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

All the scholars at the conference agree on the character of the general philosophical concepts under discussion, but this does not imply _____ with regard to details.

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|---------------------------|
| an element of controversy |
| an excess of uncertainty |
| a lack of conformity |
| a mood of curiosity |
| a community of opinion |

Select one answer choice.

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

Some people argue that parents should be the primary targets of advertisements promoting balanced diets in children, but this may not always be effective: in many societies, preadolescents' patterns of food consumption are marked by _____.

unhealthy habits
increasing autonomy
changeable tastes
naïve attitudes
parental mirroring

Select one answer choice.

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

Maddox presents a more (i)_____ view of Franklin than the stereotyped rendering of her as the martyr whose data were stolen. By focusing substantial attention on Franklin's achievements working on the molecular structure of coal and on virus research, Maddox (ii)_____ reducing Franklin's legacy to her involvement in the (admittedly central) scientific story of DNA.

Blank (i)

conventional
facile
complex

Blank (ii)

resists
deplores
invites

Select one entry from each column.

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

As a longtime fan of the fashion photography Web site, I wasn't sure if I wanted to see its images presented in a book, with all of the (i)_____ that implies. What I've always enjoyed about the photos is their (ii)_____ nature: they are disposable snapshots of what's going on in the world of style right now.

Blank (i)

nonchalance
commercialism
permanency

Blank (ii)

elegant
ephemeral
mundane

Select one entry from each column.

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

Blank (i)

oversimplified
untestable
promising

Blank (ii)

less intensively studied
virtually unknown
harder to predict

Select one entry from each column.

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Cole makes the argument that while some advocates of government transparency seem to treat any exposure of state secrets as an (i)_____, that position is (ii)_____; there are many legitimate bases for (iii)_____.
disclosures, Cole contends, particularly when they reveal the identities of sources and methods of foreign intelligence.

Blank (i)

abuse of power
ambiguous act
unmitigated good

Blank (ii)

untenable
understandable
commonplace

Blank (iii)

condemning
condoning
extolling

Select one entry from each column.

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

In this otherwise _____ study, the internal tensions resulting from the increasing integration of the United States with the world economy are simply mentioned rather than analyzed.

- tedious
- thorough
- biased
- exhaustive
- superficial
- shallow

Select two answer choices.

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

Personal computers have become so _____ that the use of digital evidence collected from them is now a common part of many criminal and civil investigations.

- ubiquitous
- sophisticated
- affordable
- convenient
- elaborate
- omnipresent

Select two answer choices.

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

The early universe was _____, but no longer: galaxies, galaxy clusters, and stars punctuate the expanse of empty space, staking their uneven distribution throughout the firmament.

- compact
- symmetrical
- uniform
- inhospitable
- homogeneous
- impenetrable

Select two answer choices.

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

The great jazz trumpeter John Birks Gillespie, who was saddled with the nickname “Dizzy” because of his onstage _____, was always considered a comparatively stable and reliable individual despite the nickname.

- antics
- capers
- composure
- truculence
- cruelty
- ability

Select two answer choices.

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

Concerned about the growing tendency of universities to sometimes reward celebrity more generously than specialized expertise, many academics have deplored the search for _____ to which that practice leads.

approbation
collegiality
erudition
renown
prowess

Select one answer choice.

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

During Roosevelt's first meeting with President Harrison, Harrison seemed less _____ than usual: having just returned from a salubrious cruise down the Potomac, his characteristic sour silence was replaced by a ruddy, clear-eyed demeanor.

propitiatory
sanguine
pensive
dyspeptic
belligerent

Select one answer choice.

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

People tend to think of science as a gradual, steady accumulation of facts that has been ongoing for centuries. So it is often imagined that today scientists are (i)_____ an established mountain of knowledge. That idea is (ii)_____ : the vast majority of nature's secrets have yet to be revealed.

Blank (i)

hoping to demolish
criticizing the presence of
adding tiny grains to

Blank (ii)

exciting
convincing
unfounded

Select one entry from each column.

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

In the face of a fractured polity, the monarchist party attempted to use the notion of a collective national destiny to (i)_____ the differences among the nation's people and thus to (ii)_____ consensus.

Blank (i)

affirm
delineate
obfuscate

Blank (ii)

garner an artificial
stabilize an enduring
acknowledge an ersatz

Select one entry from each column.

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

A few decades from now, if the sea level rises as most scientists expect it to, fresh, high-quality drinking water will be much more (i)_____ within 60 miles of the ocean than it is now. Seawater will have (ii)_____ coastal rivers, lakes, and groundwater, turning (iii)_____ water into brackish water.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

scarce
refined
salty

surpassed
tainted
depleted

potable
tepid
turbid

Select one entry from each column.

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

Many perplexed observers find present-day museum design a choice between outlandishly sculptural structures that (i)_____ the proper display of art and neutral containers so (ii)_____ to art that all architectural presence is lost. But the New Museum persuasively demonstrates that honoring art and honoring architecture need not be (iii)_____ propositions.

Blank (i)

ignore
enhance
honor

Blank (ii)

submissive
demeaning
impervious

Blank (iii)

carefully considered
mutually exclusive
entirely practical

Select one entry from each column.

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

The scholars' hypothesis challenges the scope of human psychological and behavioral universals, but does not dispense with them entirely: the team remains confident that displays of pride, for instance, are _____.

- inherited
- pernicious
- ubiquitous
- symptomatic
- detrimental
- omnipresent

Select two answer choices.

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

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

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

Select two answer choices.

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

It is surprising, given the exquisite _____ of its arguments, that the central thesis of *A Theory of Justice* can be stated so simply.

- transparency
- nuance
- depth
- subtlety
- clarity
- elegance

Select two answer choices.

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

The actor was quick to warn new members of the cast that the director's cherubic countenance belied
_____ temperament.

- a deceitful
- a choleric
- a morose
- an imperious
- a vengeful
- an irascible

Select two answer choices.

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

The _____ of human rhinoviruses makes them a difficult target to hit: a drug that attacks one protein of one strain may be useless against another strain that has a version of that protein with a different structure.

diversity
interdependence
fickleness
transmissibility
virulence

Select one answer choice.

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

Discussions of impending water shortages are often couched in apocalyptic rhetoric, yet if the language is somewhat _____, the basic message is sound: water is indeed scarce and growing scarcer.

abstract
complacent
ambiguous
overblown
unfamiliar

Select one answer choice.

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

After a century that saw age-old notions of artistic (i)_____ cast to the winds, it seems curious that some critics quaintly continue to condemn works of art for being “bad,” as though the meaning of the term had (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

quality
originality
license

Blank (ii)

remained constant
evolved beyond recognition
become controversial

Select one entry from each column.

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

Fallows argues that America's two-and-a-half centuries of rapid economic growth, rather than portending endless, similarly paced future advances, have amounted to harvesting the "low-hanging fruit" of open land, cheap energy, and industrial-era breakthroughs. Thus, such growth has been (i)_____ episode that is unlikely to be (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

an uncontroversial
a unique
a predictable

Blank (ii)

sustained
contested
evaluated

Select one entry from each column.

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

The newspapers described the writer as a (i)_____, but she was really quite (ii)_____ once you met her in person.

Blank (i)

true hedonist
virtual recluse
terrible bore

Blank (ii)

gregarious
insipid
imperious

Select one entry from each column.

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

Philosophy is generally considered (i)_____ business in that it is pursued by thinkers constructing and evaluating arguments according to dispassionate considerations of soundness. In this view, the flesh-and-blood men and women involved—their personalities and histories—are (ii)_____ their philosophical claims. Yet some mavericks argue that philosophical positions are (iii)_____ the individuals who hold them and are enriched by biographical information.

Blank (i)

a subjective
an abstruse
an impersonal

Blank (ii)

irrelevant to
refracted through
illuminated by

Blank (iii)

insulated from
inseparable from
countenanced by

Select one entry from each column.

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

With Duncan's ambitious study, Chesnutt appears finally to have outgrown the _____ treatment he once received from literary historians and critics for whom he typically served as a merely transitional figure in the African American tradition.

- cursory
- jocular
- heartfelt
- didactic
- fervent
- perfunctory

Select two answer choices.

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

Motorcycle riders in London have discovered an ingenious, albeit _____, way of parking illegally without getting a ticket.

- inventive
- unscrupulous
- astute
- dishonest
- impractical
- shrewd

Select two answer choices.

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

So _____ does the place of the Tudors in British history now seem that it is salutary to remember just how unlikely were their beginnings and how fragile their survival.

- familiar
- monolithic
- enigmatic
- unique
- massive
- uncommon

Select two answer choices.

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

Tycho Brahe had assigned Kepler the task of deriving parameters for the model of Mars, a particularly _____ problem, which had stymied others because the large eccentricity of Mars exposed the inadequacies of the model itself.

- novel
- recalcitrant
- intractable
- crucial
- profound
- treacherous

Select two answer choices.

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

Rosemary's reliance on her sister, though not _____, was plainly too great to permit a painless departure.

trifling
ambivalent
calculated
immoderate
noticeable

Select one answer choice.

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

While Pompeian houses vary in their size, ground plan, and decorative schemes, they do tend to _____ certain consistent design motivations: their owners all seem to have aimed toward creating a certain kind of domestic space.

inform
defy
inspire
thwart
betray

Select one answer choice.

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

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

Blank (i)

candor
cooperation
duplicity

Blank (ii)

dissemblance
compassion
fervency

Select one entry from each column.

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

African civilizations have long been depicted as (i)_____ cultural progress initiated by ancient Mediterranean civilizations. However, evidence of significant contact between the ancient Mediterranean and sub-Saharan Africa has been (ii)_____, rendering these exogenous explanations (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

recipients of
substitutes for
adversaries to

meager
heterogeneous
suggestive

fashionable
necessary
tenuous

Select one entry from each column.

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

Because leadership in the computer hacker group is extremely (i)_____, when law enforcement agencies arrested several prominent members, taking them offline, the group (ii)_____. Instead, it continues to operate, sometimes under its own name, sometimes under other names. The names are (iii)_____, as are the members of the group: anyone, anywhere, is free to work behind its mask.

Blank (i)

fluid
efficient
hierarchical

Blank (ii)

adopted new practices
replaced its leadership
did not collapse

Blank (iii)

idiosyncratic
fungible
misleading

Select one entry from each column.

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

It has been argued that the extinction of megamammals, such as mammoths, had a (i)_____ effect on certain species because megamammals were “keystone herbivore species”: their disappearance (ii)_____ natural processes such as tree regeneration and shrub invasions of grassy glades, (iii)_____ nonmigratory grazers that feed on growing grass and pasturage.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
delayed	exploited	intermixing
negative	obscured	disadvantaging
marginal	stimulated	attracting

Select one entry from each column.

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

Memory is _____ record of the past; it is a rough sketch that can be modified even by the simple act of telling the story.

- a mutable
- a quixotic
- a biased
- an idealistic
- an alterable
- an unreliable

Select two answer choices.

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

People may be generally aware that media technologies employ toxic substances but may be startled by the _____ of the environmental harms involved: humans, animals, vegetation, soil, air, and water are all affected.

- noxiousness
- permanence
- heterogeneity
- amplitude
- pervasiveness
- ubiquity

Select two answer choices.

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

This novel is not great literature; there are too many characters, too many subplots, and no clearly defined protagonist, making for _____ story.

- a banal
- a diffuse
- a mawkish
- an innocuous
- an amorphous
- a hackneyed

Select two answer choices.

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

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

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

Select two answer choices.

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

The efficacy of a placebo may not _____ deception: inert sugar pills have been shown to reduce the symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome even in patients who were explicitly told they were receiving a placebo.

justify
preclude
require
mitigate
circumvent

Select one answer choice.

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

The field suffers from being puffed up with its own importance, and that attitude of _____ seems to infect every professional utterance.

self-justification
self-abnegation
self-congratulation
self-persuasion
self-castigation

Select one answer choice.

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

The writer, who (i)_____ commercial literary success, nevertheless (and to her detriment) (ii)_____ the intelligibility expected by most readers.

Blank (i)

longed for
reveled in
contributed to

Blank (ii)

understood
shunned
embraced

Select one entry from each column.

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

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

Blank (i)

compete for
worry about
cower before

Blank (ii)

produce awe
incite debates
challenge orthodoxy

Select one entry from each column.

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

Defying expectation, the electorate seems poised to (i)_____ a number of political tenets so (ii)_____ that they are often paraded as fact.

Blank (i)

propound
reject
uphold

Blank (ii)

entrenched
intricate
tenuous

Select one entry from each column.

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

Industry-sponsored scientific research on chemical safety often (i)_____. Media reports regularly imply that industry support of scientific work is alone sufficient to (ii)_____ that research. Even though the source of funding has been determined to be a less significant cause of bias than other factors, industry support suffices, in the minds of many people, to (iii)_____ the credibility of scientific work.

Blank (i)

uncovers risks
elicits skepticism
promotes innovation

Blank (ii)

fund
vindicate
invalidate

Blank (iii)

adopt
vitiating
bolster

Select one entry from each column.

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

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

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

Select two answer choices.

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This book indulges in a number of convenient _____, including its dubious timeline and its veneer of collective authorship.

- fictions
- contradictions
- analyses
- reminiscences
- refutations
- inventions

Select two answer choices.

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

For those attempting the art, the record of past futurologists' prognostications can be _____: it includes many confident predictions of technological revolutions that never happened, such as domed cities and nuclear-powered cars.

- incomplete
- intriguing
- mundane
- humbling
- prosaic
- chastening

Select two answer choices.

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Select two answer choices.

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

uniform
capricious
profligate
modernized
dynamic

Select one answer choice.

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

The character whose fate dominates the film's plot appears only briefly onscreen, a bit of narrative slyness that we might welcome as _____ the sensory overload more characteristic of this director.

a consequence of
an intensification of
an incorporation of
an allusion to
a palliative to

Select one answer choice.

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

Barry was a skilled _____: though his arguments were completely flawed, they were clever-sounding enough to deceive everyone who heard them.

sophist
scholar
quibbler
doctrinaire
pedant

Select one answer choice.

