
- rousing
- fluid

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Taylor's \_\_\_\_\_ nature enabled her to bring together and work successfully with people of very diverse, and often conflicting, views.

aloof
taciturn
officious
irenic
punctilious

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

In the final scene of the movie, the character exhibits an almost unbelievable \_\_\_\_\_, remaining imperturbable in the face of intense and immediate physical danger.

cunning
endurance
arrogance
sangfroid
percipience

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

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?

Blank (i)

soothsayers
evangelists
iconoclasts

Blank (ii)

self-aggrandizing
self-knowing
self-defeating

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

The recent surge of public interest in ecotourism has sparked a major debate because of growing awareness that the ecotourism industry is not as (i)\_\_\_\_\_ as initially believed. Studies conducted around the world reveal many cases where ecotourism (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the ideals (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the environmentally friendly principles it promotes.

Blank (i)

extensive
benign
ebullient

Blank (ii)

transcends
falls short of
disallows

Blank (iii)

extraneous to
inherent in
inimical to

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Although it documents how modern fisheries have grossly abused the oceans' capacity to forgive, the book does not conclude (i)\_\_\_\_\_. It has a simple solution: the control of fisheries needs to be repatriated. If the prey (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, then the imperative is to catch as much of it as quickly as possible before anyone else gets it. But if people instead (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ as much of the resource as they depend on, then an artificial version of the natural predator/prey equilibrium will be restored.

Blank (i)

convincingly
pessimistically
pragmatically

Blank (ii)

belongs to everybody
exists in abundance
has few predators

Blank (iii)

respect
need
own

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

It has long been a tradition in English Studies for different paradigms of literary interpretation, with their different ways of understanding literary texts, to pursue their activities side by side, even though they produce (i) \_\_\_\_\_ explanations of the same work. Although for some, this theoretical (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ has been an indication of disciplinary (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, for others it stands as testimony to the intellectual vibrancy of the discipline.

Blank (i)

arcane
repetitious
incompatible

Blank (ii)

pluralism
populism
rigidity

Blank (iii)

homogeneity
redundancy
weakness

Select one entry from each column.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Looking back on a project that they had approached with both great trepidation and considerable \_\_\_\_\_, they were amused to recognize that neither the fears nor the hopes had been at all realistic.

- unease
- anxiety
- preparation
- fortitude
- anticipation
- hopefulness

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The reliable production of usable energy through the controlled fusion of hydrogen atoms into helium remains an elusive dream: even the most ardent efforts to achieve it have thus far been \_\_\_\_\_.

- concealed
- debated
- thwarted
- maligned
- veiled
- frustrated

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

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.

- slippery
- elusive
- fruitless
- deceptive
- futile
- compelling

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

In Roth's fiction, politics is an element that doesn't naturally occur in \_\_\_\_\_ form but is always getting confused and mixed up with shame and anger, baseball and sex.

- an unalloyed
- an unbiased
- an uncontroversial
- an objective
- a neat
- a tendentious

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The design of many seventeenth-century scientific instruments was not entirely \_\_\_\_\_; in their construction, such instruments already involved many assumptions about aspects of the phenomena that they were aimed to investigate.

consistent
original
precise
impartial
versatile

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Although researchers have studied cartilage's behavior on the macroscopic scale, the several forces that scientists believe to be active on the molecular level have never been \_\_\_\_\_.

disentangled
divulged
invoked
accepted
developed

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

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

Blank (i)

narrow in scope
susceptible to fads
averse to empiricism

Blank (ii)

utilitarianism
parochialism
historicism

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Some norms governing authors' dedications of their works are (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the norms governing ordinary speech (it may be wrong to lie, and thus wrong to lie in a dedication), but other norms are (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ dedications. For example, one ought not dedicate to a worthy recipient an object that one feels is devoid of value.

Blank (i)

necessary for
contradicted by
indistinct from

Blank (ii)

independent of
invalidated by
particular to

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Originality of artistic subject matter was never (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in ancient Egypt—in fact, it was generally (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ ; as a result, the artist's ambition was concentrated solely on thoroughness and precision of execution.

Blank (i)

monitored
ignored
prized

Blank (ii)

foregrounded
proscribed
accepted

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

In today's (i)\_\_\_\_\_ literary publishing environment, Thomas Pynchon's 1,085-page novel *Against the Day* is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, an experimental novel gargantuan in scale yet given something resembling mass-market treatment. In earlier, more adventurous times, this was once common enough, but nowadays the appearance of these unruly (and often all-too-flawed) tomes is (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ rather than routine.

Blank (i)

foolhardy
risk-averse
diverse

Blank (ii)

a dilemma
a trifle
an oddity

Blank (iii)

anomalous
quintessential
inferior

Select one entry from each column.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Watching this frantic adaptation of Alice Walker's *The Color Purple* \_\_\_\_\_ feelings like the ones you might experience riding through the countryside in a high-speed train: the landscape looks seductively lush and varied, but it all passes by in a confusing blur.

- summons
- conjures up
- obscures
- conceals
- ameliorates
- mitigates

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The fear that otherwise \_\_\_\_\_ economies could fall victim to external shocks is one of the scariest aspects of the world's economic troubles and one of the most portentous.

- insignificant
- small
- progressive
- robust
- mature
- healthy

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Taxonomy has gained a reputation as \_\_\_\_\_ science, a reputation that is not mitigated by the incessant changing of the names of organisms and the seemingly haphazard approach taken to the definition of taxa.

- an arcane
- an arbitrary
- an exacting
- a rigorous
- an obstinate
- a capricious

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

What Dr. Walther has shown is that many of the standard statistical techniques that are supposed to insure against \_\_\_\_\_ correlations are inadequate in this case.

- numerical
- specious
- elementary
- paltry
- quantifiable
- spurious

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The young man's fervent pursuit of material wealth quickly earned him a reputation for being not just acquisitive, but downright \_\_\_\_\_.

penurious
supercilious
rapacious
vexatious
mendacious

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Sinden notes that in the face of warnings about the perils of climate change, the need to agree on strategies for reducing greenhouse-gas emissions is increasingly urgent. The question of who should reduce emissions is not (i)\_\_\_\_\_. Rather, according to Sinden, it is the question of who should bear the costs of these reductions that is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

particularly vexed
universally resolved
politically innocuous

Blank (ii)

redundant
contentious
prescient

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

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

Blank (i)

commend
discount
emulate

Blank (ii)

egalitarian
anachronistic
regal

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

All of these writers rely on (i)\_\_\_\_\_ and (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ to make their argument: they take a single idea and illustrate it with endless, rather overblown examples while avoiding any genuinely nuanced analysis.

Blank (i)

fabrication
equivocation
simplification

Blank (ii)

exaggeration
speculation
prevarication

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

The (i)\_\_\_\_\_ positive thinking in our current culture can have a (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ effect: it may create unacknowledged pressures to suppress emotions that are perceived as negative, and this suppression can (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

suspicion of
indifference to
bias toward

Blank (ii)

paradoxical
salutary
negligible

Blank (iii)

diminish contentment
foster optimism
assuage anxiety

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

As a matter of good practice, members of the scientific community tend to be (i)\_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to affirming received opinion. They constantly question whatever is offered as accepted truth. Science (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ when its practitioners hew to a (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ approach.

Blank (i)

coy
chary
ambivalent

Blank (ii)

regresses
flounders
thrives

Blank (iii)

pragmatic
skeptical
circuitous

Select one entry from each column.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Laboratory experiments testing whether memories can be purposely erased or implanted seem decidedly \_\_\_\_\_ compared to the sensational depictions of memory manipulation in movies, but such research has nevertheless yielded dramatic results.

- sinister
- outdated
- ominous
- prosaic
- frivolous
- pedestrian

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

A danger of writing urban history is the temptation to fall into the \_\_\_\_\_ and then to learn that only a rare few will be interested in reading your overly specialized account of lost times.

- sensational
- quixotic
- provincial
- impractical
- subversive
- parochial

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

While spectroscopy may be an obscure tool, there is nothing correspondingly \_\_\_\_\_ about claims concerning its importance: it proved that the rest of the universe is built from the same kinds of atoms as we are.

- banal
- arcane
- esoteric
- prosaic
- equivocal
- self-evident

Select two answer choices.

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Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The online discussion was consistently \_\_\_\_\_, each new posting offering up yet another screed.

- droll
- waggish
- vitriolic
- bombastic
- acrimonious
- scintillating

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Popularizers of ancient geology and paleontology face a challenge of verifiability: representations of prehistoric landscapes and animals, precisely because those phenomena are prehistoric, are necessarily somewhat \_\_\_\_\_ in nature.

deceptive
speculative
alienating
unpolished
underwhelming

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The environmentalist asserted that although the trend in building regulations was theoretically geared toward energy efficiency, in terms of energy consumption, new buildings typically were becoming more \_\_\_\_\_ every year.

uniform
capricious
profligate
modernized
dynamic

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Although the genetic explanation of why some people are right-handed whereas others are left-handed is (i)\_\_\_\_\_, it has been effectively challenged by experiments in which genetically (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ mice showed different paw preferences.

