

单空题:

1. While the writer was best known for her much-ballyhooed \_\_\_\_\_, her impact reached far beyond memorable quips.

- A. pensiveness
- B. drollness
- C. stoicism
- D. fastidiousness
- E. congeniality

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

- A. capricious
- B. insular
- C. mercenary
- D. idealistic
- E. intransigent

3. The idea of a “language instinct” may seem \_\_\_\_\_ to those who think of language as the zenith of the human intellect and of instincts as brute impulses.

- A. jarring
- B. plausible
- C. gratifying
- D. inevitable
- E. conciliatory

4. 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.

- A. decry
- B. condone
- C. remedy
- D. boast of
- E. downplay

5. Slight but \_\_\_\_\_ variation in the timing of the star’s pulses led astronomers to deduce that it was being pulled backwards and forwards by three planets orbiting around it.

- A. subtle
- B. regular
- C. undetectable
- D. inconsequential
- E. explicable

6. In a production process that is complex and often unpredictable, roles that start out discretely defined may become quite \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. confused  
B. perfunctory  
C. independent  
D. overt  
E. exacting
7. Though the volume of radioactive waste produced by nuclear power plants is\_\_\_\_\_, the problem of how to dispose of that waste is not: rather, it is of major importance.  
A. unmanageable  
B. troubling  
C. significant  
D. small  
E. deceptive
8. Consolidating memory is not instantaneous or even \_\_\_\_\_.: every memory must be encoded and moved from short-term to long-term storage, and some of these memories are, for whatever reason, more vividly imprinted than others.  
A. salutary  
B. deliberate  
C. sequential  
D. momentary  
E. inevitable
9. Some ethicists worry that a deeper understanding of the brain may be tantamount to\_\_\_\_: if we discover that free will is an illusion of neural circuitry, how will we hold people responsible for their actions?  
A. vindication  
B. proscription  
C. ministration  
D. valediction  
E. exculpation
10. The stories in Yiyun Li's recent collection are distinctive particularly for the strong contrast between their emotional intensity and their consistently \_\_\_\_\_ tone.  
A. affable  
B. ebullient  
C. measured  
D. irascible  
E. overwrought
11. The identity of hominid remains found in a cave in the Altai Mountains was\_\_\_\_\_ until Paabo and his colleagues ended the speculation by showing that DNA sequences indicated the bones belonged to Neanderthals.  
A. extraneous  
B. conjectural  
C. improbable  
D. demonstrable  
E. consistent

12. The Labrador duck is one of the most\_\_\_\_\_ extinct birds: although there are a fair number of specimens, few have yielded reliable data and little is known about the species' breeding patterns.

- A. anomalous
- B. controversial
- C. enigmatic
- D. misrepresented
- E. cherished

13. Paintings created in India during the Mughal dynasty were\_\_\_\_\_ in ambition but ornamental in presentation: in one direction they have an affinity with newspaper photographs, while in the other they have the intricacy of jewels.

- A. metaphorical
- B. documentary
- C. aesthetic
- D. sectarian
- E. baroque

14. In modern times, friendship has become a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship: a form of connection in terms of which all are understood and against which all are measured.

- A. conciliatory
- B. mercenary
- C. paradigmatic
- D. contentious
- E. supplementary

15. 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. impracticable
- B. prescient
- C. banal
- D. viable
- E. beneficial

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

- A. adornments
- B. references
- C. truisms
- D. provocations
- E. valedictions

17. In one theory, as people learn things throughout the day, connections between neurons get strengthened, but during sleep then all synapses are weakened, tenuous connections are \_\_\_\_\_ and only the strongest bonds could remain.

- A. reinforced
- B. reproduced
- C. replaced
- D. stimulated
- E. severed

18. Holston characterized a colonial situation as an aggregation of activities and a conjunction of outcomes that, though \_\_\_\_\_ and at times coordinated, were usually diffuse, disorganized, and even contradictory.

- A. dubious
- B. chaotic
- C. harmonious
- D. linked
- E. imputed

19. \_\_\_\_\_ is valuable in science, even when a scientific idea is true, it can be misused through grandiosity.

- A. Humility
- B. Experimentation
- C. Patience
- D. Cooperation
- E. Exposure

20. If the African farmers face a soil fertility problem, providing funding for fertilizer seems \_\_\_\_\_: closer examination of data raises some troubling questions, however..

- A. imprudent
- B. expensive
- C. unimpeachable
- D. modern
- E. worrisome

21. Given the many thematic strands that the book seeks to draw together into a continuous cord of narrative, it is perforce work of \_\_\_\_\_, which is not to say that the author's research fails to provide sufficient detail about each of his chosen themes.

- A. synthesis
- B. conjecture
- C. analysis
- D. reconstruction
- E. accretion

22. This is neither praise nor criticism, neither a compliment nor \_\_\_\_\_, just an observation.

- A. an exposition
- B. an elucidation
- C. an animadversion
- D. a culmination
- E. a divination

23. Some of the areas of research covered in the collection have already attracted substantial scholarly interest, while others are more \_\_\_\_\_, hence requiring pioneering effort to map the territory and suggest productive avenues of inquiry.

- A. intricate
- B. pristine
- C. parochial
- D. heterogeneous
- E. onerous

24. The assumption that children learn about science primarily in the classroom is so \_\_\_\_\_ that few scientists, educators or policymakers question it, despite an ever-growing body of evidence demonstrating that most science is learnt outside of school.
- A. tenuous
  - B. subtle
  - C. irrefutable
  - D. pervasive
  - E. misconstrued
25. Baker set a new standard for explaining difficult art in language the public could understand; consequently, her books remain exemplars of \_\_\_\_\_ in art-historical analysis.
- A. fashion
  - B. rigor
  - C. lucidity
  - D. erudition
  - E. grandiosity
26. Like all general models, island biogeography theory is \_\_\_\_\_ reality, capturing just a few important elements of a system while ignoring many others.
- A. an adjunct to
  - B. an improvement on
  - C. a mirror of
  - D. a corollary to
  - E. a simplification of
27. 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.
- A. superficial
  - B. obvious
  - C. uncanny
  - D. hackneyed
  - E. contradictory
28. Common and easily accessible resources (prey for predators or hosts for parasites) should be, all other things being equal, used frequently, yet in some environments apparently accessible and suitable resources remain \_\_\_\_\_
- A. vulnerable
  - B. unobtainable
  - C. sustainable
  - D. depleted
  - E. unexploited

29. Within the field of emotional intelligence research, disagreements remain about whether emotional intelligence can be learned and strengthened or is \_\_\_\_\_ characteristic.
- A. an expressed
  - B. an inborn
  - C. an invented
  - D. a cultivated
  - E. a perceptible
30. Notwithstanding that the \_\_\_\_\_ of local branch banks has been so much predicted, in most countries the number of branch banks has increased over the past decade.
- A. resurgence
  - B. proliferation
  - C. demise
  - D. profitability
  - E. reorganization
31. Physicists' opinions diverge on whether the unexpected phenomena that can occur in systems more complex than individual particles represent new physical principles, or whether the principles involved are \_\_\_\_\_, in that they rely, albeit in an extremely complicated way, on known physical principles.
- A. extraneous
  - B. inexpressible
  - C. derivative
  - D. heterogeneous
  - E. uncorrelated
32. From its nineteenth-century beginnings onward, photography was often tasked with providing \_\_\_\_\_ images of individuals, yet at the same time, photographs were prized for their perceived realism and truthfulness.
- A. recognizable
  - B. candid
  - C. idealized
  - D. replicable
  - E. detailed
33. For the urban researcher, the long lives of ancient cities can provide ample chronological data, making up for the paucity stemming from relative \_\_\_\_\_ of most present-day cities.
- A. complexity
  - B. formlessness
  - C. transparency
  - D. diversity
  - E. youthfulness
34. The threat of litigation makes the art authentication industry \_\_\_\_\_ realm: connoisseurs refuse to communicate in writing and confidential agreements bind authenticators to silence.
- A. an opportunistic
  - B. a clandestine
  - C. a moralizing
  - D. a xenophobic
  - E. an anarchistic

35. While the current coffee craze was sparked by the emergence of flavorful, high-quality gourmet varieties, a slew of studies suggesting that concerns about coffee's health effects may be \_\_\_\_\_ has nurtured the trend.

- A. underemphasized
- B. exacerbated
- C. unfounded
- D. documented
- E. recapitulated

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

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

37. Nylenna's study showed that errors in scientific manuscripts submitted for publication often escape reviewer's notice, results that were not \_\_\_\_\_: when Godlee conducted a study of the same phenomenon, her findings were similar.

- A. credible
- B. unwelcome
- C. anomalous
- D. quantifiable
- E. consequential

38. Even months after massive storm, there remained a heavy, suspended sediment load in the surface water overlying the coral reef, the \_\_\_\_\_ water a testament to the storm's effects.

- A. turbid
- B. stagnant
- C. fathomless
- D. turbulent
- E. brackish

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

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

40. The anthropologist \_\_\_\_\_ the claim that the Neanderthal remains must represent an immediate family because they belong to the same mitochondrial lineage, noting that some chimpanzees with identical mitochondrial are not closely related.

- A. misapplied
- B. queried
- C. expanded
- D. substantiated
- E. surmised

41. Many people remember a time when cutting-edge architects, who are these days treated like celebrities, had \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with the public: for much of the 1960s, big new buildings in cities were often cause for hostility, not celebration.

- A. adversarial
- B. enviable
- C. unprecedented
- D. accommodating
- E. unpredictable

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

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

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

- A. prototypes
- B. mavericks
- C. malefactors
- D. paragons
- E. old-timers

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

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



45. Among the Meakambut people of Papua New Guinea, legends are associated with specific caves in the Sepik region, and these legends are \_\_\_\_\_: only the cave owner can share its secrets.
- A. impenetrable
  - B. immutable
  - C. proprietary
  - D. didactic
  - E. self-perpetuating
46. In contrast to such sparsely populated terrestrial habitats as desert and tundra, the oceans \_\_\_\_\_ with a seemingly endless array of creatures.
- A. teem
  - B. flow
  - C. evolve
  - D. roil
  - E. ebb
47. History teaches us that science is not \_\_\_\_\_ enterprise, indeed, it is quite the opposite, a motley assortment of tools designed to safeguard researchers against their own biases.
- A. an opportunistic
  - B. an anomalous
  - C. a haphazard
  - D. a collective
  - E. a monolithic
48. There is \_\_\_\_\_ in the director's most recent film that keeps the melodramatic possibilities latent in its script safely at bay.
- A. a mawkishness
  - B. a predictability
  - C. an austerity
  - D. an ostentatiousness
  - E. an emotiveness
49. Few studies have been published on ground-squirrel dispersal, and most of them have involved very small sample sizes, thus most statements regarding ground-squirrel dispersal must be considered \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. invaluable
  - B. unexceptional
  - C. inveterate
  - D. routine
  - E. conjectural
50. To criticize a disaster film for being \_\_\_\_\_ is a bit silly, since people do not go to disaster movies to see an honest portrayed of reality.
- A. expensive
  - B. harrowing
  - C. derivative
  - D. convoluted
  - E. implausible

51. The governor might conceivably find a genuine resolution to the budgetary dilemma, but she may be tempted to engage in a deception: a \_\_\_\_\_ exercise in fiscal prudence.
- A. rigorous
  - B. sparkling
  - C. specious
  - D. blatant
  - E. convincing
52. Barring the discovery of new letters, hidden diaries, or the like, fresh information about eminent people is hard to find because their lives have been so intensely \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. ridiculed
  - B. scrutinized
  - C. admired
  - D. embellished
  - E. underrated
53. Many creative photographers were delighted to find in instant photography a mode that encouraged them to stop viewing photography as \_\_\_\_\_ and start viewing it as something they could handle with spontaneity, even derision.
- A. sacrosanct
  - B. ephemeral
  - C. malleable
  - D. egalitarian
  - E. autonomous
54. She constantly \_\_\_\_\_ herself for not living up to her own ideals—for not working hard enough or not having motives that were pure enough.
- A. exalted
  - B. coddled
  - C. excoriated
  - D. mollified
  - E. deluded
55. Unlike some mammals----cows and sheep, for instance----that are notably \_\_\_\_\_, lions have a wide range of facial expressions.
- A. tractable
  - B. impassive
  - C. solitary
  - D. social
  - E. sluggish
56. Motivation is the hardest of all managerial tasks, and it is \_\_\_\_\_ to expect a single memo, no matter how well crafted, to have much effect on the staff's attitude.
- A. ingenious
  - B. reasonable
  - C. fanciful
  - D. scrupulous
  - E. radical

57. The theory that the 1908 Tunguska event was the explosion of a cosmic body in the sky over Siberia is \_\_\_\_\_: no one has yet found fragments of the object or any impact craters in the affected region.

