

# Section 1

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>unidimensional</b>	adj. lacking depth	肤浅的
2	<b>ballyhoo</b>	v. talk or writing that is designed to get people excited or interested in something	大肆宣传
3	<b>quip</b>	n. a clever, witty remark	机智幽默的评论
4	<b>pensive</b>	adj. lost in serious or sad thought	(悲伤的) 思考的
5	<b>droll</b>	adj. having an odd and amusing quality	古怪的，搞笑的
6	<b>stoicism</b>	n. indifference to pleasure or pain : impassiveness	淡泊
7	<b>fastidious</b>	adj. very careful about how you do something	小心谨慎的
8	<b>congenial</b>	adj. very friendly	友善的
9	<b>sound</b>	adj. based on valid reasoning	合理的
10	<b>intriguing</b>	adj. extremely interesting	吸引人的
11	<b>retroactive</b>	adj. effective from a particular date in the past	有追溯效力的
12	<b>slacken</b>	v. to become slower or less active : to slow down	使变慢
13	<b>dampen</b>	v. to make (something) less strong or active	抑制
14	<b>drag</b>	v. to pull along with difficulty or effort; haul	拖拽
15	<b>panacea</b>	n. something that will make everything about a situation better	万灵药
16	<b>collapse</b>	v. to break apart and fall down suddenly	瓦解，崩塌
17	<b>tout</b>	v. to promote or praise energetically	兜售，大力吹捧

18	<b>tenuous</b>	adj. not certain, definite, or strong : flimsy, weak, or uncertain	薄弱的, 站不住脚的
19	<b>legitimate</b>	v. to show or affirm to be justified	使合理
20	<b>augment</b>	v. to increase the size or amount of (something)	放大
21	<b>disgorge</b>	v. to discharge the contents of	吐露
22	<b>qualitative</b>	adj. of or relating to how good something is : of or relating to the quality of something	质量上的
23	<b>surplus</b>	n. an amount (such as an amount of money) that is more than the amount that is needed	多余, 过量
24	<b>avert</b>	v. to prevent (something bad) from happening	避免, 阻止
25	<b>forestall</b>	v. to stop (something) from happening or to cause (something) to happen at a later time	阻止
26	<b>endure</b>	v. to continue to exist in the same state or condition	持续
		v. to experience (pain or suffering) for a long time	忍受
27	<b>presage</b>	v. to give or be a sign of (something that will happen or develop in the future)	预测, 预言
28	<b>portend</b>	v. v. to be a sign or warning that something usually bad or unpleasant is going to happen	预示
29	<b>clandestine</b>	adj. done secretly	秘密的, 隐蔽的
30	<b>perilous</b>	adj. full of danger	危险的
31	<b>covert</b>	adj. secret or hidden	秘密的, 隐蔽的
32	<b>exhilarate</b>	v. to cause (someone) to feel very happy and excited	使兴奋
33	<b>rudimentary</b>	adj. basic or simple	基本的
34	<b>heterogeneous</b>	adj. made up of parts that are different	不同的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -1

序号	核心意思	词群
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1	阻止	avert, forestall, obviate, preclude, prevent
2	预测, 预示	foresee, anticipate, forecast, predict, presage, portend
3	阻碍	block, hinder, hamper, impede, obstruct, check, thwart
4	危险的	precarious, perilous, dangerous, hazardous, risky
5	秘密的	clandestine, covert, secret, furtive, stealthy, underground
6	有关联的	interrelated, interdependent
7	不同的, 多样的	heterogeneous, dissimilar, disparate, distinct, diverse

### 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表 -1

序号	习语表达	解释
1	be known for	以.....闻名
2	refer to	提到, 谈到
3	be struck by	对.....感到惊讶

## 4. Authentic Questions

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. 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

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

6. It is possible for 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. legitimate	D. longer-term	G. requirement
B. augment	E. acute	H. surplus
C. disgorge	F. qualitative	I. facet

7. 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

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 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

10. 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

## Section 2

### 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-2

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>mercurial</b>	adj. changing moods quickly and often	任性多变的
2	<b>phlegmatic</b>	adj. having or showing a slow and stolid temperament	冷漠的
3	<b>apathetic</b>	adj. not having or showing much emotion or interest	漠不关心的
4	<b>cunning</b>	adj. getting what is wanted in a clever and often deceptive way	狡猾机智的
		adj. dexterous or crafty in the use of special resources	技艺高超的
5	<b>blithe</b>	adj. happy and without worry	快乐的，无忧无虑的
6	<b>authoritarian</b>	adj. expecting or requiring people to obey rules or laws : not allowing personal freedom	独裁的
7	<b>histrionic</b>	adj. too emotional or dramatic	做作的，不自然的
8	<b>megalomania</b>	n. a condition or mental illness that causes people to think that they have great or unlimited power or importance	自大狂
9	<b>egalitarian</b>	adj. aiming for equal wealth, status, etc., for all people	平等的
10	<b>indolent</b>	adj. not liking to work or be active	懒惰的
11	<b>charismatic</b>	adj. having great charm or appeal	有魅力的
12	<b>prognosis</b>	n. a judgment about what is going to happen in the future	预测，预后
13	<b>auspicious</b>	adj. showing or suggesting that future success is likely	吉祥的

14	<b>circuitous</b>	adj. not being forthright or direct in language or action	兜圈子的，不直接的
15	<b>comprehensive</b>	adj. covering completely or broadly	全面的
16	<b>spontaneous</b>	adj. happening or arising without apparent external cause; self-generated.	自发的
17	<b>glib</b>	adj. marked by ease and fluency in speaking or writing often to the point of being insincere or deceitful	油嘴滑舌的
18	<b>veracious</b>	adj. marked by truth	真实的
19	<b>vivacious</b>	adj. happy and lively in a way that is attractive	活力四射的
20	<b>forge</b>	v. to make or imitate falsely especially with intent to defraud	伪造
		v. to form or bring into being especially by an expenditure of effort	锻造
21	<b>spurn</b>	v. to reject with disdain or contempt	因鄙视而放弃
22	<b>clique</b>	n. a small group of people who spend time together and who are not friendly to other people	小团体
23	<b>cluster</b>	v. to come together to form a group	聚集
24	<b>inert</b>	adj. very slow to move or act	惰性的，不活跃的
25	<b>jubilant</b>	adj. feeling or expressing great joy : very happy	欢乐的，喜悦的
26	<b>sensuous</b>	adj. affecting the senses in a pleasing way : pleasant, attractive, or appealing in a way that produces or suggests feelings of physical or sexual pleasure	引起快感的
27	<b>enervate</b>	v. to make (someone or something) very weak or tired	使...衰弱
28	<b>foreground</b>	v. to make (something) more important	强调