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

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

Blank (i)

Dismissive of
Replete with
Indifferent to

Blank (ii)

floridness
intricacy
brevity

Select one entry from each column.

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

A sixteenth-century diplomat was advised by a more experienced colleague that “to be in safety himself and serviceable to his country, he should always and upon all occasions speak the truth.” This remains (i) _____ counsel in an era when inaccuracies, intentional or not, tend to come to light all too quickly. A diplomat (ii) _____, but the most important of them is his or her own (iii) _____.

Blank (i)

obscure
wise
unrealistic

Blank (ii)

may face many hurdles
carries few weapons
allows for all contingencies

Blank (iii)

flexibility
nationality
credibility

Select one entry from each column.

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

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

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

glorification
superannuation
vilification

negligible
pernicious
salutary

edit intelligently
relinquish control
transcribe exactly

Select one entry from each column.

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

Recognizing the _____ of earthen material, the West African artists who employ it develop strategies for extending its lifespan, including the application of plasters, organic pigments, and commercial paints.

- fragility
- crudity
- unwieldiness
- awkwardness
- impermanence
- scarcity

Select two answer choices.

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

Overlapping impact basins on the surface of the Moon are evidence of a time when large meteoric impacts were _____.

- inevitable
- commonplace
- random
- catastrophic
- unremarkable
- unpredictable

Select two answer choices.

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

Too much focus on what might have been can cause in us feelings of powerlessness and regret, but some scientists are beginning to think that imagining an alternative reality might have _____ effects as well.

- subtle
- adverse
- restorative
- pleasurable
- unfavorable
- tonic

Select two answer choices.

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

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

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

Select two answer choices.

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

It would be no mean feat to drill a kilometer into Martian rock in search of past life, but such an undertaking may not be _____: there may be adequate evidence on the surface.

superfluous
practicable
imperative
detrimental
avoidable

Select one answer choice.

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

The fact that there are so many varieties of youthful dissent indicates that there is considerably less _____ to this counterculture than has been suggested.

hypocrisy
relevance
spontaneity
degeneracy
coherence

Select one answer choice.

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

As a longtime fan of the fashion photography Web site, I wasn't sure if I wanted to see its images presented in a book, with all of the (i)_____ that implies. What I've always enjoyed about the photos is their (ii)_____ nature: they are disposable snapshots of what's going on in the world of style right now.

Blank (i)

nonchalance
commercialism
permanency

Blank (ii)

elegant
ephemeral
mundane

Select one entry from each column.

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

Gelles urges readers of Abigail Adams' letters to consider their (i)_____; in Adams' era women were denied a public persona separate from that of their husbands. That said, Gelles then (ii)_____ to promote Adams from a writer of private letters to a public figure, arguing that she was a significant force for change.

Blank (i)

value
context
style

Blank (ii)

strains
neglects
fails

Select one entry from each column.

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

Recent research suggests that social complexity and social intelligence are widespread among monkeys and apes. The use and manufacture of tools, by contrast, is (i)_____ two of the great apes, chimpanzees and orangutans, and tool use among monkeys appears to be quite (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

often seen among
a productive practice for
restricted almost entirely to

Blank (ii)

rudimentary
sophisticated
recent

Select one entry from each column.

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

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

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

groused about
approved of
dissembled regarding

pedantic
caustic
subdued

reformers
minions
adversaries

Select one entry from each column.

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

Researchers' use of charcoal particles in soil as a marker for human arrival in prehistoric North America is _____: fire was a part of the continent's natural ecology long before humans appeared.

- unwise
- unnecessary
- fortuitous
- inessential
- ingenious
- misguided

Select two answer choices.

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

Animals could certainly be said to have a sense of _____: there are species-specific rules about who eats first and about proper methods of grooming or making introductions.

- loyalty
- altruism
- tradition
- protocol
- decorum
- faithfulness

Select two answer choices.

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

Concerned to upend the standard top-down approach to game design, Flanagan calls on game designers to _____ the typical model with one that is less hierarchical.

- augment
- supplant
- assail
- amplify
- modify
- replace

Select two answer choices.

Section 3 of 6 | Question 16 of 20

00:29:23 Hide Time

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

Because there has been such a _____ of information about Jorge Luis Borges' personal life, it is easy to understand the eager excitement generated by *Borges*, a selection from the diaries of his closest friend.

- stream
- glut
- paucity
- dearth
- surfeit
- tangle

Select two answer choices.

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

The candidate is such a _____ speaker that one wonders whether she or the audience will fall asleep first.

laconic
torpid
implacable
sardonic
dyspeptic

Select one answer choice.

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

The physical (i) _____ seen in the remains of soldiers who fought in the fifteenth-century battle of Towton is unsurprising, given the (ii) _____ origins of the men who took the battlefield that day.

Blank (i)

decay
strength
diversity

Blank (ii)

disparate
unknown
controversial

Select one entry from each column.

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

Each new generation of students grows up (i)_____ the world of classical physics, with its mostly intuitive, billiard-ball causality; that is the everyday vantage from which we approach the alien world of quantum physics, which has for this reason never lost its air of (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

immersed in
disdainful of
unmoved by

Blank (ii)

verisimilitude
objectivity
radicalism

Select one entry from each column.

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

Although weeds often (i)_____ and are (ii)_____ human activities, their cussedness and refusal to play by human rules makes them subversive and the very essence of wildness.

Blank (i)

follow
thwart
ignore

Blank (ii)

unaffected by
impervious to
dependent on

Select one entry from each column.

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

A few decades from now, if the sea level rises as most scientists expect it to, fresh, high-quality drinking water will be much more (i)_____ within 60 miles of the ocean than it is now. Seawater will have (ii)_____ coastal rivers, lakes, and groundwater, turning (iii)_____ water into brackish water.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

scarce
refined
salty

surpassed
tainted
depleted

potable
tepid
turbid

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Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
joyful	frivolousness	affirm idealism
austere	inaccessibility	eschew optimism
esoteric	pretentiousness	embrace realism

Select one entry from each column.

Section 5 of 6 | Question 12 of 20

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

Because video game users control their character's actions, the distinction between media user and character is not as _____ in video games as it is in traditional media, where audience members simply witness characters' actions.

- fluid
- salient
- fraught
- elusive
- palpable
- charged

Select two answer choices.

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00:29:35 Hide Time

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

The wealth of insightful and challenging articles found in the journal is astounding in a world where mainstream publications increasingly focus on the most _____ of topics.

- hackneyed
- moribund
- pedestrian
- inflammatory
- prominent
- fashionable

Select two answer choices.

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

Recent advances in the study of desert varnish have been a boon to geologists, allowing them to date surface features and establish regional climate histories in _____ detail.

- novel
- realistic
- unprecedented
- superfluous
- extraneous
- surprising

Select two answer choices.

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00:29:32 Hide Time

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

Given that Mr. Harris was obviously sophisticated and worldly, his failure to do well in the position can hardly be ascribed to _____.

- sloth
- callowness
- indifference
- naïveté
- indolence
- incompetence

Select two answer choices.

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

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

contumacious
orthodox
clannish
partisan
solicitous

Select one answer choice.

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

Because we participate in the dynamics of ecosystems as we restore them, restoration practice is in essence antithetical to the idea of _____ wilderness.

improved
protected
remote
pristine
degraded

Select one answer choice.

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

Scientists generally consider a wholesale melting of the Greenland or West Antarctic ice sheets in the twenty-first century unlikely, even if global warming continues. Nevertheless, because scientific knowledge of the dynamics of land ice sheets is (i)_____, there is a possibility that the risk of significant melting of land ice (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

substantial
rudimentary
empirical

Blank (ii)

can be minimized
will not increase
has been underestimated

Select one entry from each column.

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

Because the *requerimiento*, a formal statement in Spanish that was read to indigenous people in Southwestern pueblos during the Coronado expedition in the 1540s, was replete with concepts and terms that (i)_____ the pueblo world of that day, its audience likely found it (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

portended danger to
lacked equivalents in
underscored divisions within

Blank (ii)

inscrutable
evenhanded
auspicious

Select one entry from each column.

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00:29:50 Hide Time

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

Because her poetry can be so (i)_____, Sylvia Plath's continued popularity with readers may seem surprising, but perhaps it is precisely that (ii)_____ quality that accounts for Plath's persistence: her poetry satisfies a hunger for subjective intuitions.

Blank (i)

abrasive
confessional
obscure

Blank (ii)

combative
elliptical
ominous

Select one entry from each column.

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Blank (ii)

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inaccessibility
pretentiousness

Blank (iii)

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eschew optimism
embrace realism

Select one entry from each column.

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

For certain economists, “pure” economic theory, that is, economic theory _____ a specific social structure, is impossible, much like a concept of anatomy that investigates no specific species.

- attuned to
- abstracted from
- derived from
- divorced from
- sensitive to
- analyzed in

Select two answer choices.

Section 3 of 6 | Question 14 of 20

00:29:13 Hide Time

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

The problem of not understanding the solar wind, a high-speed stream of particles permeating space around Earth, is not merely _____: explosive solar energy traveling through it threatens astronauts and satellites orbiting Earth.

- academic
- technical
- demanding
- theoretical
- onerous
- inconvenient

Select two answer choices.

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00:29:10 Hide Time

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

The firm's startling admission of bookkeeping irregularities called into question the _____ of the oversight that government exercises over the financial health of private businesses.

- sufficiency
- efficacy
- authenticity
- legitimacy
- propriety
- constitutionality

Select two answer choices.

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00:29:08 Hide Time

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

The sound of disembodied human breathing in Miyazaki's films is at once a presence, close to the listener's ear, and a ghostly absence due to its lack of a visual _____.

- image
- counterpart
- urgency
- correlative
- cue
- background

Select two answer choices.

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

Melinda's political beliefs were a matter of _____: she held true only to those positions that served her own best interest.

naïveté
pretentiousness
expediency
desperation
selflessness

Select one answer choice.

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

Intuitively, something is considered to be matter if, and only if, there is mass along with energy and/or momentum associated with it. In other words, possession of mass along with energy and/or momentum is regarded as (i)_____, rather than (ii)_____, property of matter.

Blank (i)

an optimal
an essential
a contingent

Blank (ii)

a unique
an irreducible
an accidental

Select one entry from each column.

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

The philosopher held that art must perform a paradoxical task, simultaneously extricating itself from the (i)_____ even while (ii)_____ the realities of ordinary experience.

Blank (i)

impersonal
prescriptive
quotidian

Blank (ii)

largely transcending
casually dismissing
forthrightly addressing

Select one entry from each column.

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

Smell is often said to be our most (i)_____ sense, but I am not sure that the evidence really supports that conclusion. Certainly it is (ii)_____ to suggest that primeval organisms learned to discern nice and noxious chemicals before they learned to detect light and sound. Yet there is good evidence to suggest that the smell system we have now is actually (iii)_____ than our visual system and possibly our hearing system as well.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

misunderstood
underutilized
ancient

reasonable
credulous
optimistic

somewhat less reliable
more recent in origin
more functionally adaptive

Select one entry from each column.

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

The fantastic conceit of the film's plot is that global warming (i)_____ global freezing. After a chunk of Antarctic ice the size of Rhode Island suddenly melts, most of what follows—an instant ice age, for example—is impossible as science but not as metaphor. The data from the Greenland ice sheet show that, over the past hundred thousand years, temperatures have often (ii)_____—so often that it is our own relatively static experience of climate that should now be seen as (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

succeeds
inhibits
produces

Blank (ii)

swung wildly
changed gradually
seemed unvarying

Blank (iii)

humdrum
exceptional
authentic

Select one entry from each column.

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

In framing old paintings, after the gilding comes a process that is freer and more like art: toning the gold and distressing it, so that the frame does not look new. Since verisimilitude is sought, the aim in adding apparent age to the new surface must be to (i)_____, circumventing the human eye's adeptness at spotting anything that seems (ii)_____. Different framers have different ways of (iii)_____ the effect of chance.

Blank (i)

highlight the colors
conceal the artifice
increase the painting's value

Blank (ii)

inconsequential
illegitimate
intentional

Blank (iii)

ignoring
circumventing
mimicking

Select one entry from each column.

Section 5 of 6 | Question 12 of 20

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- stream
- glut
- paucity
- dearth
- surfeit
- tangle

Select two answer choices.

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Individuals interested in longevity have sought to fine-tune their bodies with all kinds of _____ diets: only raw foods; only plants; only the flesh, fruit, and nuts that prehistoric humans would have hunted and foraged.

- eccentric
- meager
- salutary
- proscriptive
- trendy
- exacting

Select two answer choices.

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

Psychologists once _____ fiction as a way of understanding people because it is made up, but in the past 25 years cognitive psychologists have developed a new appreciation for the significance of fictional stories.

- overlooked
- countenanced
- underestimated
- scorned
- sanctioned
- disparaged

Select two answer choices.

Section 5 of 6 | Question 15 of 20

00:29:15 Hide Time

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

Although collisions between the largest planetesimals in a planetesimal belt are _____, they can release large amounts of debris when they occur.

- risky
- exceptional
- irregular
- violent
- rare
- powerful

Select two answer choices.

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

A beaver's daily activity rhythm can be _____ the natural 24-hour light cycle; indeed some beaver colonies in Canada have shown a free-running cycle of activity that deviates considerably from 24 hours.

impaired by
decoupled from
coterminous with
defined by
interrupted by

Select one answer choice.

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

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

consistent
original
precise
impartial
versatile

Select one answer choice.

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

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

Blank (i)

untrammeled
liberated
confined

Blank (ii)

exiguity
ponderousness
implausibility

Select one entry from each column.

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

The political theorist argues that passing laws to (i)_____ the state in order to preclude abuse of its citizenry sounds appealing and even necessary, but doing so can (ii)_____ the state's ability to protect its citizens from both external and internal aggression. Most citizens want a compromise: a state strong enough to protect them but not so strong that it can harm them.

