

第 1 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Easy, #1)

In the 1950s, the country's inhabitants were _____: most of them knew very little about foreign countries.

- (A) partisan
- (B) erudite
- (C) insular
- (D) cosmopolitan
- (E) imperturbable

第 2 題 (OG, p. 96, #1, Hard)

For some time now, _____ has been presumed not to exist: the cynical conviction that everybody has an angle is considered wisdom.

- (A) rationality
- (B) flexibility
- (C) diffidence
- (D) disinterestedness
- (E) insincerity

第 3 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Easy, #2)

The author presents the life of Zane Grey with _____ unusual in a biographer: he is not even convinced that Grey was a good writer.

- (A) a zeal
- (B) a deftness
- (C) a detachment
- (D) an eloquence
- (E) an imaginativeness

第 4 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Hard, #15)

Economic competition among nations may lead to new forms of economic protectionism that hearken back to the mercantilism of an earlier age: there are signs today that such protectionism is indeed _____.

- (A) evanescent
- (B) resurgent
- (C) recrudescant
- (D) transitory
- (E) controversial
- (F) inimical

第 5 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V1, Medium, #14)

Female video artists' rise to prominence over the past 30 years has _____ the ascent of video as an art form: it is only within the past three decades that video art has attained its current, respected status.

- (A) matched
- (B) politicized
- (C) paralleled
- (D) obviated
- (E) accelerated
- (F) forestalled

第 6 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Medium, #15)

Each member of the journalistic pair served as _____ the other: each refrained from publishing a given piece if the other doubted that it was ready to be printed.

- (A) a check on
- (B) an advocate for
- (C) an impediment to
- (D) a brake on
- (E) an apologist for
- (F) an intermediary for

第 7 題 (OG, p. 521, #17)

The point we might still take from the First World War is the old one that wars are always, as one historian aptly put it, _____: they produce unforeseeable results.

- (A) unsurprising
- (B) astounding
- (C) conventional
- (D) ruinous
- (E) stunning
- (F) devastating

第 8 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V1, Medium, #3)

The unironic representation of objects from everyday life is (i) _____ serious American art of the twentieth century: “high” artists ceded the straightforward depiction of the (ii) _____ to illustrators, advertisers, and packaging designers.

Blank (i)

- (A) missing from
- (B) valued in
- (C) crucial to

Blank (ii)

- (D) beautiful
- (E) commonplace
- (F) complex

第 9 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Easy, #3)

The current (i) _____ of format in electronic scholarly publication will not last beyond the point when amateur burnout occurs and amateurs are replaced by traditional publishing companies: in an effort to reduce costs through economies of scale, publishing firms tend toward (ii) _____ in the format of their electronic publication projects.

Blank (i)

(A) diversity

(B) monotony

(C) refinement

Blank (ii)

(D) homogeneity

(E) sophistication

(F) extremes

第 10 題 (OG, p. 49, #1) (PPII, Test Preview, #4)

It is refreshing to read a book about our planet by an author who does not allow facts to be (i) _____ by politics: well aware of the political disputes about the effects of human activities on climate and biodiversity, this author does not permit them to (ii) _____ his comprehensive description of what we know about our biosphere. He emphasizes the enormous gaps in our knowledge, the sparseness of our observations, and the (iii) _____, calling attention to the many aspects of planetary evolution that must be better understood before we can accurately diagnose the condition of our planet.

Blank (i)

(A) overshadowed

(B) invalidated

(C) illuminated

Blank (ii)

(D) enhance

(E) obscure

(F) underscore

Blank (iii)

(G) plausibility of our hypotheses

(H) certainty of our entitlement

(I) superficiality of our theories

第 11 題 (OG, p. 50, #2) (PPII, Test Preview, #5)

Vain and prone to violence, Caravaggio could not handle success: **the more** his (i) _____ as an artist increased, **the more** (ii) _____ his life became.

Blank (i)

(A) temperance

(B) notoriety

(C) eminence

Blank (ii)

(D) tumultuous

(E) providential

(F) dispassionate

第 12 題 (PBT, p. 52, #5)

A newly published, laudatory biography of George Bernard Shaw fails, like others before it, to capture the essence of his personality: **the more** he is (i) _____, **the more** his true self seems to (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

(A) discussed

(B) disparaged

(C) disregarded

Blank (ii)

(D) disappear

(E) emerge

(F) coalesce

第 13 題 (OG, p. 89, #8, Medium)

A misconception frequently held by novice writers is that sentence structure mirrors thought: **the more** convoluted the structure, **the more** _____ the ideas.

- (A) complicated
- (B) engaged
- (C) essential
- (D) fanciful
- (E) inconsequential
- (F) involved

第 14 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Medium, #6)

Historical research makes two somewhat antithetical truths that sounded (i) _____ come to seem profound: knowledge of the past comes entirely from written documents, giving written words great (ii) _____, and **the more** material you uncover, **the more** (iii) _____ your subject becomes.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

(A) deep

(D) consequence

(G) elusive

(B) portentous

(E) antiquity

(H) contemporary

(C) banal

(F) simultaneity

(I) circumstantial

第 15 題 (OG, p. 375, #16)

Belanger dances with an (i) _____ that draws one's attention as if by seeking to (ii) _____ it; through finesse and understatement, he manages to seem at once intensely present and curiously detached.

Blank (i)

(A) undemonstrative panache

(B) unrestrained enthusiasm

(C) unattractive gawkinsness

Blank (ii)

(D) focus

(E) overwhelm

(F) deflect

第 16 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Hard, #14)

The dog's appearance of _____ became increasingly irritating; his whines became more wheedling, his manner more imploring.

(A) supplication

(B) gratification

(C) insolence

(D) entreaty

(E) willfulness

(F) contentment

第 17 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Medium, #5)

There is nothing that (i) _____ scientists more than having an old problem in their field solved by someone from outside. If you doubt this (ii) _____, just think about the (iii) _____ reaction of paleontologists to the hypothesis of Luis Alvarez—a physicist—and Walter Alvarez—a geologist—that the extinction of the dinosaurs was caused by the impact of a large meteor on the surface of the planet.

Blank (i)

(A) amazes

(B) pleases

(C) nettles

Blank (ii)

(D) exposition

(E) objurgation

(F) observation

Blank (iii)

(G) contemptuous

(H) indifferent

(I) insincere

第 18 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Easy, #2)

With the 1985 discovery of an ozone hole over Antarctica, an international ban on the production of chlorofluorocarbons—implicated in causing the ozone hole—began to appear _____, especially since chemical companies' opposition to such a ban had weakened.

(A) imprudent

(B) fortuitous

(C) premature

(D) imminent

(E) unlikely

第 19 題 (OG, p. 499, #7)

Only with the discovery of an ozone hole over Antarctica in 1985 did chemical companies finally relinquish their opposition to a ban on chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), which destroy ozone. The discovery suggested that strong political action to halt production of CFCs might be (i) _____, and fortunately, the chemical industry no longer felt compelled to oppose such action: although companies had recently (ii) _____ their research into CFC substitutes, studies they had initiated years earlier had produced (iii) _____ results.

Blank (i)

(A) imminent

(B) imprudent

(C) premature

Blank (ii)

(D) corroborated

(E) publicized

(F) curtailed

Blank (iii)

(G) encouraging

(H) inconclusive

(I) unsurprising

第 20 題 (OG, p. 521, #18)

This is the kind of movie—stuffed with intimations of faraway strife and people in suits talking frantically on cell phones and walkie-talkies—that is conventionally described as a political thriller, but the film is as apolitical as it is _____.