29	<b>circumvent</b>	v. to avoid being stopped by (something, such as a law or rule)	避开
30	<b>neophyte</b>	n. a person who has just started learning or doing something	新手
31	<b>novice</b>	n. a person who has just started learning or doing something	新手
32	<b>pragmatism</b>	n. a reasonable and logical way of doing things or of thinking about problems that is based on dealing with specific situations instead of on ideas and theories	务实主义
33	<b>zealot</b>	n. a person who has very strong feelings about something (such as religion or politics) and who wants other people to have those feelings : a zealous person	狂热者
34	<b>meddle</b>	v. to interest oneself in what is not one's concern	干涉
35	<b>expeditious</b>	adj. acting or done in a quick and efficient way	迅速而有效的
36	<b>pecuniary</b>	adj. relating to or in the form of money	金钱的
37	<b>sluggish</b>	adj. moving slowly or lazily	迟钝的, 懒惰的
38	<b>capricious</b>	adj. adj. changing often and quickly	任性多变的
39	<b>dilatory</b>	adj. tending or intended to cause delay	拖拉的, 拖延的
40	<b>scrupulous</b>	adj. very careful about doing something correctly	小心谨慎的
41	<b>mendacity</b>	n. lack of honesty : the condition of being mendacious	虚伪, 谎言
42	<b>meticulous</b>	adj. very careful about doing something in an extremely accurate and exact way	谨慎的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -2

序号	核心意思	词群
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1	新手	neophyte, novice, tyro, recruit, rookie, fledgling
2	极端主义者	zealot, extremist
3	实用主义者	realist, pragmatist
4	符合, 与……一致	conform to, square with
5	多变的	capricious, arbitrary, fickle, mercurial, volatile
6	迟缓的	sluggish, dilatory, inert, lethargic, torpid, languid
7	小心谨慎的	scrupulous, meticulous, careful, conscientious, punctilious
8	朴实的	austere, simple, unadorned, unembellished

### 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-2

序号	习语表达	解释
1	in sharp contrast to	与……形成鲜明对比
2	refer to	提到, 谈到
3	to be sure	诚然, 的确
4	shore up	加强, 加固
5	seek out	寻找
6	evolve into	发展成, 演变成
7	be attributable to	归因于
8	defer to	尊重, 听从
9	accede to	同意
10	meddle with	干涉

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. The students' \_\_\_\_\_ natures were in sharp contrast to the even-tempered dispositions of their parents.

- A. mercurial
- B. blithe
- C. phlegmatic
- D. apathetic
- E. cunning

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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

5. 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. 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. a neophyte
- B. a novice
- C. a realist
- D. an extremist
- E. a pragmatist
- F. a zealot

8. 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

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

## Section 3

### 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-3

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>speculation</b>	n. ideas or guesses about something that is not known	猜测
2	<b>extraneous</b>	adj. not important	无关的，次要的，外来的
3	<b>demonstrable</b>	adj. able to be proven or shown : possible to demonstrate	可证明的
4	<b>transcendent</b>	adj. lying beyond the ordinary range of perception	超然的
		adj. far better or greater than what is usual	卓越的
5	<b>aver</b>	v. to say (something) in a very strong and definite way	声称，断言
6	<b>feign</b>	v. to pretend to feel or be affected by (something)	假装，伪装
7	<b>avow</b>	v. to acknowledge or declare openly and unashamedly	承认
8	<b>lopsided</b>	adj. uneven or unequal	不均衡的
9	<b>feeble</b>	adj. very weak	衰弱的，虚弱的
10	<b>robust</b>	adj. strong and healthy	强壮的
11	<b>turbulent</b>	adj. moving in an irregular or violent way	混乱的
12	<b>lethargic</b>	adj. feeling a lack of energy or a lack of interest in doing things	漠不关心的，缺乏热情的
13	<b>fervor</b>	n. a strong feeling of excitement and enthusiasm	热情，狂热

14	<b>hybrid</b>	n. something that is formed by combining two or more things	混合物
15	<b>indiscriminate</b>	adj. not marked by careful distinction	不加区分的, 不加选择的
16	<b>conciliate</b>	v. to make (someone) more friendly or less angry	安慰, 调和
17	<b>exhaustive</b>	adj. including all possibilities	全面的
18	<b>glib</b>	adj. marked by ease and fluency in speaking or writing often to the point of being insincere or deceitful	油嘴滑舌的
19	<b>veracious</b>	adj. marked by truth	真实的, 准确的
20	<b>vivacious</b>	adj. happy and lively in a way that is attractive	活力四射的
21	<b>substantial</b>	adj. large in amount, size, or number	大量的
22	<b>prestigious</b>	adj. having prestige : honored	有声望的
23	<b>anomalous</b>	adj. not expected or usual	不寻常的, 异常的
24	<b>affinity</b>	n. a liking for or an attraction to something	倾向, 偏好
		n. likeness based on relationship or causal connection	密切关系
25	<b>objection</b>	n. a reason for disagreeing with or opposing something : a reason for objecting	反对
26	<b>opaque</b>	adj. difficult to understand or explain	难懂的
27	<b>pugnacious</b>	adj. showing a readiness or desire to fight or argue	好争斗的
28	<b>deliberate</b>	v. to think about or discuss something very carefully in order to make a decision	深思熟虑
		adj. done or said in a way that is planned or intended	故意的
29	<b>punctilious</b>	adj. very careful about behaving properly and doing things in a correct and accurate way	谨慎小心的

30	<b>courteous</b>	adj. very polite in a way that shows respect	有礼貌的
31	<b>complacent</b>	adj. marked by self-satisfaction especially when accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies	自我感觉良好的，自满的
32	<b>truculent</b>	adj. easily annoyed or angered and likely to argue	好争斗的
		adj. scathingly harsh	言语刻薄的
33	<b>myriad</b>	n. a very large number of things	大量
34	<b>attest</b>	v. to show, prove, or state that something is true or real	证明，证实
35	<b>heterogeneous</b>	adj. made up of parts that are different	组成多样的，混合的
36	<b>ineterminate</b>	adj. not able to be stated or described in an exact way	不确定的
37	<b>champion</b>	n. an ardent defender or supporter of a cause or another person	支持者
		v. to defend or support	支持
38	<b>downplay</b>	v. to make (something) seem smaller or less important	轻视

