
section 101

1. A significant element of the Gothic genre, the literary grotesque is sometimes inaccurately discussed as if it were a _____ Gothic or, conversely, as if it were something entirely different from Gothic.

- A. synonym for
- B. characteristic of
- C. counterweight to
- D. ramification of
- E. deviation from

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

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

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

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

4. At the heart of present-day studies computational authorship attribution lies the hypothesis that each author has so personal a writing style that it can function as stylistic DNA. Any given author style, in other words, is regarded as (i)_____ and (ii)_____ every other authors writing style.

A. stable	D. distinguishable from
B. generative	E. related to
C. unintentional	F. influenced by

5. When pulsars were first discovered, some of the astrophysicists involved briefly (i) _____these types of stars might be (ii)_____ extraterrestrial intelligence. Specifically, the pulsar's periodic radiation pattern was initially interpreted as (iii)_____ rather than—as it turned out to be—the natural product of the spinning of a neutron star.

A. ignored whether	D. suggestive of	G. a deliberate hoax
B. thought that	E. unrelated to	H. an episodic phenomenon
C. disavowed that	F. evidence against	I. a constructed code

6. Scientists suspect that the impact with which a bat lands is a function of (i) _____. Bats that roost on hard cave ceiling must land (ii) _____ to avoid injury. By contrast, since foliage is (iii) _____, a hard landing won't hurt, and might even give the bat time to make sure it has a good grip.

A. wind speed	D. quickly	G. plentiful
B. roosting location	E. softly	H. pliable
C. a bat's size	F. securely	I. seasonal

7. Humanity's struggle with bedbugs is _____: archaeologists have recovered remains of the parasites dating back 3,500 years to the time of the Egyptian pharaohs.

- A. disconcerting
- B. unexceptional
- C. perennial
- D. preordained
- E. inevitable
- F. long-standing

8. The composer's string quartets exhibit a structural _____ that seems to challenge the conventions of the string quartet genre, which have long been celebrated for their rigor and coherence.

- A. austerity
- B. restraint
- C. uncertainty
- D. ostentation
- E. vitality
- F. instability

9. It is _____ and rather, surprising, for someone with a considerable background in philosophy, that Taylor fails to distinguish adequately between forms of communication and forms of knowledge.

- A. reprehensible
- B. inexplicable
- C. deplorable
- D. dangerous
- E. typical
- F. characteristic

10. As a proponent of women's traditional roles, Sarah Hale was adamant against women's suffrage as thrusting women into an improper sphere; yet she _____ female textile strikers when they publicly protested their mistreatment at miles.

- A. opposed
- B. supported
- C. criticized
- D. championed
- E. challenged
- F. welcomed

section 102

1. A sunset, the poet asserted, is beautiful in part because it is _____.: fleeting and never to be repeated.

- A. expeditious
- B. vibrant
- C. transitory
- D. evocative
- E. archetypal

2. The evidence depicts an _____ system of tree inspections and care, one in which the crucial job of spotting dangers is left to untrained workers, and essential repairs and pruning are delayed to save money.

- A. overeager
- B. ineffective
- C. uneconomical
- D. unflagging
- E. intuitive

3. Here was one of the main (i)_____ of oceanography during the first two decades after the Second World War. Support for oceanographic research was based on its utility for making war on other nation. Yet at the same time, oceanography retained an identity that tied it closely to (ii)_____.

A. fallacies	D. international cooperation
B. paradoxes	E. military secrecy
C. assumptions	F. naval strategy

4. Ancient cart ruts found on Malta were created in soft limestone that begins to dissolve when exposed to rainfall. Their forms thus necessarily become (i)_____ over time and their original features are (ii)_____.

A. solidified	D. refined
B. degraded	E. replicated
C. conspicuous	F. obscured

5. Overall, fish farming may provide a (i)_____ wild fish stocks, but for certain species, the farmers cause a net loss of wild fish. Some fish farmers use upwards of five kilograms of wild fish as feed to grow one kilogram of carnivorous species like sea bass. Such (ii)_____ feed plus other environmental side effects undermine the expected (iii)_____ fish farming.

