1.Refusing to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his vituperative words, the ambassador only further \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ members of the multinational committee.

**Blank (i)**

exacerbatemoderateintensify

**Blank (ii)**

intriguedencouragedincensed

## Text Explanation

Answers: (B), (F)

’Vituperative’ means harsh and scathing. By not moderating these angry words, the ambassador is only going to make the committed more some negative word. Only (F) incensed, or very upset/enraged works.

2. The gossip columnist’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the number of her published columns  – the more articles she wrote, the more untruths she spread.

**Blank (i)**

calumnyardorflattery

**Blank (ii)**

commensurate withinverse tounconnected to

## Text Explanation

Answers: (A), (D)

’The more untruths…’ matches up with (A) calumny, or slander. (D) commensurate describes the relationship between two things, in which when one increases the other increases, or when one decreases the other decreases. 'In proportion to' is another way of saying ‘commensurate with.’

3.For all her brilliance, Ada was undone by her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: she vowed to apply herself far more diligently in studying for her retake of the bar exam.

[cleverness](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/cleverness.js)[insouciance](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/insouciance.js)[sagacity](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/sagacity.js)[insight](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/insight.js)[earnestness](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/earnestness.js)

## Text Explanation

Answer: (B)

'For', in this case, means 'despite.' Despite her brilliance, Ada did not pass the exam. She was undone by her lack of effort ("...vowed to...diligently...").

(A), (C), and (D) are similar in meaning, and none contrast with 'brilliance.'

(E) means honesty and sincerity. If she possessed more of (E), she would have likely passed the exam.

4. The conception of time as parcelled out in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ intervals did not begin with the advent of the clock; as such we must have a biological predisposition to not conceive of time as simply an amorphous succession of moments.

fleetingillusoryunboundeddiscreteindiscernible

## Text Explanation

Answer: (D)

The clue is "to not conceive...amorphous." Therefore, we conceive of time that is bounded, not amorphous or shapeless.

(A) does not match the context, though is tempting because of the platitude, "Time is fleeting."

(B) is not supported by context.

(C) is the opposite.

(D) means broken up into separate intervals. This opposes the idea of amorphous intervals.

If anything, (E) is the opposite of the blank.

5. Favoring quantity over substance, many amateur writers labor under the delusion that the more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the sentence structure the more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the thought being conveyed.

**Blank (i)**

[rudimentary](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/rudimentary.js)[involved](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/involved.js)[superficial](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/superficial.js)

**Blank (ii)**

[tactical](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/tactical.js)[ironic](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/ironic.js)[profound](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/profound.js)

## Text Explanation

Answers: (B), (F)

’…quantity for substance…’ indicates that writers are going to think that longer or (B) involved sentences are of more value. The only answer choice that makes sense in the context of conveying though, and quality thought at that, is (F) profound.

6. Because reading on the Web entails quickly scanning and sorting through a deluge of information, many wonder if our level of engagement with the text has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or if the ability to read closely and carefully is one that can be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if we simply spend more time immersed in a book.

**Blank (i)**

[irreparably compromised](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/irreparably%20compromised.js)[tentatively disrupted](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/tentatively%20disrupted.js)[permanently restored](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/permanently%20restored.js)

**Blank (ii)**

[fully reactivated](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/fully%20reactivated.js)[further degraded](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/further%20degraded.js)[summarily disregarded](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/summarily%20disregarded.js)

## Text Explanation

Answers: (A), (D)

It may be tempting to choose (B) tentatively disrupted. First off, it fits the context. Secondly, (A) irreparably compromised is very extreme. However, none of the answer choices for the second blank make sense if coupled with (B). The most alluring, (D) fully reactivated, doesn't quite work, because if something is tentatively disrupted it implies that it is only temporarily affected and will change back (or be fully reactivated) soon.

(A) irreparably compromised, on the other hand, implies that "the level of engagement" may always be compromised. The 'or' in the sentence indicates that we need an opposite to (A). (D) fully reactivated supplies this contrast.

7. Managers who categorically squelch insights from low-tiered employees run the obvious hazard of (i) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ creativity; conversely, these very same managers are more likely to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ any ideas that flow down from the top brass.