(A) intense

(B) unprecedented

(C) subtle

(D) humdrum

(E) refined

(F) dull

第 21 題 (OG, p. 79, #6, Easy)

As my eyesight began to _____, I spent a lot of time writing about it—both poems and “eye journals”—describing what I saw as I looked out through damaged eyes.

- (A) deteriorate
- (B) sharpen
- (C) improve
- (D) decline
- (E) recover
- (F) adjust

第 22 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Easy, #5)

If one could don magic spectacles—with lenses that make the murky depths of the ocean become transparent—and look back several centuries to an age before widespread abuse of the oceans began, even the most (i) _____ observer would quickly discover that fish were formerly much more abundant. Likewise, many now-depleted species of marine mammals would appear (ii) _____. But without such special glasses, the differences between past and present oceans are indeed hard to (iii) _____.

Blank (i)

(A) casual

(B) prescient

(C) clearheaded

Blank (ii)

(D) threatened

(E) plentiful

(F) unfamiliar

Blank (iii)

(G) ignore

(H) discern

(I) dismiss

第 23 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Hard, #5)

The journalism professor's first lecture tackled (i) _____ itself, challenging the journalistic trope that an article has to represent all sides—no matter how marginal—equally. Instead, the professor argued that this impulse to (ii) _____ even obviously (iii) _____ views in order to furnish opposing perspectives is harmful to basic accuracy.

Blank (i)

(A) marketability

(B) objectivity

(C) partisanship

Blank (ii)

(D) approve

(E) present

(F) denigrate

Blank (iii)

(G) controversial

(H) fringe

(I) straightforward

第 24 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V1, Medium, #6)

The question of (i) _____ in photography has lately become nontrivial. Prices for vintage prints (those made by a photographer soon after he or she made the negative) so drastically (ii) _____ in the 1990s that one of these photographs might fetch a hundred times as much as a nonvintage print of the same image. It was perhaps only a matter of time before someone took advantage of the (iii) _____ to peddle newly created “vintage” prints for profit.

Blank (i)

(A) forgery

(B) influence

(C) style

Blank (ii)

(D) ballooned

(E) weakened

(F) varied

Blank (iii)

(G) discrepancy

(H) ambiguity

(I) duplicity

第 25 題 (OG, p. 498, #6)

Putting a cash value on the ecological services provided by nature—such as the water filtration “service” provided by a forested watershed—has, historically, been a (i) _____ process. Early attempts at such valuation results in impressive but (ii) _____ figures that were seized on by environmental advocates and then, when these figures were later (iii) _____, they were used by opponents to tar the whole idea.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

(A) dispassionate

(D) redundant

(G) ignored

(B) problematic

(E) unsound

(H) discredited

(C) straightforward

(F) understated

(I) confirmed

第 26 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Easy, #6)

This book’s strengths are the author’s breadth of knowledge and the blending of ideas and findings from many disciplines, including history, the arts and the sciences. Ideas from diverse perspectives are (i) _____ to provide a historical and cross-cultural understanding. **But** a weakness of the book is its (ii) _____: sometimes there are leaps from one domain to another that (iii) _____ the reader’s ability to synthesize a coherent view of our current understanding of this subject.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

(A) hyperbolized

(D) organization

(G) exaggerate

(B) interwoven

(E) intensity

(H) oversimplify

(C) reversed

(F) uniformity

(I) undercut

第 27 題 (OG, p. 382, #4)

Always circumspect, she was reluctant to make judgments, **but** once arriving at a conclusion, she was _____ in its defense.

- (A) deferential
- (B) intransigent
- (C) lax
- (D) negligent
- (E) obsequious
- (F) resolute

第 28 題 (OG, p. 78, #3, Easy)

An investigation that is _____ can occasionally yield new facts, even notable ones, **but** typically the appearance of such facts is the result of a search in a definite direction.

- (A) timely
- (B) unguided
- (C) consistent
- (D) uncomplicated
- (E) subjective

第 29 題 (OG, p. 378, #21)

The plan, which the engineers said would save the aquifer by reducing pumping to _____ levels, has passed a governmental environmental review **but** faces opposition from outdoor and environmental groups.

- (A) innocuous
- (B) feasible
- (C) practicable
- (D) minimal
- (E) remedial
- (F) benign

第 30 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Easy, #15)

Philby secretly loathed the host of the party that he was attending, **but** it seemed _____ to say so publicly.

- (A) recondite
- (B) tactless
- (C) clever
- (D) malign
- (E) deft
- (F) impolitic

第 31 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Hard, #13)

Clearly the government faced a dilemma: it could hardly _____ trials, especially in the absence of irrefutable evidence, **but** it also would not welcome, in the midst of war, the scandal that would arise if trials were avoided.

- (A) be keen on
- (B) be inclined to
- (C) arrange
- (D) dispense with
- (E) turn its back on
- (F) credit

第 32 題 (OG, p. 498, #5)

Certain music lovers yearn for (i) _____, **but** when it is achieved, there is something missing; perhaps they feel uncomfortable in a world where nothing discernible is (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

(A) novelty

(B) beauty

(C) flawlessness

Blank (ii)

(D) wrong

(E) visionary

(F) changed

第 33 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Easy, #4)

Because we assume the (i) _____ of natural design, nature can often (ii) _____ us: as the Wright brothers noted, the birds initially misled them in almost every particular, **but** their Flyer eventually succeeded by being the least avian of the early flying machines.

Blank (i)

(A) quirkiness

(B) preeminence

(C) maladroitness

Blank (ii)

(D) galvanize

(E) befriend

(F) beguile

第 34 題 (OG, p. 514, #6)

Everyone has routines that govern their work. The myth is that artists are somehow different, that they reject (i) _____, **but** of course that's not true: most artists work as the rest of us do, (ii) _____, day by day, according to their own customs.

Blank (i)

(A) latitude

(B) habit

(C) materialism

Blank (ii)

(D) impetuously

(E) ploddingly

(F) sporadically

第 35 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Easy, #4)

That the President manages the economy is an assumption (i) _____ the prevailing wisdom that dominates electoral politics in the United States. As a result, presidential elections have become referenda on the business cycle, whose fortuitous turnings are (ii) _____ the President. Presidents are properly accountable for their executive and legislative performance, and certainly their actions may have profound effects on the economy. **But** these effects are (iii) _____. Unfortunately, modern political campaigns are fought on the untenable premise that Presidents can deliberately produce precise economic results.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

(A) peripheral to

(D) justifiably personified in

(G) usually long-lasting

(B) central to

(E) erroneously attributed to

(H) regrettably unnoticeable

(C) at odds with

(F) occasionally associated with

(I) largely unpredictable

第 36 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Medium, #5)

The traditional gap between theorists and experimentalists is (i) _____ as one of haughty high priests versus pugnacious pragmatists. **But** the reality is more often that one researcher does not understand another's jargon, or is afraid to ask stupid questions, or is hesitant about giving up vital and hard-won information to a distant colleague. These were the kinds of (ii) _____ that Dr. Sonnenwald was able to (iii) _____, leading to greater cooperation between theorists and experimentalists.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

(A) often caricatured

(D) deceptions

(G) propagate

(B) most accurately described

(E) collusions

(H) dismantle

(C) unnecessarily lamented

(F) barriers

(I) identify

第 37 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Medium, #12)

The slower-learning monkeys searched _____ **but** unintelligently: although they worked closely together, they checked only the most obvious hiding places.

- (A) competitively
- (B) impulsively
- (C) cooperatively
- (D) deviously
- (E) craftily
- (F) harmoniously

第 38 題 (OG, p. 100, #8, Hard)

Overlarge, uneven, and ultimately disappointing, the retrospective exhibition seems too much like special pleading for a forgotten painter of real **but** _____ talents.