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -3

序号	核心意思	词群
1	忽视	disregard, ignore, overlook, neglect
2	好斗的	pugnacious, truculent, belligerent, aggressive, combative
3	不同的	diverse, heterogeneous, disparate, dissimilar, distinct
4	符合, 与……一致	conform to, square with
5	支持	champion, defend, advocate, endorse, back
6	轻视	downplay, de-emphasize, soft-pedal, slight

### 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-3

序号	习语表达	解释
1	lack of	缺少, 缺乏
2	in that	因为
3	acquainted with	熟悉的
4	attest to	证明

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. 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

2. Some novelists immodestly idealized and exaggerate the significance of their work, but others, \_\_\_\_\_ to exalt the role of the writer, question a transcendent view of the art.

- A. averring
- B. declining
- C. seeking
- D. feigning
- E. avowing

3. The economic recovery was somewhat lopsided: (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in some of the industries economics while (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in others of them.

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

4. Attending with equal (i)\_\_\_\_\_ to any question that presents itself, the sociologist's work has strengths and weaknesses that flow from this energetically (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ approach.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. skepticism	D. hybrid
B. lethargy	E. indiscriminate
C. fervor	F. conciliatory

5. 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

6. 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

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

- A. discerned by
- B. disregarded by
- C. discovered by
- D. ignored by
- E. opaque to
- F. inspiring to

8. Though Edmund certainly had a dignified bearing and made a great first impression, those who became acquainted with him soon realized he had an essentially \_\_\_\_\_ nature.

- A. pugnacious
- B. deliberate
- C. punctilious
- D. courteous
- E. complacent
- F. truculent

9. Circulatory systems on organisms originated in widely separated epochs, according to the fossil record, and under a broad range of circumstances, the myriad forms they take attest to that \_\_\_\_\_ of origin.

- A. mysteriousness
- B. randomness
- C. ambiguity
- D. heterogeneity
- E. indeterminacy
- F. diversity

10. Compared to their predecessors, who were more nationalist than feminist in political orientation, Roman women activists of the younger generation are more inclined to \_\_\_\_\_ women's rights, often creating organizations focused primarily on women's issues.

- A. expand
- B. de-emphasize
- C. champion
- D. idealize
- E. downplay
- F. defend

## Section 4

### 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-4

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>pedestrian</b>	adj. undistinguished and ordinary	平凡普通的
2	<b>esoteric</b>	adj. difficult to understand	难懂的
3	<b>compelling</b>	adj. very interesting	有趣的
		adj. capable of causing someone to believe or agree	有说服力的
4	<b>mercenary</b>	adj. serving merely for pay or sordid advantage	唯利是图的
5	<b>paradigm</b>	n. a model or pattern for something that may be copied	典范
6	<b>contentious</b>	adj. likely to cause people to argue or disagree	引起争议的
		adj. likely or willing to argue	爱争吵的
7	<b>authoritarian</b>	adj. expecting or requiring people to obey rules or laws : not allowing personal freedom	独裁主义的，专制的
8	<b>forbear</b>	v. to control oneself when provoked	克制，忍耐
9	<b>volatile</b>	adj. having or showing extreme or sudden changes of emotion	性格多变的
10	<b>lucid</b>	adj. very clear and easy to understand	清晰的，透明的
11	<b>assault</b>	n. a violent physical attack	攻击
12	<b>bewilder</b>	v. to confuse (someone) very much	使...困惑
13	<b>fray</b>	v. strain, irritate	使紧张，使急躁
14	<b>provocative</b>	adj. causing discussion, thought, argument, etc.	引起争论的，引起思考的

15	<b>cynical</b>	adj. believing or showing the belief that people are motivated chiefly by base or selfish concerns	怀疑他人动机不纯的
16	<b>captivate</b>	v. to attract and hold the attention of (someone) by being interesting, pretty, etc.	吸引
17	<b>outrage</b>	v. to make (someone) very angry	使...生气
18	<b>tenuous</b>	adj. not certain, definite, or strong : flimsy, weak, or uncertain	薄弱的, 站不住脚的
19	<b>anchor</b>	v. to hold (something) firmly in place	使...稳定
20	<b>apt</b>	adj. exactly suitable	合适的
		adj. having a natural tendency	有倾向的
		adj. quick to learn or understand	聪明的, 灵巧的
21	<b>absurd</b>	adj. extremely silly, foolish, or unreasonable : completely ridiculous	荒谬的
22	<b>marginal</b>	adj. not very important	边缘的, 不重要的
23	<b>profound</b>	adj. having or showing great knowledge or understanding	深刻的
24	<b>taint</b>	v. to hurt or damage the good condition of (something)	败坏, 污染
25	<b>hinder</b>	v. to make (something, such as a task or action) slow or difficult	阻碍
26	<b>supersede</b>	v. to take the place of (someone or something that is old, no longer useful, etc.)	淘汰, 取代
27	<b>inhibit</b>	v. to prevent or slow down the activity or occurrence of (something)	抑制
28	<b>proscribe</b>	v. to not allow	禁止
29	<b>confine</b>	v. to keep within limits	限制
30	<b>multifarious</b>	adj. of many and various kinds	各种各样的, 多方面的

31	<b>onerous</b>	adj. difficult and unpleasant to do or deal with	繁重的, 费力的
32	<b>circumscribe</b>	v. to limit the size or amount of (something)	限制
33	<b>taxing</b>	adj. burdensome and wearing	繁重的, 劳累的
34	<b>forbidding</b>	adj. tending or threatening to impede progress	阻挠的
		adj. such as to make approach or passage difficult or impossible	令人生畏的
35	<b>placid</b>	adj. not easily upset or excited	平静的
36	<b>daunting</b>	adj. very difficult to do or deal with	难以处理的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -4

序号	核心意思	词群
1	强壮的	robust, strong, energetic, vigorous
2	令人困惑的	perplexing, confounding, befuddling, bewildering, puzzling, baffling, confusing
3	阻碍, 抑制	hinder, inhibit, encumber, impede
4	禁止	proscribe, forbid, ban, enjoin, prohibit
5	限制	confine, circumscribe, limit, restrict
6	繁重的	onerous, taxing, exacting, arduous, burdensome, challenging, laborious

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-4

序号	习语表达	解释
1	in terms of	就.....而言
2	account for	说明.....的原因
3	all the more	更加
4	have a love affair with	喜欢
5	in consequence	因此, 结果

6	identify with	与.....一致
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## 4. Authentic Questions

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

- A. pedestrian
- B. esoteric
- C. compelling
- D. global
- E. unequivocal

2. 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

3. The era's examples of \_\_\_\_\_ that are cited by the author can be balanced in part by certain examples of dissent during the same period.