- A. long-standing
- B. indisputable
- C. plausible
- D. uncontested
- E. unproven

## 双空题:

1. The museum's compelling new architectural exhibition looks at eleven projects around the world that have had major (i)\_\_\_\_\_ impacts despite modest budgets. It is part of (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in the museum's architecture and design department, which in the past has championed architecture's artistic value over its real-world consequences.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. Social	D. an emphasis on theory
B. aesthetic	E. a shift in philosophy
C. critical	F. a rejection of pragmatism

2. A (i)\_\_\_\_\_ to disseminate the vast scientific knowledge of our time to nonscientists shows real (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the magnificent achievement humanity is capable of, like allowing a great work of art to molder in a warehouse.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)
A. failure	D. pretentious regarding
B. plan	E. sympathy toward
C. willing	F. indifference to

3. In aquatic environments, the herbicide atrazine is more likely to (i)\_\_\_\_\_ developing amphibians when it is highly diluted than when it is much more concentrated, a new study suggests. Although counterintuitive, the finding is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ some past research on atrazine and studies show that other hormonally active compounds are most damaging at trace concentrations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. supplant	D. unanticipated given
B. kill	E. consistent with
C. circumvent	F. undiminished by

4. 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)	Blank (ii)
A. naysayer	D. perplexing
B. pushover	E. unpredictable
C. braggart	F. absorbing

5. Since fibromyalgia's symptoms can be (i)\_\_\_\_\_ and can (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ other disorder, and its diagnosis depends largely on patients' descriptions rather than blood tests or biopsies, fibromyalgia's cause and treatment have been the subject of much debate.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. wide-ranging	D. mimic
B. distinctive	E. illuminate
C. debilitating	F. preclude

6. Despite the abundance and importance of maize, its biological origin has been a long-running mystery. The bright yellow, mouth-watering treat does not grow in the wild anywhere on the planet, so its (i)\_\_\_\_\_ is not at all (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. utility	D. helpful
B. popularity	E. important
C. ancestry	F. obvious

7. If newspaper consumers are concerned about more than (i)\_\_\_\_\_ and prefer to read news that is consistent with their beliefs, then (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ is not a journalistic flaw, but, rather, a cultivated feature. In a competitive news market, producers can use slant to differentiate their products and stave off price competition.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. Politics	D. bias
B. accuracy	E. sensationalism
C. expense	F. inconsistency

8. It would be (i)\_\_\_\_\_ not to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ these tabloid journalists for thriving in hard times: they deserve credit for doing well in a profession in financial straits.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. apropos	D. admire
B. churlish	E. envy
C. cagey	F. emulate

9. The author clearly supports the causes he writes about, but he is more a narrator than (i)\_\_\_\_\_. Some say he should have included more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, but he is wise to let the fact speak for themselves. They are complex enough to prompt many kinds of interpretation, and he would bog down the complicated tale if he tried to adjudicate all of their competing claims.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. a reporter	D. statistical data
B. an advocate	E. analysis of events
C. an adversary	F. detailed descriptions

10. Architecture scholar Sandy McCreery recently argued that traffic congestion, far from being a sign of urban (i)\_\_\_\_\_, is a mark of urban (ii)\_\_\_\_\_; congestion promotes contemplation of our surroundings and provides us with a shared experience, thereby fulfilling the essential task of the city.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. Plentitude	D. ambition
B. Decline	E. privation
C. excitement	F. health

11. The controversy about Alexander the Great's personality derives from the fact that our sources are (i) \_\_\_\_\_, all eyewitness accounts having perished. What remains is, at best, (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ (one history, for instance, is based largely on the now-lost memoirs of Alexander's alleged half-brother, Ptolemy) and at worst, highly unreliable.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. outdated	D. secondhand
B. inadequate	E. repetitious
C. abstruse	F. deceptive

12. The economic recovery was somewhat lopsided: (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in some of the industrial economies while (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ in others of them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. unexpected	D. robust
B. feeble	E. turbulent
C. swift	F. predictable

13. Historian Barbara Alpern Engel's task in writing a book about women in Russia must have been a (i) \_\_\_\_\_ one, because the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the Russian empire's peoples meant that Russian women could never be treated as a homogeneous group.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. motivating	D. unity among
B. boring	E. disinterest in
C. daunting	F. diversity of

14. Recent scholarship has questioned the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of tropical forests around the world. Archaeologists have shown, for example, that the largest contiguous tract of what was thought to be virgin rain forest in the southern Amazon had been transformed into a cultural parkland before European contact, and many of the forest islands in West Africa's savanna forest transition zone are (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ as well.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. diversity	D. isolated
B. naturalness	E. endangered
C. sustainability	F. anthropogenic

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. commend	D. egalitarian
B. discount	E. anachronistic
C. emulate	F. regal

16. He was never (i) \_\_\_\_\_: he was nothing if not (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, so he forbore for the present to declare his passion.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. chivalrous	D. boorish
B. impetuous	E. circumspect
C. thoughtful	F. spontaneous

17. Argument may be an overly (i) \_\_\_\_\_ word to apply to the gossamer contrivance that is *A Summer of Hummingbirds*. In what seems a self-conscious (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ of its mascot the book flits from one subject or moment in history to another, following the various whims of its author.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. Archaic	D. repudiation
B. Imprecise	E. emulation
C. robust	F. misrepresentation

18. Invention was (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the work of the ancient Greek historians, whose writings were filled with long and often purely fictitious speeches by great historical figures. The animating force in historical writing was rhetoric rather than (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. Even well into the eighteenth century, not a few historians continued to understand themselves as artists, given a license to invent.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. discouraged in	D. eloquence
B. a hallmark of	E. evidence
C. exceptional in	F. imagination

19. The genius of the scientific method is that it (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the dictum of Aristotle that the goal of science is knowledge of the ultimate cause of things. True science, we now know, advances human knowledge by (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ ultimate causes and focusing instead on the testing of empirical hypotheses.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. qualifies	D. ignoring
B. jettisons	E. predicting
C. affirms	F. confirming

20. The description of humans having an internal clock is not a (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Or rather, it is---you do not have a tiny watch in your cerebellum---but it also refers to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, a specialized bundle of cells that regulates cyclical processes.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. euphemism	D. an elusive psychological phenomenon
B. cliché	E. a standard literary trope
C. metaphor	F. a real biological feature

21. The (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of molecular oxygen on Earth-sized planets around other stars in the universe would not be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ sign of life: molecular oxygen can be a signature of photosynthesis (a biotic process) or merely of the rapid escape of water from the upper reaches of a planetary atmosphere (an abiotic process).

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. dearth	D. a controversial
B. presumption	E. an unambiguous
C. detection	F. a possible

22. Proponents of international regulation of environmental issues have always struggled against scientific uncertainty and economic hostility. The two obstacles, from a political standpoint, often have been closely related, as economic hostile toward environmental regulation for economic reasons have (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the considerable scientific uncertainty underlying most environmental challenges to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ of environmental regulation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. resolved	D. exaggerate the efficacy
B. gainsaid	E. downplay the legitimacy
C. exploited	F. question the fallibility

23. The meandering journey across the soundscape of the Internet can be (i)\_\_\_\_\_. Listening to music in this medium often generates anxiety fulfillment: no sooner has one experience begun than the thought of what else is out there intrudes. Putting an old-fashioned disk and letting it play to the end restore a measure of (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. liberating	D. choice
B. taxing	E. boredom
C. educational	F. sanity

24. Many scholars have argued that the United States Supreme Court usually (i)\_\_\_\_\_ public opinion in its decisions because it fears that it will (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ if does not, when it does depart from public opinion, it whips up political maelstroms.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. comments on	D. lose public support
B. hews to	E. mitigate public anger
C. overrides	F. create public indifference



25. Computers have become adept in rarefied domains once thought to be uniquely human. However, they simultaneously have (i) \_\_\_\_\_ certain tasks basic to the human experience, including spatial orientation and object recognition, and in so doing, have shown us how (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ such fundamental skills truly are.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. failed to master	D. outmoded
B. helped to improve	E. common
C. managed to mimic	F. impressive

26. Because the book is largely concerned with an examination of various (i) \_\_\_\_\_ often encountered in contemporary thinking, such as an exaggerated appreciation for meaningless coincidence and a credulous accept of pseudoscience, much of the writing has a (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ quality to it. Nevertheless, it avoids the overly earned scolding tone common to many such endeavors.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. inadequacies	D. debunking
B. abstractions	E. speculative
C. complexities	F. generalizing

27. Conventional deposits of oil and gas are actually the final resting place of far-traveled hydrocarbons that were (i) \_\_\_\_\_ deeper source beds of organic-rich rock. By contrast, shale gas (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ its birthplace, remaining in the source bed whose organic matter produced the gas.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. trapped in	D. never leaves
B. generated in	E. swiftly escapes from
C. bound for	F. rarely stays in

28. Making the shift to the 90-nanometer manufacturing process has been (i) \_\_\_\_\_ for semiconductor companies. This process effectively doubles the manufacturing capacity of the industry, but it (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ enormous technical challenges because some components of the new semiconductor chips are no more than five to seven molecule thick.

Blank(i)	Bland(ii)
A. un unanticipated boon	D. circumvents
B. a routine accomplishment	E. entails
C. a significant struggle	F. resolves

29. Just as different human groups have different kinds of musical traditions, different groups of whales have different dialects evident in their songs, and it is possible for one group to influence the \_\_\_\_\_ of another. It has been documented more than once that a group of whales will \_\_\_\_\_ its own tunes and adopt the new songs of an unfamiliar group.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. tastes	D. create
B. diversity	E. abandon
C. organization	F. perpetuate

30. As the pace of the trial \_\_\_\_\_, the wait at the beginning of the day became less interminable, and the attorneys' requests to suspend proceeding for private conferences with the judge, almost invariably granted early on, were routinely \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. slowed	D. rebuff
B. materialized	E. repeated
C. accelerated	F. recounted

31. 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)	Blank(ii)
A. umbrage	D. collectively overthrow
B. expiation	E. eventually placate
C. torpor	F. quickly appraise

32. In years prior to the Civil War, Philadelphia's African American press encouraged readers to be vaccinated against the 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 city skirts.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. hortatory	D. controversial
B. ineffective	E. urgent
C. widespread	F. inopportune

33. A hallmark of certain nineteenth-century mystery novels was the reform agenda of their authors, who ostensibly sought to expose economic injustice while depicting the seamy underside of urban life. In reality, however, these claims to a radical political agenda were often (i)\_\_\_\_\_, meant to give lurid thrillers the appearance of (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. authentic	D. escapist appeal
B. complicated	E. high-minded purpose
C. disingenuous	F. gripping suspense

34. Any number of mysteries to which individual scholars of Athenian history have devoted whole careers are addressed by Ober, and mostly successfully. This will cause some (i)\_\_\_\_\_ among scholars who have worked for years on a particular problem only to see another scholar suddenly (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ it.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. chagrin	D. prolong
B. complacency	E. exacerbate
C. hubris	F. resolve

35. As cheaper imports drove most California potteries out of business during the 1950s, one company (i)\_\_\_\_\_. The substantial size and weight of the specialized products produced by Architectural Pottery helped (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the company, because it was uneconomical for foreign companies to ship similarly large objects to California.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. stagnated	D. transform
B. diversified	E. insulate
C. flourished	F. finance

36. There are something like 1,400 seed banks around the world, which guard samples of crop plants ranging from alfalfa to yams. But this agricultural archive is (i)\_\_\_\_\_ as a result of war, storms, scant money, and bad management, particularly in the world's most (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ places.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. eroding	D. secure
B. expanding	E. turbulent
C. stabilizing	F. cosmopolitan

37. Fears that the recent sharp rise in oil prices is an indication that oil is running out appear to be (i)\_\_\_\_\_. The Middle East still contains vast oil supplies. Even (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ than in the past, substantial quantities of oil can be profitably stripped from tar and shale.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. contagious	D. less frequent
B. unfounded	E. more accessible
C. sagacious	F. less publicized

38. Internet in creating handheld computers is fueled by the desire to shrink the size of the electronic circuitry and to create exceptionally small mechanical systems. At this scale, however, physical (i)\_\_\_\_\_ poses unique challenges. Machining, positioning, and assembling parts by hand are easy at macroscopic scales, but at minute scales these abilities are far from (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. deterioration	D. subtle
B. manipulation	E. inflexible
C. durability	F. routine

39. Hyana Kusiemko and her colleagues speculate that the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ support among low-income works 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)	Blank (ii)
A. unwavering	D. disavow their willingness
B. vociferous	E. retain their ability
C. tepid	F. dissemble their need

40. For many adults, the adolescent years occupy (i)\_\_\_\_\_ place in the memory, which to some degree is even quantifiable: give a grown adult a series of random prompts and cues, odds are he or she will recall (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ number of memories from adolescence.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. a peripheral	D. a disproportionate
B. a privileged	E. a modest
C. an arbitrary	F. an uncertain

41. Trying to fix problems that affect vast numbers of people has an intuitive appeal that politicians and policymakers find (i)\_\_\_\_\_, but several warehouses of research studies show that intuition is often a poor guide to fixing (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ problems.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. logical	D. localized
B. irresistible	E. systemic
C. off-putting	F. theoretical

42. In the discussions on international patent law, many (i)\_\_\_\_\_ issues will probably be pushed far into the future. This cautious approach makes diplomatic sense, since attempts over the past 15 years to reach international agreements on patents have (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ just such sensitive issues.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. contentious	D. approached
B. stimulating	E. articulated
C. subjective	F. foundered on

43. Recent years have seen a disheartening string of revelations in which everyday items once considered (i)\_\_\_\_\_ are found to contain (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ chemicals.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. ubiquitous	D. benign
B. innocuous	E. complex
C. insalubrious	F. baneful

44. The novel's heroine shows a remarkable (i)\_\_\_\_\_ to worship at the altar of youth, in her world, youth is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, while age, by contrast, confers competence and wisdom.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. disinclination	D. incredulous
B. desire	E. sagacious
C. tendency	F. callow

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

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. insipid	D. untested
B. infectious	E. captious
C. innocuous	F. contented

46. In reviewing cases decided by lower courts, Supreme Court justices search for precedents to justify their arguments. Reliance on precedent (i)\_\_\_\_\_ judicial restraint: the precedent (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ a judge's ability to determine the outcome of a case in a way that he or she might choose if there were no precedent.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. promotes	D. establishes
B. compromises	E. constrains
C. promulgates	F. prioritizes

47. In the 1980s, many historians sounded urgent calls for (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in American historical writing, as longer and longer monographs on smaller and smaller subjects were being written---dazzling studies, but pieces of a puzzle no one was putting together. This scholarship was not illuminating the central themes of history but (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. indulgence	D. obscuring
B. detail	E. criticizing
C. synthesis	F. celebrating

48. Just as large manufacturing companies with dominant positions in large domestic markets were once able to resist (i)\_\_\_\_\_ despite ample signs that foreign competition was rapidly overtaking them, strong and wealthy states can (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ and still manage to limp along for many years.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. innovation	D. exploit vulnerable markets
B. temptation	E. dominate international affairs
C. inertia	F. maintain misguided policies

49. To abolish the existence of nation-states is neither feasible nor desirable; but insofar as there are collective interest that transcend national boundaries, the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of nation-states must be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ to international institutions.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. sovereignty	D. subordinated
B. traditions	E. attributable
C. genealogy	F. analogous

50. Reviews written by music critic and composer Stephenson were hardly (i)\_\_\_\_\_: musicians who performed his music could count on sympathetic coverage, while those who ignored him were held to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ standards.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. disinterested	D. exacting
B. lucid	E. minimal
C. conventional	F. accepted

51. 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)	Blank(ii)
A. definitive	D. entreating
B. sobering	E. defying
C. implausible	F. absolving

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

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. fallacious	D. adverse
B. incomprehensible	E. unforeseen
C. incontrovertible	F. ameliorable

53. Whatever the acknowledged (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of the market and the merits of considering ways to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ them, implementing public policies toward this end entail the inevitable risk that those policies will simply create new deficiencies even as they address old ones.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. attractions	D. remedy
B. shortcomings	E. enhance
C. complexities	F. restore

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

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. frustrating	D. challenged
B. enlightening	E. conformed to
C. exciting	F. established

55. As climate change alters ecosystems, the winner are going to be the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ foragers, likes grizzlies that eat everything from ants to moose, and the losers are going to be those species that are too (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ to adjust.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. adaptive	D. specialized
B. persistent	E. hierarchical
C. anomalous	F. voracious

56. Far from (i)\_\_\_\_\_ corporate influence on the academy, Taylor would like to see more of it, he is particularly (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the idea of universities partnering with for-profit companies to sell online courses.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. decrying	D. enamored of
B. presuming	E. judicious about
C. investigating	F. unnerved by

57. Despite the recent proliferation of gourmet and specialty salts, studies suggest that it would take an unusually (i)\_\_\_\_\_ palate to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ foods prepared with different salts---most salts taste the same to most people.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. broad	D. distinguish
B. indiscriminate	E. enjoy
C. sensitive	F. modify

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

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. fallacies	D. international cooperation
B. paradoxes	E. military secrecy
C. assumptions	F. naval strategy

59. The virtual absence of cougars from late prehistoric faunas in the North American Great Basin (i)\_\_\_\_\_ a general scarcity of carnivores from these sites: bobcats, coyotes, and badgers are routinely found, and even such historically (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ carnivores as bears and wolves are found as well.