A. supplement to	D. appetite for	G. benefits of
B. rediscovery of	E. uncertainty regarding	H. impediments to
C. disruption of	F. optimism about	I. subtleties of

6. At estimated 80 million adults in the United States use form of alternative medicine, from herbs and megavitamins to yoga and acupuncture. But while (i)_____ claims are made for these treatments, the scientific evidence for them often (ii)_____ studies and clinical trials, when they exist at all, can be (iii)_____ in design and too small to yield reliable insights.

A. unfounded	D. shows no inconsistencies	G. shoddy
B. modest	E. lags far behind	H. clever
C. sweeping	F. holds great promise	I. conventional

7. Since Venus and Earth are so similar in their mass and density, Mueller suggested that the two planets have similar compositions and, therefore there must be surface features on Venus that have terrestrial _____.

- A. causes
- B. consequences
- C. counterparts
- D. parallels
- E. properties
- F. outcomes

8. It turns out that the seeming spontaneity of his letter actually involved a good deal of _____: the writer carefully revises them before mailing them, and he worked hard to establish the right tone.

- A. deliberation
- B. whimsicality
- C. inventiveness
- D. effort
- E. capriciousness
- F. consideration

9. There is _____ quality to Beryl Bainbridge's best novels, what Hilary Martel calls "an air of mystery, as if something has been inked in and then sponged away, leaving a faint trace for the reader to pick up".

- A. an elegiac
- B. a cryptic
- C. a deceptive
- D. a plaintive
- E. an elusive
- F. a mesmerizing

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

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

section 103

1. The sand paintings that McCall created—a synthesis of painting, sculpture, and photography—were meant to be _____, preserved only in the memories of witnesses.

- A. archetypal
- B. incendiary
- C. ephemeral
- D. naturalistic
- E. dazzling

2. From its nineteenth-century beginnings onward, photography was often tasked with providing _____ images of individuals, yet at the same time, photographs were prized for their perceived realism and truthfulness.

- A. recognizable
- B. candid
- C. idealized
- D. replicable
- E. detailed

3. Psychologists note that in making purchase decisions, consumers often unconsciously use mental shortcuts, such as familiarity with a brand name to (i)_____ routine problems efficiently. Thus, part of what companies aim for developing a brand is very specifically to (ii)_____ consumers' conscious thought.

A. identify	D. amplify
B. resolve	E. ascertain
C. postpone	F. circumvent

4. The claim that large budget deficits significantly depress private investment and thereby hurt future wages and living standards is (i)_____; in reality, the (ii)_____ effects of budget deficits are tiny.

A. fallacious	D. adverse
B. incomprehensible	E. unforeseen
C. incontrovertible	F. ameliorable

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

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

6. Excitement is often considered anathema in science writing because it interjects the scientist's emotion and values into the work. Indeed, one should not be too quick to (i)_____ of science. At the same time, however, this (ii)_____ stance can occasionally be (iii)_____, cloaking more than it reveals.

A. evaluate the principles	D. unpopular	G. misleading
B. embrace the rhetoric	E. dispassionate	H. unnecessary
C. abandon the objectivity	F. inflexible	I. haphazard

7. While merchants and bankers in thirteen-century Europe quickly embraced the Hindu-Arabic numeral system, the governing authorities were less _____ it.

- A. persuaded by
- B. guarded about
- C. captivated by
- D. open-minded about
- E. inhibited about
- F. enamored of

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

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

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

- A. imperturbable
- B. implacable
- C. unimaginative
- D. unprepossessing
- E. unremarkable
- F. unruffled

10. Because the literary club often trumpeted itself as a sanctuary for temperate discussion, visitors were startled by the frequently _____ tone of its recent debates.

- A. blunt
- B. ingratiating
- C. acerbic
- D. unctuous
- E. vitriolic
- F. bombastic

section 104

1. The tenor of Me, as indicated by the title, tends to be _____, sometimes insufferably so.

- A. self-effacing
- B. panegyric
- C. vainglorious
- D. discursive
- E. overmodest

2. The main thrust of her argument was that wage difference, far from being _____, do in fact reflect education, skills, experience, and other factors that make employees more productive.

- A. rational
- B. divergent
- C. arbitrary
- D. discernible
- E. attributable

3. Journalist Michael Pollan is nothing if not (i)_____, committed to investigating our eating habits through (ii)_____ and unwilling to pass judgment on any food-related practice that he has not witnessed firsthand or even joined in.