Blank (i)

constrain
indemnify
aggrandize

Blank (ii)

augment
vitiate
overemphasize

Select one entry from each column.

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

The man was an avowed (i)_____; he made no secret of his disdain for (ii)_____ endeavors.

Blank (i)

partisan
dilettante
philistine

Blank (ii)

political
aesthetic
amateur

Select one entry from each column.

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

During the past decade, there has been a quiet (i)_____ research into symbioses involving microorganisms: purely descriptive and speculative work has given way to investigations generating data that allow for (ii)_____ interpretation and thus (iii)_____ unfounded speculation.

Blank (i)

change in
obsolescence of
aversion to

Blank (ii)

defensible
equivocal
sweeping

Blank (iii)

reduce the tendency toward
stimulate the growth of
validate the need for

Select one entry from each column.

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

Growing up far from China, Sienna Parulis-Cook had read tales of mooncake that led her to dismiss the palm-sized delicacy as _____, but in Beijing, she discovered that mooncakes have modernized considerably in a generation.

- antiquated
- dull
- fanciful
- unappetizing
- old-fashioned
- unhealthy

Select two answer choices.

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

When deciding from whom to learn, children are surprisingly _____: by early preschool, they rely on multiple cues when determining informant credibility, such as prior accuracy in a particular domain, benevolence, and social group status.

- indifferent
- arbitrary
- selective
- stubborn
- efficient
- discerning

Select two answer choices.

Section 3 of 6 | Question 15 of 20

00:29:16 Hide Time

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

The rate of sediment deposition may be _____ desertification in Central Asia: data from a Tajik site show the rate to have increased during Pleistocene glacial periods as aridity increased.

- a restraint on
- a gauge of
- an indicator of
- a factor in
- a hedge against
- a consequence of

Select two answer choices.

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

The author advocates a diminished role for philosophy, aiming to show that many of the questions traditionally debated among philosophers can be _____ the realm of scientific inquiry.

- ceded to
- inferred from
- relevant to
- initiated by
- germane to
- left to

Select two answer choices.

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00:29:59 Hide Time

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

It is a paradox of the Victorians that they were both _____ and, through their empire, cosmopolitan.

capricious
insular
mercenary
idealistic
intransigent

Select one answer choice.

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

_____ speech was the key to the tempo of her plays, which expanded the boundaries of stage naturalism; a former actress, she understood the poetic power of the colloquial.

Laconic
Figurative
Idiomatic
Heartfelt
Meticulous

Select one answer choice.

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

In the search for truth, the knowledge gained by scientists consists of approximations with varying degrees of certainty. Such (i)_____ truth can be highly (ii)_____, as the rapid and relatively steady progress of medical knowledge well exemplifies.

Blank (i)

unambiguous
esoteric
provisional

Blank (ii)

useful
equivocal
contentious

Select one entry from each column.

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thwart
ignore

Blank (ii)

unaffected by
impervious to
dependent on

Select one entry from each column.

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

Early practitioners of the natural sciences developed methods to remove distortions caused by either the research environment or the researcher. Such methods, especially with respect to the researcher, were considered to (i) _____ those (ii) _____ subjectivity whose unbridled expression was thought to (iii) _____ research.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
restrain	incursions of	corrupt
reveal	restrictions on	obviate
disguise	acknowledgements of	expedite

Select one entry from each column.

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

Even mild criticism of public radio news reporting seems (i)_____, because the (ii)_____ such programming regularly receives is well deserved: the reporting is (iii)_____. In recent years, though, it has become clear that, for all its excellence, public radio will continue to lose viewers to its flashy but superficial rivals.

Blank (i)

sincere
churlish
facile

Blank (ii)

approbation
vitriol
skepticism

Blank (iii)

famously tendentious
increasingly meretricious
consistently perspicacious

Select one entry from each column.

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

Given the _____ of cyber attacks aimed at stealing a user's log-in credentials, it is imperative to provide a more secure means of safeguarding passwords than what is commonly deployed today.

- success
- prevalence
- costliness
- emergence
- efficacy
- sophistication

Select two answer choices.

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

The writer had little interest in realism; many of his stories take place in a world either fancifully sketched out or purposefully _____.

- mythical
- plausible
- mundane
- enigmatic
- banal
- ambiguous

Select two answer choices.

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

Psychologists once _____ fiction as a way of understanding people because it is made up, but in the past 25 years cognitive psychologists have developed a new appreciation for the significance of fictional stories.

- overlooked
- countenanced
- underestimated
- scorned
- sanctioned
- disparaged

Select two answer choices.

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

Although the philosopher frequently dealt with _____ theoretical topics, she was capable of writing in a style that was comprehensible to a general audience.

- ponderous
- abstruse
- compelling
- intriguing
- recondite
- sophisticated

Select two answer choices.

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

What once seemed a quixotic vision—the “Subway to the Sea,” connecting Union Station in downtown Los Angeles to the Pacific Ocean in Santa Monica—no longer seems quite so _____.

impracticable
prescient
banal
viable
beneficial

Select one answer choice.

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

The effects of sea-level rise that followed the last ice age were not _____ since they were dependent on local and regional tectonic and other geological effects.

catastrophic
unprecedented
inevitable
homogeneous
contingent

Select one answer choice.

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

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

Blank (i)

obscure
detailed
familiar

Blank (ii)

restrictive
revisionist
enigmatic

Select one entry from each column.

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

Accepting that the boundaries that define an ecosystem are, to an extent, (i)_____ opens up the possibility that people might have competing but equally (ii)_____ ideas of what the components of an ecosystem should be and where the boundaries between ecosystems should lie.

Blank (i)

imagined
measurable
durable

Blank (ii)

defensible
dissonant
novel

Select one entry from each column.

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

The nineteenth-century periodical *The Farmer's Wife* positioned the farm woman as a consumer, as evidenced by its echoing the (i)_____ sensibilities of consumer-oriented magazines such as *Ladies' Home Journal*, but in reality the farm woman was often engaged in (ii)_____ as much as in consumption, planting and harvesting alongside other workers in the field.

Blank (i)

strict
feminine
acquisitive

Blank (ii)

production
contemplation
child rearing

Select one entry from each column.

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

An innovative musician, accompanist extraordinaire, and protomodern hipster, Lester Young (1909–1959) remains a (i)_____ in the jazz firmament. Some of the reasons are obvious: although he dressed with conspicuous cool, he chose an artistic trajectory that seemed calculated to (ii)_____ the spotlight—his best work was in the bands of other musicians, such as Billie Holiday and Count Basie, rather than at the front of his own. Moreover, he was shy, subtle, and sensitive—traits not usually associated with great (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

bright star
lesser light
permanent fixture

Blank (ii)

shun
intensify
exploit

Blank (iii)

imagination
restraint
celebrity

Select one entry from each column.

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

It may be fairly easy to criticize Tatsumi's comic book on a drawing-by-drawing or line-by-line basis, but one ought not make that mistake, for the book's pleasures are _____.

- considerable
- trivial
- cumulative
- insignificant
- subtle
- additive

Select two answer choices.

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

In principle, the idea of an ice age is _____: in the past, it was colder, glaciers were much more extensive than they are today, and huge ice sheets covered large sections of continents that are now ice-free.

- fascinating
- doubtful
- simple
- straightforward
- compelling
- debatable

Select two answer choices.

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

Despite the general _____ of Roman archaeological studies toward the major cities and their monuments, archaeology has contributed much to a better understanding of rural developments in Roman territory.

- openness
- indifference
- hostility
- animus
- bias
- orientation

Select two answer choices.

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

Citing the corruption and intrigue that pervaded politics in the city, my colleague _____ the newspaper's trove of journalism prizes, declaring that finding great stories in the city must be effortless.

- slighted
- ignored
- lauded
- disparaged
- confounded
- commended

Select two answer choices.

Section 5 of 6 | Question 1 of 20

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

Although most economists believe European growth will pick up this year, the numbers do not point that way
_____ ; in Germany, for instance, manufacturing orders are rising but industrial production is slowing.

indecisively
unambiguously
capriciously
implicitly
equivocally

Select one answer choice.

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

Studies of hermaphroditic plants may exhibit sampling bias against self-fertilizing and cross-fertilizing species, thus inflating the frequency of species using a mixed mating system (both self-fertilizing and cross-fertilizing); nevertheless the number of mixed-system species is not _____.

self-evident
static
trivial
relevant
calculable

Select one answer choice.

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

Although (i)_____ is arguably (ii)_____ in all academic writing, each discipline has its own standards for how to convey meaning unambiguously.

Blank (i)

originality
intelligibility
integrity

Blank (ii)

indefinable
essential
fortuitous

Select one entry from each column.

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

The (i)_____ that one occasionally finds in the columnist's articles are so memorable that many people think of her as being far more (ii)_____ than she in fact is.

Blank (i)

banalities
denunciations
accolades

Blank (ii)

censorious
praiseworthy
irresolute

Select one entry from each column.

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

The author of the study of the world's best-selling but critically disparaged painter would no doubt say that the size of the artist's reputation (i)_____ the book on sociological grounds, and the author would also no doubt argue that critics are wrong to (ii)_____ middlebrow tastes. But there is a large dose of reverse snobbery threaded through the book, with its repeated claim that the painter's schmaltzy popular works are (iii)_____ the masterpieces in museums.

Blank (i)

precludes
diminishes
justifies

Blank (ii)

mimic
countenance
overlook

Blank (iii)

rarely inspired by
mostly inferior to
often the equal of

Select one entry from each column.

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

Like other large structures such as sports stadiums and long-span bridges, most tall buildings eventually (i)_____ and so need to be (ii)_____. In fact, in skyscraper cities like New York, where land for new building is extremely scarce, it is not uncommon for a quite (iii)_____ structure of relatively modest height to be demolished to make way for a taller one.

Blank (i)

need some routine repairs
exceed their useful life
find some new function

Blank (ii)

removed
renovated
repurposed

Blank (iii)

serviceable
hideous
underutilized

Select one entry from each column.

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

The journey of the Cassini spacecraft to Saturn was _____: to gain the speed required to reach its destination, the spacecraft first had to make two loops around the inner solar system.

- expeditious
- convoluted
- meteoric
- protracted
- circuitous
- exacting

Select two answer choices.

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

The World Health Organization has recommended that countries use artemisinin-based combination therapies to treat malaria patients, as continued use of artemisinin monotherapies could _____ the efficacy of artemisinin, the most successful antimalarial drug available.

- negate
- mask
- reduce
- conceal
- attenuate
- misrepresent

Select two answer choices.

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

Although the author affects a breezy, ironic tone in much of his writing, his _____ gives way to palpable sadness when he writes about his experiences during the First World War.

- melancholy
- mournfulness
- insouciance
- detachment
- jubilance
- pretension

Select two answer choices.

Section 5 of 6 | Question 15 of 20

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

Brody argues that teaching people what is good for them is not enough to change behavior: education must be accompanied by measures that _____ unhealthy habits.

- curb
- identify
- pinpoint
- check
- extirpate
- stigmatize

Select two answer choices.

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

The forces of the opposition enforced _____ discipline: they punished even minor transgressions harshly.

equitable
convoluted
erratic
ineffective
adamantine

Select one answer choice.

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

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

hubris
speciousness
probity
experiences
sanguinity

Select one answer choice.

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

Despite the scathing precision with which she satirizes the lives of social aspirants and moneyed folk, the writer appears to (i) _____ being part of the world she presents as so (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

abhor
relish
evoke

Blank (ii)

unattainable
insufferable
enchanting

Select one entry from each column.

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

Recently released statistics on the prevalence of heart disease in the United States, while (i)_____, nevertheless reflect a decline from heights reached in the 1960s, before health officials began publicly (ii)_____ people to guard against heart disease.

Blank (i)

definitive
sobering
implausible

Blank (ii)

entreating
defying
absolving

Select one entry from each column.

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

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

Blank (i)

cynicism
puffery
controversy

Blank (ii)

altruism
virtuous
malfeasance

Select one entry from each column.

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

The author's (i)_____ of the viability of nuclear energy generation in the future contrasts with the opinion of those who (ii)_____ a (iii)_____ nuclear power plants.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

thorough analysis
negative assessment
complete ignorance

predict
overlook
fear

referendum on
renaissance of
redesign of

Select one entry from each column.

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

Origin, distribution, and habitat are included in the book for some but not all of the plants; offering this information for each species would have given readers a clearer appreciation of the differences between _____ and introduced species.

- endemic
- native
- seasonal
- rare
- unusual
- dominant

Select two answer choices.

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

Well organized and researched and including all significant discoveries and medical scientists, this history of Western medicine has justly been called _____.

- encyclopedic
- long-winded
- exhaustive
- rambling
- overbearing
- undiscriminating

Select two answer choices.

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

Enlightened thinkers in late-eighteenth-century Europe broadly endorsed the concept of progress, yet theories of progress were usually _____ a strong streak of pessimism, a sense of the challenges inherent in the human condition.

- rooted in
- requisite for
- essential for
- contradicted by
- tempered by
- moderated by

Select two answer choices.

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

The great jazz trumpeter John Birks Gillespie, who was saddled with the nickname “Dizzy” because of his onstage _____, was always considered a comparatively stable and reliable individual despite the nickname.

- antics
- capers
- composure
- truculence
- cruelty
- ability

Select two answer choices.

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

In light of the extensive climate changes anticipated in the coming century, the discovery that large and sophisticated cultures have already been undone by climate change presents a very _____.

reassuring guarantee
intriguing supposition
unnerving prediction
uncomfortable precedent
dubious finding

Select one answer choice.

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

_____ speech was the key to the tempo of her plays, which expanded the boundaries of stage naturalism; a former actress, she understood the poetic power of the colloquial.

Laconic
Figurative
Idiomatic
Heartfelt
Meticulous

Select one answer choice.

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

Although most economists believe European growth will pick up this year, the numbers do not point that way
_____ ; in Germany, for instance, manufacturing orders are rising but industrial production is slowing.

indecisively
unambiguously
capriciously
implicitly
equivocally

Select one answer choice.