- (A) limited
- (B) partial
- (C) undiscovered
- (D) circumscribed
- (E) prosaic
- (F) hidden

第 39 題 (OG, p. 370, #5)

In her later years, Bertha Pappenheim was an apostle of noble **but** already (i) _____ notions, always respected for her integrity, her energy, and her resolve **but** increasingly out of step and ultimately (ii) _____ even her own organization.

Blank (i)

(A) anachronistic

(B) accepted

(C) exotic

Blank (ii)

(D) emulated by

(E) appreciated by

(F) alienated from

第 40 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Medium, #14)

By about age eight, children's phonetic capacities are fully developed **but** still _____; thus children at that age can learn to speak a new language with a native speaker's accent.

(A) plastic

(B) vestigial

(C) inarticulate

(D) unformed

(E) nascent

(F) malleable

第 41 題 (OG, p. 87, #3, Medium)

Political advertising may well be the most (i) _____ kind of advertising: political candidates are actually quite (ii) _____, **yet** their campaign advertisement often hide important differences behind smoke screens of smiles and empty slogans.

Blank (i)

(A) polemical

(B) effective

(C) deceptive

Blank (ii)

(D) interchangeable

(E) dissimilar

(F) vocal

第 42 題 (OG, p. 52, #1)

Although it does contain some pioneering ideas, one would hardly characterize the work as _____.

(A) orthodox

(B) eccentric

(C) original

(D) trifling

(E) conventional

(F) innovative

第 43 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Hard, #2)

Although grandiose urban railroad stations are often viewed as glorious monuments to their cities, they in fact _____ the cities by enabling the migration of city dwellers to the suburbs.

- (A) invigorate
- (B) enlarge
- (C) enfeeble
- (D) delineate
- (E) overshadow

第 44 題 (OG, p. 496, #1)

Although plant and animal species that become established in ecosystems where they did not originate are sometimes referred to by the alarming term “invasive species,” many such species are _____ in their new environments.

- (A) innocuous
- (B) conspicuous
- (C) robust
- (D) menacing
- (E) distinctive

第 45 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V1, Medium, #15)

Although the film is rightly judged imperfect by most of today's critics, the films being created today are _____ it, since its release in 1940 provoked sufficient critical discussion to enhance the intellectual respectability of cinema considerably.

- (A) beholden to
- (B) indebted to
- (C) derivative of
- (D) based on
- (E) distinguishable from
- (F) biased against

第 46 題 (PBT, p. 51, #1)

Many find it strange that her writing is thought to be tortuous; her recent essays, **although** longer than most of her earlier essays, are extremely _____.

- (A) painstaking
- (B) tedious
- (C) insightful
- (D) sophisticated
- (E) clear

第 47 題 (OG, p. 79, #7, Easy)

The judge's standing in the legal community, **though** shaken by phony allegations of wrongdoing, emerged, at long last, _____.

- (A) unqualified
- (B) undiminished
- (C) undecided
- (D) undamaged
- (E) unresolved
- (F) unprincipled

第 48 題 (OG, p. 514, #5)

Unlike the problems in recent financial scandals, issues raised by the regulators in this case appear largely to pertain to unwieldy accounting rules that are open to widely divergent interpretations—not to

(i) _____ transactions designed to (ii) _____ corporate malfeasance.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

(A) sham

(D) cloak

(B) unpremeditated

(E) ameliorate

(C) justifiable

(F) illuminate

第 49 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Medium, #2)

This filmmaker is not outspoken on political matters: her films are known for their aesthetic qualities **rather than** for their _____ ones.

- (A) polemical
- (B) cinematic
- (C) narrative
- (D) commercial
- (E) dramatic

第 50 題 (OG, p. 98, #5, Hard)

Managers who think that strong environmental performance will (i) _____ their company's financial performance often (ii) _____ claims that systems designed to help them manage environmental concerns are valuable tools. By contrast, managers who perceive environmental performance to be (iii) _____ to financial success may view an environmental management system as extraneous. In either situation, and whatever their perceptions, it is a manager's commitment to achieving environmental improvement **rather than** the mere presence of a system that determines environmental performance.

- | Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| (A) eclipse | (D) uncritically accept | (G) complementary |
| (B) bolster | (E) appropriately acknowledge | (H) intrinsic |
| (C) degrade | (F) hotly dispute | (I) peripheral |

第 51 題 (OG, p. 376, #17)

The most striking thing about the politician is how often his politics have been (i) _____ **rather than** ideological, as he adapts his political positions at any particular moment to the political realities that constrain him. He does not, however, piously (ii) _____ political principles only to betray them in practice. Rather, he attempts in subtle ways to balance his political self-interest with a (iii) _____, viewing himself as an instrument of some unchanging higher purpose.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

(A) quixotic

(D) brandish

(G) profound cynicism

(B) self-righteous

(E) flout

(H) deeply felt moral code

(C) strategic

(F) follow

(I) thoroughgoing pragmatism

第 52 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Easy, #16)

Despite the pride that the play's characters take in their worldly-wise absence of illusions, they are not above a degree of unjustified _____.

(A) prevarication

(B) satisfaction

(C) self-flattery

(D) affectation

(E) narcissism

(F) indolence

第 53 題 (PBT, p. 64, #3)

Critics charge that the regulatory agency, having never defined what constitutes an untenable risk, has grown (i) _____ outside influences on that issue: several experts have (ii) _____ it recently for allowing one power plant to delay an inspection for more than six weeks **despite** compelling safety concerns.

Blank (i)

(A) susceptible to

(B) unaware of

(C) irritated at

Blank (ii)

(D) complimented

(E) panned

(F) overlooked

第 54 題 (ETS, now defunct, #3)

The corporation expects only _____ increases in sales next year **despite** a yearlong effort to revive its retailing business.

(A) dynamic

(B) predictable

(C) expanding

(D) modest

(E) slight

(F) volatile

第 55 題 (OG, p. 80, #8, Easy)

Modern agricultural practices have been extremely successful in increasing the productivity of major food crops, **yet despite** heavy use of pesticides, _____ losses to diseases and insect pests are sustained each year.

- (A) incongruous
- (B) reasonable
- (C) significant
- (D) considerable
- (E) equitable
- (F) fortuitous

第 56 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Easy, #5) (Medium, #3)

Of course anyone who has ever perused an unmodernized text of Captain Clark's journals knows that the Captain was one of the most (i) _____ spellers ever to write in English, **but despite** this (ii) _____ orthographical rules, Clark is never unclear.

Blank (i)

- (A) indefatigable
- (B) fastidious
- (C) defiant

Blank (ii)

- (D) disregard for
- (E) partiality toward
- (F) unpretentiousness about

第 57 題 (OG, p. 86, #1, Medium)

It comes as no surprise that societies have codes of behavior; the character of the codes, **on the other hand**, can often be _____.

- (A) predictable
- (B) unexpected
- (C) admirable
- (D) explicit
- (E) confusing

第 58 題 (OG, p. 513, #3)

Even the charisma and technical prowess of two fine actors are not _____ the task of fully invigorating a gray domestic drama with a tired tale to tell.

- (A) required for
- (B) interested in
- (C) preferred for
- (D) adequate to
- (E) inferior to

第 59 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V1, Medium, #15)

Even in this business, where _____ is part of everyday life, a talent for lying is not something usually found on one's resume.