Blank (i)

plausible
specious
controversial

Blank (ii)

identical
altered
complex

Select one entry from each column.

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High self-esteem has recently assumed a somewhat (i)\_\_\_\_\_ status in social psychology. On the one hand, high self-esteem is believed to confer a wide variety of adaptive and affective benefits; on the other, positive self-views have been linked to a number of intrapersonal and interpersonal strategies than can reasonably be described as (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

esoteric
elevated
paradoxical

Blank (ii)

antisocial
efficacious
transparent

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

The musical sketches Mozart made in the course of composition are fascinating, and some are of the highest quality. Even supposing that many were (i)\_\_\_\_\_, his sketches are not as numerous as, say, Beethoven's, but there are enough of them to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the notion that Mozart always wrote down fully finished pieces straight out of his head.

Blank (i)

done casually
thrown away
returned to later

Blank (ii)

revitalize
introduce
counter

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

According to one view, works of literary fiction should faithfully reflect social reality, and adherents to this view tend to assume that social reality has only one face: a damaged and dysfunctional one. This view has had less impact on the musical arts, however. Composers are free to write music that is (i)\_\_\_\_\_ without being condemned for their (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. Yet writers, by contrast, are expected to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ if they wish to be taken seriously.

Blank (i)

joyful
austere
esoteric

Blank (ii)

frivolousness
inaccessibility
pretentiousness

Blank (iii)

affirm idealism
eschew optimism
embrace realism

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Looking back on a project that they had approached with both great trepidation and considerable \_\_\_\_\_, they were amused to recognize that neither the fears nor the hopes had been at all realistic.

- unease
- anxiety
- preparation
- fortitude
- anticipation
- hopefulness

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

A single, cheap tablet combining a range of drugs that protect against heart disease was \_\_\_\_\_ years ago, but pharmaceutical companies were reluctant to undertake the project because it failed to provide sufficient financial incentive.

- banned
- broached
- proscribed
- proposed
- authorized
- developed

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Some research suggests that praising children's talents and abilities may \_\_\_\_\_ their confidence, making them reluctant to tackle more difficult challenges that carry a greater risk of failure.

- malign
- undermine
- improve
- obscure
- boost
- sap

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Central control of the country's power grid is difficult because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the electricity industry—it is made up of hundreds of local networks with separate owners.

bifurcation
interdependence
nationalization
tractability
balkanization

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The \_\_\_\_\_ directed toward the editor struck many observers as excessive, since the quality of the special sections she oversaw, while far from perfect, was unmatched by any other contemporary newspaper.

favoritism
perquisites
contumely
accolades
enticements

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

At its best, the storytelling in this television series manages to accommodate a sense of historical (i)\_\_\_\_\_. The narrative shows that American independence was not (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. It was debated. It didn't happen overnight. No one was sure how it would turn out.

Blank (i)

contingency
plausibility
constancy

Blank (ii)

inevitable
unforeseen
unremarkable

Select one entry from each column.

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Every few years, as a reviewer, one encounters a novel whose (i)\_\_\_\_\_ are so many in number, and so (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, that to correct them fully would produce a text that exceeded the novel itself in length. Faced with such a book, one wishes only to let it slip quietly to the seabed of culture, there to join thousands of other (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ books in their slow disintegration.

Blank (i)

felicities
ineptitudes
curiosities

Blank (ii)

thoroughgoing
innocuous
delightful

Blank (iii)

profound
incompetent
indispensable

Select one entry from each column.

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

Blank (i)

obscure
celebrate
countermand

Blank (ii)

incommensurate with
surpassed by
inspired by

Blank (iii)

parity
inclusiveness
stratification

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Researchers found that people who had just watched film clips of views from an airplane window were much more (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in computer games than people who had watched clips showing scenes from a car window. The same relationship between (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ and (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ behavior appeared in several experiments. The researchers suggest that being high up, or the mere act of ascending, reminds us of lofty ways of thinking and behaving.

Blank (i)

passive
cooperative
unpredictable

Blank (ii)

competitiveness
altitude
mobility

Blank (iii)

unselfish
random
disciplined

Select one entry from each column.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Critics of compost production often do not fully consider the potential environmental benefits of compost use—benefits that might \_\_\_\_\_ the energy consumption, gaseous emissions, and other negative environmental effects attributable to compost production.

- trigger
- offset
- intensify
- exacerbate
- eliminate
- counterbalance

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Although the arguments about legal ethics explored in Markovits' study are well-trodden territory, the book itself is anything but \_\_\_\_\_.

- stale
- banal
- abstruse
- pretentious
- obsolete
- obscure

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Our mass media are much more fascinated by bad ideas or the failure of good ones than by successes: we drown in bad news—tales of how things went wrong—and, consequently, we are lacking in any \_\_\_\_\_ discussion on how they might go right.

- incisive
- tantalizing
- trenchant
- cursory
- illusory
- perfunctory

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

An experiment in which elderly subjects were asked to impersonate their much younger selves produced a decrease in the physiological symptoms of aging, suggesting that the aging process is less \_\_\_\_\_ than previously believed.

subtle
fixed
measurable
complicated
unpredictable

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The earliest bridges were most likely \_\_\_\_\_ structures, like stones, fallen tree trunks, or hanging vines that provided a natural way for people to cross a stream.

symbiotic
permanent
fortuitous
symmetrical
amorphous

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

To the avid reader of E. O. Wilson, much of his most recent book *Consilience: The Unity of Knowledge* will be (i)\_\_\_\_\_, as the book represents the culmination of a life spent thinking about everything from the social lives of ants to the social lives of people. Nonetheless, new thoughts have been mixed in with the old to produce a book remarkable for its (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ and ambition.

Blank (i)

predictable
discounted
startling

Blank (ii)

purview
overreaching
contingency

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

The broad comedy of the play might seem to invite directors to go for a slapstick treatment, but its humor is already so (i)\_\_\_\_\_ that it could quickly become (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ unless handled with some restraint.

Blank (i)

unpredictable
charming
unsophisticated

Blank (ii)

mordant
irksome
dolorous

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

A list is at once (i)\_\_\_\_\_ and (ii)\_\_\_\_\_; in other words, a list is simultaneously the sum of the items on it and those individual (and often unrelated) items themselves.

Blank (i)

accretive
pragmatic
exhaustive

Blank (ii)

discontinuous
idealistic
incomplete

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

While (i)\_\_\_\_\_ has its dangers, the tendency to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ should be ranked among the most (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ attributes of the human race: without it, one can acquire knowledge only the hard way, directly from personal experience.

Blank (i)

tenacity
credulity
curiosity

Blank (ii)

believe the testimony of others
adapt to changing circumstances
endure difficulties courageously

Blank (iii)

pernicious
beneficial
mysterious

Select one entry from each column.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

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.

- hamstring
- reinvent
- promote
- revitalize
- impair
- invigorate

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

In *The Balance Within*, Sternberg \_\_\_\_\_ hyperbole, opting for admirable simplicity and clarity while introducing neuroimmunology as a potential foundation of psychosomatic medicine.

- evokes
- transcends
- elicits
- condemns
- eschews
- avoids

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The concept of replicability begins with the idea that the pursuit of scientific truth is not \_\_\_\_\_: researchers who make claims must allow others to test those claims.

- incomplete
- settled
- private
- unfinished
- insular
- unerring

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Many ceremonial African masks and figures are intended to be \_\_\_\_\_: they are often left to degrade naturally or even destroyed after use.

- functional
- disposable
- eclectic
- ephemeral
- exaggerated
- transitory

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

\_\_\_\_\_ is an important ingredient in the success of the jazz collective “The West Coast Get Down”: to explain the confluence of circumstances leading to their stardom, one almost has to resort to mysticism.

Assiduousness
Syncretism
Serendipity
Pertinacity
Genealogy

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The headmaster believed that the school's strict code of conduct was very useful for making teenagers give up their \_\_\_\_\_ ways, turning them into minders of tradition and discipline.

contumacious
orthodox
clannish
partisan
solicitous

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Those who knew the senator well were convinced that in spite of his (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in larger political matters, there was no (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in his expressions of feeling for his constituents.

Blank (i)

candor
cooperation
duplicity

Blank (ii)

dissemblance
compassion
fervency

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

One might think that when a democratic group has to make a decision that will apply to everyone in the group, it is best to let the group's debate continue unhindered until the opinions of the participants have (i)\_\_\_\_\_. After all, if a problem has a single correct solution, then it might be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ to argue things through until everyone (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ that solution.