- A. diversity
- B. authoritarianism
- C. forbearance
- D. volatility
- E. lucidity

4. The politician's record while in office, though (i)\_\_\_\_\_, hardly accounts for her high standing three decades later—a standing all the more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ because of continuing assaults on her reputation during those years.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. bewildering	D. unusual
B. admirable	E. regrettable
C. unappreciated	F. persistent

5. 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

6. 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 seen 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

7. 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

8. Even overt deficiencies in the author's work have not \_\_\_\_\_ its respectful reception by most modern critics.

- A. tainted
- B. hindered
- C. superseded
- D. inhibited
- E. proscribed
- F. forbidden

9. *Shifting Fortunes* take a conventional approach to American union history by simply explaining the reasons behind union growth and decline in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries: it is a chronologically and thematically \_\_\_\_\_ study and nothing more.

- A. complicated
- B. confined
- C. multifarious
- D. onerous
- E. circumscribed
- F. taxing

10. 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

## Section 5

### 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-5

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>discrete</b>	adj. separate and different from each other	离散的
2	<b>confused</b>	adj. being disordered or mixed up	混乱的，混合的
3	<b>perfunctory</b>	adj. acting with indifference, showing little interest or care	不走心的
4	<b>overt</b>	adj. open to view	明显的
5	<b>exacting</b>	adj. making severe demands adj. requiring great care, effort	要求高的 费力的
6	<b>ballyhoo</b>	v. talk or writing that is designed to get people excited or interested in something	大肆宣传
7	<b>quip</b>	n. a clever, witty remark	机智幽默的评论
8	<b>pensive</b>	adj. lost in serious or sad thought	(悲伤的)思考的
9	<b>droll</b>	adj. having an odd and amusing quality	古怪的，搞笑的
10	<b>stoicism</b>	n. indifference to pleasure or pain : impassiveness	淡泊
11	<b>hectic</b>	adj. very busy and filled with activity	非常忙碌的
12	<b>demanding</b>	adj. requiring much effort or attention	费力的，苛求的
13	<b>dilatory</b>	adj. tending or intended to cause delay	拖拉的，拖延的
14	<b>averse</b>	adj. having an active feeling of repugnance or distaste	反感的
15	<b>empiricism</b>	n. the practice of relying on observation and experiment especially in the natural sciences	基于观察和实验
16	<b>utilitarian</b>	adj. made to be useful rather than to be decorative or comfortable	实用的

		adj. of or relating to utilitarianism	功利的，实用主义的
17	<b>parochial</b>	adj. narrowly restricted in scope or outlook; provincial:	狭隘的
18	<b>irk</b>	v. to annoy	使...厌烦
19	<b>flippancy</b>	n. unbecoming levity or pertness especially in respect to grave or sacred matters	轻率无礼
20	<b>subtle</b>	adj. difficult to understand or perceive adj. highly skillful : expert	难以理解的 灵巧的，精湛的
21	<b>discursive</b>	adj. moving from topic to topic without order; rambling adj. marked by analytical reasoning	杂乱无章的 经分析推论而得出的
22	<b>obsequious</b>	adj. too eager to help or obey someone important	谄媚的
23	<b>discreet</b>	adj. not likely to be seen or noticed by many people	谨慎的，小心的
24	<b>sabotage</b>	v. to cause the failure of (something) deliberately	破坏
25	<b>acquiesce</b>	v. to accept, agree, or allow something to happen by staying silent or by not arguing	默许，勉强同意
26	<b>intractable</b>	adj. not easily managed, controlled, or solved	难驾驭的，难处理的
27	<b>veneration</b>	n. respect or awe inspired by the dignity, wisdom, dedication, or talent of a person	尊敬
28	<b>detestation</b>	n. extreme hatred or dislike	憎恶，痛恨
29	<b>grant</b>	v.to admit (something) although it does not agree with or support your opinion v. to bestow or transfer formally v. to agree to do, give, or allow (something asked for or hoped for)	承认 授予 允许

30	<b>refute</b>	v. to prove that (something) is not true	反驳, 推翻
31	<b>defy</b>	v. to refuse to obey	不遵守
		v. to resist or fight	违抗
32	<b>rosy</b>	adj. having or producing hope for success or happiness in the future	乐观的
33	<b>encomium</b>	n. glowing and warmly enthusiastic praise	赞美
34	<b>tribute</b>	n. something done, said, or given to show respect, gratitude, or affection	赞美, 致敬
35	<b>nullify</b>	v. to cause (something) to lose its value or to have no effect	使...无效

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -5

序号	核心意思	词群
1	声称	assert, maintain, aver, avow, purport, allege, contend
2	承认	concede, grant, acknowledge, admit
3	证明为假	refute, debunk, belie, discredit
4	称赞之词	encomium, tribute, compliment, applause, laud, eulogy, salutation, panegyric
5	隐藏	belie, mask, conceal, cloak, disguise, veil, obscure

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表 -5

序号	习语表达	解释
1	start out	开始
2	take A for B	把A误认为是B
3	exercise over	施加
4	for all	尽管

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. 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

2. 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

3. While people complain about their hectic lives and demanding schedules, one might be justified in suspecting that they are being somewhat (i)\_\_\_\_\_: compulsive busyness seems to be, for many, a source of (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. disingenuous	D. pride
B. guarded	E. despair
C. dilatory	F. irritation

4. 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

5. Readers may initially be irked by the book's apparent (i)\_\_\_\_\_, but, once immersed in the author's prose, they may come to regard the work's (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ as an asset.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. flippancy	D. subtlety
B. aimlessness	E. discourses
C. tendentiousness	F. exhaustiveness

6. Those who took Clark's old-mannered compliance for obsequiousness (i)\_\_\_\_\_ him: his apparent (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ veiled a fervent (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ of the authority that others exercised over him, one that he occasionally expressed by discreetly sabotaging their most important projects.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. misconstrued	D. cynicism	G. veneration
B. condemned	E. acquiescence	H. justification
C. respected	F. intractability	I. detestation

7. Although its director \_\_\_\_\_ that the movie uses a documentary approach in portraying the famous sit-down strike, in practice its characters are heavily fictionalized and fall into familiar Hollywood types.