- (A) aspiration
- (B) mendacity
- (C) prevarication
- (D) insensitivity
- (E) baseness
- (F) avarice

第 60 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Hard, #6)

But they pay little attention to the opposite and more treacherous failing: false certainty, refusing to confess their mistakes and implicitly claiming (i) _____, thereby embarrassing the nation and undermining the Constitution, which established various mechanisms of self-correction on the premise that **even** the wisest men are sometimes wrong and need, precisely when they find it most (ii) _____, the benefit of (iii) _____ process.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

(A) infallibility

(D) discomfiting

(G) an adaptable

(B) immunity

(E) expedient

(H) a remedial

(C) impartiality

(F) imminent

(I) an injudicious

第 61 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Hard, #12)

Once White stepped down from a political platform, where his daring, _____ speeches provoked baying applause from audiences, he was courteous and considerate **even** to politicians he had just slandered in the speech.

- (A) florid
- (B) defamatory
- (C) calumnious
- (D) inveigling
- (E) timorous
- (F) diffident

第 62 題 (OG, p. 505, #16)

Notwithstanding their _____ regarding other issues, township residents have consistently passed the board of education's annual budget.

- (A) accord
- (B) indecision
- (C) consensus
- (D) disagreement
- (E) divergence
- (F) enthusiasm

第 63 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Medium, #3)

Though somewhat less (i) _____ than previous chapters and suffering from a minor rash of academic jargon, the final chapter of the book is **nonetheless** (ii) _____ laypeople.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

(A) arcane

(D) largely ignored by

(B) coherent

(E) accessible to

(C) subjective

(F) impenetrable to

第 64 題 (OG, p. 520, #15)

It would have been disingenuous of the candidate to appear _____ when her opponent won the election, but she congratulated the victor **nonetheless**.

(A) gracious

(B) ecstatic

(C) crestfallen

(D) indifferent

(E) euphoric

(F) disgruntled

第 65 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Hard, #2)

Stories are a haunted genre; **hardly** (i) _____ kind of story, the ghost story is almost the paradigm of the form, and (ii) _____ was undoubtedly one effect that Poe had in mind when he wrote about how stories work.

Blank (i)

(A) a debased

(B) a normative

(C) a meticulous

Blank (ii)

(D) pessimism

(E) goosebumps

(F) curiosity

第 66 題 (OG, p. 387, #11)

What readers most commonly remember about John Stuart Mill's classic exploration of the liberty of thought and discussion concerns the danger of (i) _____: in the absence of challenge, one's opinions, even when they are correct, grow weak and flabby. Yet Mill had another reason for encouraging the liberty of thought and discussion: the danger of partiality and incompleteness. Since one's opinions, even under the best circumstances, tend to (ii) _____, and because opinions opposed to one's own **rarely** turn out to be completely (iii) _____, it is crucial to supplement one's opinions with alternative points of view.

Blank (i)

(A) tendentiousness

(B) complacency

(C) fractiousness

Blank (ii)

(D) embrace only a portion of truth

(E) change over time

(F) focus on matters close at hand

Blank (iii)

(G) erroneous

(H) antithetical

(I) immutable

第 67 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Easy, #1)

The epidemiologist was worried: despite _____ signs of danger, **few** countries or companies had taken the possibility of a pandemic seriously, and there was little interest in developing a vaccine.

- (A) erroneous
- (B) mounting
- (C) token
- (D) inconclusive
- (E) residual

第 68 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Medium, #2) (Hard, #1)

Far from viewing Jefferson as a skeptical but enlightened intellectual, historians of the 1960s have portrayed him as _____ thinker, eager to fill the young with his political orthodoxy while censoring ideas he did not like.

- (A) an adventurous
- (B) a doctrinaire
- (C) an eclectic
- (D) a judicious
- (E) a cynical

第 69 題 (OG, p. 496, #2)

Far from being _____ the corporate world because of cutbacks, serious researchers are playing a growing role in innovation at many firms.

- (A) lured to
- (B) enchanted with
- (C) banished from
- (D) protected by
- (E) immured in

第 70 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Medium, #12)

The vegetation at Stone Mountain, the best known of the large rock masses known as monadnocks, is **far from** _____, having been decimated by the hiking traffic.

- (A) blighted
- (B) endangered
- (C) picturesque
- (D) pristine
- (E) undisturbed
- (F) vulnerable

第 71 題 (OG, p. 87, #4, Medium)

Richard M. Russell said 52 percent of the nation's growth since the Second World War had (i) _____ invention. He said, (ii) _____ research, the government's greatest role in assuring continuing innovation is promoting a strong, modern patent office. "Unless we can (iii) _____ original ideas, we will not have invention," Mr. Russell said. Speculating on the state of innovation over the next century, several inventors agreed that the future lay in giving children the tools to think creatively and the motivation to invent.

Blank (i)

(A) been at the expense of

(B) no bearing on

(C) come through

Blank (ii)

(D) in addition to restricting

(E) aside from supporting

(F) **far from** exaggerating

Blank (iii)

(G) evaluate

(H) protect

(I) disseminate

第 72 題 (OG, p. 78, #4, Easy)

It is (i) _____ that so many portrait paintings hang in art museums, since the subject matter seems to dictate a status closer to pictures in the family photograph album than to high art. But perhaps it is the artistic skill with which the portraits are painted that (ii) _____ their presence in art museums.

Blank (i)

(A) **surprising**

(B) understandable

(C) irrelevant

Blank (ii)

(D) challenges

(E) justifies

(F) changes

第 73 題 (OG, p. 497, #3)

The brief survey, published under the title *The Work of Nature: How the Diversity of Life Sustains Us*, is **surprisingly** (i) _____. Indeed it makes several longer treatments of the effects of lost biodiversity seem (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

(A) distorted

(B) objective

(C) comprehensive

Blank (ii)

(D) redundant

(E) pithy

(F) premature

第 74 題 (OG, p. 381, #1)

Only by ignoring decades of mismanagement and inefficiency could investors conclude that a fresh infusion of cash would provide **anything other than** a _____ solution to the company's financial woes.

(A) complete

(B) fleeting

(C) momentary

(D) premature

(E) trivial

(F) total

第 75 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Easy, #3)

The (i) _____ nature of classical tragedy in Athens **belies** the modern image of tragedy: in the modern view tragedy is austere and stripped down, its representations of ideological and emotional conflicts so superbly compressed that there's nothing (ii) _____ for time to erode.

Blank (i)

(A) unadorned

(B) harmonious

(C) multifaceted

Blank (ii)

(D) inalienable

(E) exigent

(F) extraneous

第 76 題 (OG, p. 97, #3, Hard)

Serling's account of his employer's reckless decision making (i) _____ that company's image as (ii) _____ bureaucracy full of wary managers.

Blank (i)

(A) **belies**

(B) exposes

(C) overshadows

Blank (ii)

(D) an injudicious

(E) a disorganized

(F) a cautious

第 77 題 (OG, p. 390, #17)

In the midst of so many evasive comments, this forthright statement, whatever its intrinsic merit, plainly stands out as _____.

- (A) a paradigm
- (B) a misnomer
- (C) a profundity
- (D) an inaccuracy
- (E) an anomaly

第 78 題 (OG, p. 382, #3)

Given the flood of information presented by the mass media, the only way for someone to keep abreast of the news is to rely on _____ accounts.

- (A) synoptic
- (B) abridged
- (C) sensational
- (D) copious
- (E) lurid
- (F) understated

第 79 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V1, Medium, #3)

Given how (i) _____ the shortcomings of the standard economic model are in its portrayal of human behavior, the failure of many economists to respond to them is astonishing. They continue to fill the journals with yet more proofs of yet more (ii) _____ theorems. Others, by contrast, accept the criticisms as a challenge, seeking to expand the basic models to embrace a wider range of things people do.

Blank (i)

(A) overlooked

(B) occasional

(C) patent

Blank (ii)

(D) comprehensive

(E) improbable

(F) pervasive

第 80 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V1, Medium, #2)

Most spacecraft are still at little risk of collision with space debris during their operational lifetimes, but given the numbers of new satellites launched each year, the orbital environment in the future is likely to be less _____.