Blank (i)

coalesced
solidified
altered

Blank (ii)

dangerous
unnecessary
beneficial

Blank (iii)

forswears
accepts
anticipates

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Part of what currently makes it so (i)\_\_\_\_\_ to arrive at a scientific understanding of the living world is that while technological advances have produced a cascade of data—from detailed genome sequences to the sophisticated satellite imagery that documents the planet's ecosystems—our ability to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ these data still lags far behind their (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

frustrating
intriguing
challenging

Blank (ii)

gather
apprehend
dispute

Blank (iii)

acquisition
interpretation
implementation

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

The tape recorder is to blame for the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of the interview and has thus had a (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ effect on journalism. The possibility of verbatim reproduction has fostered the illusion that the voice of truth is that of the interviewee rather than the more critically detached voice belonging to the journalist. Maybe journalists should return to the lowly notebook, which allows them to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ while listening, relegating the tape recorder to its real role of invaluable witness.

Blank (i)

glorification
superannuation
vilification

Blank (ii)

negligible
pernicious
salutary

Blank (iii)

edit intelligently
relinquish control
transcribe exactly

Select one entry from each column.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

This is a \_\_\_\_\_ book: it takes up and defends a position to which the current intellectual climate is generally hostile.

- restrained
- plucky
- noteworthy
- temperate
- courageous
- subversive

Select two answer choices.

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Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Pop music continually recycles itself, building new hits around familiar themes, and successful new acts often do not even bother to disguise their \_\_\_\_\_.

- appropriations
- innovations
- influences
- pilferage
- originality
- complicity

Select two answer choices.

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Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

In hindsight, it is easy to say that the geological evidence for ice ages was \_\_\_\_\_ and to wonder why such periods in the Earth's past were not recognized earlier.

- accessible
- overwhelming
- emerging
- irresistible
- intriguing
- tenuous

Select two answer choices.

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Belmont described herself as \_\_\_\_\_ individual, one who craved the attention of others and always insisted on getting her own way.

- an imperious
- a temperamental
- a self-centered
- an overbearing
- an irascible
- an ingratiating

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Much as our taste for sugar and fat served us well in a world of scarce nutrition but has become \_\_\_\_\_ in a world of plenty, where we satisfy it to the point of obesity, our memories can work against us in our contemporary information age.

symptomatic
atrophied
maladaptive
nugatory
heritable

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Scholars could not build on each other's work if they could not trust the published work of their colleagues; thus progress depends on the \_\_\_\_\_ of practicing scholars.

acquisitiveness
mendacity
ambitions
veracity
optimism

Select one answer choice.

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promotes
compromises
promulgates

Blank (ii)

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constrains
prioritizes

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The readiness with which media outlets gave the actor opportunities to air her ingenuous views on public health reflected the extent to which, in our culture, celebrity (i)\_\_\_\_\_ authority and negates (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

trumps
underwrites
countenances

Blank (ii)

notoriety
erudition
popularity

Select one entry from each column.

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Once photographs depicting important family events such as vacations or weddings are assembled and presented in a family album, the collection of photographs is treated as (i)\_\_\_\_\_ record of events; but what we (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ is the active selection process that led to the making of the album.

Blank (i)

a precious
a satirical
an objective

Blank (ii)

tend
hesitate
aspire

Blank (iii)

overlook
replicate
transform

Select one entry from each column.

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Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Although streams of solar particles cause beautiful auroras—the northern and southern lights—sometimes their consequences are less \_\_\_\_\_: their electromagnetic effects, for instance, can overload power grids and damage orbiting satellites.

- spectacular
- significant
- benign
- consequential
- innocuous
- palpable

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The researcher noted that microbes, although \_\_\_\_\_, make up far more of the living protoplasm on Earth than all humans, animals and plants combined.

- invisible
- omnipresent
- diminutive
- ubiquitous
- minuscule
- ethereal

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Globalization has made ethnic entrepreneurship resilient in postindustrial economies: well represented in the small business sector in the United States, ethnic entrepreneurship has been \_\_\_\_\_ by the volatile tides of international migration.

- sustained
- perpetuated
- diversified
- vitiated
- overwhelmed
- attenuated

Select two answer choices.

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Journal editors note that the peer review process has difficulty detecting \_\_\_\_\_: deliberate misinformation, if it is clever enough, might sail right through no matter how scrupulous the reviews.

- bias
- inconsistency
- fraud
- negligence
- duplicity
- carelessness

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The era's examples of \_\_\_\_\_ that are cited by the author can be balanced in part by certain examples of protection of dissent during the same period.

diversity
authoritarianism
forbearance
volatility
lucidity

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.



The argument, while important, combines analysis and \_\_\_\_\_, swinging in tone from patient consideration to bitter invective.

introspection
prevarication
facetiousness
idealism
polemic

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Readers had little reason to (i)\_\_\_\_\_ what proved to be the rather uncanny (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ of Kaja Silverman's and bell hooks's polemics, given the two authors' contrary methodologies, interests, and audiences.

Blank (i)

distinguish
anticipate
dispute

Blank (ii)

convergence
timeliness
dissonance

Select one entry from each column.

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Having an intense and long-standing culture of (i)\_\_\_\_\_, the company understandably has a reputation as the supreme corporate (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. But even by these standards, the degree of secrecy surrounding the company's most recent research is (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

impropriety
progress
privacy

Blank (ii)

anachronism
abomination
enigma

Blank (iii)

remarkable
predictable
counterproductive

Select one entry from each column.

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Scientists cannot directly measure heat conductivity in Earth's iron core, nor can they replicate such extreme conditions in the laboratory. This circumstance is (i)\_\_\_\_\_, however, if we (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ iron's conductivity behavior in experimental and real-world conditions: then, core conductivity can be (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ results of conductivity experiments performed at lower temperatures in a laboratory.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

unfortunate
understandable
surmountable

discount variations in
assume consistency in
manipulate degrees of

inferred from
compared to
influenced by

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

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

Blank (i)

legitimize
augment
disgorge

Blank (ii)

longer-term
acute
qualitative

Blank (iii)

requirement
surplus
facet

Select one entry from each column.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of language comes at a price: by mixing and matching sounds to generate thousands of languages, human beings have fashioned a communication system that can make members of the same species unintelligible to one another.

- pervasiveness
- effectiveness
- multifariousness
- versatility
- ubiquity
- elasticity

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The fierce drought that is gripping the area—and imminent rationing and steep water price increases—is \_\_\_\_\_ the area's deep economic divide, as wealthy communities guzzle water while poorer communities nearby conserve by necessity.

- defining
- bridging
- highlighting
- exacerbating
- underscoring
- adjusting

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The writing is fluid and engaging, and despite the author's description of his work as a love story, it is not overtly \_\_\_\_\_.

- mawkish
- eloquent
- articulate
- sentimental
- idyllic
- poignant

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Historically, the depletion of soil's nitrogen has been one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ problems faced by farmers: an essential nutrient, nitrogen is quickly leached from soil, and farmers have struggled to find ways to replenish it.

- capricious
- ubiquitous
- worrisome
- stubborn
- intractable
- unpredictable

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Ironically, the recent \_\_\_\_\_ of the reductive observational methods that have enabled science to progress for four centuries may turn out to be science's next step forward.

implementation
validation
certification
standardization
rejection

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Apocalyptic ideology can be \_\_\_\_\_ in its effects, since those who predict the end of the world have often been great innovators; the fear of catastrophe, despite its perceived inevitability, frequently acts as a spur to construction and renewal.

capricious
predictable
paradoxical
hyperbolic
tendentious

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Catering to shifts in taste represents (i) \_\_\_\_\_ for manufacturers. Indeed, one reason automobile styling has changed so little in recent years is that the industry has been struggling to survive, which has made the annual styling change of decades past (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ expense.

Blank (i)

an opportunity
a cost
a conundrum

Blank (ii)

a necessary
an eliminable
a shrewd

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

The dazzling extent and variety of Pearigen's work (i)\_\_\_\_\_ those who search for artistic continuity; nonetheless, certain ingrained values are (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ throughout his oeuvre.

Blank (i)

appease
confound
compensate

Blank (ii)

inconsistent
flouted
reflected

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

The shift from extraction to cultivation in forestry involves transforming the reproductive biology of trees into a source of industrial productivity, leading to a greater degree of (i) \_\_\_\_\_ between biophysical nature on the one hand and industry on the other. In the process, nature is increasingly (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ industry and science.