A. an empiricist	D. brilliant theorizing
B. a traditionalist	E. voluminous reading
C. an enthusiast	F. careful observation

4. Scientists suspect that athletes may experience augmented bloodstream levels of the hormone oxytocin during competition. (i)_____ considerations, however, make it difficult to (ii)_____ oxytocin levels during sports events: few will willingly interrupt play in the middle of a game in order for scientists to test players' blood.

A. practical	D. predict fluctuations
B. theoretical	E. quantify changes in
C. ethical	F. trigger elevation of

5. 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, computers are (iii)_____ human intelligence.

A. a well-defined	D. nuanced	G. no match for
B. a random	E. inconsequential	H. unyielding to
C. an open-ended	F. solvable	I. able to dwarf

6. With the grand ambition of sending unbreakable coded messages, some physicists are using exotic tools—quantum mechanics and streams of individual photons—to shut out (i)_____. But a wire and a few resistors may (ii)_____ a message as securely, according to a physicist who claims to have devised a simple and uncrackable scheme. The idea shows that more (iii)_____ methods might compete with budding quantum cryptography.

A. inaccurate transmissions	D. convey	G. mundane
B. pernicious influences	E. decode	H. complex
C. prying eyes	F. intercept	I. celebrated

7. Contrary to popular myth, cockroaches are not especially tough or radiation resistant; indeed, they are pretty _____ as insects go.

- A. harmless
- B. average
- C. strong
- D. undistinguished
- E. weak
- F. hardy

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

- A. tempered
- B. moderated
- C. unhampered
- D. preempted
- E. superseded
- F. prefaced

9. Reuters are not against _____ noteworthy architecture but suggests a cap on the amount to be protected at any one time: if you want to protect another ancient building, one should come off the list.

- A. preserving
- B. rehabilitating
- C. promoting
- D. restoring
- E. emulating
- F. safeguarding

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

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

section 105

1. Although not enough to _____ the conventional view of the manuscript's provenance, the new study was thought to have weakened the prevailing theory considerably.

- A. undermine
- B. affect
- C. resurrect
- D. disturb
- E. topple

2. The economist argued that however much the government might trumpet the value of _____, it had been as bold as any other in its spending programs.

- A. thrift
- B. consumption
- C. dialogue
- D. cooperation
- E. transparency

3. She knew well, from experience with hundreds of hired crew members on her boats, how (i)_____ attitudes can be: one negative influence can impel an otherwise (ii)_____ member of a crew to quit.

A. insipid	D. untested
B. infectious	E. captious
C. innocuous	F. contented

4. Recently the novelist has (i)_____ the radically experimental forms with which he made his reputation in favor of more (ii)_____ narratives, fencing in and turning an imagination meant to run wild.

A. trumpeted	D. conventional
B. forsaken	E. pretentious
C. replicated	F. provocative

5. It is plausible to regard a collection of letters spanning youth and old age as (i)_____ of autobiography: the precession of characters who inhabit a life and a chronology of incidents turn up reliably in either form. Yet autobiography, even when ostensibly steeped in candor, tends toward (ii)_____ through later perspectives, afterwords, and second thoughts, whereas letters have an undeniable (iii)_____, offering select glimpses of the fought and living moment.

A. an approximation	D. concision	G. sensitivity
B. a precursor	E. reconsideration	H. immediacy
C. the antithesis	F. sensationalism	I. formality

6. The nature of our recollection is (i) _____. One memory can seem (ii) _____ whereas another must be coaxed out of our brain little by little. Although a moment that excites our emotions is more likely to be recorded than a (iii) _____ experience, the sensory qualities of an event also play a part in how vividly and accurately we remember it.

A. inaccurate	D. vague and spotty	G. riveting
B. inconsistent	E. immediate and colorful	H. traumatic
C. insignificant	F. unreliable and elusive	I. routine

7. Many theorists believe that measures to prevent industrial pollution necessarily increase production costs, but several recent reports document innovations that _____ environmental harm while also delivering economic benefits.

- A. offset
- B. preclude
- C. disclose
- D. mitigate
- E. curtail
- F. divulge

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

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

9. The environmental threat posed by the New Zealand mud snail, an invasive species, is _____ by the snail's small size, which facilitates its spread across watersheds through human activity.