(A) crowded

(B) invulnerable

(C) protected

(D) polluted

(E) benign

第 81 題 (OG, p. 513, #4)

There may be a threshold below which blood pressure reductions become _____ given that a long-running study showed no decreased heart risk for drops in blood pressure below a certain point.

- (A) worthwhile
- (B) indiscernible
- (C) arduous
- (D) significant
- (E) superfluous

第 82 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Medium, #13)

At no point in her investigation does Tate allow _____ commentary from present-day partisans to skew her reckoning with past realities.

- (A) apposite
- (B) ahistorical
- (C) anachronistic
- (D) disinterested
- (E) objective
- (F) germane

第 83 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V1, Medium, #12)

Early critics of Emily Dickson's poetry mistook for simplemindedness the surface of artlessness that in fact she constructed with such _____.

- (A) astonishment
- (B) craft
- (C) cunning
- (D) innocence
- (E) naivete
- (F) vexation

第 84 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V1, Medium, #1)

Dramatic literature often _____ the history of a culture in that it takes as its subject matter the important events that have shaped and guided the culture.

- (A) confounds
- (B) repudiates
- (C) recapitulates
- (D) anticipates
- (E) polarizes

第 85 題 (OG, p. 99, #6, Hard)

Philosophy, unlike most other subjects, does not try to extend our knowledge by discovering new information about the world. Instead it tries to deepen our understanding through (i) _____ what is already closest to us—the experiences, thoughts, concepts, and activities that make up our lives but that ordinarily escape our notice precisely because they are so familiar. Philosophy begins by finding (ii) _____ the things that are (iii) _____.

Blank (i)

(A) attainment of

(B) rumination on

(C) detachment from

Blank (ii)

(D) essentially irrelevant

(E) utterly mysterious

(F) thoroughly commonplace

Blank (iii)

(G) most prosaic

(H) somewhat hackneyed

(I) refreshingly novel

第 86 題 (ETS, now defunct, #2)

The author's (i) _____ style renders a fascinating subject, the role played by luck in everyday life, extraordinarily (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

(A) soporific

(B) lucid

(C) colloquial

Blank (ii)

(D) pedantic

(E) tedious

(F) opaque

第 87 題 (OG, p. 391, #18)

The activists' energetic work in the service of both woman suffrage and the temperance movement in the late nineteenth century (i) _____ the assertion that the two movements were (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

(A) undermines

(D) diffuse

(B) supports

(E) inimical

(C) underscores

(F) predominant

第 88 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Hard, #4)

I've long anticipated this retrospective of the artist's work, hoping that it would make (i) _____ judgments about him possible, but greater familiarity with his paintings highlights their inherent (ii) _____ and actually makes one's assessment (iii) _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

(A) modish

(D) gloom

(G) similarly equivocal

(B) settled

(E) ambiguity

(H) less sanguine

(C) detached

(F) delicacy

(I) more cynical

第 89 題 (OG, p. 370, #6)

The reception given to Kimura's radical theory of molecular evolution shows that when _____ fights orthodoxy to a draw, then novelty has seized a good chunk of space from convention.

- (A) imitation
- (B) reaction
- (C) dogmatism
- (D) invention
- (E) caution

第 90 題 (PBT, p. 65, #6)

Colleagues describe Padgett as both **forthright and reticent, humble and (i) _____, good-natured and (ii) _____**. And in her behavior as a businesswoman, Padgett herself does little to (iii) _____ these contradictions. She says she is proemployee but is avowedly antiunion. She calls herself procustomer but acknowledges that she runs a store with higher profit margins and prices than almost any other grocer.

Blank (i)

- (A) diffident
- (B) eccentric
- (C) arrogant

Blank (ii)

- (D) prickly
- (E) solicitous
- (F) phlegmatic

Blank (iii)

- (G) dispel
- (H) fulfill
- (I) accentuate

第 91 題 (OG, p. 515, #8)

Rather than viewing the Massachusetts Bay Colony's antinomian controversy as the inevitable (i) _____ of the intransigent opposing forces of **radical** and (ii) _____ beliefs, **male and female** piety, (iii) _____ **and secular** power, and the like, as other critics have, Winship argues that the crisis was not "fixed and structural."

Blank (i)

(A) dissolution

(B) melding

(C) collision

Blank (ii)

(D) revolutionary

(E) orthodox

(F) questionable

Blank (iii)

(G) clerical

(H) civil

(I) cerebral

第 92 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V1, Medium, #14)

While in many ways their personalities could not have been more different—she was ebullient where he was glum, relaxed where he was awkward, garrulous where he was _____—they were surprisingly well suited.

(A) solicitous

(B) munificent

(C) irresolute

(D) laconic

(E) fastidious

(F) taciturn

第 93 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Medium, #4)

Although he has long had a reputation for (i) _____, his behavior toward his coworkers has always been (ii) _____, suggesting he may not be as insolent as people generally think.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

(A) inscrutability

(D) brazen

(B) venality

(E) courteous

(C) impudence

(F) predictable

第 94 題 (OG, p. 78, #5, Easy)

In stark contrast to his later (i) _____, Simpson was largely (ii) _____ politics during his college years, despite the fact that the campus he attended was rife with political activity.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

(A) activism

(D) devoted to

(B) apathy

(E) indifferent to

(C) affability

(F) shaped by

第 95 題 (OG, p. 371, #8)

Mathematicians have a distinctive sense of beauty: they strive to present their ideas and results in a clear and compelling fashion, dictated by _____ as well as by logic.

- (A) caprice
- (B) aesthetics
- (C) obligation
- (D) methodologies
- (E) intellect

第 96 題 (OG, p. 375, #14)

Unenlightened authoritarian managers rarely recognize a crucial reason for the low levels of serious conflict among members of democratically run work groups: a modicum of tolerance for dissent often prevents _____.

- (A) demur
- (B) schism
- (C) cooperation
- (D) compliance
- (E) shortsightedness

第 97 題 (OG, p. 50, #3) (PPII, Test Preview, #6)

In parts of the Arctic, the land grades into the landfast ice so _____ that you can walk off the coast and not know you are over the hidden sea.

- (A) permanently
- (B) imperceptibly
- (C) irregularly
- (D) precariously
- (E) relentlessly

第 98 題 (OG, p. 375, #15)

The novelist devotes so much time to avoid descriptions of his characters' clothes that the reader soon feels that such _____ concerns, although worthy of attention, have superseded any more directly literary aims.

- (A) didactic
- (B) syntactical
- (C) irrelevant
- (D) sartorial
- (E) frivolous

第 99 題 (OG, p. 387, #12)

Just as the authors' book on eels is often a key text for courses in marine vertebrate zoology, their ideas on animal development and phylogeny _____ teaching in this area.

- (A) prevent
- (B) defy
- (C) replicate
- (D) inform
- (E) use

第 100 題 (OG, p. 388, #13)

Mechanisms develop whereby every successful species can _____ its innate capacity for population growth with the constraints that arise through its interactions with the natural environment.

- (A) enhance
- (B) replace
- (C) produce
- (D) surpass
- (E) reconcile

第 101 題 (OG, p. 77, #1, Easy)

Dominant interests often benefit most from _____ of governmental interference in business, since they are able to take care of themselves if left alone.

- (A) intensification
- (B) authorization
- (C) centralization
- (D) improvisation
- (E) elimination

第 102 題 (OG, p. 77, #2, Easy)

Kagan maintains that an infant's reactions to its first stressful experiences are part of a natural process of development, not harbingers of childhood unhappiness or _____ signs of adolescent anxiety.