- A. asserts
- B. concedes
- C. guarantees
- D. disputes
- E. grants
- F. maintains

8. 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

9. For all the \_\_\_\_\_ the new CEO has received from the press recently, her staff have a decidedly less rosy view of her.

- A. encomiums
- B. tributes
- C. evaluations
- D. critiques
- E. attention
- F. publicity

10. 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

# Section 6

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-6

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>deceptive</b>	adj. intended to make someone believe something that is not true	欺骗性的
2	<b>plastic</b>	adj. capable of adapting to varying conditions: pliable	可以适应的
3	<b>potency</b>	n. the power to influence someone	能力, 权力
4	<b>encumber</b>	v. to cause problems or difficulties for	阻碍
5	<b>replete</b>	adj. having much or plenty of something	充满的
6	<b>discretionary</b>	adj. available to be used when and how you decide	自由决定的
7	<b>bureaucracy</b>	n. a system of government or business that has many complicated rules and ways of doing things	官僚机构
8	<b>skirt</b>	v. to evade, as by circumlocution	回避, 避开 (话题)
9	<b>scrutinize</b>	v. to examine (something) carefully especially in a critical way	详细检查
10	<b>counter</b>	v. to do something in defense or in response to something	反驳
11	<b>revelation</b>	n. an act of revealing to view or making known	揭露
12	<b>stigma</b>	n. a set of negative and often unfair beliefs that a society or group of people have about something	污点
13	<b>allure</b>	v. to entice by charm or attraction	引诱
14	<b>blemish</b>	v. to hurt or damage the good condition of (something)	玷污, 破坏

		n. a mark that makes something imperfect or less beautiful	污点
15	<b>inveterate</b>	adj. always or often happening or existing	一贯的
		adj. always or often doing something specified	习惯做....的
16	<b>intercept</b>	v. to stop, seize, or interrupt in progress or course or before arrival	拦截
17	<b>oblige</b>	v. to force or require (someone or something) to do something because of a law or rule or because it is necessary	迫使, 强制
18	<b>suffocate</b>	v. to impede or stop the development of	阻碍, 使窒息
19	<b>monitor</b>	v. to watch, keep track of, or check usually for a special purpose	监控
20	<b>commend</b>	v. to praise (someone or something) in a serious and often public way	称赞
		v. to mention (someone or something) as deserving attention or approval	推荐
21	<b>weird</b>	adj. unusual or strange	奇怪的, 怪异的
22	<b>shackle</b>	v. to deprive of freedom especially of action by means of restrictions or handicaps	阻碍
23	<b>admonish</b>	v. to criticize or warn gently but seriously	警告
		v. to give friendly advice or encouragement	劝告
24	<b>hazardous</b>	adj. involving risk or danger	危险的
25	<b>momentous</b>	adj. very important	重要的
26	<b>precarious</b>	adj. characterized by a lack of security or stability that threatens with danger	处境危险的
27	<b>stagnate</b>	v. to stop developing, progressing, moving, etc.	停滞

28	<b>rigid</b>	adj. not easily changed	僵硬的
29	<b>repudiate</b>	v. to refuse to accept or support	否认, 拒绝
30	<b>recant</b>	v. to withdraw or repudiate (a statement or belief) formally and publicly	(公开正式的) 否认
31	<b>neutral</b>	adj. not supporting either side of an argument, fight, war, etc.	中立的
32	<b>betray</b>	v. to make known unintentionally	(无意中) 显露
		v. to give aid or information to an enemy of; commit treason against	背叛
33	<b>expel</b>	v. to officials force (someone) to leave a place or organization	驱逐
34	<b>endorse</b>	v. to publicly or officially say that you support or approve of (someone or something)	公开支持
35	<b>oust</b>	v. to cause or force to leave a position	驱逐
36	<b>sanction</b>	v. to give official authorization or approval to	支持
		n. official permission or approval	支持 (做不可数名词)
		n. the penalty for noncompliance with a law or legal order	制裁 (做可数名词)

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -6

序号	核心意思	词群
1	使有活力	cheer, enliven, invigorate, vitalize, vivify, energize
2	束缚	shackle, stifle, fetter, manacle, bridle
3	琐碎的, 不重要的	trivial, inconsequential, trifling, inconsiderable, insignificant, minor, petty, paltry
4	危险的	precarious, perilous, dangerous, hazardous, risky
5	撤回, 放弃	repudiate, recant, foreswear, renounce, abnegate
6	放逐, 驱逐	expel, oust, banish, ostracize, chase, extrude

7	认可, 批准	endorse, sanction, approbate, ratify, accredit, authorize
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### 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表 -6

序号	习语表达	解释
1	nuclear power plants	核电站
2	of major importance	很重要
3	dispose of	处理
4	regard A as B	认为A是B
5	persist in	坚持

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. 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

2. We often regard natural phenomena like rainfall as mysterious and unpredictable; although for short time spans and particular places they appear so, in fact on a truly global scale, nature has been a model of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. reliability
- B. diversity
- C. complexity
- D. plasticity
- E. discontinuity

3. The national bank has been uncommonly powerful in comparison to its counterparts in other nations. It retains this potency partly because its control of the nation's banking system is (i)\_\_\_\_\_ governmental interference, and thus its actions remain largely (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. unencumbered by	D. compulsory
B. replete with	E. discretionary
C. hindered by	F. bureaucratic

4. The material covered in this article has been (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in previous publications, and since currently neglected areas remained unexplored, the article contains no (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. skirted	D. revelations
B. scrutinized	E. distortions
C. countered	F. conclusions