**Blank (i)**

[fomenting](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/fomenting.js)[smothering](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/smothering.js)[sparking](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/sparking.js)

**Blank (ii)**

[unquestioningly embrace](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/unquestioningly%20embrace.js)[arbitrarily denounce](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/arbitrarily%20denounce.js)[conditionally approve](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/conditionally%20approve.js)

## Text Explanation

Answers: (B), (D)

"Categorically squelch insights" indicates the first blank is going to be a word like stifle. (A) and (C) create the opposite meaning.

'Conversely' indicates a shift. Therefore the second part of the sentence is opposite. For the second blank we are looking for the opposite of "categorically squelch insights". Only (D) works.

8. Because the defendant expressed very little \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for his heinous crime, the judge meted out a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sentence.

**Blank (i)**

[contempt](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/contempt.js)[contrition](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/contrition.js)[apathy](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/apathy.js)

**Blank (ii)**

[charitable](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/charitable.js)[severe](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/severe.js)[peculiar](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/peculiar.js)

## Text Explanation

Answers: (B), (E)

(B) contrition, or remorse, works best for the first blank. As a result, the judge handed out a (E) severe sentence. ‘Heinous’, which means awful, backs up the second blank

9. The grammar teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the slightest fault, sometimes going so far as to berate students for forgetting to cross a ‘t’.

[started](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/started.js)[caviled](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/caviled.js)[blanched](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/blanched.js)[beamed](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/beamed.js)[paused](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/paused.js)

## Text Explanation

Answer: (B)   
’…the slightest fault’ plus the detail of students getting berated for ‘forgetting…’ indicates that the teacher finds fault, especially over trivial matters

(A) started just means to make a sudden movement  
(B) caviled means to find fault with, usually on trivial matters  
(C) blanched means to turn white from shock  
(D) beamed means to show great pleasure  
(E) paused does not capture the teacher’s negative emotion

10. To the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ eye the jungle canopy can seem little more than a dense lattice work of branches and leaves. For the indigenous peoples of the Amazon, even a small area can serve as a veritable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of pharmaceutical cures. The field of ethnobotany, which relates both to the natural pharmacy offered up by the jungle and the peoples who serve as a store of such knowledge, has become increasingly popular in the last decades as many anthropologists, hoping to take advantage of this vast bounty, learn the language and customs of the tribes in order to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them thousands of years worth of knowledge.

**Blank (i)**

untutoredsophisticatedveteran

**Blank (ii)**

cornucopiainvasiondissemination

**Blank (iii)**

glean fromallot topurge from

## Text Explanation

Answers: (A), (D), (G)

The contrast is between the indigenous peoples--who know a lot about the jungle--to those who are not indigenous and therefore do not notice anything more than "dense lattice..." The latter are (A) untutored. The indigenous people can discern an abundance, or a (D) cornucopia or cures.

Ethnobotanists hope to learn this knowledge, or (G) glean the knowledge from the indigenous peoples.

11. True, to the classically trained ear, Haydn’s early works can often seem \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a mishmash of motifs from which anything fresh has been wrung dry by subsequent composers – to the ears of Haydn’s contemporaries, however, Haydn’s music was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Blank (i)**

complexpredictablehackneyed

**Blank (ii)**

refreshingly novelprematurely antiquatedhighly derivative

## Text Explanation

Answers: (C), (D)

’…a mishmash of…’, ‘anything fresh…’, matches with (C) hackneyed. ‘Hayden’s contemporaries’ signals a time shift. Therefore the second blank is opposite, (D) refreshingly novel.

12 Had the committee any (i) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that it was being investigated for fraud, surely it would have been more  (ii) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in trying to cloak any venality.

**Blank (i)**

[question](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/question.js)[inkling](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/inkling.js)[hindsight](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/hindsight.js)

**Blank (ii)**

[suspicious](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/suspicious.js)[hesitant](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/hesitant.js)[diligent](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/diligent.js)

## Text Explanation

Answers: (B), (F)

"Cloak any venality" is the key phrase, which roughly translated means hide any wrongdoing. Therefore, if the company knew, or had an inkling, it was being investigated for fraud, it would have been careful, or been more diligent, to cover up any wrongdoing.