- (A) prophetic
- (B) normal
- (C) monotonous
- (D) virtual
- (E) typical

第 103 題 (OG, p. 512, #2)

The belief that politicians might become _____ after their election to office led to the appointment of ethics officers at various levels of government.

- (A) scrupulous
- (B) entrenched
- (C) venal
- (D) puzzled
- (E) artificial

第 104 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V1, Medium, #13)

The macromolecule RNA is common to all living beings, and DNA, which is found in all organisms except some bacteria, is almost as _____.

- (A) comprehensive
- (B) fundamental
- (C) inclusive
- (D) universal
- (E) significant
- (F) ubiquitous

第 105 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Medium, #13)

The report's most significant weakness is its assumption that the phenomenon under study is _____, when in reality it is limited to a specific geographic area.

- (A) unusual
- (B) exceptional
- (C) ubiquitous
- (D) absolute
- (E) universal
- (F) restricted

第 106 題 (ETS, now defunct, #1)

From the outset, the concept of freedom of the seas from the proprietary claims of nations was challenged by a contrary notion—that of the _____ of the oceans for reasons of national security and profit.

- (A) promotion
- (B) exploration
- (C) surveying
- (D) conservation
- (E) appropriation

第 107 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Hard, #5)

Higher energy prices would have many (i) _____ effects on society as a whole. Besides encouraging consumers to be more (ii) _____ in their use of gasoline, they would encourage the development of renewable alternative energy sources that are not (iii) _____ at current prices.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

(A) pernicious

(D) aggressive

(G) unstable

(B) counterintuitive

(E) predictable

(H) adaptable

(C) salubrious

(F) sparing

(I) viable

第 108 題 (OG, p. 96, #2, Hard)

Human nature and long distances have made exceeding the speed limit a (i) _____ in the state, so the legislators surprised no one when, acceding to public demand, they (ii) _____ increased penalties for speeding.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

(A) controversial habit

(D) endorsed

(B) cherished tradition

(E) considered

(C) disquieting ritual

(F) rejected

第 109 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Easy, #13)

The ex-minister's real crime, in the eyes of his _____ political friends who subsequently abandoned him, was not so much that he was wrong as that he raised questions that must not be raised.

- (A) erstwhile
- (B) proxy
- (C) false
- (D) self-styled
- (E) onetime
- (F) surrogate

第 110 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V1, Medium, #1)

James Boswell's *Life of Samuel Johnson* is generally thought to have established Boswell as the first great modern biographer; yet the claim of _____ could be made for Johnson himself as author of a life of Richard Savage.

- (A) partisanship
- (B) omniscience
- (C) precedence
- (D) opportunism
- (E) perseverance

第 111 題 (OG, p. 379, #22)

Though feminist in its implications, Yvonne Rainer's 1974 film _____ the filmmaker's active involvement in feminist politics.

- (A) antedated
- (B) cloaked
- (C) portrayed
- (D) preceded
- (E) renewed
- (F) represented

第 112 題 (OG, p. 392, #20)

Wills argues that certain malarial parasites are especially (i) _____ because they have more recently entered humans than other species and therefore have had (ii) _____ time to evolve toward (iii) _____. Yet there is no reliable evidence that the most harmful *Plasmodium* species has been in humans for a shorter time than less harmful species.

Blank (i)

- (A) populous
- (B) malignant
- (C) threatened

Blank (ii)

- (D) ample
- (E) insufficient
- (F) adequate

Blank (iii)

- (G) virulence
- (H) benignity
- (I) variability

第 113 題 (OG, p. 386, #10)

Ironically, the writer so wary of (i) _____ was (ii) _____ with ink and paper, his novel running to 2,500 shagreen-bound folio pages—a fortune in stationery at the time.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

(A) probity

(D) acquisitive

(B) extravagance

(E) illiberal

(C) disapprobation

(F) profligate

第 114 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Hard, #15)

The demands of _____ notwithstanding, a page or two in Dahl's recent book on democracy that considered what public-choice economics has to say about "democratic failure"—or at least a clear signpost to that literature—would have been very well spent.

(A) clarity

(B) brevity

(C) comprehensiveness

(D) economy

(E) cogency

(F) thoroughness

第 115 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Easy, #14) (Medium, #15)

Dreams are _____ in and of themselves, but, when combined with other data, they can tell us much about the dreamer.

- (A) astonishing
- (B) disordered
- (C) harmless
- (D) inscrutable
- (E) revealing
- (F) uninformative

第 116 題 (PPII, Test Preview, #7)

Cynics believe that people who _____ compliments do so in order to be praised twice.

- (A) conjure up
- (B) covet
- (C) deflect
- (D) grasp
- (E) shrug off
- (F) understand

第 117 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Hard, #12)

That the book's argument was _____ became clear as soon as reviews appeared: there were holes, and reviewers delighted in pointing them out.

- (A) wanting
- (B) convoluted
- (C) unintelligible
- (D) penetrating
- (E) flawed
- (F) complex

第 118 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Easy, #12)

Alkan steadfastly refused to _____ her responsibilities as an author: for her an author had to be fearless and committed, and she was always both.

- (A) undertake
- (B) shirk
- (C) disclose
- (D) reveal
- (E) rationalize
- (F) neglect

第 119 題 (OG, p. 512, #1)

The unexplained digressions into the finer points of quantum electrodynamics are so _____ that even readers with a physics degree would be wise to keep a textbook handy to make sense of them.

- (A) uninteresting
- (B) controversial
- (C) unsophisticated
- (D) frustrating
- (E) humorless

第 120 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V1, Medium, #2)

Since she believed him to be both candid and trustworthy, she refused to consider the possibility that his statement had been _____.

- (A) irrelevant
- (B) facetious
- (C) mistaken
- (D) critical
- (E) insincere

第 121 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Medium, #1)

It is his dubious distinction to have proved what nobody would think of denying, that Romeo at the age of sixty-four writes with all the characteristics of _____.

- (A) maturity
- (B) fiction
- (C) inventiveness
- (D) art
- (E) brilliance

第 122 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Medium, #1)

The book's seemingly casually written, conversational style masks _____ structure.

- (A) a loosely organized
- (B) a somewhat rambling
- (C) an overly diffuse
- (D) a shrewdly crafted
- (E) an unconventionally informal

第 123 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Hard, #1)

Burke is often on slippery ground when it comes to her primary sources; especially _____ is the mode by which she gathered her oral evidence.

- (A) crucial
- (B) passable
- (C) dubious
- (D) laudable
- (E) ingenious

第 124 題 (OG, p. 499, #8)

The incipient (i) _____ regarding taxes could affect trade between the two countries much more than the (ii) _____ banana imports, which has been going on for years. Unfortunately, the trade regulators seem to be ignoring both disagreements.

Blank (i)

- (A) row
- (B) accord
- (C) investigation

Blank (ii)

- (D) profitable dealing in
- (E) predicament regarding
- (F) festering dispute over

第 125 題 (OG, p. 497, #4)

The government has no choice but to (i) _____ the incessant demands for land reform, and yet any governmental action that initiated land reform without requisite attention to agrarian reform would (ii) _____ the overall goal of economic modernization.

Blank (i)

(A) anticipate

(B) heed

(C) silence

Blank (ii)

(D) delineate

(E) condone

(F) compromise

第 126 題 (OG, p. 86, #2, Medium)

Like Bela Bartok, Ruth Crawford not only brought a composer's acumen to the notation of folk music, she also had a marked (i) _____ the task. This was clear in her agonizing over how far to try to represent the minute details of a performance in a written text, and this (ii) _____ makes her work a landmark in ethnomusicology.