Blank (i)

separation
antagonism
entanglement

Blank (ii)

excluded from
appropriated by
superfluous to

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Particles colliding in space cannot (i)\_\_\_\_\_ unless their collisions are (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. Careening rocks and ice chunks in elongated, high-inclination orbits—like many of those in the solar system’s Kuiper Belt today—would hit with high velocity, which would break them apart instead of building them up. Only objects in more circular orbits have low enough relative velocities to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

rebound
adhere
disengage

Blank (ii)

gentle
frequent
forceful

Blank (iii)

disintegrate
proliferate
coalesce

Select one entry from each column.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

\_\_\_\_\_ the idea that attention is a limited resource, scientists have repeatedly observed that drivers using mobile phones are slower to react and more apt to miss important details than are drivers focused solely on the road.

- Extending
- Bolstering
- Obscuring
- Buttressing
- Eclipsing
- Complicating

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

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.

- derision
- resentment
- dismissal
- conviction
- ridicule
- certainty

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

It is true that science, and more particularly scientists, \_\_\_\_\_ cherished paradigms with great reluctance and that when they do, scientific revolutions may result.

- unify
- share
- cede
- embrace
- dismantle
- relinquish

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

There's \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the Broadway adaptation of *The Color Purple* that, while hardly true to the harrowing bleakness of the early chapters of Alice Walker's novel, does bring to mind the enjoyably hokey cinematic lavishness of the film version.

- a starkness
- a splendor
- an austerity
- a sumptuousness
- a frivolousness
- a gravity

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Being amenable to so many interpretations, the new data, though \_\_\_\_\_, did not ultimately present a serious challenge to established theory.

unequivocal
authenticated
ambiguous
predictable
startling

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

In line with a vow he had made to himself as a young man to remain \_\_\_\_\_ to all but his most intimate friends, Sacher cultivated an air of mystery and intrigue in public.

irascible
loquacious
inscrutable
amiable
inconspicuous

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Business leaders who prefer centralized, pyramidal managerial structures to diversity and competition tend to (i) \_\_\_\_\_ dissent in the decision-making process. But this insistence on (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ can be dangerous in that it deprives decision makers of a full range of alternatives.

Blank (i)

foster
deprecate
overrate

Blank (ii)

spontaneity
unanimity
ambiguity

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Parker's model of human affairs reflects (i)\_\_\_\_\_ outlook, in stark contrast to the generally (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ analyses of her colleagues in the economics department.

Blank (i)

a sanguine
an introspective
a technical

Blank (ii)

methodological
provisional
pessimistic

Select one entry from each column.

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Far-reaching explanations of many anomalous phenomena observed during solar eclipses have been (i) \_\_\_\_\_ many scientists, who maintain that the correct explanations are (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, having to do with fluctuations in temperature, atmospheric pressure, or other environmental parameters, rather than some (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ eclipse-related factor.

Blank (i)

overemphasized by
unconvincing to
popular with

Blank (ii)

irrelevant
mundane
controversial

Blank (iii)

observable
unexpected
trivial

Select one entry from each column.

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Until recently superhero comics were seen as irredeemably (i)\_\_\_\_\_; they were widely disparaged for being so (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in conception and execution, and anyone who was a fan was given plenty of reasons to be (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

puerile
innocuous
facetious

Blank (ii)

lowbrow
shrewd
realistic

Blank (iii)

heartened
emulated
abashed

Select one entry from each column.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

While some naïve investors have been convinced by proponents of the merger that the two companies are natural partners, experienced analysts are less \_\_\_\_\_.

- optimistic
- credulous
- reliable
- gullible
- skeptical
- dismissive

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

It can be a daunting task to plunge into the disparate and extensive data sets on the carnivores and \_\_\_\_\_ meaningful patterns from their extraordinary morphological, behavioral, and ecological diversity.

- conjure
- sift
- distinguish
- hide
- filter
- conceal

Select two answer choices.

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The play is undeniably cerebral—its plot turns on the interpretation of quantum mechanics—but critics have found this \_\_\_\_\_ exhilarating, and the play does not wear its ideas too heavily.

- ebullience
- complexity
- opacity
- intellectualism
- jauntiness
- erudition

Select two answer choices.

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Eubank's efforts to facilitate \_\_\_\_\_ between the two sides came to nothing but could be seen as an early blueprint for the historic agreement between the sides over ten years later.

- an alliance
- a rapprochement
- a conversation
- a reconciliation
- an altercation
- a quarrel

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.



The science community's perennial lament over inadequate budgets has come to seem increasingly \_\_\_\_\_, because government support for science and engineering has never been greater.

vital
hopeless
poignant
condescending
disingenuous

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The inconspicuous location and lack of striking vistas that characterize the villa reflect the \_\_\_\_\_ aspect of its creator's personality.

volatile
grandiose
gregarious
self-effacing
imperious

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

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

Blank (i)

spread
commenced
slowed

Blank (ii)

spur to
drag on
panacea for

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

The cello soloist seemed to (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the conductor's (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, enthusiastically following her lead as the music alternated suddenly between ruminative and explosive.

Blank (i)

savor
modulate
confound

Blank (ii)

subtle transitions
euphonious strains
mercurial shifts

Select one entry from each column.

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Whereas in the early nineteenth century phrenologists had seen every part of the brain surface as the seat of a specific intellectual or moral faculty, the 1830s and 1840s saw a (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of this belief, to such an extent that the brain came to be seen as (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

popularization
vindication
reexamination

Blank (ii)

hierarchical
undifferentiated
decipherable

Select one entry from each column.

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Campuswide discussions on academic integrity can be (i)\_\_\_\_\_ by the fact that faculty and students tend to define cheating in (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ ways. Even when they concur on what cheating means, faculty and students often assign different levels of severity to specific violations. These differences can serve as a major (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the creation of a commonly accepted set of standards of integrity that are consistently applied to all academic work within the campus community.

Blank (i)

expedited
obscured
hampered

Blank (ii)

disparate
conventional
rigid

Blank (iii)

indictment of
impediment to
metaphor for

Select one entry from each column.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Humans are good at assessing catastrophic risks but less so at assessing dangers that are \_\_\_\_\_; hence our nonchalance about the possible long-term consequences of climate change.

- underestimated
- cumulative
- formidable
- invisible
- daunting
- incremental

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The biographer puts a great deal of emphasis on Wilson's journeyman years, showing how he developed from \_\_\_\_\_ poet looking for artistic fathers into an author fully in possession of his own meaning.

- an erstwhile
- a neophyte
- an autonomous
- a promising
- a novice
- an independent

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Architects may be more extroverted and therefore the more \_\_\_\_\_ members of a bridge design team, but they are not always the most essential.

- indispensable
- conscientious
- reliable
- visible
- valuable
- salient

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The memory of an event never exists as \_\_\_\_\_ item in one spot in the brain: it exists as fragments of information, stored in different parts of our mind.

- an indelible
- an atomized
- an isolated
- a recognizable
- a dispersed
- a discrete

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.



We tend to perceive the classification of zoo animals into scientific categories such as species and subspecies as \_\_\_\_\_, but the definition of many species is still hotly debated among biologists and conservationists.

abstruse
equivocal
incontrovertible
imperative
indiscernible

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The employees' blithe natures were in sharp contrast to the \_\_\_\_\_ disposition of their manager.

affable
duplicitous
apathetic
lenient
irascible

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Many readers today consider the moral sentiments expressed in the ancient writer's work to be quite vapid, and in the seventeenth century they were similarly regarded as \_\_\_\_\_.

jejune
didactic
dogmatic
tendentious
arcane

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

The mayor has developed a reputation for (i)\_\_\_\_\_, and even in a city not known for its (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, this reputation is proving to be a growing danger to his administration.

Blank (i)

ostentation
rectitude
venality

Blank (ii)

flamboyance
decadence
integrity

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Science is inherently (i)\_\_\_\_\_. Whether (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ a long-standing idea or showing disdain for received political wisdom, the scientific ethic, which demands that the scientist follow the evidence wherever it leads, is a threat to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ of all kinds.

Blank (i)

subversive
principled
collaborative

Blank (ii)

substantiating
overturning
identifying

Blank (iii)

authorities
skeptics
methodologies

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Organic farming is often thought of as being (i)\_\_\_\_\_ by its opposition to conventional industrialized agriculture. In truth, however, it is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ a unifying rationale for organic agriculture, and many contemporary understandings of organic agriculture are not even (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

altered
marginalized
defined

Blank (ii)

impossible to divine
essential to recognize
tempting to propose

Blank (iii)

superficial
controversial
complementary

Select one entry from each column.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Some consider the theorem Emmy Noether first published in 1918 to be as important as Einstein's theory of relativity, since much of today's vanguard research in physics is \_\_\_\_\_ Noether's theorem.

- contradicted by
- undergirded by
- incompatible with
- dependent on
- devoted to
- elucidated by

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The series of documentaries certainly does seem to promote the country's recent diplomatic initiatives; in fact, some of the films appear to be \_\_\_\_\_ those initiatives.