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

As an essayist, Reed is an equal-opportunity combatant who pulls no punches. One strength in his approach is that this (i)_____ can be disarmingly refreshing. On the downside, however, Reed sometimes surrenders too quickly to his more (ii)_____ impulses.

Blank (i)

coy self-deprecation
colloquial informality
aggressive frankness

Blank (ii)

polemical
ingratiating
analytical

Select one entry from each column.

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

If a figure such as the editor and writer Pauline Hopkins presents (i) _____ challenges to a would-be biographer because of her confounding periods of silence, largely unknown personal life, and (ii) _____ papers, the problems posed by John Edward Bruce are of the opposite kind: he published (iii) _____ throughout his life, had an extensive correspondence, and left a huge trove of materials at his death.

Blank (i)

unpredictable
negligible
colossal

Blank (ii)

abundant
meager
lucid

Blank (iii)

indefatigably
sporadically
secretively

Select one entry from each column.

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

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

Blank (i)

subversive
principled
collaborative

Blank (ii)

substantiating
overturning
identifying

Blank (iii)

authorities
skeptics
methodologies

Select one entry from each column.

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

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

- distill
- conjure
- distinguish
- extract
- conceal
- hide

Select two answer choices.

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

Fedigan argues that, in actuality, ethologists who claim to _____ anthropomorphism often end up simply substituting one set of anthropomorphic terms for another.

- eschew
- defend
- support
- appreciate
- denounce
- avoid

Select two answer choices.

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

Money and the arts have never been easily _____, nor would one want them to be, considering that the arts need funding in order to survive.

- disentangled
- delineated
- described
- sundered
- understood
- conflated

Select two answer choices.

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

One of the reporter's central themes is that health care concerns were a secondary consideration to the reformers in their drive to limit if not completely _____ the consumption of cigarettes.

- indulge
- proscribe
- damage
- spurn
- disallow
- impair

Select two answer choices.

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

The forces of the opposition enforced _____ discipline: they punished even minor transgressions harshly.

equitable
convoluted
erratic
ineffective
adamantine

Select one answer choice.

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

The often-cited parallels between human communities and insect colonies are _____: the cooperation found among social insects is essentially due to the insects' genetic ties, while humans often collaborate with nonrelatives.

superficial
obvious
uncanny
hackneyed
contradictory

Select one answer choice.

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

When strontium is taken up by organisms, the relative proportions of its isotopes are (i)_____, so it is unsurprising that soil, plant, and animal strontium isotope ratios are (ii)_____ those of the underlying geological formations and local hydrology.

Blank (i)

critical for reproduction
challenging to measure
unaltered in the process

Blank (ii)

reflective of
distorted by
irrelevant to

Select one entry from each column.

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

Historians should not reject Wright's work out of hand on the grounds that sociologists, Marxists, or quantitative scholars (Wright is all of these) (i)_____, for his style is precise, forthright, and surprisingly (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

lack imagination
ignore history
write poorly

Blank (ii)

engaging
coy
unremarkable

Select one entry from each column.

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

Because so many people in this historical period were (i)_____ the literature of classical antiquity, it was considered quite (ii)_____ to suggest that a new writer was the equal of one of the venerated ancient writers.

Blank (i)

ignorant of
ambivalent about
devoted to

Blank (ii)

scornful
customary
laudatory

Select one entry from each column.

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

There can be little question that by the fourteenth century the capacity to (i)_____ a doubtless restricted written Latin was available in virtually all English communities. It would, of course, be (ii)_____ to suppose that all the wealth of material available in Latin since 1100 was put to service in the cultural formation of every writer of business Latin in provincial England, but even schoolbooks (iii)_____ some elements of classical education. Latin literacy was not, in these circumstances, exclusive.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
curtail	fanciful	expunged
forgo	sobering	purveyed
deploy	fortuitous	incriminated

Select one entry from each column.

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

Offscreen, actor Madhur Jaffrey is the author of some thirteen books about the cuisine of her native India; therefore, it is not _____ that Indian food was important in her motion picture *Chutney Popcorn*.

- happenstance
- incongruous
- inevitable
- foreordained
- incidental
- credible

Select two answer choices.

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

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

- indisputable
- inappropriate
- unacceptable
- unfathomable
- imperceptible
- indiscernible

Select two answer choices.

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

The rapid melting of glaciers around the globe, while an ominous reminder of global warming, has been _____ for archaeologists, since glaciers are storehouses of frozen materials from prehistoric times.

- a conundrum
- a nuisance
- an inconvenience
- a boon
- a windfall
- a puzzle

Select two answer choices.

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

Sports stars are often _____ figures, regarded as representative of the city or country for which they compete.

- totemic
- iconoclastic
- protean
- idealized
- irreverent
- emblematic

Select two answer choices.

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

The plays have in common _____ dimension: they all feature paradoxes and conundrums.

an inscrutable
a nostalgic
a lugubrious
an abstract
a cynical

Select one answer choice.

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

This family placed great importance on taking one another at face value, and, consequently, they had little tolerance for _____.

indolence
fecklessness
self-absorption
insensitivity
dissimulation

Select one answer choice.

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

Although it is not uncommon for journalists to portray political inexperience on the part of public officials as an (i)_____, it was nevertheless surprising when members of the press treated the new senator's obvious (ii)_____ as an extraordinary virtue.

Blank (i)

advantage
impediment
exception

Blank (ii)

nonchalance
acumen
naïveté

Select one entry from each column.

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

Strains of *Prochlorococcus* plankton have such (i) _____ sequences at their small subunit RNA genes that they would be considered the same species by the normal criteria used by microbiologists. By contrast, the same strains exhibit such ecological (ii) _____ that they would be considered (iii) _____ species by normal ecological criteria.

Blank (i)

similar
unusual
complex

Blank (ii)

consistency
diversity
vigor

Blank (iii)

endemic
discrete
ancestral

Select one entry from each column.

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

In 1987, Japanese chemists demonstrated that tiny particles of gold could act as (i)_____, facilitating the combination of carbon monoxide and oxygen into carbon dioxide. The idea that gold could hasten chemical reactions was (ii)_____: after all, gold is (iii)_____ in its bulk form. It has been used for millennia to make jewelry precisely because it does not tarnish by reacting with oxygen or water.

Blank (i)

an inhibitor
a catalyst
a byproduct

Blank (ii)

predictable
discouraging
counterintuitive

Blank (iii)

inert
practical
valuable

Select one entry from each column.

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

Although legislators on both sides of the issue have repeatedly (i)_____ a desire to find a middle ground, until now their actions disclose an unwillingness to (ii)_____ any compromise. The script followed by the latest statements has therefore become a familiar one: (iii)_____ posturing of questionable sincerity accompanied by no hint of real concessions.

Blank (i)

claimed
betrayed
disowned

Blank (ii)

endanger
risk
scuttle

Blank (iii)

obdurate
cynical
conciliatory

Select one entry from each column.

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

Initially portrayed as resistant to change, the protagonist gradually becomes more open-minded; nevertheless, she remains somewhat _____.

- cautious
- supercilious
- circumspect
- capricious
- flighty
- reproachful

Select two answer choices.

Section 5 of 6 | Question 13 of 20

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

The overall persuasiveness of the literary critic's analysis was occasionally marred by _____ generalizations that served only to distract attentive readers from the intended point.

- questionable
- vacuous
- broad
- dubious
- incisive
- trenchant

Select two answer choices.

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

Upon taking office as president, he became _____ of a vigorous and energetic government, a stance that seemed at odds with earlier statements of his views, in which he had advocated strictly limited national government.

- a recipient
- an exponent
- an arrogator
- a champion
- a beneficiary
- an enemy

Select two answer choices.

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

Because chemistry's position as one of the natural sciences has long seemed _____, historians have generally treated the foundation of chemical professorships as an inevitable component of the progression of universities.

- manifest
- impregnable
- relevant
- predictable
- germane
- self-evident

Select two answer choices.

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

From Neolithic pottery to twentieth-century posters, the extent and variety of the arts in China _____ those who search for continuity; nonetheless, certain enduring values are reflected in China's artistic traditions.

appease
enchant
confound
entice
compensate

Select one answer choice.

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

Enlarged sensory organs in cave-dwelling organisms are not necessarily the rule: the phreatic Texas blind catfish has actually developed _____ barbels, whisker-like sensory organs near the mouth that are a prominent feature of other catfish species.

protective
minute
intimidating
inordinate
fragile

Select one answer choice.

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

The most (i)_____ weather phenomenon one might observe on Mars is a dust storm. No one knows when a dust storm might hit or how severe it will be, but the worst such storms can (ii)_____ the planet's entire surface in a cloud of yellow dust.

Blank (i)

dramatic
predictable
unlikely

Blank (ii)

preserve
displace
obscure

Select one entry from each column.

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

Ilyana Kuziemko and her colleagues speculate that the (i)_____ support among low-income workers for increases in the minimum wage is a form of last-place aversion: people who are in a marginally better position than the worst off seek to (ii)_____ to distinguish themselves from those in last place.

Blank (i)

unwavering
vociferous
tepid

Blank (ii)

disavow their willingness
retain their ability
dissemble their need

Select one entry from each column.

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

Sociological jurisprudence has a (i)_____ rather than (ii)_____ focus: it is concerned with what actually goes on in the legal system, not with what ought to go on.

Blank (i)

humanitarian
descriptive
hypothetical

Blank (ii)

an elitist
a normative
an applied

Select one entry from each column.

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

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Blank (i)

unnecessarily chary of
especially interested in
justifiably critical of

Blank (ii)

regret
misprize
overestimate

Blank (iii)

understandably disregarded
unduly ignored
amply corroborated

Select one entry from each column.

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

Field studies consistently _____ the number of California Native tribes that use mushrooms in their diet because when anthropologists ask about the plants American Indians eat or use, few questions are directed specifically toward mushrooms.

- highlight
- disclose
- report
- misrepresent
- exaggerate
- underestimate

Select two answer choices.

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

Wilson is wont to emphasize the _____ of ants, how ants with full stomachs will regurgitate liquid food for those without, or how the old will fight so the young can survive.

- beneficence
- altruism
- unpredictability
- intelligence
- fecundity
- fertility

Select two answer choices.

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

Biographies can be _____ contrivances, often too long and too detailed for their own good.

- subtle
- ingenious
- extravagant
- vain
- wearisome
- onerous

Select two answer choices.

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

For wily political press officers, the art of spin is not quite supplanting truth with lies, but instead it aspires to replace awkward complexity with catchy _____; successful spin creates the impression of unavoidable common sense.

- novelties
- slogans
- falsehoods
- duplicity
- simplicity
- intelligibility

Select two answer choices.

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

For a small group of experts, the field is a lifelong obsession, but it is so _____ that it mystifies virtually everyone else.

arcane
auspicious
consequential
utilitarian
controversial

Select one answer choice.

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

In considering human behavior, theoreticians tend to emphasize cognition in spite of the fact that psychological research suggests the _____ of affect: evidence suggests that our behavior derives above all from fast, automated emotional judgments.

inefficacy
elusiveness
spontaneity
irrationality
primacy

Select one answer choice.

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

It is an old vice of criticism—and lately of scholarship—to assume that the meaning of artworks is (i) _____ by their creators and is then simply “there,” waiting only to be decoded by a specially gifted interpreter. That assumption can lead to gross errors, as with the critical interpretations of Theodor Adorno, which are (ii) _____ by their dependence on the assumption.

Blank (i)

made completely transparent
fully vested in them
left deficient

Blank (ii)

engaged
vitiating
mitigated

Select one entry from each column.

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

This is not the first time science has been invoked to argue for inherent limits to the capabilities of technology. The most (i)_____ of such predictions made in the name of science, such as that we would never go to the Moon, have underestimated the (ii)_____ of engineers. But what these blunders had in common was that no law of physics, or at least no (iii)_____ one, was invoked to support the claim.

Blank (i)

embarrassing
startling
prescient

Blank (ii)

optimism
foolishness
ingenuity

Blank (iii)

discredited
established
trivial

Select one entry from each column.

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

Although legislators on both sides of the issue have repeatedly (i)_____ a desire to find a middle ground, until now their actions disclose an unwillingness to (ii)_____ any compromise. The script followed by the latest statements has therefore become a familiar one: (iii)_____ posturing of questionable sincerity accompanied by no hint of real concessions.

Blank (i)

claimed
betrayed
disowned

Blank (ii)

endanger
risk
scuttle

Blank (iii)

obdurate
cynical
conciliatory

Select one entry from each column.

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

The diversity of uses of the term “emotional intelligence” in popular culture has (i) _____ definitional clarity: the term has become so (ii) _____ that it is (iii) _____ conceptual meaning.

Blank (i)

facilitated
exploited
impaired

Blank (ii)

protean
sacrosanct
divisive

Blank (iii)

nearly bereft of
tidily encompassed by
easily reduced to

Select one entry from each column.

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

As Corinna Treitel showed in her book, it is wrong to _____ the esoteric strains in German thought in the early decades of the twentieth century simply because they now seem laughable.

- denounce
- extol
- debate
- commend
- dismiss
- ignore

Select two answer choices.

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

The journey of the Cassini spacecraft to Saturn was _____: to gain the speed required to reach its destination, the spacecraft first had to make two loops around the inner solar system.

- expeditious
- convoluted
- meteoric
- protracted
- circuitous
- exacting

Select two answer choices.

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

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

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

Select two answer choices.

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

One of the reporter's central themes is that health care concerns were a secondary consideration to the reformers in their drive to limit if not completely _____ the consumption of cigarettes.

- indulge
- proscribe
- damage
- spurn
- disallow
- impair

Select two answer choices.

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

The effects of sea-level rise that followed the last ice age were not _____ since they were dependent on local and regional tectonic and other geological effects.

catastrophic
unprecedented
inevitable
homogeneous
contingent

Select one answer choice.

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

Analysis of the structural features that were thought to _____ kinship between the two species prompted an investigation that dispelled that presumption by revealing that they share an evolutionary history.

establish
preclude
magnify
disguise
predict

Select one answer choice.