13 The recent spate of quality television dramas—while clearly indebted to the cinematic idiom of the 1970’s—represents a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ achievement: never before has any video medium been called on to sustain a narrative for 100 plus hours.

[wondrous](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/wondrous.js)[incalculable](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/incalculable.js)[unambiguous](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/unambiguous.js)[unprecedented](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/unprecedented.js)[spotty](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/spotty.js)[groundbreaking](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/groundbreaking.js)

## Text Explanation

Answers: (D), (F)

The clue here is "never before...", which best points at (D) and (F).

(C) and (A) could work, independently, but they do not create synonymous sentences.

14 Attempting to quell the unrest, the mayor, addressing the gathering mob, highlighted the very grievances that had initially inflamed people’s temper, thereby \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ provoking the collective wrath.

unwittinglydirectlydecisivelyinadvertentlysubtlynoticeably

## Text Explanation

**(A) unwittingly and (D) inadvertently are the correct answers.**

The clues are “Attempting to quell... provoke wrath”.

The mayor attempted to ease the unrest but instead he accidentally or unintentionally made things worse. Therefore answers have to be similar to unintentionally so (A) unwittingly and (D) inadvertently are the answers.

15. The chairman of the board, sensing that any effort was futile, became \_\_\_\_\_ the company’s plight, and only shrugged his shoulders when the shareholders notified him that the corporation was insolvent.

[wary of](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/wary%20of.js)[apathetic to](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/apathetic%20to.js)[irascible towards](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/irascible%20towards.js)[hopeless regarding](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/hopeless%20regarding.js)[pugnacious towards](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/pugnacious%20towards.js)[indifferent to](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/indifferent%20to.js)

## Text Explanation

Answers: (B), (F)

The keywords 'only shrugged his shoulders' show that the chairman displayed a sense of indifference'

(A) wary of means skeptical towards  
(B) apathetic means no longer caring, uninterested  
(C) irascible means irritated by  
(D) hopeless could work, however there is no matching word  
(E) pugnacious means aggressive and hostile  
(F) indifferent means not caring, apathetic

16 For triathletes to remain \_\_\_\_\_ even after a large meal is unsurprising, given that their training regimens require them to burn thousands of calories each day.

[responsive](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/responsive.js)[sated](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/sate.js)[voracious](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/voracious.js)[reticent](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/reticent.js)[alert](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/alert.js)[ravenous](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/ravenous.js)

## Text Explanation

Answers: (C), (F)

Triathletes use so many calories training that even after eating a large meal, they are still hungry. The word in the blank is a synonym for hungry

(A) responsive does not fit context  
(B) sated means full. Opposite of the blank  
(C) voracious means very hungry  
(D) reticent means not saying much  
(E) alert does not fit context  
(F) ravenous means very hungry

17 When sketching, Pablo Picasso moved with a \_\_\_\_\_\_ that made his creations all the more astonishing – he could finish an entire work in the time many artists took to arrange their implements.

puritycelerityfecklessnesssemblancedeliberationswiftness

## Text Explanation

Answers: (B), (F)

The keywords, 'he could finish...' show that Picasso moved quickly.

(A) purity does not denote speed  
(B) celerity, a very difficult word, means speed, swiftness  
(C) fecklessness is idleness  
(D) semblance means outward appearance. Does not match context  
(E) deliberations means to do something carefully and slowly  
(F) swiftness means speed

18. Max was so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he never could be caught in an outright lie; his duplicity worked its seductive spell through a calculated mix of half-truths and disingenuousness.

[obtuse](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/obtuse.js)[wily](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/wily.js)[uncanny](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/uncanny.js)[undiscerning](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/undiscerning.js)[crafty](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/crafty.js)[artless](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/artless.js)

## Text Explanation

Answers: (B), (E)

Max is duplicitous, or two-faced. He is very good at lying, and very good at not getting caught ("seductive spell...half-truths").

(B) and (E) mean clever and cunning, which work perfectly with this context.

(F) means innocent, which is the opposite of the answers.

19 The professor began to work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on various research projects—though never to the point that she failed to attend to her classes, since whether she received tenure was determined not only by published research but also, to some extent, by student recommendations.