- tributes to
- references to
- encomiums to
- arguments against
- denunciations of
- indictments of

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Attempts to calm down the \_\_\_\_\_ toddler proved futile: he fidgeted, hollered, and whined during the entire three-hour plane flight.

- befuddled
- recalcitrant
- impassive
- serene
- morose
- restive

Select two answer choices.

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The prosecutor was extremely slow in filing charges against the accused; however, once that first step had been taken, the court could and did move with relative \_\_\_\_\_.

- dispatch
- caution
- celerity
- temerity
- wariness
- rigor

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

In interpreting geoscientific assessments of risk, nonscientists often equate uncertainty with \_\_\_\_\_ and therefore misinterpret necessary scientific caution as meaning that predictions have little value.

danger
unreliability
discretion
pessimism
modesty

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Because it was exposed by a \_\_\_\_\_ fracture, the rock's structure could be seen free of weathering or lichen growth.

primeval
complex
recent
microscopic
permanent

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

The politician's record while in office, though (i)\_\_\_\_\_, hardly accounts for her high standing three decades later —a standing all the more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ because of continuing assaults on her reputation during those years.

Blank (i)

bewildering
admirable
unappreciated

Blank (ii)

unusual
regrettable
persistent

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Literary salons and coffeehouses (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the class-based systems of social hierarchies prevalent at the time. Meritocratic appreciation of wit and brilliance, wherever it might issue, replaced (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ to established power.

Blank (i)

reaffirmed
broke down
anticipated

Blank (ii)

indifference
deference
affronts

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

It is hardly (i)\_\_\_\_\_ that Roland, raised to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ ostentation, is building a house that is the antithesis of opulence.

Blank (i)

undeniable
remarkable
irrevocable

Blank (ii)

savor
recognize
flout

Select one entry from each column.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

An invasive creeping weed native to the Mediterranean region, *Cirsium arvense* has been present in Yellowstone National Park at least since the nineteenth century. Because of its extensive root system, the plant defies attempts to (i)\_\_\_\_\_ it by normal methods, and consequently, park officials have (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ efforts to do so. Warming temperatures have also (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the thistle's fortunes.

Blank (i)

control
study
nourish

Blank (ii)

largely abandoned
recently reinitiated
increasingly promoted

Blank (iii)

helped
undermined
illuminated

Select one entry from each column.

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A study of mice now hints that a lack of vitamin A causes learning and memory problems, albeit only \_\_\_\_\_ ones.

- conditional
- unpredictable
- unforeseen
- impermanent
- mundane
- reversible

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- interesting
- appealing
- original
- educational
- comprehensive

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The Chippewa regarded their treaties with the federal government as solemn covenants and therefore, throughout the twentieth century, met efforts by governmental officials to \_\_\_\_\_ those treaties with both open and hidden resistance.

- replicate
- abrogate
- respect
- renegotiate
- nullify
- honor

Select two answer choices.

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Historically, the depletion of soil's nitrogen has been one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ problems faced by farmers: an essential nutrient, nitrogen is quickly leached from soil, and farmers have struggled to find ways to replenish it.

- capricious
- ubiquitous
- worrisome
- stubborn
- intractable
- unpredictable

Select two answer choices.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The so-called cult of simplicity that some companies have embraced in recent years serves as a useful counterbalance to the natural tendency of businesses to grow increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ as they mature.

innovative
specialized
byzantine
conservative
profitable

Select one answer choice.

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The movie has a surfeit of inscrutable characters and tortuous subplots, so it is no surprise that viewers leaving the recent screening appeared \_\_\_\_\_.

complacent
phlegmatic
nonplussed
unsated
beguiled

Select one answer choice.

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

The (i)\_\_\_\_\_ scientists—the notion that they are elitists scornful of the masses—is in no sense (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the eighteenth century, since in our own time one does not have to look far to find such disdainful attitudes.

Blank (i)

faith in
contempt for
apathy toward

Blank (ii)

a monopoly of
a mystery for
an aspiration of

Select one entry from each column.

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(i) \_\_\_\_\_ the cumbersome phraseology of contemporary critical theory, her treatise is, stylistically at least, in sharp contrast with the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ of the prose she is analyzing—prose reflective of a culture that values extreme linguistic compression.

Blank (i)

Dismissive of
Replete with
Indifferent to

Blank (ii)

floridness
intricacy
brevity

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Among the rising generation of concert pianists, a (i)\_\_\_\_\_ approach to performance is sadly (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. Too often, young pianists have acquired such an approach from their teachers, the very people who should be pointing out that the flailing arm, the contorted brow, the bulging eye, and the balletic upper torso are (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ work in a business best devoted to doing the most with the least.

Blank (i)

histrionic
stately
languid

Blank (ii)

passé
endangered
pervasive

Blank (iii)

extraneous
respected
stylish

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The performer's voice was trained to cut through the din of nightclubs and theater rehearsals, a (i)\_\_\_\_\_ instrument that could shift from (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ to abuse in a single syllable, ingratiating yet (iii)\_\_\_\_\_, a rich syrup of unction and specious authority.

Blank (i)

fragile
benign
flexible

Blank (ii)

adulation
partisanship
obloquy

Blank (iii)

obsequious
peremptory
abject

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This is a \_\_\_\_\_ book: it takes up and defends a position to which the current intellectual climate is generally hostile.

- restrained
- lucky
- noteworthy
- temperate
- courageous
- subversive

Select two answer choices.

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This is \_\_\_\_\_ time for geologists interested in astronomy since astronomers have essentially abdicated much of the solar system to geology: planets and smaller bodies are increasingly recognized as worlds shaped by geologic processes.

- a tumultuous
- an exciting
- a propitious
- a favorable
- a perplexing
- an anxious

Select two answer choices.

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The writing is fluid and engaging, and despite the author's description of his work as a love story, it is not overtly \_\_\_\_\_.

- mawkish
- eloquent
- articulate
- sentimental
- idyllic
- poignant

Select two answer choices.

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The \_\_\_\_\_ of criteria for determining what is meant by “balance” and whether it is beneficial makes it difficult to evaluate claims that probiotics promote a healthy balance of microorganisms in the body.

- diversity
- vagueness
- stringency
- paucity
- dearth
- rigor

Select two answer choices.

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Even those observers who are the most \_\_\_\_\_ about genetic privacy issues would have to concede that genetic discrimination is relatively rare: there have only been two cases of any notoriety.

sanguine
zealous
candid
objective
apathetic

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The results of the latest survey being \_\_\_\_\_, earlier results gave researchers little relevant experience for the new data's interpretation.

superfluous
inconsequential
tedious
unexampled
familiar

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Despite the fact that the political scientist's negative forecast about the country's future is altogether (i)\_\_\_\_\_, its believability is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ by her unrelenting pessimism.

Blank (i)

plausible
speculative
unpalatable

Blank (ii)

disciplined
distinguished
undermined

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Though nations no longer (i)\_\_\_\_\_ nuclear physicists—the men and women who once delivered the destructive power of the atom bomb—physics still has the same power to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, but in another way, by revealing the basic truths that underpin reality.

Blank (i)

compete for
worry about
cower before

Blank (ii)

produce awe
incite debates
challenge orthodoxy

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It is often the case that a certain intellectual advantage may be found by being (i) \_\_\_\_\_ an established field of knowledge, but even if you accept the argument about the importance of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ thinking, it is hardly the only significant thinking there is.

Blank (i)

aware of trends in
deeply indebted to
on the periphery of

Blank (ii)

intuitive
arbitrary
outsider

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The power of laughter to affect the perceived funniness of television programming is (i)\_\_\_\_\_: most researchers have found that the inclusion of laughter on a program's soundtrack (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the overall perception of humor, although it appears that it can (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ humor at specific points and thus boost the total comic appeal of the program.

Blank (i)

cumulative
measurable
unclear

Blank (ii)

allows variations in
tends to accentuate
has little effect on

Blank (iii)

dampen
enhance
mask

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Tao Zhu and Yaobin Lu found that personality traits can affect user adoption of mobile commerce, suggesting that a mobile service provider could benefit from \_\_\_\_\_ the market, specifically targeting extroverts, for instance.

- partitioning
- saturating
- blanketing
- cornering
- penetrating
- segmenting

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Stars are not \_\_\_\_\_: like people, they are born, they live, and then they die.

- comprehensible
- immutable
- volatile
- perpetual
- mercurial
- accessible

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Our mass media are much more fascinated by bad ideas or the failure of good ones than by successes: we drown in bad news—tales of how things went wrong—but we have only the most \_\_\_\_\_ discussion on how they might go right.

- incisive
- tantalizing
- trenchant
- cursory
- illusory
- perfunctory

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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.