Blank(i)	Bland(ii)
A. largely parallels	D. widespread
B. does not reflect	E. rare
C. is a consequence of	F. representative

60. In her new biography, Gonzales doesn't (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the aspects of her subject that have drawn criticism but instead treats them with considerable (ii) \_\_\_\_\_: hardly a fact or assertion goes by her without being sourced in the endnotes.

Blank(i)	Bland(ii)
A. explain	D. sympathy
B. acknowledge	E. thoroughness
C. evade	F. ingenuity

61. There is a somewhat (i) \_\_\_\_\_ trend emerging in property law today: though property law historically has been used to legitimize the conquest of indigenous lands, indigenous groups worldwide are now (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ this same body of law to lay claim to their own cultural resources.

Blank(i)	Bland(ii)
A. ironic	D. circumventing
B. untimely	E. employing
C. redundant	F. invalidating

62. Standard thermal evolution models of giant planets employ initial conditions that are, to some extent, arbitrarily chosen, selected more for computational expediency than for physical accuracy. Since eventually the initial conditions (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the evolving planet, this approach is more (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ for mature planets than it is for young planets.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. become irrelevant to	D. involved
B. are recreated by	E. unpredictable
C. enforce constraints on	F. valid

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. become quite pessimistic	D. Suspense
B. been looking backward	E. Fantasy
C. anticipated technological developments	F. Nostalgia

64. At one time researchers viewed the placebo effect as (i) \_\_\_\_\_, a statistical (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ faced by those attempting an objective evaluation of the efficacy of potentially legitimate therapies. That view has changed: the placebo effect is today seen as an important part of the healing process.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. a boon	D. increment
B. a touchstone	E. annoyance
C. an impediment	F. deviation



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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. an empiricist	D. brilliant theorizing
B. a traditionalist	E. voluminous reading
C. an enthusiast	F. careful observation

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. Practical	D. predict fluctuations
B. Theoretical	E. quantify changes in
C. Ethical	F. trigger elevation of

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

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

68. 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)	Blank (ii)
A. alienated from	D. eager to exploit
B. emboldened by	E. unable to seize
C. encumbered by	F. forced to reconsider

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. elusive	D. consummate
B. inconsequential	E. truculent
C. exciting	F. superfluous

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. separation	D. excluded from
B. antagonism	E. appropriated by
C. entanglement	F. superfluous to

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. predictable	D. purview
B. discounted	E. overreaching
C. startling	F. contingency

72. According to Dr. Edith Widder, measuring the level of pollutant in sediment provides a more accurate and robust indication of an estuary's health than does measuring the level of chemicals in the water, since pollution in water is (i)\_\_\_\_\_, but pollution in sediment is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank(i)	Bland(ii)
A. declining	D. significant
B. manageable	E. persistent
C. transient	F. detectable

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

Blank(i)	Bland(ii)
A. conducive to	D. subsidized
B. threatened by	E. limited
C. dependent on	F. trivialized

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

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

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. narrow in scope	D. utilitarianism
B. susceptible to fads	E. parochialism
C. averse to empiricism	F. historicism

76. Memory-prompt technology such as online birthday reminders does more than enhance our recall abilities; it induces us to (i)\_\_\_\_\_ ever more behaviors to automated processes. Witness the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ a program that allows us to create computer greeting cards for the entire year in one setting.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. delegate	D. controversy over
B. ascribe	E. popularity of
C. liken	F. sophistication of

77. Many of the towns that have voted to keep incinerators in the county’s solid waste plan have done so not because they necessarily (i)\_\_\_\_\_ incinerators, but because they are (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ to narrow their waste-disposal options.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. question	D. willing
B. favor	E. eager
C. oppose	F. loath

78. Although movie critic Pauline Kael had a distaste for sycophancy, she also had a need for (i)\_\_\_\_\_, as a consequence of these competing feeling, she sent very (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ signals to friends and colleagues.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. solitude	D. direct
B. obeisance	E. subtle
C. clarity	F. mixed

79. Nordhaus predict that in the future we will increasingly be (i)\_\_\_\_\_ ecological problems like global warming rather than (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ them. We may, for example, make some headway in limiting emissions that contribute to warming, but much of our work will be in adapting to ecological problems and alleviating their effects.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. managing	D. solving
B. analyzing	E. declining
C. transcending	F. mitigating

80. So (i)\_\_\_\_\_ is the reputation of the city's police force for (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ that whenever a new police chief take office, he or she routinely promises to clean up the force.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)
A. persistent	D. corruption
B. recent	E. efficiency
C. discouraging	F. inexperience

81. Unlike the elected branches of the United States government, where making personal connection with citizens is (i)\_\_\_\_\_ and almost (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ political efficacy, the United States Supreme Court continues to maintain that its members should communicate with the public almost exclusively through formal opinions---and even then through ceremonial rituals that date back to the nineteenth century.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. frowned upon	D. a requirement for
B. rampant	E. a detriment to
C. disregarded	F. an irrelevance to

82. Scientists said that cosmology was the field where the ratio of theory to data was (i)\_\_\_\_\_: there was an abundance of theories, but almost no data. Recently, however, that ratio has flipped. A huge and ever-increasing amount of data has (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ all theories but one.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. completely unknown	D. eliminated
B. nearly infinite	E. supported
C. always variable	F. clarified

83. It would be naïve to treat remarks made in diaries or personal letters as giving especially candid access to historical truth or even as being expressions of the writer's true state of mind, since the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ for exaggeration and deception in those forms is virtually nonexistent. Diaries and letters are rarely sites for (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. motivation	D. premeditated manipulation
B. penalty	E. childish theatrics
C. tendency	F. balanced reflection

84. Scholarly works on detective stories often begin with (i)\_\_\_\_\_, suggesting that there is something vaguely wrong with adults who spend their time reading such fiction and certainly something (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ those who devote energy to its analysis.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. chronologies	D. awry in
B. apologies	E. astute about
C. synopses	F. courageous about

85. The reclusive clergyman may have lived and died in melancholy, but this doesn't seem to have (i)\_\_\_\_\_ his genius in any way. On the contrary, we find ourselves wondering whether his genius wasn't (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in some mysterious way by his mood.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. influenced	D. served
B. hampered	E. controlled
C. triggered	F. identified

86. Tagore had a sharply defined sense of the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of scientific inquiry. The fact that science dealt in statistics and numbers, that its logic was probabilistic, meant that the domain of moral questions (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ it: moral questions, for Tagore, required certainties, not probabilities.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. irrationality	D. guarded over
B. limits	E. lay outside
C. futility	F. was subject to

87. Many of the unusual behaviors attributed to crows—such as drinking coffee or presenting gifts to people who feed them—are based on (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and therefore fall into the category of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ rather than science.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. long-term observation	D. anecdote
B. controlled experiments	E. speculation
C. secondhand testimony	F. hypothesis

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. a benign	D. overcomes
B. an orthodox	E. embodies
C. an anomalous	F. anticipates

89. One way to predict the effects of global climate change on an ecosystem is to extrapolate current trend in global change factors into the future. A (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of this method is that its predictions (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ actual observation, but the method also makes the questionable assumption that the future will resemble the present.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. virtue	D. dispense with
B. drawback	E. derive from
C. peculiarity	F. improve upon

90. For decades, economic ideas have been (i)\_\_\_\_\_ political purpose. Economists, for example, have peddled their theories as a way of gaining public prominence or political appointment, while politicians have (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ economic doctrines as possible solutions to the nation's social problems.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. undermined by	D. rejected
B. inspired by	E. ignored
C. exploited for	F. promoted

91. Making loans and fighting poverty are normally two of the least glamorous pursuits around, but remarkably enough put the two together, and you have an economic innovation that has become not just (i)\_\_\_\_\_ but downright (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. popular	D. chic
B. pointless	E. unfathomable
C. dangerous	F. sensible

92. Convinced of the gravity of her poetry, Voigt must have found the reviews of her most recent collection (i)\_\_\_\_\_ reading: one amused reviewer thought that it was unrecognizable as poetry but decidedly (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. tempting	D. inspiring
B. depressing	E. irritating
C. thrilling	F. diverting

93. Among wide-ranging animal species, populations at the edge of the species' range are frequently exposed to less (i)\_\_\_\_\_ and more variable conditions than those in other parts on the range. As a results, the animals' abundance is often (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. erratic	D. lower at the periphery
B. favorable	E. unaffected by habitat
C. demanding	F. underestimated by researchers

### 三空题:

1. Biologists have little (i)\_\_\_\_\_ drawing the link between the success of humanity and human (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. Indeed, many biologists claim that this attribute, the ability to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_, or, to put it more sharply, to make individuals subordinate their self-interest to the needs of the group, lies at the root of human achievement.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. consensus regarding	D. resilience	G. reflect
B. compunction about	E. sociability	H. communicate
C. justification for	F. uniqueness	I. cooperate

2. Just because, as a photographer, Friedlander (i)\_\_\_\_\_ places that most people consider ugly does not mean that he is out to prove they are beautiful. Instead, his work suggests that the photographer simply cannot ignore so much of the built American landscape but is obligated to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ what we pass through day in and day out, regardless of (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. tends to avoid	D. document	G. authenticity
B. is harshly critical of	E. emulate	H. truthfulness
C. is interested in	F. discredit	I. aesthetics

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. obscure	D. incommensurate with	G. parity
B. celebrate	E. surpassed by	H. inclusiveness
C. countermand	F. inspired by	I. stratification

4. Unlike most other serious journals, which drain money from their owners, *the Review* has long been (i)\_\_\_\_\_. But the formula is not without its imperfections, which have grown more pronounced in recent years. The publication has always been erudite and (i)\_\_\_\_\_ but not always lively and readable. (iii)\_\_\_\_\_, accompanied by a certain aversion to risk taking, has pervaded its pages for a long time.

Blank ( i )	Blank ( ii )	Blank ( iii )
A. lucrative	D. authoritative	G. An originality
B. realistic	E. animated	H. An impulsiveness
C. unesteemed	F. trendy	I. A staleness



5. Behavioral economists have come to believe that a (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of choices can be paralyzing as Schwartz pointed out in the recent book *The Paradox of Choice*. Studies of retirement plans show that the more investment choices a plan offers, the less likely people are to participate in it. It may follow, then that a lack of flexibility in certain plans may actually be a (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. People reasonably (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ some advantages in exchange for peace of mind.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. surfeit	D. virtue	G. foresee
B. reduction	E. conundrum	H. forestall
C. stabilization	F. revelation	I. forgo

6. Laws protecting intellectual property are intended to stimulate creativity, yet some forms of creative work have never enjoyed legal protection—a situation that ought to be of great interest. If we see certain forms of creative endeavor (i) \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of uncontrolled copying, we might decide to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ intellectual property law. Conversely, if unprotected creative work (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ in the absence of legal rules against copying, we would do well to know how such flourishing is sustained.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. languishing	D. jettison	G. declines in originality
B. proliferating	E. extend	H. manages to thrive
C. diversifying	F. relax	I. openly invites imitation

7. The historian of ancient science Otto Neugebauer concluded that Babylonian astronomical texts are (i) \_\_\_\_\_ because everything has been eliminated from the astronomy except observations and the mathematical consequences of an initial hypothesis about the fundamental character of the astronomical movements. This judgment cohered with the high level of mathematical theory, which (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ mathematical computation together with empirical observation as (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ of science and denied any role to speculative hypotheses of a strongly theoretical nature.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. questionable	D. repudiated	G. end result
B. scientific	E. admitted	H. necessary characteristics
C. limited	F. confounded	I. discredited path

8. Many fairy tales are complex narratives of wish fulfillment. They teach the reader that a struggle against severe difficulties in life is (i) \_\_\_\_\_, that it is an intrinsic part of human existence, and that if one does not (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, but steadfastly meets unexpected and often unjust hardships, one masters all obstacles and at the end (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. atypical	D. preserve	G. elicits adversities
B. unavoidable	E. improvise	H. emerges victorious
C. insurmountable	F. shy away	I. evades achievements