5. Unambiguous texts can allow their readers to (i)\_\_\_\_\_ them quickly, but ambiguous texts can have the attractive (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ of multiple possible interpretations, all of which can be considered equally (iii)\_\_\_\_\_, and none of which is the single true meaning.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. misunderstand	D. stigma	G. valid
B. comprehend	E. blemish	H. frank
C. complicate	F. allure	I. inveterate

6. Even the reader acquainted with the outlines of Pushkin's biography will be (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ so vividly conveyed in Binyon's biography. Not only was Pushkin's personal correspondence intercepted and his movements (iii)\_\_\_\_\_, but Tsar Nicholas I's decision to oversee Pushkin's career obliged Pushkin to submit all his manuscripts for inspection.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. attracted to	D. suffocating lack of creative freedom	G. ignored
B. confused by	E. concern for contemporary society	H. monitored
C. struck by	F. underlying sense of historical change	I. commended

7. The uniquely human ability to rethink and revise our social arrangements is a weird blessing, allowing us to create systems that are as likely to \_\_\_\_\_ us as to liberate us.

- A. cheer
- B. shackle
- C. admonish
- D. educate
- E. stifle
- F. enliven

8. 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

9. Although the insistence on balancing spending against tax revenues has contributed to the economy's stagnation, unfortunately, the government does not seem likely to \_\_\_\_\_ this rigid policy.

- A. initiate
- B. persist in
- C. publicize
- D. repudiate
- E. continue
- F. recant

10. Since it was committed to the idea of science as an international, politically neutral enterprise, the Royal Society of London refused to \_\_\_\_\_ members from enemy nations during world wars of the twentieth century.

- A. betray
- B. expel
- C. endorse
- D. oust
- E. sanction
- F. condemn

# Section 7

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-7

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>proprietary</b>	adj. kept private by an owner	私有的
2	<b>impenetrable</b>	adj. impossible to understand	难懂的
		adj. incapable of being penetrated or pierced	无法穿透的
		adj. impervious to sentiment or argument	冷漠麻木
3	<b>didactic</b>	adj. inclined to teach or moralize excessively	过分说教的
4	<b>paradox</b>	n. something (such as a situation) that is made up of two opposite things and that seems impossible but is actually true or possible	矛盾
5	<b>cosmopolitan</b>	adj. having worldwide rather than limited or provincial scope or bearing	世界性的，国际性的
6	<b>capricious</b>	adj. changing often and quickly	变化多端的
7	<b>mercenary</b>	adj. serving merely for pay or sordid advantage	唯利是图的
8	<b>intransigent</b>	adj. completely unwilling to change	不妥协的，不让步的
9	<b>scathing</b>	adj. very harsh or severe	尖酸刻薄的
10	<b>satirize</b>	v. to show that (someone or something) is foolish, weak, bad, etc., by using satire	讽刺，挖苦
11	<b>abhor</b>	v. to dislike very much	厌恶
12	<b>relish</b>	v. to enjoy or take pleasure in (something)	享受
13	<b>enchanting</b>	adj. charming	迷人的

14	<b>flout</b>	v. to treat with contemptuous disregard	蔑视, 鄙视
15	<b>subvert</b>	v. to secretly try to ruin or destroy a government, political system, etc.	颠覆, 推翻
		v. to make (something) weaker or less effective	破坏
16	<b>palpable</b>	adj. capable of being touched or felt	可感知的
		adj. easily perceptible	明显的
17	<b>temperate</b>	adj. marked by moderation	温和的, 适度的
18	<b>delegate</b>	v. to entrust to another	把.....委托给
19	<b>ascribe</b>	v. to think of as coming from a specified cause, source, or author	归因于
20	<b>sophisticated</b>	adj. having or showing a lot of experience and knowledge about the world and about culture, art, literature, etc.	富有经验的, 见多识广的
		adj. highly developed and complex	高度复杂的, 精密的
21	<b>consensus</b>	n. a general agreement about something	意见一致
22	<b>compunction</b>	n. a feeling of guilt or regret	后悔感, 犯罪感
23	<b>dichotomy</b>	n. something with seemingly contradictory qualities	矛盾, 对立
24	<b>untenable</b>	adj. not capable of being defended against attack or criticism : not tenable	站不住脚的
25	<b>bypass</b>	v. to go around or avoid (a place or area)	绕过
26	<b>magnify</b>	v. to make greater	放大
		v. to exaggerate	夸大
27	<b>circumvent</b>	v. to avoid being stopped by (something, such as a law or rule)	绕过, 回避
28	<b>evanescent</b>	adj. lasting a very short time	短暂的

29	<b>demise</b>	n. / v. to die	死亡, 灭亡
30	<b>transient</b>	adj. not lasting long	短暂的
31	<b>decay</b>	v. to decline in health, strength, or vigor	衰退
32	<b>deteriorate</b>	v. to make (something) worse	恶化
33	<b>conspicuous</b>	adj. very easy to see or notice	显眼的, 明显的
34	<b>intriguing</b>	adj. extremely interesting	非常有趣的
35	<b>trifling</b>	adj. having little value or importance	不重要的
36	<b>deleterious</b>	adj. damaging or harmful	有害的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -7

序号	核心意思	词群
1	矛盾	contradiction, dichotomy, paradox, conflict
2	站不住脚的	untenable, unsustainable, assailable
3	避免	bypass, circumvent, skirt, detour, sidestep
4	加强, 激化	exacerbate, magnify, accentuate, aggravate, amplify
5	多变的	capricious, arbitrary, fickle, mercurial, volatile
6	短暂的	transient, evanescent, ephemeral, fleeting, momentary, meteoric
7	恶化	decay, deteriorate, atrophy, worsen, regress
8	明显的	conspicuous, marked, salient, noticeable, outstanding, prominent, remarkable
9	微不足道的	trifling, minimal, trivial, inconsequential, insignificant, slight

### 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-7

序号	习语表达	解释
1	associated with	与……有关
2	subordinate A to B	使A服从于B
3	delegate A to B	把A委托给B
4	ascribe A to B	把A归因于B
5	like A to B	把A比作B
6	myriad of	大量的

### 4. Authentic Questions

1. Among the Mealcambut people of Papua New Guinea, legends are associated with specific caves in the Speik region, and the legends are \_\_\_\_\_: only cave owner can share its secrets.