- derision
- resentment
- dismissal
- conviction
- ridicule
- certainty

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

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Contrary to its reputation for intellectual \_\_\_\_\_, the 1950s was a decade exceptionally rich in works of trenchant and far-reaching social criticism.

keenness
inclusiveness
complacency
integrity
productivity

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Consolidating a memory is not instantaneous or even \_\_\_\_\_: every memory must be encoded and moved from short-term to long-term storage, and some of those memories are, for whatever reason, more vividly imprinted than others.

salutary
deliberate
sequential
momentary
inevitable

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Before divulging the nature of their experiments, the researchers anticipated \_\_\_\_\_, thinking that their work might appear macabre; hence they prepared carefully for a press conference at which they emphasized the project's scientific and medical value.

trifling criticism
adverse repercussions
indecipherable outcomes
widespread indifference
spontaneous approval

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For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill the blanks in the way that best completes the text.

While the professor was once known for expressing herself (i)\_\_\_\_\_, that is no longer true. Her writing style is much more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ than it was when she started her career over 30 years ago.

Blank (i)

caustically
idiosyncratically
plainly

Blank (ii)

florid
acerbic
succinct



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In interviews, voters (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ tone of the race, saying that the two candidates should do a better job explaining their plans rather than exchanging volleys in misleading television ads. Though each candidate claims to act independently in matters of principle, polls indicate that voters overwhelmingly view both as (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ of party bosses.

Blank (i)

groused about
approved of
dissembled regarding

Blank (ii)

pedantic
caustic
subdued

Blank (iii)

reformers
minions
adversaries

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Many historians of the ancient world are wary of sounding (i)\_\_\_\_\_. Write so much as a sentence and the temptation is immediately to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ it. Even in cases when the sources for a given event are (iii)\_\_\_\_\_, uncertainties and discrepancies crop up everywhere.

Blank (i)

fusty
anachronistic
dogmatic

Blank (ii)

recapitulate
forswear
qualify

Blank (iii)

consistent
plentiful
biased



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Weak monsoon rainfall was responsible for the blackouts that cut power to half of the country because the resulting \_\_\_\_\_ of water reduced the amount of electric power produced by the country's hydroelectric dams.

- allocation
- contamination
- influx
- dearth
- surfeit
- paucity

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Although boredom is \_\_\_\_\_, recent research indicates that excessive amounts of it can be harmful to health.

- trivial
- unexceptional
- unpleasant
- commonplace
- unimportant
- benign

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The author's point is not that people should be \_\_\_\_\_ science; he is careful to point out that what science is discovering about humans, for example, is certainly important and worthy of careful consideration.

- skeptical toward
- dismissive of
- ignorant of
- zealous regarding
- scornful of
- passionate about

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It's a sign of John Dramani Mahama's maturity as a writer that he is willing to consider his country's future so \_\_\_\_\_: his memoir is appealingly honest, given to clear-eyed assessments rather than exaggerated accounts of achievements.

- cheerfully
- dispassionately
- insightfully
- evocatively
- analytically
- blithely



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The danger of valuing animals in proportion to their apparent possession of human characteristics is the subject of Budiansky's new book, an extended critique of \_\_\_\_\_ in animal behavior research.

pragmatism
humanitarianism
anthropomorphism
empiricism
cynicism

Select one answer choice.

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Contrary to what might be expected, having numerous relationships is not necessarily a \_\_\_\_\_ loneliness since loneliness is determined by the way people experience relationships subjectively.

measure of
bulwark against
catalyst for
consequence of
substitute for

Select one answer choice.

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For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill in the 1st blank that best completes the text.

It is a (i)\_\_\_\_\_ that information technologies such as the Internet are devoid of (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, since even when they are not being deliberately used to promote a particular viewpoint, they often convey unexamined political assumptions.

Blank (i)

myth
boon
truism

Blank (ii)

content
shrewdness
ideology

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The explanation of tornado formation according to which tornadoes form during a twisting clash of air masses is clearly (i)\_\_\_\_\_: such clashes occur very frequently both in the United States and in countries where tornadoes are (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

oversimplified
untestable
promising

Blank (ii)

less intensively studied
virtually unknown
harder to predict

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For some poets, a life spent devoted to another profession—in Abse's case, medicine—as well as poetry means that the poet runs the risk of a fatal (i)\_\_\_\_\_, because such a profession necessarily takes a (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ view of reality. To his credit, Abse recognized the need to struggle against this tendency toward a circumscribed perspective.

Blank (i)

melancholy
insularity
fatigue

Blank (ii)

cynical
mournful
specialized

Select one entry from each column.

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The intense interest in probing the Martian soil for water is no mere (i)\_\_\_\_\_ preoccupation. Beyond solving the mystery of where Mars's surface water went, scientists are simply being (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. Human exploration or even settlement of Mars is being considered as a real possibility, and it certainly will not be cost-effective to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ water.

Blank (i)

long-term
practical
geologic

Blank (ii)

pragmatic
careless
objective

Blank (iii)

bring along huge amounts of
have no indigenous resources other than
extract sufficient water from the surface soil

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Although initially it may be difficult to discern the essay's message of peace and conciliation, a close reading reveals its essentially \_\_\_\_\_ nature.

- pacific
- indolent
- banal
- lethargic
- austere
- dovish

Select two answer choices.

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For centuries people used the vocabulary of medicine to think about how our bodies are structured, but the language of distinct organs and systems does not do justice to the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the body.

- dynamic
- harmonious
- systematic
- interwoven
- balanced
- integrated

Select two answer choices.

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Yoshiko Yamaguchi was a remarkably \_\_\_\_\_ public figure: she was not only an actress but also a journalist, a prominent politician in the Japanese parliament, and the wife of a diplomat.

- protean
- sporadic
- prolific
- pedestrian
- versatile
- prosaic

Select two answer choices.

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The paleontologist examined the problem afresh, believing that the accepted classification \_\_\_\_\_ the essential continuity of the specimens by making specious distinctions among them.

disproved
belied
conflated
divulged
relaxed

Select one answer choice.

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The researcher observed that the cells in her experiment were irregular in shape and appeared very \_\_\_\_\_, changing shape continuously.

glabrous
torpid
granular
homogeneous
labile

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Mr. Stevens found that home schooling, far from representing (i)\_\_\_\_\_ philosophy, (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ some of the most widely accepted education ideas: that children should be treated as individuals, taught in small numbers, and given a measure of discretion over their own learning.

Blank (i)

a benign
an orthodox
an anomalous

Blank (ii)

overcomes
embodies
anticipates

Select one entry from each column.

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Brown's new book is (i)\_\_\_\_\_ written, but it deals with difficult concepts, invokes some very (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ theorists, and is quite long—over 350 pages. Even though I (iii)\_\_\_\_\_, it took me many hours to get through it.

Blank (i)

clearly
densely
haphazardly

Blank (ii)

daunting
respected
popular

Blank (iii)

stopped for numerous breaks
disagreed with the main thesis
skipped certain sections

Select one entry from each column.

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For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill the blanks in the text that best completes the text.

Famous books have been (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the theater: Dickens suffered so much hackneyed staging that he felt forced to change his writing style, throwing time shifts into his narratives to trip up the adapters. Undeterred, theatrical managements ever since have used other people's literary repute to fill seats, though the adaptations still seldom (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ their literary models. But in the 1990s a small British theater company, Shared Experience, began to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the received wisdom about adaptations by developing thrilling and uniquely theatrical versions of several classic novels.

Blank (i)

much abused by
extraordinarily indebted to
adapted successfully for

Blank (ii)

equaled
inspired
distorted

Blank (iii)

confound
disseminate
reiterate

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Although the coal mines in Enugu Ngwo are statutorily the property of the Nigerian state, experience in state-community resource-related conflict in Nigeria has shown that the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of resources is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ to ensure that owners are able to fully (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ those resources. This fact is demonstrated in the oil-rich Niger Delta region in Nigeria, where sustained grass-roots agitation against resource owners—the state and multinational oil companies—has negatively affected crude oil production.

Blank (i)

legal possession
careful conservation
reckless misuse

Blank (ii)

unnecessary
insufficient
required

Blank (iii)

acquire
identify
exploit

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Because they lack a strong opposing political party on which to focus their rancor, the ruling party's leaders seem to have concentrated their malevolence on \_\_\_\_\_ each other.

- mollifying
- appeasing
- lambasting
- beguiling
- obliterating
- excoriating

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In the absence of a surface gradient, the new laws of refraction and reflection are \_\_\_\_\_ the conventional laws, so they represent more of an extension than a complete revolution.

- inferable from
- entailed by
- antithetical to
- coincident with
- antecedent to
- oppositional to

Select two answer choices.