Blank (i)

(A) reverence for

(B) detachment from

(C) curiosity about

Blank (ii)

(D) fastidiousness

(E) didacticism

(F) iconoclasm

第 127 題 (OG, p. 370, #7)

The (i) _____ of Vladimir Nabokov as one of North America's literary giants has thrown the spotlight on his peripheral activities and has thus served to (ii) _____ his efforts as an amateur entomologist.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

(A) stigmatization

(D) foreground

(B) lionization

(E) transcend

(C) marginalization

(F) obscure

第 128 題 (OG, p. 391, #19)

There is nothing quite like this movie, and indeed I am not altogether sure there is much more to it than its lovely (i) _____. At a moment when so many films strive to be as (ii) _____ as possible, it is gratifying to find one that is so subtle and puzzling.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

(A) peculiarity

(D) indirect

(B) pellucidity

(E) assertive

(C) conventionality

(F) enigmatic

第 129 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V1, Medium, #4)

There has been much hand-wringing about how unprepared American students are for college. Graff reverses this perspective, suggesting that colleges are unprepared for students. In his analysis, the university culture is largely (i) _____ entering students because academic culture fails to make connections to the kinds of arguments and cultural references that students grasp. Understandably, many students view academic life as (ii) _____ ritual.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

(A) primed for

(D) an arcane

(B) opaque to

(E) a laudable

(C) essential for

(F) a painstaking

第 130 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V1, Medium, #5)

The narratives that vanquished peoples have created of their defeat have, according to Schivelbusch, fallen into several identifiable types. In one of these, the vanquished manage to (i) _____ the victor's triumph as the result of some spurious advantage, the victors being truly inferior where it counts. Often the winners (ii) _____ this interpretation, worrying about the cultural or moral costs of their triumph and so giving some credence to the losers' story.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

(A) construe

(D) take issue with

(B) anoint

(E) disregard

(C) acknowledge

(F) collude in

第 131 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Medium, #4) (Hard, #3)

The playwright's approach is (i) _____ in that her works (ii) _____ the theatrical devices normally used to create drama on the stage.

Blank (i)

(A) pedestrian

(B) startling

(C) celebrated

Blank (ii)

(D) jettison

(E) experiment with

(F) distill

第 132 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V1, Medium, #4)

Television promotes (i) _____ of emotion in viewers through an unnatural evocation, every five minutes, of different and (ii) _____ feelings.

Blank (i)

(A) a withdrawal

(B) an obscuring

(C) a discontinuity

Blank (ii)

(D) incompatible

(E) sympathetic

(F) interminable

第 133 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Hard, #3)

The Parisian Ecole des Beaux-Arts (School of Fine Arts) was (i) _____ many nineteenth- and twentieth-century artists, so that by 1930 the associated term “academic art” had become a (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

(A) influential among

(B) ridiculed by

(C) attended by

Blank (ii)

(D) pejorative

(E) conundrum

(F) misnomer

第三節 三格填空

第 134 題 (OG, p. 515, #7)

Repression of painful memories is sometimes called “willed forgetting.” Yet true forgetting is (i) _____ than the phenomenon of repressed memory. In spite of the effort that it (ii) _____, repressing unwanted memories is less (iii) _____ than truly forgetting them, for repressed memories are prone to come back.

Blank (i)

(A) less controlled

(B) different in its effect

(C) far more common

Blank (ii)

(D) eases

(E) conveys

(F) entails

Blank (iii)

(G) permanent

(H) arduous

(I) immediate

第 135 題 (OG, p. 88, #5, Medium)

Statements presented as fact in a patent application are (i) _____ unless a good reason for doubt is found. The invention has only to be deemed “more likely than not” to work in order to receive initial approval. And, although thousands of patents are challenged in court for other reasons, no incentive exists for anyone to expend effort (ii) _____ the science of an erroneous patent. For this reason the endless stream of (iii) _____ devices will continue to yield occasional patents.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

(A) presumed verifiable

(D) corroborating

(G) novel

(B) carefully scrutinized

(E) advancing

(H) bogus

(C) considered capricious

(F) debunking

(I) obsolete

第 136 題 (OG, p. 97, #4, Hard)

No other contemporary poet’s work has such a well-earned reputation for (i) _____, and there are few whose moral vision is so imperiously unsparing. Of late, however, the almost belligerent demands of his severe and densely forbidding poetry have taken an improbable turn. This new collection is the poet’s fourth book in six years—an ample output even for poets of sunny disposition, let alone for one of such (ii) _____ over the previous 50 years. Yet for all his newfound (iii) _____, his poetry is as thorny as ever.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

(A) patent accessibility

(D) penitential austerity

(G) taciturnity

(B) intrinsic frivolity

(E) intractable prolixity

(H) volubility

(C) near impenetrability

(F) impetuous prodigality

(I) pellucidity

第 137 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Easy, #6)

To the untutored eye the tightly forested Ardennes hills around Sedan look quite (i) _____, (ii) _____ place through which to advance a modern army; even with today's more numerous and better roads and bridges, the woods and the river Meuse form a significant (iii) _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

(A) impenetrable

(D) a makeshift

(G) resource

(B) inconsiderable

(E) an unpropitious

(H) impediment

(C) uncultivated

(F) an unremarkable

(I) passage

第 138 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Medium, #6)

Room acoustics design criteria are determined according to the room's intended use. Music, for example, is best (i) _____ in space that are reverberant, a condition that generally makes speech less (ii) _____. Acoustics suitable for both speech and music can sometimes be created in the same space, although the result is never perfect, each having to be (iii) _____ to some extent.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

(A) controlled

(D) abrasive

(G) compromised

(B) appreciated

(E) intelligible

(H) eliminated

(C) employed

(F) ubiquitous

(I) considered

第 139 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V1, Medium, #5)

While the cerulean warbler's status maybe particularly (i) _____, it is just one of the many species of migrant birds whose numbers have been (ii) _____ for years. Increasingly, biologists investigating the causes of these (iii) _____ are focusing on habitat loss in the Tropics, where the birds spend the winter.

Blank (i)

(A) precarious

(B) secure

(C) representative

Blank (ii)

(D) underreported

(E) falling

(F) copious

Blank (iii)

(G) pairings

(H) migrations

(I) declines

第 140 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V1, Medium, #6)

The recent publication of the painter Robert Motherwell's substantial body of writing, as well as writings by fellow Expressionist Barnett Newman, (i) _____ Ann Gibson's assertion that the Abstract Expressionists were reluctant to (ii) _____ issues of artistic meaning in their work and suggests that this supposed reticence was perhaps more artistic (iii) _____ than historical fact.

Blank (i)

(A) substantiates

(B) undermines

(C) overlooks

Blank (ii)

(D) forgo

(E) articulate

(F) conceal

Blank (iii)

(G) conscience

(H) focus

(I) posturing

第 141 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Hard, #4)

Moore was (i) _____ ill at ease. His (ii) _____ had always been a distinguishing feature. It was what made him a good con artist and a good informant. He was one of those men who accepted dares with an easygoing smile and did outrageous things with (iii) _____ that made him successful in the dangerous world in which he operated. But just now he was not feeling very sure of himself.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

(A) uncharacteristically

(D) disquietude

(G) an obvious clumsiness

(B) predictably

(E) magnanimity

(H) a sophisticated fearlessness

(C) naturally

(F) aplomb

(I) a wary vigilance

第 142 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Hard, #6)

An esteemed literary critic, Mr. Wood has put together a (i) _____ volume about literary technique, his playful exuberance (ii) _____ the dry, jargon-strewn tradition of academic criticism. Mr. Wood can't claim to be (iii) _____; he has restricted himself to citations available in his personal library. Nor does he attempt to be methodical, as chapters proceed in higgledy-piggledy fashion. But few books about novel writing provide such insights into the craft.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

(A) deft

(D) wonderfully at odds with

(G) entertaining

(B) pretentious

(E) heavily influenced by

(H) accessible

(C) comprehensive

(F) largely superseded by

(I) thorough

第四節 句子等價

第 143 題 (OG, p. 520, #16)

As market forces penetrate firms and bid up the value of attributes of labor that are more measurable **than** is the knowledge born of experience, it can be expected that trends in wages will not _____ those whose main value lies in such experiential knowledge.