9. Fifty pages of footnotes, some of them presenting quite lengthy bibliographies, suggest that very few pertinent sources on the Black Arts movement in literature have (i)\_\_\_\_\_. Thompson's search. (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, the text makes it clear that the author's examination of these sources has been similarly (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. eluded	D. Moreover	G. valuable
B. characterized	E. However	H. timely
C. motivated	F. Consequently	I. exhaustive

10. The slow pace of job creation was without precedent for the period of recovery from a recession, but the conditions that conspired to cause the recession were also (i)\_\_\_\_\_. The stock market declined sharply, and rampant business investment slumped. Then an ensuing spate of scandals (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ public trust in the way companies were run. And yet, despite these powerful (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ to growth, the recession proved surprisingly mild.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. heartening	D. weakened	G. counterforces
B. atypical	E. illuminated	H. stimulants
C. ambiguous	F. consolidated	I. concomitants

11. While some commentators suggest that abstraction and complexity in scientific research are signs that a given direction is misguided, Lisa Randall, a professor of physics at Harvard, counters that these qualities instead reflect the success of human ingenuity in (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the increasingly (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ challenges that nature presents. They can, however, make it more (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ to communicate scientific developments, even to colleague.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. creating	D. difficult	G. challenging
B. meeting	E. conspicuous	H. unproductive
C. eschewing	F. pragmatic	I. advantageous

12. The modern iron suspension bridge dates from the early nineteenth century, but it did not have (i)\_\_\_\_\_ debut. Many early suspension bridges were damaged, if not outright destroyed, by the wind. There were few (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, however, so the form (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (i)	Blank(i)
A. a propitious	D. obvious parallels	G. declined
B. a conspicuous	E. practical alternatives	H. inspired
C. an equivocal	F. unnoticed instances	I. persisted

13. The experimental theater company's members know that their performances (i) \_\_\_\_\_ an audience, and that they were dense and unpredictable and not always easy to digest. But none of the techniques used would be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ anyone with an interest in music or films. Indeed, they would seem strange only to people who expected to see traditionally crafted plays. The actors therefore felt that theater critics' derisive commentary showed only that the critics (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ the company's work.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. made demands on	D. contemplated by	G. lambasted
B. had to command	E. alien to	H. exploited
C. were sure to please	F. intuitive for	I. misunderstood

14. The new art museum's (i) \_\_\_\_\_ building augurs well for that ambitious institution because it speaks of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ contemporary architecture on the part of the board of directors that may (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ equal astuteness about contemporary art.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. nondescript	D. a discernment about	G. conceal
B. outstanding	E. a hostility toward	H. supplant
C. outdated	F. an intoxication by	I. promise

15. The skin of the poison dart frog contains deadly poisons called batrachotoxins. But the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of the toxins has remained an enigma, as the frog does not (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ them. Now an analysis suggests that the melyrid beetle is the source. Collected beetle specimens all contained batrachotoxins, suggesting that these beetles are (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ by the frogs.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. effect	D. pressure	G. eaten
B. origin	E. produce	H. neutralized
C. purpose	F. suffer from	I. poisoned

16. Computers make it spectacularly easy to search for particular pieces of information in downloaded texts. And doing research in this strategic, targeted manner can feel (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Instead of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the organizing logic of the book you are reading, you can approach the book with your own questions and (iii) \_\_\_\_\_. You, not the author, are the master.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. disorienting	D. disregarding	G. begin to discern the author's intent
B. humbling	E. surrendering to	H. glean precisely what you want from it
C. empowering	F. imitating	I. evaluate the book on its own terms

17. There are two opposing theories about mountain formation and climate over the past 40 million years: either the surge of mountain building (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the global cooling, or vice versa. The first of these two theories asserts that widespread mountain building cooled the earth as result of (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ mountains and climate. For example, mountain glaciers tend to be (iii)\_\_\_\_\_: once established, they increase the reflectivity of the surface, thus lowering temperatures and allowing more ice to form.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. superseded	D. disparity between	G. unpredictable
B. halted	E. feedback between	H. static
C. caused	F. complexity of	I. self-perpetuating

18. Pioneering medical research scientists' (i)\_\_\_\_\_ claims regarding the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ new researches make the public wonder why their own doctors are not dispensing miracles. There are forces, both external and internal, on scientists that almost require them to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_. Without money, there is no science. Researchers must constantly convince administrators who control tax dollars, investors, and individual donors that the work they are doing will make a difference.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. modest	D. serious constraints on	G. improvise
B. inflated	E. overblown interpretations of	H. oversell
C. fastidious	F. potential benefits of	I. generalize

19. Despite the occasional (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of their venues, the culture of corporate conferences is a deeply (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ conference, each day consisted of nearly nine hours of continuous lectures and panels enlivened by pleasantries or anything that could be construed as a joke. The only (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ sensory deprivation of the sessions came from the handsome color slides favored by the corporate presenters

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. seclusion	D. sycophantic	G. allusion to
B. opulence	E. ascetic	H. ramification of
C. enormity	F. mercenary	I. respite from

20. Galaxy Zoo set a standard for citizen-scientist participation project. Zealous volunteers (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the project's organizers by classifying an entire catalog of galaxies years ahead of schedule. (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ by the (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ of the volunteers, the Galaxy Zoo team was inspired to pursue lines of research they had never even imagined

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. beguiled	D. Baffled	G. insouciance
B. forestalled	E. Buoyed	H. stoicism
C. astonished	F. Embarrassed	I. alacrity

21. To label Hamilton a foreigner because he was born outside what later became the United States is to assume anachronistically the existence of the nation before the fact. It is true that Hamilton came to believe that he was a (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the United States, but his (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ was stemmed not from his (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ but from his confrontation with American democracy, which he considered to be a disease afflicting the nation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. symbol of	D. alienation	G. ideology
B. stranger in	E. ambition	H. profession
C. citizen of	F. patriotism	I. birthplace

22. Gravitational waves---ripples in the geometry of space-time--- are analogous to electromagnetic waves. The challenge in trying to observe these waves directly is that they are extremely weak. To make waves large enough to be (i)\_\_\_\_\_, the most (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ events in the universe are required: supernova explosions, the formation of black holes, or the collision of stars. Even so, the effects are (iii)\_\_\_\_\_. The geometry changes so little that a distance of several kilometers changes by less than the diameter of a proton.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. detectable	D. obvious	G. masked
B. usable	E. subtle	H. disastrous
C. explicable	F. violent	I. minuscule

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. contribute to	D. provocative	G. captivated
B. reduce	E. misguided	H. confused
C. cover up	F. cynical	I. outraged

24. For Plato the art of music was so (i)\_\_\_\_\_ moral and political reality that any alteration to music system would necessarily require a corresponding political shift. But two and a half millennia later, when classical music is generally seem merely as a lifestyle accessory, Plato's conception seems (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. To be sure, there are still people who consider classical music to be of (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ cultural importance, but few of them are able to articulate this convincingly.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. rarely identified with	D. apt	G. marginal
B. tenuously connected to	E. absurd	H. profound
C. firmly anchored in	F. disingenuous	I. uncertain

25. Now that photographic prints have become a popular field for collecting, auctions are becoming more (i) \_\_\_\_\_. It is not just the entry of new collectors into the field that is causing this intensification. Established collectors' interests are also becoming more (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. Those who once concentrated on the work of either the nineteenth-century pioneers or the twentieth-century modernists are now keen to have (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ collections.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. competitive	D. fickle	G. comprehensive
B. tedious	E. wide-ranging	H. legitimate
C. exclusive	F. antiquarian	I. impressive

26. Although Thaler employs an innovative mode of analysis, his study offers yet another examination of quite (i) \_\_\_\_\_ ground—namely, the cultural ideology of Norwegian-American preservationist writers in the early twentieth century. The history, literature, and changing internal dynamics of the Norwegian subculture in America constitute a particularly well-studied area. Anyone familiar with the authoritative work of scholars in the field will (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ little in Thaler's study that is (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. unfamiliar	D. find	G. accurate
B. well-worked	E. understand	H. new
C. fruitful	F. reveal	I. recognizable

27. Viewing people as “social atoms” that obey rather simple rules (which are not unlike the laws of physics), one may discover certain (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Take, for example, the way channels emerge when people move in crowds. In the midst of initially (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ movements, one person begins to follow another----in an effort to avoid collisions----and streams of movement emerge. As more people join in, there is greater pull on others to join the flow, and the particular channels become (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. apparent contradictions	D. inflexible	G. self-defeating
B. unproductive tendencies	E. straightforward	H. self-aggrandizing
C. lawlike regularities	F. chaotic	I. self-perpetuating

28. With the emergence of scientific history-writing in the late nineteenth century, several authors sought to ignore the glowing myths surrounding George Washington and uncover the human being within, but their biographies were still (i) \_\_\_\_\_ enough that Washington remained a marbled and remote figure. Indeed, by the 1920s Washington had become such (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ personage that inevitably someone had to go to the other extreme and try to (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ the legend.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. ponderous	D. a deified	G. debunk
B. empirical	E. an ignored	H. aggrandize
C. laudatory	F. a misunderstood	I. reproduce

29. Anna Gavalda's fiction is appealing largely because of her writing style, which is certainly (i) \_\_\_\_\_. This approach--heavy on the dialogue (and light on the embellishment), feature very short sections (of often only a few sentence) in rapid succession, and in general favor an unadorned directness--makes for whatever appeal her fiction might have. Not surprisingly, this style works better in short-story form than in novels, and the story collection *I Wish someone Were Waiting for Me Somewhere* (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ her attempt to (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ it in a novel, as in, for example, *Someone I loved*.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. annoying	D. is thought to precede	G. undermine
B. distinctive	E. fails in comparison with	H. sustain
C. convoluted	F. impresses considerably more than	I. reject

30. To read Joanna Scott is to admire the work of a (i) \_\_\_\_\_. From sentence to story, she narrates with great skill and (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, so that the reader soon relaxes in the assurance that a hint or a brushstroke delivered in chapter1 will be (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ before the novel comes to an end.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. proselytizer	D. deliberation	G. given import
B. sage	E. enthusiasm	H. largely forgotten
C. master	F. flamboyance	I. overwhelmed with details

31. When the Agriculture Department (i) \_\_\_\_\_ its new dietary guidelines, it laid down a challenge: Eat better, smarter, and healthier or else. The "or else" included a long list of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ that (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ the developed world, from heart disease and osteoporosis to diabetes.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. make public	D. intangibles	G. assuage
B. debunked	E. misconceptions	H. plague
C. refused to consider	F. maladies	I. ignore

32. One sometimes hears that Marco Polo introduced pasta to the Western world, having encountered it in China. This durable myth, which (i) \_\_\_\_\_ that nothing should have been known of pasta in Italy until 1295, when Marco Polo returned from the Far East, can easily be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ by pointing out that there are Italian references to pasta that (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. requires	D. augmented	G. praise its virtues
B. demonstrates	E. debunked	H. can be authenticated
C. symbolizes	F. traced	I. predate that event

33. 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
A. restrain	D. incursions of	G. corrupt
B. reveal	E. restrictions on	H. justify
C. disguise	F. acknowledgements of	I. expedite

34. The research on otters' environmental requirements is surprisingly(i)\_\_\_\_\_. One reason for this has to do with the estimation of how much they use different areas. Doing so may be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in some kinds of terrain, such as Shetland where the Eurasian otters are active in daytime and have clear individual markings. There it is possible to identify the individuals over stretches of coast of a few kilometers and to see what kinds of coast they use. However, the field conditions are(iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. straightforward	D. quite problematic	G. routine
B. controversial	E. relatively simple	H. deceptive
C. difficult	F. largely unnecessary	I. exceptional

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

Blank (i)	Blank	Blank (iii)
A. frustrating	D. gather	G. acquisition
B. intriguing	E. apprehend	H. interpretation
C. challenging	F. dispute	I. implementation

36. Most advocates of space exploration by the United States would not explicitly associate spaceflight with (i)\_\_\_\_\_, yet that belief is among the roots of arguments (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ human spaceflight---to seek utopia. Throughout United States history there has been (iii)\_\_\_\_\_, and many space advocates have used that notion to make their case for exploring and settling space.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. entertainment	D. questioning	G. a hostile region fit only for the most self-reliant
B. irrationality	E. analyzing	H. the ideal location for one to better oneself
C. utopia	F. promoting	I. a paradise corrupted by European civilization



37. Not all paleontologists agree that connections between the continents were (i)\_\_\_\_\_ just after the extinction of the dinosaurs. Some hold the view that North America, Asia, and South America had (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ immediately following the dinosaur extinction, pointing to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ between ancient kinds of mammals that existed on all three continents at this time in support of their argument.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. significant	D. lasting differences	G. similarities
B. permanent	E. extensive contacts	H. intermediaries
C. limited	F. trivial likenesses	I. hostilities

38. The usual (i)\_\_\_\_\_ spending public monies on scientific projects is that such projects have the potential to make our lives healthier, safer, and more productive. However, the fact that science---even “pure” science---can strengthen democracy and promote public participation in the political process is hardly ever (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. It should be. Scientific literacy (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ democracy, and this is an important ancillary benefit of the promotion of science.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. argument against	D. denied	G. stifles
B. rationale for	E. mentioned	H. energizes
C. precedent for	F. gainsaid	I. disregards

39. The limitations of human attention cause us to miss much of what goes on around us. The real problem here is that we are often (i)\_\_\_\_\_ these limitations: we think that we see the world as it really is, but our ostensibly reliable visual experience (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ striking mental (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. impatient with	D. belies	G. feats
B. unaware of	E. unifies	H. images
C. distracted by	F. dispels	I. lapses

40. Movement from bottom to top, from poor to rich, was rare, even movement from poor to middle class was (i)\_\_\_\_\_. Statistical analysis of trends in occupation, income, and property ownership, Thernstrom wrote, “yielded rather (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ conclusions about social mobility in nineteenth-century America.” So we might expect Thernstrom to be suspicious now of claims that differences in class could be (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ if only the public school did a better job.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. an anomaly	D. multifaceted	G. distinguished
B. a cinch	E. pessimistic	H. misapprehended
C. a conjecture	F. unsophisticated	I. obliterated