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

Although so far the vast weight of evidence supports the contention that the products of agricultural biotechnology are environmentally (i)_____, many people still find them (ii)_____ unsettling.

Blank (i)

destructive
sound
intriguing

Blank (ii)

retroactively
innocuously
intrinsically

Select one entry from each column.

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

Martin's book is (i) _____ serious philosophers: it (ii) _____ too much context for lay readers, who will thus be left with no idea who the figures discussed are or why they are important.

Blank (i)

best suited for
particularly useful to
rarely misunderstood by

Blank (ii)

provides
analyzes
assumes

Select one entry from each column.

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

Historians should not reject Wright's work out of hand on the grounds that sociologists, Marxists, or quantitative scholars (Wright is all of these) (i) _____, for his style is precise, forthright, and surprisingly (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

lack imagination
ignore history
write poorly

Blank (ii)

engaging
coy
unremarkable

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Select one entry from each column.

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

Lions are _____: when necessary they will hunt large game, like buffalo and hippopotamus, but they're not too proud to eat insects or porcupines.

- obstinate
- adaptable
- forbearing
- diehards
- consumers
- opportunists

Select two answer choices.

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

The proliferation of the zombie in contemporary popular culture is _____: from novels and comic books to video games and performance art, in smartphone applications and in homemade films, zombies are ubiquitous.

- mesmerizing
- unprecedented
- lamentable
- indisputable
- deplorable
- obvious

Select two answer choices.

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

Unlike mainstream publications, which centered on images of women as mothers and housewives, *Sepia*, from its inception in the 1940s, depicted women in _____ roles and often featured stories of African American career women and entertainers.

- varied
- powerful
- unconventional
- well-established
- traditional
- diverse

Select two answer choices.

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

In our solar system, Earth is the most _____ of the rocky, or terrestrial, planets, so when first searching beyond the solar system, scientists were not accustomed to planets of similar composition but many times the mass.

- complex
- temperate
- clement
- sizable
- intricate
- substantial

Select two answer choices.

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

In the 1980s the press release announcing the discovery of a new fundamental particle turned a once _____ hypothesis of interest to no more than a few hundred physicists into an undisputed fact of global significance.

cogent
fungible
recondite
preeminent
discretionary

Select one answer choice.

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

The plays have in common _____ dimension: they all feature paradoxes and conundrums.

an inscrutable
a nostalgic
a lugubrious
an abstract
a cynical

Select one answer choice.

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

In the years prior to the Civil War, Philadelphia's African American press encouraged readers to be vaccinated against smallpox. This journalistic campaign was initially (i)_____, appealing to readers' sense of communal duty, and became even more (ii)_____ once the war started, as smallpox outbreaks began to occur on Philadelphia's outskirts.

Blank (i)

hortatory
ineffective
widespread

Blank (ii)

controversial
urgent
inopportune

Select one entry from each column.

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

Her demeanor stood in sharp contrast to that of the rest of her family: while she was relentlessly voluble, her relatives were (i)_____ even on their most (ii)_____ days.

Blank (i)

laconic
garrulous
obstreperous

Blank (ii)

spiritless
effusive
measured

Select one entry from each column.

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

Although it is quite probable that many small asteroids in the solar system's asteroid belt have (i)_____, the total mass of these objects cannot be (ii)_____, since the combined gravitational pull of all known asteroids is (iii)_____ to fully account for the asteroid belt's effect on the motion of nearby planets such as Mars.

Blank (i)

similar structures
formed by accretion
escaped detection

Blank (ii)

diminishing
estimated
substantial

Blank (iii)

sufficient
unlikely
required

Select one entry from each column.

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

Victories in intellectual battles in the human sciences are rarely (i)_____. While factionalism may persist, (ii)_____ also tend to occur, as reigning paradigms selectively (iii)_____ those revisionist contributions that offer greater analytical comprehension or enrich our range of empirical reference.

Blank (i)

total
acknowledged
benign

Blank (ii)

betrayals
distortions
accommodations

Blank (iii)

incorporate
expunge
misrepresent

Select one entry from each column.

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

The notion's _____ notwithstanding—it was first proposed by a Nobel Prize-winning physicist—it was neglected for many years until some unexpected observations led to its revival.

- pedigree
- antecedents
- precursors
- origin
- brilliance
- novelty

Select two answer choices.

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

As the biography makes plain, the scientist led _____ sort of life, rarely remaining in one place for long.

- an enigmatic
- an idiosyncratic
- an itinerant
- a cautious
- a peripatetic
- a circumspect

Select two answer choices.

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

The World Health Organization has recommended that countries use artemisinin-based combination therapies to treat malaria patients, as continued use of artemisinin monotherapies could _____ the efficacy of artemisinin, the most successful antimalarial drug available.

- negate
- mask
- reduce
- conceal
- attenuate
- misrepresent

Select two answer choices.

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

Augustus, the first emperor of Rome, was celebrated for his moderation and temperate living, qualities that would distinguish him from so many of his _____ successors.

- radical
- sybaritic
- tyrannical
- hedonistic
- despotic
- dogmatic

Select two answer choices.

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

While it is always clear that the author's message is heartfelt, it is mostly buried by shortcomings of style, organization, and production, although the book does become more _____ toward the end.

restrained
intelligible
artless
judgmental
fervent

Select one answer choice.

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

In the solar system, collisions involving cosmic objects are among the most _____ processes shaping surfaces: images of many solar system objects show a proliferation of impact craters formed throughout the past 4.5 billion years.

cataclysmic
pervasive
misleading
uncontrollable
random

Select one answer choice.

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

Mr. Billington, at times, can be a (i)_____. For instance, he deplores the Royal Shakespeare Company's eight-and-a-half-hour version of *Nicholas Nickleby*, which many found (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

naysayer
pushover
braggart

Blank (ii)

perplexing
unpredictable
absorbing

Select one entry from each column.

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

The researcher found that in assessing others, many people hold an unconscious view that competence and warmth are (i)_____ : when they perceive a person to be highly capable, they infer that he or she must have a tendency to be (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

equally important
mutually reinforcing
inversely related

Blank (ii)

ambitious
unfeeling
disingenuous

Select one entry from each column.

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

It remains a mystery how *Theobroma cacao*, which scholars believe originated in lowland Amazonia, was introduced to tropical Mesoamerica. It must have been a (i)_____ process: cacao trees do not easily sprout from seed, need years to mature, and grow only in humid lowland forest. Moreover, in a tropical climate, cacao pods spoil quickly, rendering their transport from lowland Amazonia to tropical Mesoamerica in a single journey by foot or canoe (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

clandestine
protracted
spontaneous

Blank (ii)

unlikely
redundant
expeditious

Select one entry from each column.

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

It is an accepted assumption of the theater that every playwright has an unproduced play stuck away in a drawer somewhere. The same assumption holds that such plays are usually youthful efforts and that all urges to take them out of the drawer should be (i)_____, lest they bring (ii)_____ to the playwright and (iii)_____ to admirers.

Blank (i)

repressed
encouraged
qualified

Blank (ii)

recompense
embarrassment
renown

Blank (iii)

beguilement
solace
distress

Select one entry from each column.

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

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

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

Select two answer choices.

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

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

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

Select two answer choices.

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

The actor was quick to warn new members of the cast that the director's cherubic countenance belied _____ temperament.

- a deceitful
- a choleric
- a morose
- an imperious
- a vengeful
- an irascible

Select two answer choices.

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

When Ms. Alvarez campaigns, she tends to _____ small towns; most of her campaign appearances occur in large population centers and media markets.

- denigrate
- eschew
- romanticize
- shun
- castigate
- overlook

Select two answer choices.

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

That Seiberg and Witten lack celebrity can be explained by the _____ nature of their pursuit: the mathematical exploration of four-dimensional space.

pedestrian
esoteric
compelling
global
unequivocal

Select one answer choice.

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

The museum exhibit perplexingly mixed significant cultural artifacts with gaudy trinkets, leading one critic to suggest that the exhibit's curator could not distinguish the important pieces from those that were _____.

representative
illustrious
repugnant
inscrutable
meretricious

Select one answer choice.

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

Many nineteenth-century women writers in the United States encountered fierce criticism for stepping beyond what society considered their designated sphere. Early in her career as an author, Lydia Maria Child sought to (i) _____ such (ii) _____ by keeping her authorship secret.

Blank (i)

belie
rebut
evade

Blank (ii)

cosseting
opprobrium
obscurity

Select one entry from each column.

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

The students seeking undergraduate representation on the board of trustees viewed the impasse in their negotiations with the administration as (i)_____, since it promised to (ii)_____ the administration's belief that students should take no part in running the university.

Blank (i)

unfortunate
inevitable
unprecedented

Blank (ii)

undermine
fuel
distort

Select one entry from each column.

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

Preservation of historically significant architecture once (i)_____. But as preservation's scope has widened from individual buildings to entire urban districts, it has become a cultural (ii)_____. Much of the debate involves modernist architecture's role in areas preserved as historic districts. Although preservation professionals often (iii)_____ modernist additions to these settings, there is strong public support for keeping new buildings traditional.

Blank (i)

faced much opposition
was widely misunderstood
provoked little controversy

Blank (ii)

panacea
catastrophe
battleground

Blank (iii)

loathe
misconstrue
advocate

Select one entry from each column.

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

The fact that people care about what others think of them has two important behavioral implications. First, people will act differently according to whether they are (i)_____, so that privacy, so understood, has behavioral consequences. Second, people will (ii)_____ (or, conversely, work to avoid) the scrutiny of others according to how (iii)_____ they believe their behavior will seem.

Blank (i)

rushed
observed
motivated

Blank (ii)

be hospitable to
shy away from
fail to anticipate

Blank (iii)

estimable
intuitive
nuanced

Select one entry from each column.

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

A few decades ago the idea of animal morality would have been met with _____; however, recent research suggests that animals not only act altruistically but also have the capacity for empathy, forgiveness, trust, and reciprocity.

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

Select two answer choices.

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

The _____ of cosmic rays remains mysterious because their paths are bent by the galaxy's magnetic field—meaning that the directions they come from do not point to whatever created them.

- structure
- origin
- velocity
- production
- provenance
- speed

Select two answer choices.

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

The senator complained that the president's argument against the provision was _____, gaining its apparent plausibility from a distorted presentation of the relevant data.

- unconvincing
- specious
- deceptive
- hackneyed
- circular
- platitudinous

Select two answer choices.

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

To say that John Adams was forthright was to be _____; friends as well as enemies were more likely to characterize his stark honesty and direct manner as blunt and awkward.

- fickle
- charitable
- facetious
- unreasonable
- forbearing
- capricious

Select two answer choices.

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

Mathematical knowledge has long been regarded as being essentially stable and hence rooted in a world of ideas only superficially _____ to historical forces.

indifferent
superior
susceptible
extraneous
oblivious

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

In general, the relationship between neural activity and behavioral output is _____: multiple behaviors can be associated with activation of the same neurons and multiple neurons can trigger the same behavior.

deterministic
hardwired
random
complicated
cumulative

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

Catherine the Great comes across in her memoirs as (i)_____ ruler with a razor-sharp intellect, letting nothing stand in the way of her ambitions. In short, the impression the memoirs give is entirely in accord with her reputation for being (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

an oblivious
an uncompromising
a moralistic

Blank (ii)

ambivalent
benevolent
formidable

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

The researcher found that in assessing others, many people hold an unconscious view that competence and warmth are (i)_____: when they perceive a person to be highly capable, they infer that he or she must have a tendency to be (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

equally important
mutually reinforcing
inversely related

Blank (ii)

ambitious
unfeeling
disingenuous

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

Printing processes have tremendous potential to reduce the manufacturing costs of electronic circuit boards. In some cases, printing processes may (i)_____ conventional methods of manufacture, whereas in others, printing may (ii)_____ them by simply replacing some intermediate steps.

Blank (i)

needlessly complicate
completely supplant
incrementally adjust

Blank (ii)

obviate
eschew
enhance

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

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
an impediment	be insufficient	obviate
a panacea	recede	temper
a malady	materialize	encourage

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

Scientists should hope that the faults in their theories will be _____ their peers, since the refutation of one hypothesis can free its originator to develop a better one.

- discerned by
- disregarded by
- discovered by
- ignored by
- opaque to
- inspiring to

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

Duke Ellington managed his career with extreme deliberateness: nothing was _____, and even apparent compromises or trade-offs were actually artful accommodations leading to eventual triumphs.

- effortless
- fortuitous
- arduous
- accidental
- laborious
- commercialized

A1_GRE

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

The author first accused the official of espionage in a 1981 book, and—though the case was far from _____, full of suppositions rather than compelling evidence—the accusation has been repeated relentlessly ever since.

- unambitious
- unconvincing
- unassailable
- implausible
- coherent
- airtight

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00:19:42 ⏹ Hide Time

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

Because archaeology explores the most profound changes in human history by means of a grossly incomplete record, it has invited the sort of bold, imaginative interpretation in which speculation too easily becomes _____ evidence.

- replaced by
- constrained by
- untethered from
- divorced from
- substituted for
- constricted by

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

By cosmic standards, Earth and its fellow terrestrial planets are chemical _____: they consist primarily of four elements (iron, magnesium, silicon, and oxygen) that are rare elsewhere in the universe.

prototypes
mavericks
malefactors
paragons
old-timers

A1_GRE

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

The survey showed widespread misgivings among Asian business leaders, with even those who have prospered most in the recent past not being _____ about their future prospects.

forthright
apprehensive
sanguine
abashed
morose

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

When an olive oil fails a taste test by one of the country's official certification panels, producers often successfully appeal the verdict by arguing that the samples were incorrectly collected or stored, or they secure a judgment from a more _____ panel.

zealous
penitent
obsequious
indulgent
brusque

A1_GRE

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

Seemingly to compensate for the (i)_____ nature of her subject, in her review the theater critic (ii)_____ a casual chatty style.