- A. initiated
- B. ameliorated
- C. exacerbated
- D. extenuated
- E. mitigated
- F. aggravated

10. Although the Kuiper Belt—the icy region of the solar system where Pluto orbits—was once much more crowded, today it has such a low density of objects that collisions between them are _____.

- A. inconsequential
- B. ongoing
- C. unthinkable
- D. improbable
- E. continuous
- F. unlikely

section 106

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

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

2. Evidence suggest that populations of migratory birds in both the New and Old Worlds have (i)_____, a (ii)_____ that carries the potential for significant ecological damage far beyond the shrinking numbers of the birds themselves.

A. scattered	D. dispersal
B. stabilized	E. decline
C. plummeted	F. displacement

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

A. apprehensive	D. indifferent
B. apathetic	E. sanguine
C. confident	F. anxious

4. Among the most popular Currier&Ives lithographic prints in nineteenth-century America were bird's-eye views of great cities such as New York, Chicago, and San Francisco. These were edited into books, and the cities' (i)_____ meant that new views were (ii)_____ for successive editions.

A. tremendous productivity	D. hard to obtain
B. extraneous growth	E. rendered superfluous
C. unparalleled activity	F. regularly required

5. Dirac may have (i)_____ the company of other theoretical physicals, but he often (ii)_____, rarely (iii)_____ group discussions and almost never collaborating with others in his own work.

A. appreciated	D. kept them at a distance	G. cutting off
B. analyzed	E. welcomed their company	H. contributing to
C. spurned	F. pondered their insights	I. shrinking from

6. Environmental models—mathematical representations designed to stimulate natural systems—are regularly used by litigants in legal disputes over environmental issues. Unfortunately, the (i)_____ scientific model is (ii)_____ in environmental tort litigation. Because of the adversarial nature of litigation, models are often used by one side to (iii)_____ empirical evidence presented by the other. And because modeling is a particularly technical field, the task of asserting a given model’s relevance and reliability may exceed the abilities of judge and juries.

A. evidentiary value of	D. avoided	G. adduce
B. uncertainty inherent in	E. predictive	H. obfuscate
C. increasing reliance on	F. exacerbated	I. replicate

7. Williams finds the appearance of Whitman’s Leaves of Grass in 1855 nearly _____ given the immense disparity between Whitman’s earlier published works, which Williams finds dismal, and the consummate mastery of Leaves.

- A. oracular
- B. prophetic
- C. inevitable
- D. inexplicable
- E. inauspicious
- F. incomprehensible

8. Carr insists that the so-called information society might be more accurately described as the interruption society: it _____ attention, the scarcest of all resources, and stuffs the mind trivia.

- A. guards
- B. protects
- C. diverts
- D. destroys
- E. annihilates
- F. transcends

9. Of all the singer’s works, this album is the most dependent on the musical conventions of her day; it was both the least _____ of her albums and the most commercially successful.

- A. personal
- B. well-known
- C. experimental
- D. innovative
- E. acclaimed
- F. recognizable

10. The environmental advocacy group pushed for a single, overarching wetlands management plan that would _____ the existing efforts of various entities, resulting in a focused blueprint for saving the area’s wetlands.

- A. combine
- B. meld
- C. undermine
- D. spearhead
- E. support
- F. subvert

section 107

1. Once so fluid, the political situation had, two years after the declaration of the Republic, _____ so much that further change seemed inconceivable.

- A. revitalized
- B. warmed
- C. intensified
- D. clotted
- E. destabilized

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

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

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

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

4. When the United States government created the Post Office at the founding of the republic, it didn't invite rival postal firms to compete; in fact, it created a monopoly. That monopoly, however, was (i)_____ free expression because of policies Congress adopted, which (ii)_____ the circulation of newspapers irrespective of their viewpoint and spread postal service throughout the country.

A. conducive to	D. subsidized
B. threatened by	E. limited
C. dependent on	F. trivialized

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

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

6. The scientist (i)_____ that the now familiar term “global warming” is (ii)_____, arguing that the atmospheric buildup of long-lived greenhouse gases is setting in motion centuries of shifts in climate patterns, coastlines, water resources, and ecosystems—hardly (iii)_____ one would describe with a gentle word like “warming”.