41. During the Harlem Renaissance, Alain Locke (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the first flourishing of a self-consciously racial art movement in America and was widely credited with providing the philosophical basis for its emergence. His importance as a critic of African America art and as an art theorist is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ if controversial, yet he has received (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ attention for his unique insight into the broad forces that shaped American modernism and cultural nationalism in the visual arts.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. forestalled	D. undisputed	G. undeserved
B. presided over	E. misleading	H. meticulous
C. seethed over	F. questionable	I. insufficient

42. A bird’s feathers would seem to be a (i)\_\_\_\_\_ design for protecting a bird from attack by microscopic organisms. They create a warm, moist space next to the skin that could be an ideal incubator for spores. Wild birds rarely (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ skin diseases, however. The chemicals in the sebum include an array of antibacterial and antifungal agents that allow the bird’s skin to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. perfect	D. contract	G. stay healthy
B. typical	E. overcome	H. become irritated
C. poor	F. notice	I. recover quickly

43. Women in the mining towns of the American West were strictly stereotyped into neat categories of public and private, good and bad, but the 100 intrepid female prospectors in Zanjani’s book managed to (i)\_\_\_\_\_ those categories. In addition to providing documentation that demolishes the all-male version of prospecting, Zanjani uses the examples of her female loners to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ some of the (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ generalizations about Euro-American women as uniformly nurturant and sociable pioneers.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. inhabit	D. puncture	G. accurate
B. reveal	E. invent	H. facile
C. confound	F. perpetual	I. unknown

44. Leo Tolstoy wrote many works of nonfiction and professed (i)\_\_\_\_\_ these explorations of ethics and religion compared with his novels and short stories. The fiction writer in him, however, was hard to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. *Handi Murdd* is a short novel with the breadth and power of an epic, with vivid characterization and intense storytelling that sweep the reader away. While the reader senses the moral concerns of the tale's creator, the novel is a far cry from the (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ of Tolstoy's nonfiction.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. a preference for	D. suppress	G. didacticism
B. an aversion to	E. identity	H. fluidity
C. an indifference toward	F. incite	I. creativity

45. Recent proposals for fixing the climate have taken the form of large-scale geoengineering projects such as launching mirrors into space to reflect solar radiation away from Earth, undertakings that are vastly more (i)\_\_\_\_\_ than anything a nineteenth-century rainmaker could have cooked up. What is unclear, as one looks back at the history of weather modification research, is whether this resourceful ambition will be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, or if, by contrast, it serves to make the scientific community's (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ that much more devastating.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. effective	D. anticipated	G. avidity
B. enterprising	E. challenged	H. impotence
C. accessible	F. productive	I. resignation

46. A minor criticism of the book, which is (i)\_\_\_\_\_ an understanding of the difficulty of doing direct research in Hong Kong's, is that So relied on secondary sources to tell the story of Hong Kong's political development, with previous histories of the period (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ his research. Given So's (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ many of the players in Hong Kong politics, it is surprising that he did not use interviews and other forms of direct research to delve further into the motivations, strategies, and tactics of participants.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. attributable to	D. largely debunked by	G. deference to
B. exacerbated by	E. obviating the need for	H. estrangement from
C. tempered by	F. playing a large role in	I. proximity to

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

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

48. Compared with, say, the precision of a skein of geese winging its way across the autumn sky in a V formation, the seasonal marches of grazers across the Serengeti seem (i)\_\_\_\_\_, and at times even (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. But, in fact, years of careful observation by scientists have shown that there is (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ those migrations of zebras, wildebeests, and Thomson's gazelles.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. disorganized	D. illusionary	G. a tendency toward aggression in
B. purposeful	E. overwhelming	H. an undeniable grandeur to
C. massive	F. chaotic	I. a definite order to

49. Saul's particular combination of intellectuality and vitality was not paradoxical; it was category shattering. (i)\_\_\_\_\_ was, in a way, his very theme. Was ever a bookish soul so cracklingly unmediated, so (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ raw life? He was as vivid physically as he was mentally, almost repulsed by (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. Energy	D. put off by	G. seriousness
B. Nostalgia	E. flush with	H. sensuality
C. Solitude	F. uninterested in	I. tedium

50. 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)
A. an impediment	D. be insufficient	G. obviate
B. a panacea	E. recede	H. temper
C. a malady	F. materialize	I. encourage

51. Keith Haring's cartoonish art became even more (i)\_\_\_\_\_ than Andy Warhol's much-reproduced soup cans when, in 1986, he opened his own store, the Pop Shop, to sell licensed Haring merchandise. The public loved the souvenirs; the critics (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ what they saw as his betrayal of artistic integrity. Haring claimed that these critics misunderstood his (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ to take art beyond galleries and museums, and thus to give a wider audience the opportunity to experience art.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. commercial	D. fostered	G. failed plan
B. traditional	E. decried	H. financial practice
C. expert	F. anticipated	I. sincere efforts

52. (i) \_\_\_\_\_ have often shrilled that Australia's Great Barrier Reef is dying, a result of agricultural runoff from the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ Queensland coast. In truth, the preservation of the reef (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, a combination of active government intervention and the beneficial effects of responsible tourism.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. Apologists	D. long-abandoned	G. is based on an impracticality
B. Optimists	E. over-farmed	H. remains a matter of controversy
C. Scaremongers	F. well-preserved	I. is something of a success story

53. People love to talk about their commutes to and from work: those with an easy commute tend to (i) \_\_\_\_\_, while those who hate their commute think and speak of it as a core affliction, like a chronic illness. Once you raise the subject, the testimonies pour out, and, if your ears are tuned to it, you begin overhearing commute talk everywhere. People who are normally (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ may, when describing their commutes, be unexpectedly (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ divulging the intimate details of their lives.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. grumble	D. inattentive	G. candid in
B. commiserate	E. garrulous	H. economical in
C. gloat	F. circumspect	I. flustered about

54. However luminous an insight might seem initially, brilliance is not a reliable predictor of (i) \_\_\_\_\_, and sure enough the history of physical chemistry is replete with theories that were as (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ as any but that (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A. popularity	D. opaque	G. slowly developed
B. originality	E. ingenious	H. eventually collapsed
C. validity	F. useful	I. ultimately prevailed

55. Until now, old snapshots and home movies faded and crumbled and were eventually (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Only a few precious mementos were preserved and passed along. But as photography moves into the digital realm, family albums and home videos seem capable of (ii) \_\_\_\_: our capacity to store them is, for all practical purposes, approaching the infinite. Is such a transformation a good thing? The natural world teaches us that (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ are vital to ecological health. Does a similar principle apply to communal memory?

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A. archived	D. transmission	G. death and decay
B. discarded	E. immortality	H. predator and prey
C. reproduced	F. revolution	I. reproduction and renewal

56. Even though intelligence may be quite (i)\_\_\_\_\_, and even though scientists may have made frustratingly (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ progress in understanding it, many experts on intelligence still think that the potential (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ of the quest to understand intelligence make it worth continuing. For instance, a brain-based understanding of intelligence may help teachers design strategies for educating children more effectively.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A. useful	D. little	G. intellectual impediments
B. neglected	E. rapid	H. practical values
C. complex	F. extensive	I. financial rewards

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

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

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. shun	D. diverting	G. popularity
B. correct	E. tragic	H. rarity
C. realize	F. unfinished	I. clarity

59. Both inquiries were pushed forward by obsessive, heavy-handed investigators with political agendas; both dragged on interminably, with investigators ultimately chasing after details (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the original alleged offenses. And just as the first inquiry long ago grew too (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ for most citizens to grasp, in the same way the second inquiry hinged on immunological experiments so (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ ---and produced so many conflicting interpretations of the allegedly fabricated experimental records---that impartial observers rarely knew what to believe.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. at the foundation of	D. convoluted	G. arcane
B. decreasingly related to	E. partisan	H. momentous
C. providing background	F. personal	I. unambiguous

60. Substantial atmosphere around planetary bodies act as (i)\_\_\_\_\_ incoming objects. Smaller objects, particularly those that are lower in density and more fragile, (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in the upper reaches of the atmosphere, whereas more intact, larger bodies may survive to impact the surface. Thus, relative to large craters, small craters are much less (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ on bodies with dense atmosphere, such as Earth, Venus, and Titan, than they are on Mercury and Moon.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. effective obscurers of	D. vaporize	G. unusual
B. significant filters to	E. proliferate	H. persistent
C. impenetrable barriers against	F. agglomerate	I. common

61. For many years Cole experienced (i)\_\_\_ his professional circle. He was a (ii)\_\_\_ figure in the Middle East Studies Association of North America, editing for five years its flagship publication, and in 2004 he was even elected the association's incoming president. But because his research focused on highly (iii)\_\_\_ aspects of the eighteenth- and nineteenth century Middle East, he was unlikely to achieve any sort of public acclaim.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A. obscurity within	D. leading	G. relevant
B. estrangement from	E. provocative	H. esoteric
C. anonymity outside	F. traditional	I. disputed

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

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A. unfounded	A. shows no inconsistencies	D. shoddy
B. modest	B. lag far behind	E. clever
C. sweeping	C. holds great promise	F. conventional

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

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

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. evaluate the principles	D. unpopular	G. misleading
B. embrace the rhetoric	E. dispassionate	H. unnecessary
C. abandon the objectivity	F. inflexible	I. haphazard

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. comprehensiveness	D. veracity	G. jettisoned
B. factuality	E. thoroughness	H. rationalized
C. entertainment	F. pleasure	I. acknowledged

66. The Golden Gates Bridge has been quite (i) \_\_\_\_\_ by most aesthetic and functional criteria. However, as a structure it has had some limitations. Shortly after it opened, its roadway proved to be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ under certain wind conditions, so it was stiffened. The additional steel that provided that stiffening naturally added weight to the structure, and this made it (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ later to add a proposed rail system beneath the roadway.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. inadequate	D. quite noisy	G. unnecessary
B. unusual	E. overly flexible	H. impossible
C. successful	F. dangerously windswept	I. feasible

67. This book cannot be evaluated properly without examining the author's choice of format, which is the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of the format of standard academic works; here the photographs take center stage, with the text playing only a supporting role. This layout poses many dangers for the serious historian, not the least of which being the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ reception that academics—motivated partly by (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ but also by genuine concern over scholarly standards—generally reserve for books apparently aimed at the popular market.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. duplicate	D. scornful	G. academic integrity
B. epitome	E. deferential	H. snobbish elitism
C. inverse	F. good-natured	I. collegial sympathy



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

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A. inaccurate transmissions	D. convey	G. mundane
B. pernicious influences	E. decode	H. complex
C. prying eyes	F. intercept	I. celebrated

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

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

70. Inuit print making is less (i) \_\_\_\_\_ than carving in that it does not have substantial historical precedents, although there are (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ incised carvings on bone or antler, facial tattoo marks, or inlay skin work on clothing, mitts and footwear. Carving materials such as stone, bone, antler, wood, and ivory were (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, but paper and drawing tools were unknown until introduced by early explorers and missionaries.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. traditional	D. affinities with	G. available locally
B. prestigious	E. objections to	H. rarely used
C. anomalous	F. regulations about	I. virtually interchangeable

六选二：

1. Far from \_\_\_\_\_ innovations, as the patent system was designed to do, the patenting of concepts such as gene sequences gives individuals and corporations a legal chokehold over ideas that should be useful to all.
  - A. spurring
  - B. recognizing
  - C. codifying
  - D. acknowledging
  - E. fostering
  - F. cataloging
2. The major \_\_\_\_\_ of much popular history is that it betrays no interest in making intellectual contributions to our understanding of an issue.
  - A. characteristic
  - B. shortcoming
  - C. dilemma
  - D. quandary
  - E. ploy
  - F. fault
3. After rising continuously over the summer, commodity prices fell, leaving analyst wondering whether the downward trend is a turning point or merely a \_\_\_\_\_ before demand picks up in the winter months.
  - A. spike
  - B. upsurge
  - C. harbinger
  - D. portent
  - E. lull
  - F. respite
4. Doris Kearns Goodwin's elegant, incisive study of Lincoln \_\_\_\_\_ those whose knowledge of Lincoln is an amalgam of high school history and popular mythology as well as those who are experts.
  - A. gratify
  - B. entice
  - C. inspire
  - D. confuse
  - E. perplex
  - F. please
5. Noise suppression in phones can play an important role in making cellphone networks more efficient, since when sounds that are \_\_\_\_\_ to the meaningful signal are transmitted, precious network bandwidth is wasted.
  - A. unsuitable
  - B. detrimental
  - C. irrelevant
  - D. confined
  - E. limited
  - F. extraneous

6. There is frequently a protracted time interval between the introduction of an innovative musical composition and its public acceptance: the concert-going public often spurns the \_\_\_\_\_ in favor of the familiar for a prolonged period.
- A. comprehensive
  - B. intricate
  - C. novel
  - D. original
  - E. intelligible
  - F. complex
7. Natural causes nerves to die off and muscles to weaken, but regular exercise enlarges muscle fibers and can \_\_\_\_\_ the decline by increasing the strengthen muscle you have left.
- A. speed up
  - B. stave off
  - C. forestall
  - D. facilitate
  - E. assist
  - F. exploit
8. Communicating articulately is typically regarded as an aggressive, persuasive talent, but it can also be protective: it allows a certain \_\_\_\_\_ closeness, conveying proximity while actually maintaining distance.
- A. feigned
  - B. secretive
  - C. dubious
  - D. subtle
  - E. false
  - F. furtive
9. Writing about advances in climate science is often problematic, in part because the material is so \_\_\_\_\_: climate science is the study of shifting, interrelated, and sometimes paradoxical patterns.
- A. disheartening
  - B. pedestrian
  - C. complicated
  - D. depressing
  - E. knotty
  - F. mundane
10. There are many insights in the essays collected in *Observations on Modernity*, but they are embedded in a dense English translation of a dense German original that may make many of them \_\_\_\_\_ to most readers.
- A. vapid
  - B. inaccessible
  - C. sagacious
  - D. banal
  - E. distressing
  - F. opaque