Blank (i)

undemanding
rarefied
well-defined

Blank (ii)

opted for
misused
invited

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00:26:45 ⏸ Hide Time

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

Most scientific specialties are enterprises in which it is expected that knowledge and understanding will (i)_____. Sometimes this is a (ii)_____ process, that involves adjusting, modifying, and developing what other scientists thought. But sometimes, especially in fields where evidence is scarce or where the questions of interest are at a high level of abstraction or generality, progress tends instead to be (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
have practical applications	gradual	incremental
be accessible only to experts	trivial	revolutionary
change significantly over time	radical	collaborative

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00:26:26 ⏱ Hide Time

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

When reviewing a book that advertises lying as its subject, the critic has a duty to screen the title for possible (i)_____, and it is therefore necessary to report that *The Concise Book of Lying* is not concise. If the book were making a case for deception, the mismatch might not matter: a (ii)_____ title might suit a book designed to disabuse us of our respect for (iii)_____. But the book is not an apology for lying; it is on the side of truth.

Blank (i)

ambiguity
mendacity
partiality

Blank (ii)

misleading
dependable
verbose

Blank (iii)

brevity
pedantry
veracity

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00:21:06 ⏱ Hide Time

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

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

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

A1_GRE

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00:20:40 ⏱ Hide Time

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

Coral reefs are often referred to as the rain forests of the sea, _____ comparison given that only tropical rain forests can compete with the sheer concentration of biodiversity found in coral reefs.

- a factitious
- an imaginative
- a fitting
- an artificial
- an apposite
- a common

A1_GRE

DL - 13 V2

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00:19:28 Hide Time

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

The history of chemistry may not be the greatest adventure ever, but it is, nevertheless, an adventure, and one that _____ the dullness often associated with the history of science.

- belies
- disguises
- transcends
- contradicts
- conceals
- belittles

A1_GRE

DL - 13 V2

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

Unlike his _____ predecessor, Mr. Kohler is straightforward and down-to-earth: frank, unassuming, and voluble.

- reticent
- effusive
- inscrutable
- garrulous
- sphinxlike
- imperious

A1_GRE

DL - 14 V1

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

Though we live in an era of stunning scientific achievement, many otherwise educated people remain indifferent to or contemptuous of such achievement, even going so far as to _____ their ignorance of basic physics.

decry
conceal
remedy
boast of
downplay

A1_GRE

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

Some people argue that parents should be the primary targets of advertisements promoting balanced diets in children, but this may not always be effective: in many societies, preadolescents' patterns of food consumption are marked by _____.

- | |
|---------------------|
| unhealthy habits |
| increasing autonomy |
| changeable tastes |
| naïve attitudes |
| parental mirroring |

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

A skeptic is someone who does not believe a claim just because someone makes it but instead tests it against evidence. Sooner or later, if the evidence is solid, then the skeptic must acknowledge the claim's legitimacy. Skeptics are (i)_____ deniers, who are ideologically committed to a position and (ii)_____ in the face of evidence.

Blank (i)

comparable to
aligned with
distinct from

Blank (ii)

disconcerted
intransigent
conscientious

DL - 14 V1

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00:29:15 Hide Time

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

Some dietary experts suggest that we should (i) _____ the traditional notion that low-fat diets are salutary, since, according to these researchers, a low-fat diet has (ii) _____ body weight or general health, and focus instead on the quality of the carbohydrates we are eating.

Blank (i)

revitalize
jettison
espouse

Blank (ii)

no special benefit for
little deleterious effect on
some positive influence on

DL - 14 V1

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00:29:06 ⏸ Hide Time

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

One radical approach to literary translation is to (i) _____ creating a (ii) _____ reproduction of the original work and simply to compose a new work, but in a manner inspired by the older one.

Blank (i)

despair of
resign oneself to
aim for

Blank (ii)

popular
faithful
dense

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

Although political events in different countries were not (i)_____ in the nineteenth century, their interrelationship was (ii)_____ compared with the present, when interdependence has become far greater: (iii)_____ has ceased to be an option.

Blank (i)

unconnected
trivial
simultaneous

Blank (ii)

conditional
superficial
transparent

Blank (iii)

isolationism
resilience
idealism

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

Lorraine Hansberry's *Raisin in the Sun*, first produced on Broadway in 1959 as the turbulent 1960s loomed, became a poetic augury of the _____ to come.

- disillusionment
- obscurity
- unrest
- solemnity
- turmoil
- anonymity

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

Many people perceive an unearned grandiosity at work in the news business, and given that perception it should be no surprise that they have such a strong _____ for the business.

- preference
- passion
- esteem
- disdain
- fervor
- contempt

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

The author's description of the _____ contamination of ocean water with plastic materials—and the resulting threat to marine life—constitutes a valuable lesson in the urgency of managing trash more responsibly than we currently do.

- inadvertent
- ubiquitous
- perilous
- pervasive
- abating
- diminishing

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00:25:31 Hide Time

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

In the early 1960s, Hofstadter observed that intellectuals tend to view business as the “classic enemy” of intellectualism and that businessmen themselves have so long accepted this role that by now their _____ is seen as a fact of nature.

- enmity
- confusion
- perplexity
- hostility
- smugness
- ruthlessness

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

It is often said that only young people have revolutionary new ideas, but Lamarck was more than fifty years old when he developed his _____ theory.

dogmatical
unorthodox
conjectural
essential
intricate

A1_GRE

DL - 14 V2

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00:29:37 ⏱ Hide Time

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

Garte claims that, as a species, humans are _____ certain types of air pollutants; indeed, humans have been known to survive relatively well in regions where other species have died off because of poor air quality.

attuned to
responsible for
insensitive to
intolerant of
anxious about

A1_GRE

DL - 14 V2

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00:29:10 ⏸ Hide Time

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

In the ancient world, truths about the phenomenal world were expected to be established by proof rather than by discovery because deductive logic was considered to be _____ observation and experiment.

assisted by
necessary for
inherent in
independent of
superior to

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00:28:41 ⏱ Hide Time

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

Although all of the major characters in Mendez' play are historical figures who have been lampooned in many previous works, she (i)_____ this tradition in her avoidance of (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

relies on
deviates from
defers to

ceremony
verisimilitude
caricature

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

(i) _____ is essential for maintaining bone mineral density. That's why astronauts, in the weightless environment of the space capsule, lose bone mass. When bones (ii) _____, it triggers specialized cells to build bone. The benefit is (iii) _____, so that when one runs, the bone growth occurs primarily in the legs; when one plays tennis, more occurs in the dominant arm.

Blank (i)

Nutrition
Fitness
Gravity

Blank (ii)

are put under strain
are allowed to rest
become brittle

Blank (iii)

unpredictable
generalized
site specific

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

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

Blank (i)

overemphasized by
unconvincing to
popular with

Blank (ii)

irrelevant
mundane
controversial

Blank (iii)

observable
unexpected
trivial

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

Even though the original settlement may not hold up, it at least proves that a deadlock can be broken and that a hitherto _____ party is ready to bargain.

- implacable
- unyielding
- impeccable
- flawless
- unqualified
- capricious

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00:25:20 Hide Time

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

Because it has usually been impossible to _____ exotic species once they have become established, it is prudent to minimize the introduction of such species that have a substantial probability of unwanted impacts.

- disseminate
- detect
- eradicate
- propagate
- extirpate
- differentiate

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

Edited collections of scholarly essays generally tend to be somewhat uneven: they suffer from the _____ subject matter of the various essays, the lack of an overarching and consistent thesis, and the variable quality of the contributions.

- intriguing
- heterogeneous
- comprehensive
- disparate
- mediocre
- engaging

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

The early universe was _____, but no longer: galaxies, galaxy clusters, and stars punctuate the expanse of empty space, staking their uneven distribution throughout the firmament.

- compact
- symmetrical
- uniform
- inhospitable
- homogeneous
- impenetrable

DL - 15 V1

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

There is no natural environment on Earth more _____ than a virgin rain forest: a plethora of rain forest species have developed remarkably sophisticated strategies to ensure that their voices are heard.

imperiled
cacophonous
fecund
essential
malleable

A1_GRE

DL - 15 V1

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00:29:34 Hide Time

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

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

capricious
predictable
paradoxical
hyperbolic
tendentious

A1_GRE

DL - 15 V1

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00:29:05 Hide Time

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

The bankruptcy expert has long argued that the entrepreneurial spirit in the United States is (i)_____ the practice that we, as a society, have had of treating risk takers (ii)_____ when they fail. Reweighting the system to favor creditors could diminish that spirit, she warns, and make it harder for entrepreneurs to try again after a failure.

Blank (i)

fostered by
masked by
contradicted by

Blank (ii)

harshly
straightforwardly
charitably

DL - 15 V1

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00:28:15 Hide Time

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

The idea that arguments based on probability are deployed only by (i)_____ persons is (ii)_____ even among scientists. Perhaps such an evaluation has partly to do with the origins of the subject in the mathematics of gambling games, not generally regarded as pastimes for people of good character.

Blank (i)

exacting
disreputable
prominent

Blank (ii)

widespread
controversial
deplored

A1_GRE

DL - 15 V1

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00:28:02 ⏹ Hide Time

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

Writers who are fully aware of and at ease with the (i)_____ of their own work are not new. For centuries, writers have experimented with forms that suggest the (ii)_____ of human thought, their own included.

Blank (i)

impersonality
exploitation
provisionality

Blank (ii)

clarity
resilience
imperfection

DL - 15 V1

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00:27:22 ⏹ Hide Time

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

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

Blank (i)

puerile
innocuous
facetious

Blank (ii)

lowbrow
shrewd
realistic

Blank (iii)

heartened
emulated
abashed

A1_GRE

DL - 15 V1

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00:21:06 Hide Time

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

If it is wrong to justify human selfishness on the basis of the alleged selfishness of nature, then it is equally mistaken to espouse _____ merely because some animals happily assist each other.

- pragmatism
- moderation
- restraint
- altruism
- benevolence
- permissiveness

DL - 15 V1

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

The effect of the distant past on an individual's financial decisions _____ much more slowly than the authors of the study had expected, with the impact of events early in life persisting decades into the future.

- emerges
- abates
- clarifies
- materializes
- changes
- dissipates

DL - 15 V1

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00:19:54 Hide Time

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

Some social scientists who begin their studies of small communities with the intention of remaining detached revise their initial approach on discovering that personal involvement with subjects can actually _____ the gathering of important data.

- influence
- expedite
- facilitate
- circumvent
- affect
- intensify

DL - 15 V1

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00:19:23 Hide Time

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

The current _____ of repackaged music under Miles Davis' name might prompt any reasonable person to conclude that the recording vault has been plundered bare.

- glut
- revival
- hodgepodge
- surfeit
- modicum
- dearth

DL - 15 V2

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00:29:57 Hide Time

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

While her coworkers used a different excuse every year to shirk the annual company picnic, Donna was a consistent _____, feigning illness every year.

maverick
malingerer
idler
absconder
laggard

A1_GRE

DL - 15 V2

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00:29:40 Hide Time

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

Behavioral economists point to _____ as one reason that people do not always make choices that promote their own welfare; sometimes people simply fail to take steps that they know to be in their own best interest.

ignorance
malice
isolation
socialization
inertia

A1_GRE

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

Some dietary experts suggest that we should (i)_____ the traditional notion that low-fat diets are salutary, since, according to these researchers, a low-fat diet has (ii)_____ body weight or general health, and focus instead on the quality of the carbohydrates we are eating.

Blank (i)

revitalize
jettison
espouse

Blank (ii)

no special benefit for
little deleterious effect on
some positive influence on

A1_GRE

DL - 15 V2

Section 5 of 6 | Question 4 of 20

00:28:56 Hide Time

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

One reason island trees may not have evolved defenses against herbivores is that such defenses may be (i)_____. Because many island herbivores, such as the tortoises of the Galápagos Islands and the flightless geese of Hawaii, are (ii)_____, arboreal foliage is (iii)_____ to them.

Blank (i)

anomalous
ineffective
superfluous

Blank (ii)

diurnal
earthbound
indigenous

Blank (iii)

hazardous
unappealing
inaccessible

DL - 15 V2

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

Some historians have sought to extend the beginning and end dates traditionally assigned to the United States Civil Rights Movement. Although this revisionism (i)_____ our understanding of the movement, it also tends to (ii)_____ the movement's status as a discrete historical phenomenon (iii)_____ other aspects of the Black freedom struggle that preceded it and followed in its wake.

Blank (i)

fails to alter
promises to enlarge
works to preserve

Blank (ii)

highlight
distort
anticipate

Blank (iii)

latent in
distinct from
coterminous with

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

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

Blank (i)

altered
marginalized
defined

Blank (ii)

impossible to divine
essential to recognize
tempting to propose

Blank (iii)

superficial
controversial
complementary

A1_GRE

DL - 15 V2

Section 5 of 6 | Question 12 of 20

00:23:39 ⏹ Hide Time

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

Because archaeology explores the most profound changes in human history by means of a grossly incomplete record, it has invited the sort of bold, imaginative interpretation in which speculation too easily becomes _____ evidence.

- replaced by
- constrained by
- untethered from
- divorced from
- substituted for
- constricted by

DL - 15 V2

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00:23:14 Hide Time

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

Walking appears simple, yet every step forward is a _____ act: each step is essentially a fall that one must catch by swinging one's leg forward so that one's foot lands on the floor just in time.

- complicated
- skillful
- hasty
- risky
- deliberate
- precarious

DL - 15 V2

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00:22:29 ⏸ Hide Time

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

The book is impressively _____, drawing from multiple disciplines and perspectives, and resting on diverse and extensive archival sources, autobiographies, published collections of letters, and works of history.

- learned
- progressive
- comprehensive
- concise
- succinct
- erudite

DL - 15 V2

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

Isaac Newton's career, which spanned nearly seven decades and continued to generate new results through the 1690s, was truly _____ and can therefore hardly be expected to exhibit a single continuous strand of development.