[periodically](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/periodically.js)[sporadically](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/sporadically.js)[monotonously](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/monotonously.js)[industriously](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/industriously.js)[diligently](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/diligently.js)[fruitfully](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/fruitfully.js)

## Text Explanation

Answers: (D), (E)

Because the professor is not sure whether she is going to get tenure, she is going to work hard. "Pursuing multiple..." is the clue.

Industrious is a tricky word. It does not mean relating to industry. It is a synonym for diligent, hard-working, especially in pursuit of a goal.

20 The idea that the human mind is a blank slate, able to be molded at will, has been challenged by Tennenbaum, whose research shows that not only do infants display certain predilections but also that these preferences may well be \_\_\_\_\_\_ .

[innate](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/innate.js)[hard-wired](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/hard-wired.js)[indiscernible](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/indiscernible.js)[circumscribed](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/circumscribed.js)[pervasive](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/pervasive.js)[malleable](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/malleable.js)

## Text Explanation

Answers: (A), (B)

There is a shift in the sentence. 'Has been challenged' shows that the word in the blank is the opposite of a blank slate/something moldable.

(A) innate means in-born. Thus it cannot be changed  
(B) hard-wired is the same as innate  
(C) indiscernible does not fit context  
(D) circumscribed, which means bounded, works. There is, however, no matching word.  
(E) pervasive, which means widespread, does not work  
(F) if something is malleable it is moldable, the opposite of the answer

三空题：

1 Whether repression has come from the church or from a totalitarian state, science has always been an imperiled endeavor, but to claim that it will only flourish in times of libertarian rule is not a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conclusion. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government is not the same as one that actively takes an interest in funding science – and the latter may well be, in some respects, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Blank (i)**

superficialineluctabletentative

**Blank (ii)**

despoticaloofpermissive

**Blank (iii)**

corruptinviolateautocratic

2 When researchers follow the scientific method, the absence of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ proof by no means suggests a theory lacks validity. Indeed, no theory is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and can always be subject to further testing and scrutiny, and therefore remains, by definition, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Blank (i)**

ineffablesufficientirrefutable

**Blank (ii)**

cherishedporousunassailable

**Blank (iii)**

equivocalsuspectprovisional

## Text Explanation

Answers: (C), (F), (I)

A good way to approach this text completion is working with the second blank first. A theory ‘can always be…’. Thus no theory is (F) unassailable. ‘Can always be subject…’ also informs the third blank. Therefore, every theory is (I) provisional, meaning existing in the present but able to be changed at some point in the future. Finally, this helps with the first blank. The absence of (C) irrefutable proof, or a perfect proof, is not a problem, as a theory can always be tested further.

3 For charities operating in the developing world, when noble impulses (i) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into mere (ii) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, vapid slogans rear their heads and we witness a further deterioration in the very situation such high-mindedness had initially sought to (iii) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Blank (i)**

[devolve](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/devolve.js)[morph](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/morph.js)[coalesce](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/coalesce.js)

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[quixotry](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/quixotry.js)[fraud](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/fraud.js)[altruism](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/altruism.js)

**Blank (iii)**

[limit](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/limit.js)[prevent](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/prevent.js)[ameliorate](http://gre.magoosh.com/definitions/ameliorate.js)

## Text Explanation

Answers: (A), (D), (I)

"Noble impulses" lead to "vapid slogans" so we have a deterioration, or (A), in the situation. (B) only means to change in a neutral fashion. So (A) is the better word.

"Vapid slogans" match best with (D), which means wildly impractical. (E) is too negative. That is, slogans without real meaning aren't an example of fraud.

For the final blank, such high-mindedness/noble impulses had hoped to do good before the deterioration. Therefore, (I) works best.

4 What is currently (i) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ civil engineers is not so much a predicted increase in annual precipitation as the likelihood that many storms will come in (ii) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, thereby making flooding in lower lying riparian regions (iii) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Blank (i)**

worryingcomfortingunimportant to

**Blank (ii)**

more predictable patternstighter successiongreater isolation

**Blank (iii)**

far more likelysomewhat infrequentall but impossible

## Text Explanation

Answers: (A), (E), (G)

"A much predicted...", and "making flooding..." indicates that the first blank is (A). The second blank must point at increased participation. Only (E) is consistent. More storms will make flooding more likely. Therefore the third blank is (G).