11. Architects may be more extroverted and therefore the more \_\_\_\_\_ members of a bridge design team, but they are not always the most essential.
- A. indispensable
  - B. conscientious
  - C. reliable
  - D. visible
  - E. valuable
  - F. salient
12. Although scientific progress leads to constant revision of ideas, one observation that has remained \_\_\_\_\_ over the years is that there are a lot of insects in the world: some 950,000 species have been identified.
- A. robust
  - B. significant
  - C. strong
  - D. perplexing
  - E. confounding
  - F. obscure
13. Anne Carson's book *Nox* is, very deliberately, \_\_\_\_\_ literary object—the opposite of an e-reader, which is designed to vanish in your palm as you read on a train.
- A. an evanescent
  - B. a cumbersome
  - C. an immutable
  - D. an unwieldy
  - E. an ephemeral
  - F. an flexible
14. One of the peculiarities of humans is that we irrationally gravitate to the predictable and avoid risk, whatever the reason for this \_\_\_\_\_, it is hardly a sound basis for dealing with complex, long-term problems.
- A. eccentricity
  - B. predilection
  - C. vacillation
  - D. proclivity
  - E. wavering
  - F. cowardice
15. In a field of egotists, Bloomfield is \_\_\_\_\_, often praising her competitors and punctuating her correspondence with self-deprecating remarks.
- A. unassuming
  - B. complimentary
  - C. acerbic
  - D. ingenuous
  - E. cutting
  - F. modest

16. The beauty of the scientific approach is that even when individual researchers do \_\_\_\_\_ bias or partiality, others can correct them using a framework of evidence on which everyone broadly agrees.
- A. overreact to
  - B. deviate from
  - C. succumb to
  - D. recoil from
  - E. yield to
  - F. shrink from
17. The life of a secret agent is dangerous enough, but the life of a double agent is infinitely more \_\_\_\_\_: a single slip can send an agent crashing to destruction.
- A. arduous
  - B. precarious
  - C. clandestine
  - D. perilous
  - E. covert
  - F. exhilarating
18. Despite their cultural and social significance, rapid growth, and widespread appeal in China, video games-----unlike traditional media----have received \_\_\_\_\_ attention from international communication researches.
- A. undue
  - B. scant
  - C. excessive
  - D. focused
  - E. limited
  - F. dwindling
19. Although Wynne claims to recognize that \_\_\_\_\_ data are available to make definitive statement, she offers them nonetheless, arriving at some sweeping generalizations.
- A. concrete
  - B. finite
  - C. insufficient
  - D. indirect
  - E. conclusive
  - F. meager
20. In a book that inclines to \_\_\_\_\_, an epilogue arguing that ballet is dead arrives simply as one more overstatement.
- A. pessimism
  - B. misinterpretation
  - C. imprecision
  - D. vagueness
  - E. exaggeration
  - F. hyperbole

21. When studying the ancient Greek astronomers, Copernicus realized that despite the intrinsic beauty of many of their arguments, the ancients often made claims that \_\_\_\_\_ logic.
- A. refuted
  - B. questioned
  - C. influenced
  - D. swayed
  - E. defied
  - F. disregarded
22. 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.
- A. nullify
  - B. obviate
  - C. mitigate
  - D. belie
  - E. mask
  - F. accentuate
23. The cat known to researchers as M-120---beefy, audacious, and apparently smart enough to spot a free lunch---is perhaps the world's least \_\_\_\_\_ lynx: the scientists catch him several times a year.
- A. intelligent
  - B. evasive
  - C. fearless
  - D. furtive
  - E. elusive
  - F. intrepid
24. In the northeastern United States, beaver populations had been critically reduce or even \_\_\_\_\_ in large areas at the end of nineteenth century; as a result, several states instituted prohibitions on beaver trapping.
- A. diminished
  - B. extirpated
  - C. eliminated
  - D. devalued
  - E. weakened
  - F. underrated
25. Readers have long considered *Lawd Today!* , Richard Wright's first written and last published novel, \_\_\_\_\_; the novel simply seems inconsistent with the image of what a Wright text should do or be.
- A. an artifact
  - B. a prototype
  - C. an anomaly
  - D. a mainstay
  - E. an aberration
  - F. a model

26. His premiership, seemingly cast-iron a year ago, is now so vulnerable that even a good day at the office does no more than buy him a few weeks of \_\_\_\_\_ from rebels within his own party.

- A. controversy
- B. reproach
- C. respite
- D. relief
- E. blame
- F. deference

27. Taking to the mountains to escape the chaos occasioned by the collapse of the ruling dynasty, artists looked to nature for \_\_\_\_\_ and a serenity not evident in human society.

- A. an order
- B. a stability
- C. a fragility
- D. a decadence
- E. an interaction
- F. a degeneracy

28. Even before she went to art school, Veronica found the standard design categories \_\_\_\_\_: she didn't understand why designing buildings and designing tables should require different sensibilities.

- A. provocative
- B. limiting
- C. stimulating
- D. confusing
- E. confining
- F. exhilarating

29. The nation's robust economic performance could be \_\_\_\_\_ by the persistent flaws in its economic institutions and structure that are the result of half-finished and misguided government policies.

- A. neutralized
- B. concealed
- C. undermined
- D. impaired
- E. obscured
- F. outstripped

30. It is not unusual for American education leaders to hold up another nation as a model for school reform: in the mid-nineteenth century, such figures \_\_\_\_\_ the professionalism and structure of the Prussian school system.

- A. envied
- B. imitated
- C. hailed
- D. augmented
- E. acclaimed
- F. enhanced

31. The spacecraft's considerable heft forces an unusually \_\_\_\_\_ route that meanders through the solar system and depends on the gravitational pull of three heavenly bodies.
- A. predetermined
  - B. circuitous
  - C. indirect
  - D. truncated
  - E. shortened
  - F. sequential
32. Ancient cave painters explored every surface, and although they bypassed certain walls that to us seem just as suitable for decoration as ones they chose, the placement of the art apparently wasn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. inconsequential
  - B. capricious
  - C. strenuous
  - D. undisclosed
  - E. arduous
  - F. impulsive
33. The stories of silent drama may often have been \_\_\_\_\_, yet, within those broad outlines, the true artists among silent-film actors could express shadings that had no immediate analogue in language.
- A. implausible
  - B. incredible
  - C. conventional
  - D. elemental
  - E. rudimentary
  - F. confusing
34. Any antimatter in our part of the universe is necessarily \_\_\_\_\_ because of the overwhelming preponderance of ordinary matter, by which antimatter is quickly annihilated.
- A. short-lived
  - B. nebulous
  - C. scarce
  - D. concrete
  - E. substantial
  - F. ephemeral
35. Although people often describe the correct trajectory for a thrown or moving object, their efforts to explain that trajectory in terms of physics can reveal \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of the forces acting on the object.
- A. a naïve
  - B. a subtle
  - C. a fallacious
  - D. an unsophisticated
  - E. a nuanced
  - F. a fresh



36. His own writing style was \_\_\_\_\_: colorful and tart in its choice of language, willing to run risks in its allusions, metaphors, and verbal juxtapositions, prone to irreverent conclusions designed to surprise or startle.
- A. effusive
  - B. audacious
  - C. lyrical
  - D. striking
  - E. ornate
  - F. emotional
37. The book aims to illuminate how science has changed the meaning of nothingness from \_\_\_\_\_ philosophical concept to something we can almost put under a microscope.
- A. a tangible
  - B. a palpable
  - C. a nebulous
  - D. a nettlesome
  - E. an incontrovertible
  - F. a vague
38. 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.
- A. attuned to
  - B. abstracted from
  - C. derived from
  - D. divorced from
  - E. sensitive to
  - F. analyzed in
39. In their quest for kinder cutting, physicians increasingly rely on endoscopic surgery, replacing large scalpels and clamps with cameras and \_\_\_\_\_ tools that snake into the body through tiny holes.
- A. flexibility
  - B. rigidity
  - C. magnitude
  - D. suppleness
  - E. enormity
  - F. precision
40. For decades, Pluto seemed to be the mysteriously \_\_\_\_\_ planet: it was first thought to be about as large as Earth, but, subsequently, measurements had it smaller and smaller.
- A. morphing
  - B. appearing
  - C. dwindling
  - D. orbiting
  - E. contracting
  - F. emerging

41. Every illness is a story, and when Annie's began, it was characterized by the kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ details that mean nothing until seen in hindsight.
- A. salient
  - B. unexceptional
  - C. conspicuous
  - D. suggestive
  - E. abundant
  - F. nondescript
42. Peoples' decisions about childbearing depend on innumerable personal considerations and societal factors, yet even knowing this, demographers are often \_\_\_\_\_: their projections of birth rates frequently turn out to be embarrassingly at odds with reality.
- A. sanguine
  - B. flummoxed
  - C. inconsistent
  - D. overconfident
  - E. heartened
  - F. confounded
43. It is \_\_\_\_\_ and rather, surprising, for someone with a considerable background in philosophy, that Taylor fails to distinguish adequately between forms of communication and forms of knowledge.
- A. reprehensible
  - B. inexplicable
  - C. deplorable
  - D. dangerous
  - E. typical
  - F. characteristic
44. He was one of the most powerful chess players ever and one of the most \_\_\_\_\_: at the height of his fame he all but dropped out of chess, entering into a self-imposed exile.
- A. perplexing
  - B. creative
  - C. troubled
  - D. infuriating
  - E. enigmatic
  - F. imaginative
45. Consuming 25 to 35 percent of their body weight each day, sea otters are not only \_\_\_\_\_ but highly specialized eaters, organizing themselves into groups that zero in on specific kinds of prey.
- A. prodigious
  - B. indiscriminating
  - C. fastidious
  - D. picky
  - E. voracious
  - F. omnivorous

46. Although the company still loses the occasional lawsuit, the litigation threat that once seemed so \_\_\_\_\_ has become quite manageable.

- A. burdensome
- B. pedestrian
- C. sporadic
- D. mundane
- E. promising
- F. onerous

47. Although most scientists hold that quantum theory and the theory of general relativity ought to be intimately connected, the theories have remained stubbornly \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. consistent
- B. unlinked
- C. self-contradictory
- D. estranged
- E. arbitrary
- F. congruent

48. Despite its best efforts to stimulate sales, the bookselling business remains far from \_\_\_\_\_, for it has high fixed costs in wages and rent, and falling prices make these ever harder to

- A. effective
- B. healthy
- C. innovative
- D. robust
- E. stingy
- F. parsimonious

49. Experiments have shown that it is shockingly easy to elicit a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ among a group of strangers: just tell them they'll be working together as a team.

- A. dominance
- B. hierarchy
- C. obedience
- D. solidarity
- E. camaraderie
- F. optimism

50. It is hardly \_\_\_\_\_ for today's film to try to blur the boundaries between the moral and the immoral. Hollywood has been doing that since at least the 1960s.

- A. entertaining
- B. original
- C. novel
- D. pertinent
- E. relevant
- F. insightful

51. In Schaller's contradictory introduction to the book, she alternately applauds and \_\_\_\_\_ humankind's role in animal conservation.
- A. authorizes
  - B. endorses
  - C. denounces
  - D. discloses
  - E. relates
  - F. lambastes
52. The current \_\_\_\_\_ of repackaged music under Miles Davis' name might prompt any reasonable person to conclude that the recording vault has been plundered bare.
- A. glut
  - B. revival
  - C. hodgepodge
  - D. surfeit
  - E. modicum
  - F. dearth
53. Ascorbate readily oxidizes in aerated aqueous solutions, and the PH of such solutions, in part, \_\_\_\_\_ the rate of oxidation, since the higher the PH, the greater the rate of oxidation.
- A. determines
  - B. accelerates
  - C. consolidates
  - D. governs
  - E. compounds
  - F. stabilizes
54. 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.
- A. eccentric
  - B. meager
  - C. salutary
  - D. proscriptive
  - E. trendy
  - F. exacting
55. The recent exhibition on Dadaism is nothing if not \_\_\_\_\_, for the visual arts are currently awash in Dadaism gestures and gambits of one variety or another.
- A. sensational
  - B. timely
  - C. daunting
  - D. ill-advised
  - E. opportune
  - F. misguided

56. 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.

- A. openness
- B. indifference
- C. hostility
- D. animus
- E. bias
- F. orientation

57. 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.

- A. incisive
- B. tantalizing
- C. trenchant
- D. cursory
- E. illusory
- F. perfunctory

58. The occasional minor errors, while annoying, do not \_\_\_\_\_ the basic scholarship or the valuable contribution of this book.

- A. support
- B. uphold
- C. expose
- D. explain
- E. vitiate
- F. impair

59. In American art the line between the good and the goods is not a hard-and-fast boundary, for in a commercial society the membrane that separates spirit and store is always \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. porous
- B. clogged
- C. permeable
- D. unwavering
- E. steady
- F. imaginary

60. Recent research runs counter to the long-cherished notion that a small drop in body temperature during and after surgery is either \_\_\_\_\_ or actually protects the patient by slowing metabolism and reducing the body's demand for blood and oxygen.

- A. beneficial
- B. immaterial
- C. inconsequential
- D. preventive
- E. prophylactic
- F. redundant

61. There is a revelation on almost every page of this book, and the author's prose is \_\_\_\_\_ in the best possible way: blunt, sweet, off-kilter, and often quite funny.
- A. eloquent
  - B. austere
  - C. somber
  - D. awkward
  - E. solemn
  - F. ungainly
62. 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.
- A. derision
  - B. resentment
  - C. dismissal
  - D. conviction
  - E. ridicule
  - F. certainty
63. A priori mathematics, according to Galileo, does not \_\_\_\_\_ the need for observation, but mathematics does allow us to deduce unobservable properties and thus to penetrate further into the structure of nature than observation does.
- A. address
  - B. acknowledge
  - C. obviate
  - D. diminish
  - E. displace
  - F. Appreciate
64. The central idea of the worldview known as "consilience" is that all tangible phenomena are based on material processes that are ultimately reducible, however long and \_\_\_\_\_ the sequences, to the laws of physics.
- A. facile
  - B. ethereal
  - C. tortuous
  - D. superficial
  - E. convoluted
  - F. protracted
65. 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.
- A. replaced by
  - B. constrained by
  - C. untethered from
  - D. divorced from
  - E. substituted for
  - F. constricted by

66. Although evolutionary psychologists do not seem quite as imperialist in their intellectual ambitions as their sociobiologist forebears of the 1970s, they tend, in some critics' view, to be no less \_\_\_ in their claims.