- illustrious
- multifarious
- anomalous
- unprecedented
- prodigious
- protean

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

Drug companies rarely pursue new pharmacotherapies for rare diseases because of the high failure rates and the cost of research, which make the companies' chances of recovering their investments _____.

tenable
dubious
invaluable
sanguine
expensive

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

Some ambitious lawyers are willing to work on Supreme Court cases without charge in an effort to gain _____; they believe that this increased cachet will help them succeed in the future.

wisdom
certitude
prestige
integrity
humility

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

The author paints a rather dark picture of book publishing as a hidebound industry, one that is facing a profound change in its mode of production but is so (i)_____ its past as to be (ii)_____ opportunities offered by technological change.

Blank (i)

alienated from
emboldened by
encumbered by

Blank (ii)

eager to exploit
unable to seize
forced to reconsider

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

The description of Green's scholarship as (i)_____ is grossly misleading: while her research on interstellar particles is not especially novel, the conclusions she draws from her data are (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

esoteric
tendentious
derivative

Blank (ii)

remarkably pioneering
dubiously supported
strangely comforting

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

Although people sometimes conflate them, the Beat poetry scene and the folk-music revival were actually (i) _____ and in many ways (ii) _____, despite sharing certain ancestral connections in Depression-era left-wing politics.

Blank (i)

distinct
influential
marginal

Blank (ii)

reactionary
inspired
antagonistic

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

Failure to investigate (i)_____ a proposed new feature is desired by potential consumers of a product can lead to expensive mistakes: money is invested to incorporate the feature, whose value in the marketplace then turns out to be (ii)_____. Yet equally, relying on what consumers say can lead to potentially profitable innovations being (iii)_____. Consumers do not necessarily at once recognize how a new feature will expand the potential of an apparently familiar product.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

how much
why
when

incalculable
trifling
unshakable

overlooked
revised
conceived

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

Scientists reported last month on a sign of relative solar _____: the solar wind, a rush of charged particles continually spewed from the Sun at a million miles an hour, had diminished to its lowest level in 50 years.

- quiescence
- turbulence
- isolation
- calm
- remoteness
- instability

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

Concerned to upend the standard top-down approach to game design, Flanagan calls on game designers to _____ the typical model with one that is less hierarchical.

- augment
- supplant
- assail
- amplify
- modify
- replace

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

Memory is _____ record of the past; it is a rough sketch that can be modified even by the simple act of telling the story.

- a mutable
- a quixotic
- a biased
- an idealistic
- an alterable
- an unreliable

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

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

- tedious
- canned
- convoluted
- vacuous
- tortuous
- formulaic

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

Discussions of impending water shortages are often couched in apocalyptic rhetoric, yet if the language is somewhat _____, the basic message is sound: water is indeed scarce and growing scarcer.

abstract
complacent
ambiguous
overblown
unfamiliar

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

Neuroscientists are excited by technological progress that facilitates brain mapping, the most _____ of them comparing their growing abilities to tremendous advances that led to the unimaginable success of the Human Genome Project.

rigorous
sanguine
punctilious
unorthodox
sophisticated

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

Because of her founding of the Pastel Society of America and numerous other activities on behalf of pastel painting, Flora B. Giffuni is recognized as a (i)_____ of the medium. Her efforts (ii)_____ her hope that the art will reach a higher level of recognition.

Blank (i)

neophyte
mainstay
beneficiary

Blank (ii)

reflect
believe
mitigate

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

The (i)_____ of the entrepreneur that the microfinance boom has helped foster is understandably appealing. But thinking that everyone is, and should be, an entrepreneur can encourage a tendency to (ii)_____ the virtues of larger businesses and the income that a steady job can provide.

Blank (i)

demise
evolution
cult

Blank (ii)

emphasize
advertise
underrate

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

For a variety of reasons that are still difficult to understand fully, Ralph Ellison's masterful short stories have never been
(i) _____ until now. This made it almost (ii) _____ to use them in the classroom and hard to use them for scholarly purposes, since many of these stories were only ever published in obscure journals that have been
(iii) _____ for quite some time.

Blank (i)

honored
collected
printed

Blank (ii)

obligatory
impossible
decadent

Blank (iii)

popular
studied
defunct

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

When potentially disruptive change appears on the horizon, managers' approach should be to assemble the capabilities to (i)_____ that change before it affects the mainstream business. The (ii)_____ to run two businesses, one with processes attuned to the existing business model and another geared toward the new model. While apparently onerous, this parallel operation is far less dangerous than either (iii)_____ innovation irrevocably or remaining committed to tried-and-true methods that are threatened with obsolescence.

Blank (i)

obstruct
stimulate
handle

Blank (ii)

competition might have
requirement is
mistaken approach is

Blank (iii)

jumping into
exploring
rejecting

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

Surprisingly, although the textbooks are filled with pages of vocabulary and unnecessary detail, their treatment of some fundamentally important concepts is _____.

- prolix
- piecemeal
- verbose
- fragmentary
- abstruse
- succinct

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

Although 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.

- insightful
- discriminating
- persuasive
- impulsive
- subjective
- volatile

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

The team of physicists regarded the data as too _____ not to study with fresh eyes and first questions.

- anomalous
- singular
- implausible
- incidental
- confounding
- ancillary

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

Some critics, noting the power of photographs to manipulate perceptions, _____ the photographer's work for intentionally misrepresenting its subjects.

- lambasted
- exculpated
- lauded
- scrutinized
- censured
- shunned

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

In the species under discussion, the expression of emotions and transmission of information are _____ the production and hearing of sounds, resulting as much from a great variety of postures and gestures.

chiefly dependent on
hardly limited to
rarely accomplished by
not overridden by
severely constrained by

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

String theory is often claimed to be _____: we do not need to worry that it will be replaced by another theory.

incomplete
arcane
controversial
terminal
provisional

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

In China, beginning in the 1920s, the field of geography was (i) _____ discourse, alive to indigenous Chinese traditions even as it (ii) _____ key elements of Western scientific geography.

Blank (i)

an arcane
a hybrid
a subjective

Blank (ii)

ignored
questioned
absorbed

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

It would be imprecise to characterize her scholarship as (i) _____; though her etymological discussions are necessarily esoteric, there is nothing (ii) _____ about the conclusions she derives from them.

Blank (i)

derivative
arcane
careless

Blank (ii)

obscure
controversial
innovative

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

In writing about environmental issues, the author takes on some special artistic challenges. It is hard to write a good novel that takes a strong stand on a social issue, although there are a few novelists, Zola and Norris for example, who do manage to (i) _____ the often circumscribing effects of (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

convey
reinvent
transcend

Blank (ii)

cynicism
polemic
tradition

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

Advocates of conservative political views often argue that progressives are (i) _____ the mainstream, but on this issue it was conservatives who were (ii) _____ the insulated world of their own think tanks. Having touted the proposals among themselves for years, conservatives did not appreciate how (iii) _____ the idea would seem to most people.

Blank (i)

oblivious to
deferential to
synonymous with

Blank (ii)

unfettered by
mired in
estranged from

Blank (iii)

palatable
foreign
exhilarating

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

The astronomer admits that his interpretation of so-called Population III stars is _____ at present since no one has yet done any real calculations to see if it holds up under closer scrutiny.

- spurious
- speculative
- predictive
- conjectural
- fabricated
- implausible

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

Advertising's role in popular music culture has been redefined: instead of a last resort for the creation and distribution of popular music, advertising now functions as a _____ of music that might otherwise go unheard.

- promoter
- reflection
- component
- foe
- champion
- rival

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

When discussing the United States Army's 1876 campaign against the Sioux, Powers is occasionally _____ context: he describes General Crook's march to the Battle of the Rosebud but neglects to mention how it fit into the army's overall strategy.

- misinformed about
- obsessed with
- frugal with
- preoccupied with
- stinting with
- unscrupulous about

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

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

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

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

The depletion of soil and trees in southern West Virginia has resulted in frequent flash floods, since when the mountain slopes are _____, storms cause torrents of water to pour down them unimpeded.

riven
fecund
denuded
withered
mutable

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

The poet produced a body of work that was unfailingly tender yet never _____, always stopping short of outright sentimentality.

pallid
benign
mawkish
fervent
phlegmatic

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

Melinda's political beliefs were a matter of _____: she held true only to those positions that served her own best interest.

naïveté
pretentiousness
expediency
desperation
selflessness

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

In the author's view, the idea that individuals have different learning styles, such as auditory or kinesthetic, is (i)_____; it may be highly intuitive to many, but it is simply (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

a foundational assumption
an untested hypothesis
a pernicious myth

Blank (ii)

erroneous
demoralizing
incontrovertible

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

The theater presented directors and designers with a remarkably (i) _____ space, since the placement of the stage and of the audience could be (ii) _____ the needs of the production. And though audiences were sometimes unsettled when they found themselves thrust into the midst of the action, on balance they saw this as adding to the (iii) _____ of the performance.

Blank (i)

plastic
compact
recalcitrant

Blank (ii)

irrelevant to
preferred over
dictated by

Blank (iii)

deficiencies
remoteness
excitement

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

It would be easy to (i)_____ Dahl's fine little book on democracy—barely 200 pages long, yet sketching the meaning of democracy, the history of democracy, the forms of democracy, and the prospects for democracy—on the grounds that it failed to go into this or that in the detail required. But such a response would be misguided: (ii)_____ and (iii)_____ are the whole point of such a book.

Blank (i)

compress
overrate
criticize

Blank (ii)

accuracy
brevity
authenticity

Blank (iii)

controversy
subtlety
sweep

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

The news he brought being good, the _____ with which she greeted it was unexpected.

- dismay
- equanimity
- gratitude
- hostility
- alarm
- appreciation

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

Suburbanization arguably ushered in numerous changes in the way many people in the United States lived: the suburbs _____ a society based on unprecedented consumption and intense privacy.

- validated
- affirmed
- inaugurated
- engendered
- enlivened
- represented

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

The aging and failure mechanisms of batteries result from various interrelated processes taking place at diverse time scales; hence their complete _____ is a very challenging research target.

- elimination
- elucidation
- obfuscation
- complication
- replication
- explication

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

Hugh Trevor-Roper's series of essays on the Puritan Revolution are considered to be the _____ of the genre: though these essays have exerted a welcome influence on the work of many subsequent historians, their quality has never been equaled.

- embodiment
- apogee
- forerunner
- acme
- precursor
- paradigm

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

Scientists have made progress towards developing a nuclear-fusion reactor to provide energy, but they are still far from reaching this goal, which sometimes seems to _____ despite significant advances made by the scientists.

alter
increase
recede
deviate
worsen

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

Bone is a physiologically _____ tissue: it can change size and shape to meet the body's needs during the various stages of an animal's life.

rigid
vulnerable
active
permeable
lightweight

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

The economic recovery was somewhat lopsided: (i)_____ in some of the industrial economies but (ii)_____ in others of them.

Blank (i)

unexpected
feeble
swift

Blank (ii)

robust
turbulent
predictable

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

What they see in Tanaka is the one candidate capable of (i) _____ leadership, in direct contrast to Williamson, whose term in office has been marred by (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

compassionate
decisive
nepotistic

Blank (ii)

grandstanding
partisanship
vacillation

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

Because her poetry can be so (i)_____, Sylvia Plath's continued popularity with readers may seem surprising, but perhaps it is precisely that (ii)_____ quality that accounts for Plath's persistence: her poetry satisfies a hunger for subjective intuitions.

Blank (i)

abrasive
confessional
obscure

Blank (ii)

combative
elliptical
ominous

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

Penrose is (i) _____ theoretical physicists for engaging in (ii) _____ by (iii) _____ what is implied by the known data. One of his favorite examples is inflationary cosmology, which, according to him, is treated as an established theory despite a lack of evidence.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

indebted to
critical of
singular among

partisanship
plagiarism
conjecture

experimenting with
combing through
venturing beyond

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

The ear is much more _____ than the eye: only the ear can tell a source that oscillates 30 times a second from one that oscillates 60 times a second.

- stable
- efficient
- durable
- discerning
- accurate
- tenacious

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

Patterson thought the waste leaking into the river was _____ situation: by contrast, judging from their silence on the matter, the owners of the factory felt the problem did not require immediate action.

- a lingering
- a convoluted
- a pressing
- an enervating
- an exigent
- an intricate

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

Land near Bangladesh's coastal rivers is _____: temporary islands, or chars, form in the main rivers as sediments are deposited and then disappear during floods.

- fecund
- scant
- ephemeral
- exiguous
- transitory
- treacherous

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

Beauford Delaney's dynamic depictions of Harlem and Greenwich Village, dating from 1929 to 1953,
_____ the energy of the city, while the equally captivating abstract compositions from his Paris years of
1953 to 1979 demonstrate his sustained exploration of color.

- authenticate
- convey
- elicit
- impart
- stifle
- suppress

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

Lacking a strong opposing political party, which usually is _____ the ruling party's leaders, the ruling party's leaders are now focusing all their venom on one another.

supportive of
aligned with
conversant with
oblivious to
excoriated by

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

Discussions of impending water shortages are often couched in apocalyptic rhetoric, yet if the language is somewhat _____, the basic message is sound: water is indeed scarce and growing scarcer.

abstract
complacent
ambiguous
overblown
unfamiliar

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

The company suffers from an almost total lack of _____: even the most innocuous communications between departments tend to devolve into acrimony.

dissension
variance
comity
conformity
mordancy

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

As he has matured as a scholar, Felmar has come to see the merit of qualification. His conclusions, which early in his career he (i)_____, are now often (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

stated as absolutes
refused to reveal
backed up extensively

Blank (ii)

hedged
simplified
reiterated

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

Climate science journals are often too hermetic for even the most (i) _____ layperson. The gravity of the issues discussed requires that we (ii) _____ such (iii) _____: we need publications that engage the broader public in discussions of how we interact with the natural world.

Blank (i)

credulous
educated
disengaged

Blank (ii)

abandon
augment
perpetuate

Blank (iii)

academic insularity
scientific popularism
tendentious advocacy

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

History is about recognizing continuities and therefore the historian must (i) _____ stories that rope together the disparate worlds of past and present. But it is also true that honest history arises from a sense of (ii) _____. It is the experience of discontinuity that alerts us to the (iii) _____ of the past and sets us looking for narratives to capture that unfamiliar entity.