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Until 1992, microprocessor types were identified by number, and for a long time they were considered so \_\_\_\_\_ that manufacturers would share design specifications for them.

- fungible
- interchangeable
- perishable
- integral
- inimitable
- essential

Select two answer choices.

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The film's pat and occasionally preposterous story is really just a \_\_\_\_\_, a serviceable scaffolding for a handful of expert, satisfying individual performances.

- dodge
- prelude
- diversion
- pretext
- contrivance
- distraction

Select two answer choices.

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Heresy and schism are not restricted to theologians: science also has its share of fields that are \_\_\_\_\_ sectarianism.

resistant to
riven by
unified by
buttressed by
free of

Select one answer choice.

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The functional model of self-control characterizes self-control and inaction as \_\_\_\_\_ phenomena: self-control is facilitated by withdrawing effort that would otherwise be used for immediate behavioral execution.

retrograde
compatible
advantageous
exceptional
instinctive

Select one answer choice.

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The overall message of this book on neuroscience is (i) \_\_\_\_\_: the brain is quite (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, and therefore damaged brains can be healed, aging brains can be rejuvenated, and even ordinarily healthy brains can be made faster and better.

Blank (i)

enigmatic
cautious
upbeat

Blank (ii)

malleable
fragile
complex

Select one entry from each column.

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There are far too many (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in the report, such as incorrect data (albeit on (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ points), inconsistency between the text and related tables, and discrepancies between the citations and the references.

Blank (i)

unsupported generalizations
stylistic infelicities
little errors

Blank (ii)

numerous
minor
perplexing

Select one entry from each column.

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The author strove to avoid plot developments that would seem ineluctable. For although she did, as she acknowledged, want to create a sense of (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in her narratives, she felt that it must be possible to do so with a chain of events that would never appear (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

realism
romance
causality

Blank (ii)

random
circuitous
overdetermined

Select one entry from each column.

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

Blank (i)

contribute to
reduce
cover up

Blank (ii)

provocative
misguided
cynical

Blank (iii)

captivated
confused
outraged

Select one entry from each column.

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Attempts to restore carnivores to ecosystems from which they were eliminated have become \_\_\_\_\_: indeed, many species are even being introduced into areas where they did not previously roam.

- expensive
- controversial
- contentious
- commonplace
- effective
- widespread

Select two answer choices.

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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.

- hamstring
- reinvent
- promote
- revitalize
- impair
- invigorate

Select two answer choices.

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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.

- conventional
- clever
- unimpeachable
- ingenious
- blameless
- predictable

Select two answer choices.

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According to theater critic Shiva Rijal, street theater in Nepal is, by its nature, \_\_\_\_\_: it encourages its audiences to eradicate all forms of social injustice.

- political
- galvanizing
- controversial
- adaptable
- rousing
- fluid

Select two answer choices.

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The politician was famously restrained, with a tendency to focus his fury inward: while he would defend himself publicly against detractors' attacks, he would never stoop to \_\_\_\_\_.

refutation
adjuration
fulmination
asseveration
ingratiation

Select one answer choice.

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The repeated resurrections of the Chinese empire after various collapses were not \_\_\_\_\_: they reflected the conscious efforts of major players to restore what they considered the normative way of sociopolitical conduct—the imperial order.

inevitable
unprecedented
innocuous
sustainable
transformative

Select one answer choice.

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My (i)\_\_\_\_\_ Hansen's life-size sculpture for real people was memorable precisely because the work did (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ such a complete—if brief—deception, one that is exceptional in my experience as a viewer of representational art.

Blank (i)

adapting
producing
mistaking

Blank (ii)

hinder
effect
confound

Select one entry from each column.

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Though acknowledging the unstated assumptions that commentators on her paper had identified, the geologist pointed out that such assumptions were (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the context of her research, and therefore their existence did not (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ her conclusions.

Blank (i)

antithetical to
legitimate within
implausible in

Blank (ii)

prefigure
validate
impede

Select one entry from each column.

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The chocolate company's scientists hoped that once they had (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the chemical makeup of cocoa beans, the knowledge would enable them to produce (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the beans' taste, which could then be used to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ future failures in the cocoa bean supply.

Blank (i)

altered
unlocked
activated

Blank (ii)

subtle transformations in
accurate descriptions of
a synthetic replication of

Blank (iii)

prevent
mitigate
restrict

Select one entry from each column.

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Reading Frankfurt's book, I worried that in the absence of specific examples or nuanced analysis, the unnamed postmodernists who are so (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in it might feel that they have been tarred by superficial and unsubstantiated generalizations. Of course, postmodernism is something of a (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ these days, and many readers may feel that no insult is too gross to heap on it. It arouses the same (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ that used to be aroused by idealism and skepticism.

Blank (i)

meticulously critiqued
enthusiastically vilified
earnestly championed

Blank (ii)

scapegoat
model
mystery

Blank (iii)

curiosity
indifference
horror

Select one entry from each column.

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The ocean's heat capacity (the amount of heat needed to change its temperature) is far greater than that of dry land and thus \_\_\_\_\_ the ocean's seasonal temperature changes.

- reflects
- mutes
- alters
- determines
- attenuates
- parallels

Select two answer choices.

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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.

- upheaval
- exorbitance
- affluence
- peril
- convulsion
- opulence

Select two answer choices.

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By eating tiny organisms and incorporating their prey's nutrients into their own bodies, large insects become "nutrient packages" for larger insectivores for whom the pursuit of tiny organisms would be \_\_\_\_\_.

- unwieldy
- insalubrious
- unremunerative
- unnecessary
- inopportune
- unprofitable

Select two answer choices.

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Despite their current reputation, the original Luddites were neither opposed to innovative technology nor \_\_\_\_\_ using it: many were highly skilled machine operators in the textile industry.

- inept at
- enamored of
- resistant to
- unequal to
- enthralled by
- unfazed by

Select two answer choices.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_.

elusive
undiminished
unfathomable
unexpected
derivative

Select one answer choice.

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The science community's perennial lament over inadequate budgets has come to seem increasingly \_\_\_\_\_, because government support for science and engineering has never been greater.

vital
hopeless
poignant
condescending
disingenuous

Select one answer choice.

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He was a leader about whom the country's people felt (i)\_\_\_\_\_, both (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ and reviling him.

Blank (i)

ambivalent
complacent
indifferent

Blank (ii)

ignoring
understanding
adulating

Select one entry from each column.

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In the mid-1990s, researchers were aware that individuals and subpopulations vary in their susceptibilities to environmental pollutants. However, environmental health scientists, hoping to identify general trends, tended to view these variations as (i)\_\_\_\_\_ and used methods, in both human and animal studies, to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

warnings
distractions
advantages

Blank (ii)

minimize their effect
highlight their ubiquity
measure their duration

Select one entry from each column.

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The Newseum is a museum created by, for, and about journalists and newshounds. But for all its celebration of the news industry, its creators have taken care to avoid (i)\_\_\_\_\_. Along with the many testimonials to journalistic courage and a memorial to journalists who lost their lives on the job, the museum presents noteworthy examples of journalistic (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

cynicism
puffery
controversy

Blank (ii)

altruism
virtuosity
malfeasance

Select one entry from each column.

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If companies were taxed based on the amount of their atmospheric emissions of pollutants, they could make their own decisions about how to alter their operations. Firms could compare the cost of paying taxes with the cost of preventing the emissions in the first place and would, in most cases, do a bit of both. Firms that can reduce pollution (i)\_\_\_\_\_ would reduce it quite (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, while those that can only do so at great cost would (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

cheaply
materially
rapidly

Blank (ii)

gradually
prudently
substantially

Blank (iii)

curtail less
gain advantages
anticipate losses

Select one entry from each column.

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Human hearing is remarkably \_\_\_\_\_: an attentive listener knows if a band's drummer is as little as one thousandths of a second late on the beat.

- sophisticated
- adaptable
- independent
- sensitive
- versatile
- discerning

Select two answer choices.

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According to Edelstein, republicanism was a \_\_\_\_\_ movement in eighteenth-century France, though not nearly as peripheral as has sometimes been claimed.

- burgeoning
- superficial
- thriving
- fringe
- declining
- marginal

Select two answer choices.

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Asteroids of diameter less than 100 km never melted, but asteroids with larger diameters did so and became \_\_\_\_\_ with the heavier Fe-Ni material forming the core and the silicates forming the crust.

- stratified
- destabilized
- weakened
- liquefied
- differentiated
- distinguished

Select two answer choices.

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Whether the film is \_\_\_\_\_ adaptation of the legend is debatable: the author of the screenplay claims that it was based on the original tale, but admits taking some interpretive license with the story.

- an inspired
- a rigorous
- an unsentimental
- a successful
- a sober
- a faithful

Select two answer choices.