- A. abashed
- B. arrogant
- C. impetuous
- D. hubristic
- E. narcissistic
- F. diffident

67. During the eighteenth century, improvements in their material circumstances did not necessarily mean expanded independence for women elite families and, arguably, the social conventions of gentility \_\_\_ more of their time and energy.

- A. provided
- B. justified
- C. demanded
- D. granted
- E. exacted
- F. rationalized

68. There are many ways in which rat brains and human brains are \_\_\_\_\_. Indeed, rat brains are often used as generalized models for all mammalian brains, including our own.

- A. identical
- B. analogous
- C. mysterious
- D. comparable
- E. adaptable
- F. inexplicable

69. The book reaffirms the idea that Africans on the continent have not stopped \_\_\_\_\_ or responding to their own creations; in fact, African creative agents have ushered in their own modern forms rooted in traditional ideas.

- A. exposing
- B. detecting
- C. absorbing
- D. noticing
- E. generating
- F. originating

70. People enjoy listening to the governor's inspiring speech, and his eloquence lulls his adversaries into underestimating his \_\_\_\_\_, the tempered steel beneath the sleek suits.

- A. tenacity
- B. resolve
- C. resourcefulness
- D. kindness
- E. compassion
- F. frankness

71. The author takes issue with the ideological blinders that have distorted much migration research, especially \_\_\_\_\_ modernization theorists and others for their untested assumptions of an immobile preindustrial past.

- A. undermining
- B. citing
- C. castigating
- D. chastising
- E. endorsing
- F. commending

72. Flash floods are common in desert regions and were widespread before the evolution of tress and woodland soils, in contrast, flash floods are \_\_\_\_\_ in woodlands, where floodwaters, impeded by trees, form ponds.

- A. overshadowed
- B. redirected
- C. obscured
- D. precluded
- E. mitigated
- F. abated

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

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

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

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

75. Many people remember a time when cutting-edge architects, who are these days treated like celebrities, had \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with the public: for much of the 1960s, big new buildings in cities were often cause for hostility, not celebration.

- A. an antagonistic
- B. an inimical
- C. a symbiotic
- D. an indifferent
- E. an apathetic
- F. an autocratic



76. Ursula Le Guin claims that looking at schoolbooks from around 1900 can be\_\_\_\_\_, given that the level of literacy and general cultural knowledge expected of a mere ten-year-old was, she notes, “rather awesome”.

- A. reassuring
- B. stimulating
- C. dreary
- D. tedious
- E. scary
- F. intimidating

77. Computerized facial-recognition systems can be \_\_\_\_\_ by any number of factors, from the dirt caked on a camera lens to a hat pulled low over a subject’s face.

- A. neutralized
- B. calibrated
- C. augmented
- D. ameliorated
- E. stymied
- F. confounded

78. Contrary to certain recent analyses that paint a dire portrait of soil loss from farmland, a new study of surveying data reaching back to the 1930s shows that erosion rates have been steadily\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. intensifying
- B. waning
- C. accelerating
- D. worsening
- E. declining
- F. deteriorating

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

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

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

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

81. What differentiates this book from more traditional works on grammar is that it reserves its \_\_\_\_\_ not for students of writing, but for teachers who harbor unduly restrictive views.
- A. mockery
  - B. skepticism
  - C. scolding
  - D. approbation
  - E. admonishment
  - F. commendation
82. Despite \_\_\_\_\_ leaving their old jobs behind, workers were eager to move because there were to be no layoffs under the union contract at the new location.
- A. jubilation over
  - B. indifference to
  - C. misgivings about
  - D. outrage over
  - E. trepidation over
  - F. enthusiasm for
83. Berwick, middle-aged, soft-spoken, and \_\_\_\_\_, with a keen sense of how to use this apparent ordinariness to his advantage, began with a gripping story about how a firefighter saved himself during a forest fire by using a completely improbable tactic.
- A. imperturbable
  - B. implacable
  - C. unimaginative
  - D. unprepossessing
  - E. unremarkable
  - F. unruffled
84. Caricature can be revealing as well as amusing, and Ager's novel is both. Ager's delineation of class, ethnic, and generational struggle is exaggerated for comical effect, but it \_\_\_\_\_ nonetheless.
- A. resonates
  - B. entertains
  - C. diverts
  - D. confuses
  - E. rings true
  - F. falls short
85. In the nineteenth century, the circus, for all its glitz and even its glamour, was entertainment with an old soul, \_\_\_\_\_ the fast-forward pace of change in modern life.
- A. a forerunner of
  - B. an antidote to
  - C. a respite from
  - D. a break from
  - E. a precursor to
  - F. a rebuke to

86. Her attempts to wrest fiction free from traditional constraints like plot and character were never entirely popular with readers; nonetheless, her fiction has had \_\_\_\_\_ influence on critical theory, novel, cinema, and even psychology.

- A. a studied
- B. a negligible
- C. a decisive
- D. an unmistakable
- E. an insignificant
- F. a restorative

87. Considering that space travel was science fiction only decades ago, we should be extremely reluctant to proclaim an idea forever technologically infeasible unless that idea \_\_\_\_\_ some hard physical constraint.

- A. violates
- B. contravenes
- C. overcomes
- D. transcends
- E. utilizes
- F. introduces

88. The proposition that foraging Native Americans studied the skies is \_\_\_\_\_: anthropological evidence demonstrates, for example, that the Chumash Indians counted the lunar cycles and established the times of the solstices.

- A. unquestionable
- B. unremarkable
- C. undeniable
- D. unprecedented
- E. unexceptional
- F. unparalleled

89. Lustig's critics argue that what makes him a compelling public speaker is his practice of citing evidence that is merely suggestive in support of a claim and insisting that this evidence is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. invaluable
- B. irrelevant
- C. indubitable
- D. immaterial
- E. insignificant
- F. incontrovertible

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

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

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

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

92. While merchants and bankers in thirteenth-century Europe quickly embraced the Hindu-Arabic numeral system, the governing authorities were less \_\_\_\_\_ it.

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

93. Not only is the advent of bookless or largely bookless libraries too large and powerful a change to be \_\_\_\_\_, it also offers too many real advantages for it to be considered a tragedy.

- A. understood
- B. averted
- C. foreseen
- D. forestalled
- E. endured
- F. anticipated

94. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

98. Although field studies have linked inbreeding to declines among song sparrow populations, some researchers argue that, in nature, inbreeding proves \_\_\_\_\_ as a factor when compared with crushing blows from weather changes.

- A. hazardous
- B. momentous
- C. trivial
- D. significant
- E. precarious
- F. inconsequential

99. In Japanese aesthetics, especially but not only in Noh, beauty contains the idea of \_\_\_\_\_: beauty must have an air of evanescence, the intimation of its own demise.

- A. transience
- B. symmetry
- C. decay
- D. simplicity
- E. balance
- F. deterioration

100. Although one can adduce myriad of examples of ecosystem disruption by nonindigenous species, nevertheless most introduced species that survive in fact appear to have quite \_\_\_\_\_ effects on the ecosystem they have invaded.

- A. minimal
- B. trifling
- C. marked
- D. conspicuous
- E. intriguing
- F. deleterious

101. In mathematics, judgments about the validity of proofs are mediated by peer-reviewed journals, to ensure \_\_\_\_\_, reviewers are carefully chosen by journal editors, and the identities of scholars whose papers are under consideration are kept secret.

- A. timelessness
- B. originality
- C. fairness
- D. comprehensiveness
- E. objectivity
- F. novelty

102. Jackie Wullschlager's biography of Hans Christian Andersen \_\_\_\_\_ the insipid sweetness with which Andersen coated his life and reveals a vulnerable gingerbread man with a bitter almond where his heart should be.

- A. conjures up
- B. imagines
- C. strips away
- D. overlooks
- E. removes
- F. ignores

103. 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.

- A. quiescence
- B. turbulence
- C. isolation
- D. calm
- E. remoteness
- F. instability

104. The laboratory maze has grown ever less \_\_\_\_\_ since it was first invented instead of hoping to lose a rodent in a labyrinth, today's scientists design mazes to elicit a few simple, easily measured behaviors.

- A. intricate
- B. extensive
- C. effective
- D. convoluted
- E. useful
- F. prevalent

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

- A. invisible
- B. omnipresent
- C. diminutive
- D. ubiquitous
- E. minuscule
- F. ethereal

106. In matters of taste, the art patron and collector Peggy Guggenheim was \_\_\_\_\_: she was for the strangest, the most surprising, the most satisfying, the best, the unique.

- A. neophyte
- B. novice
- C. realist
- D. extremist
- E. pragmatist
- F. zealot

107. Advocates for workers' rights have adopted a new strategy, one that will require considerable ingenuity but that if successful, could \_\_\_\_\_ a movement aimed at making labor rights an unassailable feature of American democracy.

- A. frustrate
- B. galvanize
- C. presume
- D. affect
- E. animate
- F. thwart

108. It is hardly \_\_\_\_\_ the committee calls for: rudimentary competence would be an improvement on the current chaos.

- A. accountability
- B. disarray
- C. unruliness
- D. faultlessness
- E. loyalty
- F. perfection

109. There are great \_\_\_\_\_ in countries' greenhouse gas emissions, especially in per capita terms: while the United States and China are similar in aggregate emissions, United States per capita emissions are a huge multiple of China's.

- A. distortions
- B. disparities
- C. fluctuations
- D. advances
- E. variances
- F. vacillations

110. The concept of the Hellenistic period in ancient history has proved useful but also \_\_\_\_\_, with scholars disagreeing on the dates when the period began and ended.

- A. slippery
- B. elusive
- C. fruitless
- D. deceptive
- E. futile
- F. compelling

111. In Ramachandran's opinion, it is perfectly acceptable to propose bold speculations about the brain, even if these speculations seem \_\_\_\_\_; as Ramachandran frequently remarks, science thrives on risky conjecture.

- A. unfounded
- B. premature
- C. controversial
- D. verifiable
- E. testable
- F. baseless

112. In order to cultivate new repertoire, the music industry is providing a hearing for previously \_\_\_\_\_ composers.

- A. idle
- B. thwarted
- C. celebrated
- D. renowned
- E. anonymous
- F. obscure

113. Although many skeptics of the scientific theory \_\_\_\_\_ critiques that have long since been disproved, some of the doubters arguably bring up valid points.

- A. overlook
- B. revise
- C. recycle
- D. utilize
- E. neglect
- F. rehash

114. The author engages this issue from diverse perspectives, supports his arguments with many examples, and manages to avoid antagonizing others in dealing with a very \_\_\_\_\_ subject.

- A. contentious
- B. pedestrian
- C. controversial
- D. perplexing
- E. mundane
- F. intriguing



115. To call Kermode the finest English critic of his generation be a \_\_\_\_\_ compliment, since not many of its population are professionally engaged in literary criticism.

- A. sincere
- B. backhanded
- C. paltry
- D. heartfelt
- E. meager
- F. plausible

116. The union states its position polemically; its leaders say they are fighting to save good jobs while \_\_\_\_\_ corporations replace full-time workers with part-time ones in order to cut down on both wages and benefits.

- A. precarious
- B. enterprising
- C. rapacious
- D. troubled
- E. influential
- F. avaricious

117. Even if the story now seems a surprisingly innocuous overture to the author's later, more fully developed narrations, it \_\_\_\_\_ some of the key traits of those bleaker tales.

- A. avoids
- B. belies
- C. undercuts
- D. anticipates
- E. possesses
- F. prefigures

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

- A. inferable from
- B. entailed by
- C. antithetical to
- D. coincident with
- E. antecedent to
- F. oppositional to

119. While recognizing that recent reports of cyber warfare, phone-hacking scandals, and identity thefts have tended to accent the destructive connotation of the word, Sue Halpern maintains that "hacking" is such \_\_\_\_\_ term that its meaning nearly always derives from its context.

- A. a generic
- B. an inclusive
- C. a positive
- D. a subjective
- E. an affirmative
- F. a technical

120. Miller reminded his clients that labor relationship are inherently \_\_\_\_\_.: the interests of business owners are diametrically opposed to those of employees.

- A. adversarial
- B. exploitative
- C. mercenary
- D. antagonistic
- E. variable
- F. changeable

121. Even the cleverest use of time management techniques is powerless to \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of minutes in a person's life (over 52 million, optimistically assuming a life expectancy of 100 years), so people squeeze as much as they could into each one of them.

- A. justify
- B. quantify
- C. augment
- D. enrich
- E. measure
- F. extend

122. Even though women in the United States would not gain the rights to vote until 1920, throughout the nineteenth century many feminist goals were gradually \_\_\_\_\_, especially the rights of married women to control their own property.

- A. realized
- B. abandoned
- C. eroded
- D. modified
- E. revised
- F. achieved

123. Films that critics have slumbered through rarely generate industry excitement, even though the critics' \_\_\_\_\_ reception may be less the fault of the movie than of its unfortunate time slot near a fatiguing film festival's conclusion.

- A. somnolent
- B. impartial
- C. lethargic
- D. laconic
- E. befuddled
- F. evenhanded

124. Harper Lee's narration in *To Kill a Mockingbird* is \_\_\_\_\_, mixing an adult's and a child's perspective according to no logic other than the immediate exigencies of the plot.

- A. a paradigm
- B. a hodgepodge
- C. a model
- D. an innovation
- E. a patchwork
- F. an embarrassment

125. One \_\_\_\_\_ is that so far, Web services have turned out to be much harder to deliver than their champions had hoped.

- A. hope
- B. snag
- C. prospect
- D. hitch
- E. upshot
- F. reason

126. 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.

- A. beneficence
- B. altruism
- C. unpredictability
- D. intelligence
- E. fecundity
- F. fertility

127. At first, most of the famous fairy tales seem so implausible and so irrelevant to contemporary life that their \_\_\_\_\_ is hard to understand.