Blank (i)

weave
shun
untangle

Blank (ii)

interruptedness
powerlessness
imperiousness

Blank (iii)

inexorableness
strangeness
lucidity

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

Coagulation factors are useful proteins whose simple names—many are known only by Roman numerals
—_____ their importance and the specificity of their roles in the thinning and clotting of blood.

- nullify
- obviate
- mitigate
- belie
- mask
- accentuate

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

Irene's unparalleled _____ in the matter of evaluating positions on the chessboard made her the chess champion of her school district.

- acumen
- celerity
- adroitness
- diffidence
- timorousness
- temerity

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

The _____ markings on some prehistoric bone and antler fragments could be accidents or the result of doodling, but may also represent a form of communication such as tally marks or even early calendars.

- purposeful
- enigmatic
- random
- inscrutable
- conspicuous
- deliberate

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

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- anomalous
- singular
- implausible
- incidental
- confounding
- ancillary

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

The development of fracture mechanics marked a crucial advance in our understanding of crack growth in glasses and ceramics; before the advent of this discipline, many of the details of the crack growth process were _____ those who studied ceramics.

invaluable to
interesting to
opaque to
useless to
demonstrated by

Select one answer choice.

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

Drug companies rarely pursue new pharmacotherapies for rare diseases because of the high failure rates and the cost of research, which make the companies' chances of recovering their investments _____.

tenable
dubious
invaluable
sanguine
expensive

Select one answer choice.

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

The enormous three-volume biographical work, which has taken the author 28 years to complete, serves to caution one about the (i)_____ of literary biography when it becomes an obsessive and all-consuming project, a (ii)_____ attempt to relive the subject's life vicariously.

Blank (i)

nuances
perils
paradoxes

Blank (ii)

doomed
noble
reasoned

Select one entry from each column.

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

The grinding stones featured in some of Puerto Rico's restaurants as part of their decor evoke an idealized rustic past, but the nostalgia is (i)_____: in reality, the job of grinding corn was among the most (ii)_____ of domestic chores, often performed by the women of the house.

Blank (i)

waning
misplaced
understandable

Blank (ii)

essential
onerous
venerated

Select one entry from each column.

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

A crucial invention of eighteenth-century political economists was the idea that society is governed by regular forces that act automatically to produce determinate outcomes. This view allowed political economists to describe the economy in a (i) _____ manner rather than offering (ii) _____ accounts of isolated economic phenomena.

Blank (i)

contingent
generalized
pragmatic

Blank (ii)

abstract
mechanistic
piecemeal

Select one entry from each column.

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

When film adaptations of literary classics are lackluster it is often because they (i) _____ a certain (ii) _____ to the cultural prestige of literature. The good ones, by contrast, succeed through the arrogant assumption that a great novel is not a (iii) _____ artifact but rather a lump of interesting material to be shaped according to the filmmaker's will.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

invite
display
eschew

hostility
obeisance
indifference

sacred
malleable
generic

Select one entry from each column.

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

Noguchi had an unshakable belief in the _____ of art: he thought that artists should inject their knowledge of form into the everyday, practical designs of industry and commerce.

- sanctity
- functionality
- inviolability
- utility
- immediacy
- universality

Select two answer choices.

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

The fact that most hypotheses turn out to be wrong does not mean that hypothesizing is _____; in fact, most hypotheses include useful ideas that survive to become part of the next model or scenario.

- futile
- reckless
- fruitless
- frustrating
- exasperating
- unnecessary

Select two answer choices.

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

The adipose tissue in which our bodies store fat from the food we eat has traditionally been thought of as _____, but in reality this tissue constitutes a dynamic organ, not a mere repository.

- capacious
- deleterious
- inert
- detrimental
- passive
- inessential

Select two answer choices.

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

The orthodox approach to legal decision making tends to be backward looking, asking which decision would have the better legal _____.

- outcome
- lineage
- consequence
- corollary
- standing
- pedigree

Select two answer choices.

Section 6 of 6 | Question 1 of 20

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

One thing both authors have in common is a striking amount of _____: they claim to know how massive institutions, some of them richly endowed, all of them central to American society and culture, should be reshaped.

hubris
propriety
bias
prescience
indolence

Select one answer choice.

Section 6 of 6 | Question 2 of 20

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

Action cinema has a reputation for giving spectators all action and no plot, and that reputation for narrative _____ seems to have gained further traction with the increasingly ubiquitous use of digital effects.

paucity
homogeneity
diffuseness
predictability
convolution

Select one answer choice.

Section 6 of 6 | Question 3 of 20

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

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

trifling criticism
adverse repercussions
indecipherable outcomes
widespread indifference
spontaneous approval

Select one answer choice.

Section 6 of 6 | Question 4 of 20

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

Researchers note that wolves' otherwise strongly hierarchical society is marked by occasional displays of populist
(i)_____: if a pack leader proves a too-snappish tyrant, subordinate wolves will (ii)_____ the top cur.

Blank (i)

umbrage
expiation
torpor

Blank (ii)

collectively overthrow
eventually placate
quickly appraise

Select one entry from each column.

Section 6 of 6 | Question 5 of 20

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

Some scholars have interpreted marks incised on pottery during the Neolithic period, some nearly 6,000 years old, as the (i)_____ of writing. But while the marks do appear to have been meaningful symbols, and while the use of symbols is (ii)_____ writing, there is (iii)_____ that the pottery symbols evolved into a true script.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
posterity	sufficient for	little serious doubt
forerunner	a prerequisite for	continuing strong belief
elaboration	distinct from	no firm evidence

Select one entry from each column.

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

The main (i)_____ for pianists playing the keyboard works of Couperin lies in the effusion of embellishments, which are much easier to toss off without overemphasis, let alone (ii)_____, on the harpsichord than on the piano. Yet pianist Angela Hewitt's handling of all those fleeting lilts and curlicues is a model of (iii)_____. As a result, little nothings like "Le Petit-Rien" are sheer rippling delights.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

difficulty
attraction
unknown

ungainliness
elegance
mastery

fierce intensity
economy and languor
lightness and elegance

Select one entry from each column.

Section 6 of 6 | Question 12 of 20

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

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

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

Select two answer choices.

Section 6 of 6 | Question 13 of 20

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

The Chancellor castigated one regime for its mistreatment of political opponents, whereas he inexplicably _____ another that had committed similar acts.

- adjured
- exculpated
- impugned
- neglected
- cosseted
- absolved

Select two answer choices.

Section 6 of 6 | Question 14 of 20

00:29:28 ⏹ Hide Time

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

The book, designed to help children grasp the idea that water is a valuable resource, includes practical suggestions for water conservation, presented in a manner that is consistently helpful and encouraging, never _____.

- pertinent
- strident
- vague
- shrill
- dull
- apt

Select two answer choices.

Section 6 of 6 | Question 15 of 20

00:29:26 ⏳ Hide Time

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

Azarenka's descriptions are not _____: they grow organically from the themes that animate her writing.

- derivative
- gratuitous
- sophomoric
- original
- arbitrary
- novel

Select two answer choices.

Section 3 of 6 | Question 1 of 20

00:30:00 ⏳ Hide Time

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

In the Hawaiian Islands, where the volcanic material is initially too _____ to support running surface water, rainwater simply percolates down through the substratum.

impermeable
verdant
flammable
porous
eroded

Select one answer choice.

Section 3 of 6 | Question 2 of 20

00:29:58 ⏱ Hide Time

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

Because we participate in the dynamics of ecosystems as we restore them, restoration practice is in essence antithetical to the idea of a _____ wilderness.

managed
developing
rehabilitated
pristine
degraded

Select one answer choice.

Section 3 of 6 | Question 3 of 20

00:29:56 ⏹ Hide Time

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

When a comedian confesses to bad behavior onstage, we forgive that vice because we know the difference between the performer and the performance. The comedian's ability to maintain that difference is an art, the key to which is (i)_____. By (ii)_____ his or her experiences, the comedian signals the terms on which a performance should be received.

Blank (i)

equivocation
hyperbole
contrition

Blank (ii)

exaggerating, beyond plausibility,
shamelessly promoting
maintaining absolute fidelity to

Select one entry from each column.

Section 3 of 6 | Question 4 of 20

00:29:54 ⏹ Hide Time

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

Dismissing the argument that the author's intent should be (i)_____ any interpretation of a literary work, the critic contended that while authorial intentions were (ii)_____ to some degree, they should not necessarily have primacy in every case.

Blank (i)

noted in
disregarded by
paramount in

Blank (ii)

extraneous
germane
unknowable

Select one entry from each column.

Section 3 of 6 | Question 5 of 20

00:29:52 ⏹ Hide Time

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

In talking to reporters about the controversial legislation before Congress, the senator seemed thoughtful and even-handed, but when he supported that legislation in a subsequent Senate floor speech, his approach was (i)_____, as though he regarded opposition to the bill as (ii)_____.

Blank (i)

tendentious
genial
prevaricating

Blank (ii)

perverse
inevitable
serendipitous

Select one entry from each column.

Section 3 of 6 | Question 6 of 20

00:29:50 ⏹ Hide Time

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

Exotic technologies originally developed for military and space applications are sometimes (i)_____ the development of new medical devices. However, advances in medical technology might well occur (ii)_____ such expensive antecedents; for a fresh idea, a personal computer and some simple circuitry may be (iii)_____ to start the next revolution in medical care.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

impediments to
by-products of
redeployed for

without recourse to
despite interference from
via reliance on

sufficient
available
required

Select one entry from each column.

Section 3 of 6 | Question 13 of 20

00:29:28 Hide Time

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

Wang's book is the first attempt to define Chinese autobiography as _____ genre, that is, one distinct from other narrative modes of self-representation popular after the fall of the Qing dynasty in 1911.

- an imported
- a separate
- an influential
- a discrete
- an archetypal
- a consequential

Select two answer choices.

Section 3 of 6 | Question 14 of 20

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

Animals could certainly be said to have a sense of _____: there are species-specific rules about who eats first and about proper methods of grooming or making introductions.

- loyalty
- altruism
- tradition
- protocol
- decorum
- faithfulness

Select two answer choices.

Section 3 of 6 | Question 15 of 20

00:29:24 Hide Time

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

Although its gray text blocks and black-and-white illustrations give it a sober mien, this one-stop resource can take the place of a dozen less _____ texts.

- exhaustive
- interesting
- appealing
- original
- educational
- comprehensive

Select two answer choices.

Section 3 of 6 | Question 16 of 20

00:29:22 Hide Time

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

In politics, tactical calculations about which groups a candidate should appeal to are never pleasant, but they are not always _____, and sometimes they are necessary.

- injudicious
- sleazy
- effective
- sordid
- useful
- exceptional

Select two answer choices.

Section 5 of 6 | Question 1 of 20

00:29:58 ⏹ Hide Time

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

The _____ of the event organizers' promise of lavish accommodations was revealed when guests arrived to find themselves assigned to quarters that barely outstripped a campground.

dilatoriness
candor
mendacity
tenacity
vehemence

Select one answer choice.

Section 5 of 6 | Question 2 of 20

00:29:56 ⏹ Hide Time

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

Readers are interested in Marx's life because of his ideas, but Sperber's book downplays his ideas to make room for his life, illustrating why intellectual biography can sometimes be a curiously _____ genre.

self-reflexive
self-glorifying
self-defeating
self-propagating
self-absorbed

Select one answer choice.

Section 5 of 6 | Question 3 of 20

00:29:54 Hide Time

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

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

risk for
concession from
source of
disincentive to
windfall to

Select one answer choice.

Section 5 of 6 | Question 4 of 20

00:29:52 ⏹ Hide Time

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

Because scientific breakthroughs tend to occur when a prevailing theory's predictions start to fail, scientists sometimes find it (i)_____ when a theory persists—as the standard model of particle physics has done—in making (ii)_____ predictions.

Blank (i)

productive
frustrating
surprising

Blank (ii)

bold
abstract
correct

Select one entry from each column.

Section 5 of 6 | Question 5 of 20

00:29:50 ⏹ Hide Time

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

Despite the occasional (i)_____ of their venues, the culture of corporate conferences is a deeply (ii)_____ one: at a typical recent conference, each day consisted of nearly nine hours of continuous lectures and panels enlivened by few pleasantries or anything that could be construed as a joke. The only (iii)_____ sensory deprivation during the sessions came from the handsome color slides favored by the corporate presenters.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

seclusion
opulence
enormity

sycophantic
ascetic
mercenary

allusion to
ramification of
respite from

Select one entry from each column.

Section 5 of 6 | Question 6 of 20

00:29:49 ⏱ Hide Time

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

The lack of (i)_____ the poetry of the postwar decades has led not, as one might have expected, to (ii)_____ poetry, but to a curious closure in which all poets and forms of poetry are (iii)_____ and none, not even respected establishment poets, command excitement.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

interest in
consensus about
innovation in

pluralistic debate on
popular acceptance of
any experimentation in

marginalized
revered
tolerated

Select one entry from each column.

Section 5 of 6 | Question 12 of 20

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

The awards and critical acclaim for the author's new novel were not unexpected, as her previous works had already secured their author a reputation for literary _____.

- austerity
- virtuosity
- prominence
- severity
- mastery
- economy

Select two answer choices.

Section 5 of 6 | Question 13 of 20

00:29:33 Hide Time

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

The _____ of biographies of antebellum capitalists is particularly striking in contrast with the abundance of life stories of industrialists in later eras.

- brevity
- banality
- utility
- paucity
- triteness
- dearth

Select two answer choices.

Section 5 of 6 | Question 14 of 20

00:29:31 Hide Time

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

Some experts estimate that the recreational salmon fishery in British Columbia contributes more to the province's economy than the commercial salmon fishery does—a surprising statistic given the political _____ of the commercial fishery in the province.

- naïveté
- prominence
- supremacy
- ingenuousness
- salience
- resurgence

Select two answer choices.

Section 5 of 6 | Question 15 of 20

00:29:29 Hide Time

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

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

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

Select two answer choices.