A. denied	D. an exaggeration	G. a transformation
B. complained	E. a cliché	H. an enigma
C. doubted	F. a misnomer	I. a signal

7. Nature-loving pilgrims from the eastern United States altered the country’s attitude toward California’s sequoia groves, transforming those stands of great trees from scientific curiosities to places of _____.

- A. recreation
- B. mystery
- C. veneration
- D. solitude
- E. reverence
- F. acclamation

8. Established scientists recognize that peer review of manuscripts submitted to scientific journals is critical to science, but this recognition _____ a certain ambivalence in them, since reviewing takes time away from their research.

- A. obviates
- B. mitigates
- C. engenders
- D. tempers
- E. induces
- F. exacerbates

9. Despite _____ leaving their old jobs behind, workers were eager to move because there were to be no layoffs under the union contract at the new location.

- A. jubilation over
- B. indifference to
- C. misgivings about
- D. outrage over
- E. trepidation over
- F. enthusiasm for

10. After the Turkish Republic was established, traditional hamams (bathhouses) seemed to many Turks to be outmoded, but thanks to tourism, hamams have experienced a _____, becoming important cultural sites for foreign and Turkish visitors alike.

- A. proliferation
- B. retrenchment
- C. transformation
- D. revival
- E. slump
- F. renaissance

section 108

1. Wood is an environmentally friendly building material because it _____ carbon dioxide, absorbing it during growth and retaining it even after it has been turned into lumber. (冲刺班)

- A. disperses
- B. eradicates
- C. sequesters
- D. respires
- E. regulates

2. Despite the fact that it is quite difficult to find, in everyday discourse, causal explanations taking the form Hume proposed, many philosophers have regarded Hume's model as _____ causal accounts.

- A. paradigmatic of
- B. unworkable for
- C. tendentious about
- D. superfluous to
- E. irreducible to

3. Goodin notes that people have (i)_____ cognitive capacities and that they therefore must consider some factors as (ii)_____ so as to be able to make decisions about other things.

A. limited	D. essential
B. adaptable	E. variable
C. overlooked	F. given

4. Some people (i)_____ translations of great literary works—especially those insistent on a literal translation for whom no rendering is ever (ii)_____ enough.

A. dismiss	D. faithful
B. tolerate	E. creative
C. esteem	F. spontaneous

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

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

6. The longer the migratory route, the more fat migrating birds must accumulate as fuel for their flight. The gain in body mass would make birds obese by human standards, and should render them unable to fly, but this gain is (i)_____ premigratory (ii)_____ of digestive organs, inactive during migration, and by the (iii)_____ of the muscles that power the flight.

A. partially offset by	D. shrinking	G. strengthening
B. strongly suggestive of	E. specialization	H. attenuation
C. seemingly unrelated to	F. capacity	I. responsiveness

7. In spite of her fascination with chance, coincidence, and contingency, Stanning's novels are _____ constructed, written from the head rather than the heart.

- A. hastily
- B. extravagantly
- C. painstakingly
- D. meticulously
- E. evocatively
- F. impulsively

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

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

9. Every serious attempt at a historical portrait of the past will subtly absorb the milieu and temperament of its living author, however _____ he or she sets out to be.

- A. entertaining
- B. comprehensive
- C. objective
- D. engaging
- E. rigorous
- F. impartial

10. Although we no longer have to rely on salt to keep food from spoiling, our appetite for it is _____: most people eat much more salt than they need.

- A. involuntary
- B. inconstant
- C. unabated
- D. unpredictable
- E. undiminished
- F. insatiable

section 109

1. Because of its _____, DNA can be invaluable as exculpatory evidence following a criminal conviction: it can be reliably tested years after a crime has occurred.

- A. versatility
- B. recognizability
- C. durability
- D. verifiability
- E. distinctiveness

2. Throughout the High Middle Ages, the English government became increasingly _____: the document produced in the eleventh century could be placed on one large table, while the documents produced in the thirteenth fill whole rooms.

- A. despotic
- B. ceremonial
- C. aristocratic
- D. prolix
- E. insular

3. Although strikes remain rarer in Britain than in many other European countries, and their economic impact is (i)_____ compared to the great upheavals of the 1970s and 1980s, their number has (ii)_____ after a few years of somewhat greater calm.