- (A) favor
- (B) aid
- (C) affect
- (D) forsake
- (E) betray
- (F) differentiate

第 144 題 (OG, p. 52, #2)

It was her view that the country's problems had been _____ by foreign technocrats, so that to ask for such assistance again would be counterproductive.

- (A) ameliorated
- (B) ascertained
- (C) diagnosed
- (D) exacerbated
- (E) overlooked
- (F) worsened

第 145 題 (OG, p. 504, #15)

In American Indian art, the supposed distinction between modern and traditional was fabricated by critics, and when artists have control over interpretation of their own work, the distinction appears, happily, to have been _____.

- (A) eliminated
- (B) reinforced
- (C) put to rest
- (D) intensified
- (E) recognized
- (F) established

第 146 題 (OG, p. 505, #17)

Some of the company's supporters charged that the negative report had been motivated by a broader political assault on the company that was designed to help market rivals who would like to see the company _____.

- (A) reined in
- (B) bolstered
- (C) indemnified
- (D) propped up
- (E) manacled
- (F) lionized

第 147 題 (OG, p. 506, #18)

Skeptics contend that any scheme for charging visitors to Web sites that rewards the vendor adequately would require steep prices, _____ the kind of frequent, casual use of Web sites that surfers now take for granted.

- (A) bridling
- (B) exciting
- (C) forbidding
- (D) inhibiting
- (E) provoking
- (F) reversing

第 148 題 (OG, p. 506, #19)

It seems obvious that Miles Davis' _____ the Julliard School, which resulted in his decision to drop out, was based on the school's training of musicians for a kind of music that he did not want to play.

- (A) disaffection with
- (B) dislocation of
- (C) disentanglement from
- (D) subversion of
- (E) displacement of
- (F) estrangement from

第 149 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Easy, #15)

International financial issues are typically _____ by the United States media because they are too technical to make snappy headlines and too inaccessible to people who lack a background in economics.

- (A) neglected
- (B) slighted
- (C) overrated
- (D) hidden
- (E) criticized
- (F) repudiated

第 150 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Medium, #14)

Since becoming commissioner, Mr. Vincente has challenged the dominant firms in European industry more _____ than his smoother predecessors and has consequently acquired many more enemies.

- (A) sporadically
- (B) irascibly
- (C) persistently
- (D) pugnaciously
- (E) fitfully
- (F) judiciously

第 151 題 (PPII, Practice Test 1, V2, Hard, #14)

The hodgepodge nature of local and federal law enforcement and the changing but often still inadequate regulations governing the credit industry make identity theft a particularly _____ crime.

- (A) unobjectionable
- (B) viable
- (C) dubious
- (D) innocuous
- (E) uncontrollable
- (F) intractable

第 152 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V1, Medium, #13)

The spy's repeated bungling was, above all else, _____ those who wished to thwart her efforts, since it was so unpredictable as to obscure any pattern that might otherwise lead to her capture.

- (A) an obstacle to
- (B) a signal to
- (C) a hindrance to
- (D) an indication for
- (E) a snare for
- (F) a boon to

第 153 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V1, Medium, #16)

The detective's conviction that there were few inept crimes in her district led her to impute some degree of _____ to every suspect she studied.

- (A) deceit
- (B) acumen
- (C) duplicity
- (D) shrewdness
- (E) evasiveness
- (F) equivocation

第 154 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Easy, #13)

If emissions of heat-trapping gases continue to accumulate in the atmosphere at the current rate, Earth could experience global transformations, and while some of these changes might be _____ many could be downright disruptive.

- (A) catastrophic
- (B) calamitous
- (C) intolerable
- (D) irremediable
- (E) modest
- (F) unremarkable

第 155 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Easy, #14)

It may be that most of this film footage was shown somewhere, but the documentary is designed to make audiences feel that this footage has never been seen, or that, having been seen, it was deliberately _____.

- (A) censored
- (B) imitated
- (C) suppressed
- (D) underscored
- (E) counterfeited
- (F) misrepresented

第 156 題 (PPII, Practice Test 2, V2, Hard, #13)

Some researchers worry that if there is a causal relationship between warming tropical sea surface temperatures and the marked increase in Atlantic hurricane activity since the early 1990s, this connection could _____ larger changes.

- (A) presage
- (B) exacerbate
- (C) obscure
- (D) avert
- (E) portend
- (F) forestall

第 157 題 (OG, p. 88, #6, Medium)

Ever a demanding reader of the fiction of others, the novelist Chase was likewise often the object of _____ analyses by his contemporaries.

- (A) exacting
- (B) copious
- (C) respectful
- (D) acerbic
- (E) scathing
- (F) meticulous

第 158 題 (OG, p. 89, #7, Medium)

Her _____ should not be confused with miserliness; as long as I have known her, she has always been willing to assist those who are in need.

- (A) stinginess
- (B) diffidence
- (C) frugality
- (D) illiberality
- (E) intolerance
- (F) thrift

第 159 題 (OG, p. 99, #7, Hard)

The government's implementation of a new code of ethics appeared intended to shore up the ruling party's standing with an increasingly _____ electorate at a time when the party is besieged by charges that it trades favors for campaign money.

- (A) aloof
- (B) placid
- (C) restive
- (D) skittish
- (E) tranquil
- (F) vociferous

第 160 題 (OG, p. 100, #9, Hard)

Newspapers report that the former executive has been trying to keep a low profile since his _____ exit from the company.

- (A) celebrated
- (B) mysterious
- (C) long-awaited
- (D) fortuitous
- (E) indecorous
- (F) unseemly

第 161 題 (OG, p. 379, #23)

Congress is having great difficulty developing a consensus on energy policy, primarily because the policy objectives of various members of Congress rest on such _____ assumptions.

- (A) commonplace
- (B) disparate
- (C) divergent
- (D) fundamental
- (E) trite
- (F) trivial

第 162 題 (OG, p. 379, #24)

During the opera's most famous aria, the tempo chosen by the orchestra's conductor seemed _____, without necessary relation to what had gone before.

- (A) arbitrary
- (B) capricious
- (C) cautious
- (D) compelling
- (E) exacting
- (F) meticulous

第 163 題 (OG, p. 380, #25)

Because they had expected the spacecraft Voyager 2 to be able to gather data only about the planets Jupiter and Saturn, scientists were _____ the wealth of information it sent back from Neptune twelve years after leaving Earth.

- (A) anxious for
- (B) confident in
- (C) thrilled about
- (D) keen on
- (E) elated by
- (F) eager for

第 164 題 (OG, p. 381, #2)

Some scientists argue that carbon compounds play such a central role in life on Earth because of the possibility of _____ resulting from the carbon atom's ability to form an unending series of different molecules.

- (A) diversity
- (B) deviation
- (C) variety
- (D) reproduction
- (E) stability
- (F) invigoration

第 165 題 (PBT, p. 57, #17)

In medieval philosophy every physical phenomenon is presumed to have some determinate cause, leaving no place for _____ in the explanation of particular events.

- (A) happenstance
- (B) chance
- (C) error
- (D) experience
- (E) context
- (F) miscalculation