- A. universality
- B. persistence
- C. appeal
- D. ephemerality
- E. survival
- F. transience

128. A cure for the common cold has been so elusive that it has become a modern symbol of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. danger
- B. futility
- C. unease
- D. pointlessness
- E. sloth
- F. apathy

129. 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.

- A. naiveté
- B. prominence
- C. supremacy
- D. ingenuousness
- E. salience
- F. resurgence

130. Estimating demographic parameters in marine mammals is challenging, often requiring many years of data to achieve sufficient precision to \_\_\_\_\_ biologically meaningful change.

- A. effect
- B. tolerate
- C. discern
- D. envisage
- E. withstand
- F. detect

131. Changes made to ecosystem in order to achieve a goal, such as food production or flood control, often \_\_\_\_\_ significant unforeseen trade-offs between other important products and service the ecosystems provide.

- A. predict
- B. delay
- C. foretell
- D. obscure
- E. yield
- F. engender

132. Titan, Saturn's largest moon, looks surprisingly \_\_\_\_\_, even though it is a cold, dimly lit world made from unknown materials.

- A. habitable
- B. familiar
- C. forbidding
- D. placid
- E. daunting
- F. recognizable

133. Even though his opponent is currently trying to portray him as a wild-eyed radical, voters will likely reject this charge because it does not \_\_\_\_\_ his moderate political record.

- A. defer to
- B. conform to
- C. accede to
- D. argue with
- E. meddle with
- F. square with

134. Any notion of justice in the fortunes of artists is \_\_\_\_\_: works of equal value and quality produce quite different returns or no returns at all.

- A. baseless
- B. cliché
- C. untenable
- D. insulting
- E. condescending
- F. idealistic

135. After many years of feeling \_\_\_\_\_ by his senior managers, Clark was becoming hopeful of advancement.

- A. vilified
- B. stymied
- C. hindered
- D. aggrieved
- E. circumvented
- F. overlooked

136. All Shaker furniture implies \_\_\_\_\_ humanism in design: the Shakers made objects that look like objects, following a nonhuman law of design and rejecting the unconscious self-flattery inherent in making anthropomorphic objects.

- A. a rejection of
- B. a liberation from
- C. a belief in
- D. an affinity for
- E. an attraction to
- F. a misunderstanding of

137. Reversing a decade-long trend on global \_\_\_\_\_, earth's surface has become brighter since 1990, scientists are reporting.

- A. warming
- B. cooling
- C. diffusion
- D. dimming
- E. darkening
- F. heating

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

- A. introspective
- B. reflective
- C. concrete
- D. concise
- E. meticulous
- F. thorough

139. The physics graveyard is strewn with the skeletons of failed theories, unexplained effects, and anomalous particles that briefly \_\_\_\_\_ the research spotlight, then rapidly fade from view.

- A. douse
- B. intensify
- C. perpetuate
- D. capture
- E. extinguish
- F. secure

140. In ways large and small, millions of people are taking active steps to\_\_\_\_\_ the medical mainstream, whether by taking herbal remedies for disease or by placing their hopes for a cure in alternative treatment.

- A. augment
- B. sidestep
- C. support
- D. vilify
- E. circumvent
- F. endorse

## 综合练习

- The students' \_\_\_\_\_ nature were in sharp contrast to the imperturbable disposition of their teacher.  
A. volatile  
B. duplicitous  
C. apathetic  
D. cunning  
E. blithe
- Because people expect theater directors to be authoritarians, many were surprised that Clark was so \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. histrionic  
B. megalomaniacal  
C. egalitarian  
D. indolent  
E. charismatic
- Although the political science professor's paper is quite (i)\_\_\_\_\_ about the government's problems, suggesting that they are part of a (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ process, the prognosis for the government is, on the contrary, actually quite auspicious.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. straightforward	D. degenerative
B. circuitous	E. comprehensive
C. pessimistic	F. spontaneous

- The author of this biography gives an accurate and (i)\_\_\_\_\_ account of the subject's life story, but all of this carefully assembled detail fails to compensate for the general lack of (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in her writing.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. exhaustive	D. specificity
B. glib	E. veracity
C. selective	F. vivacity

- In adolescence, (i)\_\_\_\_\_ interactions are crucial in forging a self-identity. To be sure, this process often plays out in (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ as a means of defining and shoring up the sense of self. Kids will seek out like-minded companions, and spurn others who seem different. But when kept within reasonable bounds, this in-group (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ generally evolves into a more mature friendship pattern.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. adult	D. cliquish social behavior	G. alienation
B. wide-ranging	E. dramatic changes in personality	H. clustering
C. peer	F. heightened sociability	I. competition

6. The (i)\_\_\_\_\_ quality of much contemporary drawing may be attributable to the use of photography as a drawing shortcut. Photography (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ modern arts, but when it is used as a tracing tool in order to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the difficulties of achieving correct proportion, the resulting art often feels static and lifeless.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. inert	D. frequent enervated	G. augment
B. jubilant	E. wonderfully enriched	H. foreground
C. sensuous	F. inevitably circumscribed	I. circumvent

7. An apparent paradox led the scientists to pursue their present line of research. They were struck by the fact that a single mathematic formula can be used to describe physical phenomena that appear to be so \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. rudimentary  
 B. interdependent  
 C. interrelated  
 D. complex  
 E. heterogeneous  
 F. dissimilar
8. Although men still dominate the ranks of full professors in the field of astronomy, the increasing numbers of younger women in the field could \_\_\_\_\_ a change in its gender mix.  
 A. require  
 B. alleviate  
 C. block  
 D. presage  
 E. portend  
 F. hinder
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the approval process for new drugs suggests that incentives to promote more expeditious decision making may be necessary.  
 A. pecuniary  
 B. commercial  
 C. arbitrary  
 D. sluggish  
 E. capricious  
 F. dilatory
10. The critic claims that, contrary to its reputation for \_\_\_\_\_, the novelist's prose is full of opaque language games.  
 A. scrupulousness  
 B. simplicity  
 C. mendacity  
 D. artlessness  
 E. polish  
 F. meticulousness



## 综合练习二

1. Though humanitarian emergencies are frequent features of television news, such exposure seldom \_\_\_\_\_ the public, which rather seems resigned to a sense of impotency.  
A. paralyzes  
B. demoralizes  
C. assuages  
D. galvanizes  
E. exasperates
2. In his youth, the naturalist and artist John James Audubon was given to \_\_\_\_\_ glamorous tales about himself: he falsely claimed to have studied under a renowned French painter and hinted that he was the heir apparent to the French throne.  
A. disavowing  
B. understanding  
C. constraining  
D. obfuscating  
E. concocting
3. Despite dispute between the sisters lasted all summer, Megan remained (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and Lauren was equally (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. intransigent	D. indolent
B. feckless	E. uncompromising
C. munificent	F. taciturn

4. Until the advent of film, commercial entertainment in England occurred only where concentrated urban populations provided audiences large enough to make it remunerative: theaters and music halls were (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in rural villages. But village cinemas quickly become (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, even though they were ramshackle affairs in comparison to the urban picture palaces.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. spartan	D. commonplace
B. conceivable	E. sophisticated
C. profitable	F. unfashionable

5. 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)	Blank (ii)
A. advantage	D. nonchalance
B. impediment	E. acumen
C. exception	F. naiveté

6. Firebaugh and Beck contend that economic development improves the overall well-being of people within developing countries. However, other scholars emphasize the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of this view, empirically demonstrating that while economic development does in fact contribute to the well-being of the population of developing countries, the magnitude of development's positive effects on well-being has (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. In other words, these scholars suggest that (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ economic development and human well-being is taking place in developing countries.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. falsity	D. been greatly underestimated	G. a decoupling of
B. arbitrariness	E. not yet been measured	H. an inversion of
C. limitation	F. decreased over time	I. a decline in

7. Space is often referred to as the final frontier, as the only realm of which humankind has still to gain substantial understanding, yet the ocean is also another vast area about which our knowledge is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. erroneous  
 B. confusing  
 C. frustrating  
 D. rudimentary  
 E. delusive  
 F. sketchy
8. Although the biography never explicitly assesses what role the dynamic between Mr. Merrill's parents might have played in the development of his personality, the author offers plenty of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. mystification  
 B. elucidation  
 C. speculation  
 D. reflection  
 E. obfuscation  
 F. conjecture
9. As a historical genre, biography is best when \_\_\_\_\_, a careful reconstruction of the past in all its unfamiliar particularity.  
 A. introspective  
 B. reflective  
 C. concrete  
 D. concise  
 E. meticulous  
 F. thorough
10. The candidate seeks to depict his opponent as being\_\_\_\_\_, as one who is simply unable to make a decision and stand his ground.  
 A. inconstant  
 B. cowardly  
 C. opportunistic  
 D. petty  
 E. capricious  
 F. spiteful

### 综合练习三

1. Scientists have argued not only that the chains of atoms called ladder compounds have \_\_\_\_\_ theoretical interest but also that studies of such systems can lead to important practical applications.  
A. limited  
B. dubious  
C. superfluous  
D. unidimensional  
E. intrinsic
2. A curiosity of the film *Vertigo* is its capacity to generate emotional power from a plot that lacks the most of elementary \_\_\_\_\_: viewers are required to accept not an isolated implausibility, but a continuous stream of them.  
A. believability  
B. impact  
C. narrative  
D. tension  
E. premise
3. Although 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)	Blank (ii)
A. destructive	D. retroactively
B. sound	E. innocuously
C. intriguing	F. intrinsically

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. spread	D. spur to
B. commenced	E. drag on
C. slowed	F. panacea for

5. Although she admitted that her airport expansion plan had recently collapsed, the governor (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the significance of the failure, pointing out that competing economic development proposals are now more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. minimized	D. tenuous
B. touted	E. complicated
C. acknowledged	F. important

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. legitimize	D. longer-term	G. requirement
B. augment	E. acute	H. surplus
C. disgorge	F. qualitative	I. facet

7. The political upheaval caught most people by surprise: despite the\_\_\_\_\_ warnings of some commentators, it had never seemed that imminent.
- A. stern  
B. prescient  
C. prophetic  
D. indifferent  
E. repeated  
F. apathetic
8. She expected her book to be \_\_\_\_\_, but in fact few of her readers disagreed with its premise that street art, long considered a mere sideshow entertainment, deserved to be regarded as high art.
- A. controversial  
B. dramatic  
C. impressive  
D. acclaimed  
E. provocative  
F. popular
9. We do not always use words in accordance with their dictionary definitions, for meaning often fluctuates with context: that does not mean, however, that we are completely\_\_\_\_\_ in how we use language.
- A. rote  
B. unconstrained  
C. irrational  
D. unpredictable  
E. free  
F. methodical
10. Since the data we have analyzed are so \_\_\_\_\_, it would be hazardous to draw a definite conclusion.
- A. copious  
B. overwhelming  
C. meager  
D. paltry  
E. abundant  
F. uncertain

## 综合练习四

1. Medieval cathedrals still stand as marvels of architecture, but as far as modern science is concerned, medieval physical and chemistry are simply irrelevant, at best a dead end, at worst the very \_\_\_\_\_ of what science is supposed to be.  
A. exemplar  
B. glorification  
C. reflection  
D. dilution  
E. antithesis
2. The painter's problem, like that of an author whose early literary masterpiece exhausts the themes it embodies, is how to \_\_\_\_\_ his first highly acclaimed efforts with works of comparable significance and presence.  
A. combine  
B. illuminate  
C. realize  
D. amend  
E. follow
3. The history of the region's natural resources has been one of initial (i) \_\_\_\_\_ followed by (ii) \_\_\_\_\_; as such the region has over time gone from a resource-rich to a resource-dependent economy.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. disappointment	D. growing interdependence
B. abundance	E. draconian regulation
C. conservation	F. rapacious depletion

4. The introductions to each section, written by the editors of the anthology, provide useful background material, but they do not provide critical analysis of the articles. Because the articles are in many senses the editors' personal favorites, it is probably (i) \_\_\_\_\_ to expect more from the introductions---but if the book is to be read by advanced students, such criticism would be as (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ as the articles themselves.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. juvenile	D. biased
B. paradoxical	E. complex
C. unrealistic	F. informative

5. Folmer's book on Edith Wharton seems far removed from recent trends in literary criticism; this need not to be a fault, except that, in its title and introduction, the book (i) \_\_\_\_\_ to be conversant with contemporary discourse in the field, but in its actual analysis of Wharton's work, it is marked by a very (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ approach.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. designs	D. old-fashioned
B. fails	E. timely
C. purports	F. arcane

6. The writer argues that jewelry-grade diamonds, because they are both (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, prove one of two conclusions: their purchasers have so much money they can spend it on goods that (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, or their purchasers are so committed to making others think they have such wealth that they are willing to go into debt to do so.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. flawless	D. durable	G. may appreciate in value
B. fungible	E. useless	H. reflect the buyers' connoisseurship
C. expensive	F. irreplaceable	I. serve no practical purpose

7. Few ideas are more \_\_\_\_\_ than the notion that cultures evolve in Darwin fashion; many academics have begun writing about cultural evolution, but few treat the underlying Darwinian logic with the care it deserves.
- A. abused
  - B. archaic
  - C. misused
  - D. outdated
  - E. divisive
  - F. derivative
8. Between the late 1800s and early 1900s, various institutional structures emerged that set researchers in scientific fields apart as a professional class and moderated disputes by \_\_\_\_\_ some kinds of knowledge as real science.
- A. Differentiating
  - B. sanctioning
  - C. mischaracterizing
  - D. censuring
  - E. reprehending
  - F. endorsing
9. In a number of instances, investors hoping to tap into the region's meteoric growth have instead faced problems ranging from unpredictable management practices to outright \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. malfeasance
  - B. incompetence
  - C. fraudulence
  - D. capriciousness
  - E. hysteria
  - F. impulsiveness
10. Because movie studios, under pressure to generate international sales, have favored big-budget pictures with fantasy plots, the representation of everyday domestic life has largely been \_\_\_\_\_ other media, such as television and literature.
- A. left to
  - B. ceded to
  - C. ascribed to
  - D. attributed to
  - E. substituted for
  - F. replaced with