A. inconclusive	D. exploded
B. demoralizing	E. declined
C. negligible	F. revived

4. Many of us remember a time when discovery and the thrill of learning were forces in our lives and were (i)_____. Frequently that time happened in a great classroom somewhere, in the hands of the one (ii)_____ teacher we can each remember.

A. elusive	D. consummate
B. inconsequential	E. truculent
C. exciting	F. superfluous

5. Because it is discussed by humanities scholars from diverse disciplinary backgrounds, “affect” has been (i)_____ defined; nonetheless there has been (ii)_____ the terms “emotion” and “affect” across academic writing in the humanities.

A. clearly	D. a paucity of interest in
B. variously	E. a variety of interpretations of
C. narrowly	F. a consistent distinction between

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

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

7. Precipitation is not _____ in the Atacama Desert west of Andes mountains, and water scarcity is compounded by problems with water appropriation, the existence of agro pastoralists is in jeopardy.

- A. regular
- B. negligible
- C. evident
- D. consistent
- E. insignificant
- F. abundant

8. What differentiates this book from more traditional works on grammar is that it reserves its _____ not for students of writing, bur for teachers who harbor unduly restrictive views.

- A. mockery
- B. skepticism
- C. scolding
- D. approbation
- E. admonishment
- F. commendation

9. Like ants' propensity to congregate on one food pile and neglect another, the human tendency to make choices that _____ the observed behavior of others is a self-reinforcing process.

- A. imitate
- B. confirm
- C. avoid
- D. emulate
- E. inhibit
- F. constrain

10. The difficulty of reforming electoral politics is not lack of right tools but the need to put them into the hands of impartial agents: the goal should be to build capacity while _____ partisanship.

- A. expediting
- B. constraining
- C. facilitating
- D. deterring
- E. exacerbating
- F. lamenting

section 110

1. Characteristic of the diplomat's new book is the _____ relationship between the evidence adduced and the inferences drawn, the footnotes and citations teeming with ambiguity and complexity, while the summary statements are more dogmatic simplicities.

- A. healthy
- B. shifting
- C. tenuous
- D. compelling
- E. plausible

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

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

3. In his study of Senegambian cleric Shaykh Mass Kah (1827-1936), Bala S. K. Saho notes that it is difficult to fully (i)_____ many of the oral accounts on which the study relies. Saho's work shows, however, that despite this absence of (ii)_____, oral history can provide useful sources from which historians can reconstruct the past.

A. comprehend	D. partiality
B. reproduce	E. argumentation
C. validate	F. corroboration

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

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

5. The (i)_____ current-generation solar cells are (ii)_____: although experimental cells have reached efficiencies greater than 40 percent, most commercially available cells in the early part of the twenty-first century still struggle to get past about 20 percent.

A. attractions of	D. clear
B. limitations of	E. unmatched
C. improvements in	F. misunderstood

6. The amount of water flowing through United States streams has (i)_____ during this century, although without giving rise to more frequent floods, according to a new study by the United States Geological Survey. The country appears to be getting (ii)_____ even as its stream flow becomes less (iii)_____.

A. markedly declined	D. wetter	G. benign
B. steadily increased	E. hotter	H. predictable
C. slowly stabilized	F. drier	I. destructive

7. When it comes to arriving at brilliant ideas, filtering out distractions might well be _____: if a person's mind is wandering, that person tends to outperform peers in a range of tasks in which flashes of insight are important.

- A. indispensable
- B. irrelevant
- C. overrated
- D. imperative
- E. deleterious
- F. counterproductive

8. Matsui is an extremely _____ political tactician, as she generally will withhold her support for a political faction or a policy until she is confident it will prevail.

- A. successful
- B. dogmatic
- C. shrewd
- D. flexible
- E. canny
- F. rigid

9. There is ample evidence that men and women think, express themselves, and even experience emotions differently, but in the area of sensory perception, psychologists are hard-pressed to identify major _____.

- A. difficulties
- B. innovations
- C. discrepancies
- D. challenges
- E. incongruities
- F. trends

10. Robbins' accomplishment is not _____ one: her book makes the topic accessible to a general audience while still providing the sort of analysis that scholars demand.

- A. a trivial
- B. a fascinating
- C. a questionable
- D. an insignificant
- E. an intriguing
- F. an amusing