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Taylor's \_\_\_\_\_ nature enabled her to bring together and work successfully with people of very diverse, and often conflicting, views.

aloof
taciturn
officious
irenic
punctilious

Select one answer choice.

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Although there is certainly no (i)\_\_\_\_\_ for overcoming (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ mind-set among students, there are numerous materials, approaches, and exercises that, if used creatively, can help students gain glimpses of how other individuals think of themselves and see their worlds.

Blank (i)

panacea
justification
impetus

Blank (ii)

a rationalist
a materialistic
an insular

Select one entry from each column.

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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?

Blank (i)

soothsayers
evangelists
iconoclasts

Blank (ii)

self-aggrandizing
self-knowing
self-defeating

Select one entry from each column.

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To pay for the extra spending under this international poverty plan, each American would have to contribute less than the cost of buying a premium cup of coffee once a week. But financial aid is not (i)\_\_\_\_\_, and even if the funding recommended here were to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, the grandest objectives may well remain unfulfilled. Nonetheless, carefully targeted aid can reward responsible governments, (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ individual initiative, and alleviate suffering. Many will think that's worth a cup of coffee.

Blank (i)

an impediment
a panacea
a malady

Blank (ii)

be insufficient
recede
materialize

Blank (iii)

obviate
temper
encourage

Select one entry from each column.

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Science is inherently (i)\_\_\_\_\_. Whether (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ a long-standing idea or showing disdain for received political wisdom, the scientific ethic, which demands that the scientist follow the evidence wherever it leads, is a threat to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ of all kinds.

Blank (i)

subversive
principled
collaborative

Blank (ii)

substantiating
overturning
identifying

Blank (iii)

authorities
skeptics
methodologies

Select one entry from each column.

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Singers of the tropicalist movement in Brazil goaded the government by purposefully invoking stereotypical images of Brazil as a tropical paradise only to (i) \_\_\_\_\_ them with pointed references to political and social problems. But (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ in giving offense, the tropicalist singers also managed to annoy the Brazilian left, which shared their social concerns. They embraced an irreverent politics and (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, epitomized by the coexistence of bossa nova and rock in the same song, that ignored certain leftist calls for folkloric authenticity.

Blank (i)

illustrate
legitimize
subvert

Blank (ii)

ecumenical
parsimonious
transitory

Blank (iii)

a devotion to tradition
a pastiche of styles
an exuberant virtuosity

Select one entry from each column.

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Researchers studying India's monsoon weather have evaluated more than 100 years of rain gauge data; \_\_\_\_\_ such information, South American scientists are forced to reconstruct centuries of monsoon history by analyzing lake-bottom sediment cores.

- verifying
- lacking
- utilizing
- employing
- wanting
- confirming

Select two answer choices.

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Most farmers alternate corn and soybean crops in their fields rather than periodically leaving fields unplanted, as was once customary, but such \_\_\_\_\_ cropping can deplete the organic content of the soil.

- strenuous
- consistent
- continuous
- unremitting
- haphazard
- slipshod

Select two answer choices.

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Observing responses to environmental threats, he contrasts planet fetishizers, who imagine a suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ humanity restoring Earth to its pristine state, with planet managers, who believe in the effectiveness of technological control.

- headstrong
- penitent
- recalcitrant
- contrite
- timorous
- energized

Select two answer choices.

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The \_\_\_\_\_ of the folktales in this collection does not inhibit the conveyance of important lessons; indeed, the didactic effect would be lost if the stories were more protracted.

- gaiety
- simplicity
- whimsy
- brevity
- sobriety
- economy

Select two answer choices.

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Phrenology was \_\_\_\_\_ in taking tentative steps to connect personality traits with the brain at a time when other nineteenth-century investigators considered the heart, liver, or spleen as the anatomical repository of psychological characteristics.

misguided
devious
ambivalent
revolutionary
preemptive

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Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The maps in this volume are meant not as guides but as \_\_\_\_\_; they are designed to make the reader think anew about the city.

adornments
references
truisms
provocations
valedictions

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The food supplies that the New England colonies derived from their fertile farms and fields were (i)\_\_\_\_\_. Nevertheless, the colonies would have (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ without the sea-based merchant fleet of the seventeenth century, since they continued to require vast imports of manufactured goods from Old England.

Blank (i)

ample
sparse
sporadic

Blank (ii)

foundered
consolidated
flourished

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Making defensible ethical decisions requires us to take a perspective from which our own interests count no more, simply because they are our own, than the interests of others. Any (i)\_\_\_\_\_ our own interests must be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ some broader impartial principle.

Blank (i)

evaluation of
preference for
conflicts among

Blank (ii)

plausibly compared with
justified in terms of
construed as equivalent to

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The geographer held a (i)\_\_\_\_\_ view of the succession of theoretical trends (environmental determinism, spatial determinism, and various types of critical theory) in her field, maintaining that theory can (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ what is transpiring in a complex environment by focusing excessively on the favored schemes and variables of the moment.

Blank (i)

self-contradictory
sanguine
deprecatory

Blank (ii)

exacerbate
obfuscate
magnify

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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.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

persistent
paralyzing
unfounded

indolence
incompetence
criminality

contradict
reform
reward

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It is rare for a prominent member of the company to leave without some \_\_\_\_\_; Smith, who resigned with civility, is an exception.

- acrimony
- bitterness
- trepidation
- apprehension
- regret
- embarrassment

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Analysis of the structural features that were thought to \_\_\_\_\_ kinship between the two species prompted an investigation that dispelled that presumption and revealed that the two do share a family history.

- signify
- underrate
- point to
- preclude
- rule out
- exaggerate

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Although Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man* has been heavily praised for over 50 years by a wide variety of critics and scholars, there have been \_\_\_\_\_ from the outset concerning the novel's political vision.

- rebukes
- doubts
- conjectures
- speculations
- reservations
- accolades

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Meteorology is one of the few fields of applied science that demands prediction; since prediction involves considerable uncertainty and uncertainty is \_\_\_\_\_ scientists, meteorology will continue to exist in a fraught intellectual space.

- mysterious to
- anathema to
- discredited by
- pivotal for
- repellent to
- familiar to

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Thanks to their importance as components in the catalytic converters that reduce vehicle emissions, platinum, palladium, and rhodium have all become \_\_\_\_\_ in the fight against air pollution.

paradigms
aberrations
novelties
bulwarks
exceptions

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Hotels in major urban markets seem to offer the biggest potential \_\_\_\_\_ seasoned investors looking to make an investment in the lodging sector; those hotels took the hardest hit during the recession, and analysts expect them to bounce back just as steeply.

risk for
concession from
source of
disincentive to
windfall to

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With his winning personality and ingratiating manner, Arturo found it a simple matter to \_\_\_\_\_ the deed to the property for himself, though its original holder initially seemed impervious to persuasion.

inveigle
confiscate
impound
annul
abrogate

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The lecturer (i)\_\_\_\_\_ to provide innovative insights into important issues, but her promise of originality was more than she delivered: most of her pronouncements were (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)

undertook
hesitated
declined

Blank (ii)

platitudinous
trenchant
inventive

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Because some invasive plant and animal species severely reduce the abundance of native species and may even (i)\_\_\_\_\_ their existence, it is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the introduction of species that have substantial probabilities of unwanted impacts and to improve the science of predicting those impacts.

Blank (i)

foreshadow
abet
preclude

Blank (ii)

ineffective
difficult
prudent

Blank (iii)

minimize
facilitate
recommence

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Media stories about climate regularly use spokespeople from interest groups as sources, but what those individuals say is often (i)\_\_\_\_\_, citing results from scientific research in a highly (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ manner and (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the caveats that are part of a full scientific assessment.

Blank (i)

ingenuous
maladroit
tendentious

Blank (ii)

erudite
selective
perspicuous

Blank (iii)

parsing
omitting
anticipating

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Technology does not have an inherently \_\_\_\_\_ effect on society; in fact, some technological advances have counteracted social changes that were reducing economic inequality.

- leveling
- pernicious
- corrupting
- beneficial
- unsound
- equalizing

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Though it once seemed so disastrous, with hindsight the disintegration of the artists' collective is revealed as generative, for each of the dispersed factions acted as a \_\_\_\_\_, reproducing the collective's founding inspiration in a new setting.

- strand
- seed
- shard
- fragment
- germ
- blueprint

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The town's air was consistently \_\_\_\_\_: depending on the breeze, one might be greeted with the sour effluvia of twenty breweries, choking fumes from the coal tar factory, or brackish smells from the nearby river.

- malodorous
- toxic
- redolent
- benign
- noisome
- anodyne

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The auditors are relying on the failing bank to make changes that it has steadfastly resisted for years and even now does not seem \_\_\_\_\_ to carry out.

- able
- impatient
- destined
- disinclined
- loath
- keen

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