- A. proprietary
- B. impenetrable
- C. immutable
- D. didactic
- E. self-perpetuating

2. It is a paradox of the Victorians that they are both \_\_\_\_\_ and throughout the empire, cosmopolitan.

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

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. abhor	D. unattainable
B. relish	E. insufferable
C. evoke	F. enchanting

4. The contemporary trend whereby fashion designers flout mainstream tradition is unique only in its (i)\_\_\_\_\_; earlier fashion designers experienced the same (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ impulse, albeit in a less extreme form.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. subversiveness	D. indiscriminate
B. intensity	E. iconoclastic
C. palpability	F. temperate

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

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

6. 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

7. Progressive and reactionary populist movements are not necessarily \_\_\_\_\_: each may, and usually does, possess the features of the other.

- A. dichotomous
- B. untenable
- C. unsustainable
- D. contradictory
- E. subversive
- F. efficacious

8. Flawed as it may be for it is constructed by subjective scientists, science itself has methods that help us \_\_\_\_\_ our bias and talk about objective reality with some validity.

- A. bypass
- B. reduce
- C. exacerbate
- D. magnify
- E. acknowledge
- F. circumvent

9. 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

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

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

# Section 8

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-8

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>elephantine</b>	adj. very large like an elephant	巨大的
		adj. not graceful : awkward or clumsy	笨拙的
2	<b>ubiquity</b>	n. presence everywhere or in many places especially simultaneously	无所不在
3	<b>promise</b>	n. an indication of future success or improvement	前途
		v. to afford a basis for expecting	预示
4	<b>gainsay</b>	v. to deny or disagree with (something) : to show or say that (something) is not true	否定, 反驳
5	<b>sterling</b>	adj. conforming to the highest standard	高质量的
6	<b>ad hoc</b>	adv. for the particular end or case at hand without consideration of wider application	特别地
		adj. formed or used for specific or immediate problems or needs	特别的
		adj. fashioned from whatever is immediately available : improvised	临时的
7	<b>anonymous</b>	adj. not distinct or noticeable	不出名的
		adj. made or done by someone unknown	匿名的
8	<b>evenhanded</b>	adj. not favoring one side or group over another	公平的
9	<b>confessional</b>	adj. telling private information about a person's life	自白的
10	<b>amplify</b>	v. to speak or write about (something) in a more complete way	详细阐述
		v. to make larger or greater	夸大

11	<b>particularize</b>	v. to give specific details or examples of	详细阐述
12	<b>encase</b>	adj. to completely cover (something)	包住, 围绕
13	<b>fleeting</b>	adj. passing swiftly	短暂的
14	<b>incompatible</b>	adj. not able to exist together without trouble or conflict; not able to be used together	无法共存的, 不可兼容的
15	<b>cluster</b>	v. to come together to form a group	聚集
16	<b>stratify</b>	v. to divide or arrange into classes, castes, or social strata	分层级
17	<b>innocuous</b>	adj. producing no injury	无害的
		adj. not likely to give offense or to arouse strong feelings or hostility	平淡的
18	<b>overture</b>	n. the first part of an event : the beginning of something	序曲
19	<b>bleak</b>	adj. gloomy and somber; dreary	暗淡的, 阴郁的
		adj. not hopeful or encouraging : depressing	没有希望的
20	<b>believe</b>	v. to give a false idea of (something)	掩饰
		v. to show (something) to be false or wrong	证明.....虚假错误
21	<b>undercut</b>	v. to make (something) weaker or less effective	削弱
22	<b>prefigure</b>	v. to show or suggest (something that will happen or exist at a future time)	预示
23	<b>entail</b>	v. to have (something) as a part, step, or result	包括, 包含
		v. to impose, involve, or imply as a necessary accompaniment or result	使必要, 需要
24	<b>coincident</b>	adj. happening at the same time	一致的, 同时发生的

25	<b>hack</b>	v. to cut or sever with repeated irregular or unskillful blows	砍
		v. to gain access to a computer illegally	侵入
26	<b>generic</b>	adj. having no particularly distinctive quality or application	普通的, 通用的
27	<b>inclusive</b>	adj. broad in orientation or scope	广泛的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -8

序号	核心意思	词群
1	分等级的	hierarchical, stratified, graded, ranked
2	预示	anticipate, prefigure, adumbrate, forerun, harbinger, herald
3	对立的	antithetical, oppositional, contradictory, contrary, diametric, opposite, polar
4	肯定的	affirmative, positive

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-8

序号	习语表达	解释
1	lack of	缺乏
2	out of	出于, 由于; 缺乏
3	at first glance	乍一眼
4	stand out of the pack	脱颖而出
5	fail to	未能, 不能
6	give birth	生孩子
7	derive from	来自

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. Apparently, advanced tortoises evolved multiple times: the high-domed shells and columnar, elephantine feet of current forms are specializations for terrestrial life that evolved \_\_\_\_\_ on each continent.

- A. independently
- B. interchangeably
- C. paradoxically
- D. simultaneously
- E. symmetrically

2. Instead of demonstrating the \_\_\_\_\_ of archaeological applications of electronic remote sensing, the pioneering study became, to some skeptics, an illustration of the imprudence of interpreting sites based on virtual archeology.

- A. ubiquity
- B. redundancy
- C. limitation
- D. complexity
- E. promise

3. Given the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ committees and the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ nature of its investigation, it would be unreasonable to gainsay the committee's conclusions at first glance.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. sterling reputation of	D. superficial
B. lack of funding for	E. spontaneous
C. ad hoc existence of	F. exhaustive

4. Though many professional book reviewers would agree that criticism should be (i)\_\_\_\_\_ enterprise, a tendency to write (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ reviews has risen. Partly out of the mistaken belief that sharing personal details will help reviewers stand out of the pack.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. an anonymous	D. scathing
B. an evenhanded	E. confessional
C. a spirited	F. superficial

5. Scientific papers often (i)\_\_\_\_\_ what actually happened in the course of the investigations they describe. Misunderstandings, blind alleys, and mistakes of various sorts will fail to appear in the final written accounts, because (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ is a desirable attribute when transmitting results in a science report and would be poorly served by (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. amplify	D. transparency	G. a comprehensive historical account
B. misrepresent	E. efficiency	H. a purely quantitative analysis
C. particularize	F. exhaustiveness	I. an overly superficial discussion

6. Analysis of 47.5-million-year-old fossils from Pakistan has yielded fresh insights into the early ancestors of modern whales. For example, Maiacetus inuus was a land animal (i)\_\_\_\_\_ life in the sea. One Mariacetus inuus fossil encased a fetus positioned for a head-first delivery, which is typical of a land mammal and suggests the species gave birth onshore. But it probably spent much of its time (ii)\_\_\_\_\_: its big teeth were suited for catching fish, while its flipper-like feet must have been (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ walking.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. resistant to	D. in the water	G. incompatible with
B. removed from	E. fleeting from predators	H. clumsy for
C. adapted to	F. protecting its young	I. strengthened by

7. The Chavez Pass archaeological site was initially interpreted as indicative of \_\_\_\_\_ society, since it was thought to have been at the center of a cluster of smaller, contemporary settlements that it presumably controlled.

- A. an expansionist
- B. a hierarchical
- C. an urban
- D. a heterogeneous
- E. a diverse
- F. a stratified

8. 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

9. 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

10. While recognizing that recent reports of cyberwarfare, 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

# Section 9

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-9

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>cultivate</b>	v. to foster the growth of	培养
2	<b>irascible</b>	adj. becoming angry very easily	易怒的，坏脾气的
3	<b>abstemious</b>	adj. not eating and drinking too much; also : reflecting such restraint	节俭的，节省的
4	<b>contentious</b>	adj. likely to cause people to argue or disagree	引起争议的
		adj. likely or willing to argue	爱争论的
5	<b>surreptitious</b>	adj. done in a secret way	鬼鬼祟祟的
6	<b>insouciance</b>	n. a feeling of not worrying about anything	无忧无虑，不操心
7	<b>empirical</b>	adj. originating in or based on observation or experience	根据观察或经验的
8	<b>perfunctory</b>	adj. acting with indifference, showing little interest or care	敷衍的，草率的
9	<b>egregious</b>	adj. conspicuously bad or offensive	极坏的
10	<b>lopsided</b>	adj. uneven or unequal	不均衡的
11	<b>feeble</b>	adj. very weak	衰弱的，虚弱的
12	<b>robust</b>	adj. strong and healthy	强壮的
13	<b>turbulent</b>	adj. moving in an irregular or violent way	混乱的
14	<b>chronology</b>	n. a record of the order in which a series of events happened	年表
15	<b>synopsis</b>	n. a short description of the most important information about something	概要
16	<b>awry</b>	adj. not working correctly or happening in the expected way	错误的
17	<b>astute</b>	adj. having or showing an ability to notice and understand things clearly	精明的，机敏的

18	<b>defensive</b>	adj. in a situation which you are forced to defend or protect someone or something	被动防守的, 防御的
19	<b>customary</b>	adj. usual or typical of a particular person	习惯性的
20	<b>malady</b>	n. a disease or illness	疾病
21	<b>indiscretion</b>	n. lack of good judgment or care in behavior and especially in speech : lack of discretion	轻率, 不谨慎
22	<b>prognosis</b>	n. a doctor's opinion about how someone will recover from an illness or injury	诊断
		n. a judgment about what is going to happen in the future	预言
23	<b>variable</b>	adj. able or likely to change or be changed : not always the same	可变的, 多变的
24	<b>antagonistic</b>	adj. showing dislike or opposition	敌对的
25	<b>adversarial</b>	adj. involving two people or two sides who oppose each other	敌对的
26	<b>dichotomy</b>	n. something with seemingly contradictory qualities	矛盾
27	<b>untenable</b>	adj. not capable of being defended against attack or criticism : not tenable	站不住脚的
28	<b>subvert</b>	v. to secretly try to ruin or destroy a government, political system, etc.	颠覆, 推翻
		v. to make (something) weaker or less effective	破坏
29	<b>enrich</b>	v. to make rich or richer especially by the addition or increase of some desirable quality, attribute, or ingredient	使丰富
30	<b>augment</b>	v. to increase the size or amount of (something)	扩大
31	<b>extend</b>	v. to become longer or to be able to become longer	扩大, 延长
32	<b>warble</b>	v. to sing a melody of low pleasing sounds	低吟浅唱

33	<b>improvise</b>	v. to speak or perform without preparation	即兴表演
34	<b>shriek</b>	v. to make a loud, high-pitched cry	叫喊, 尖叫
35	<b>croon</b>	v. to sing (a song) in a low soft voice	低声唱歌
36	<b>caterwaul</b>	v. to make a very loud and unpleasant sound	发出难听的声音

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -9

序号	核心意思	词群
1	稳定的, 不变的	constant, immutable, invariable, stable, steady, permanent
2	可变的	changeable, variable, adaptable, adjustable, malleable, pliable
3	敌对的	antagonistic, adversarial, hostile, inimical, opposing
4	矛盾	contradiction, dichotomy, paradox, conflict
5	站不住脚的	untenable, unsustainable, assailable
6	增大	augment, extend, expand, aggrandize, amplify, boost, enlarge, multiply, raise

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-9

序号	习语表达	解释
1	focus on	以.....为重点, 集中注意力于
2	portray A as B	把A描绘成B
3	diametrically opposed to	与.....截然相反

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. A new television documentary focuses on one of the prime minister's defining contradiction, portraying her as a woman who cultivated an image of \_\_\_\_\_, but who liked to live grandly.

- A. irascibility
- B. abstemiousness
- C. contentiousness
- D. surreptitiousness
- E. insouciance

2. In Protoscience times (in the ancient Greece), claims about the physical world were often accepted as true if they are reasonable; experimental verification, if thought necessary at all, was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. utilitarian
- B. empirical
- C. perfunctory
- D. inductive
- E. egregious

3. The economic recovery was somewhat lopsided: (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in some of the industries economics while (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in others of them.

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

4. 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

5. Due to the extraordinary circumstances, British business owners found themselves in a (i)\_\_\_\_\_ position during the second world war, forced to accept interference from the government and to acquiesce to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ role for labor unions in negotiating the terms and conditions of the employment.

Blank (i)	Blank (i)
A. defensive	D. a traditional
B. dominant	E. an enhanced
C. customary	F. a diminished

6. For almost two centuries, the German island of Sylt has offered various therapies for every conceivable (i)\_\_\_\_\_, from broken bones to liver complaints. The local mud, saltwater, thermal pools, and spas has been deemed (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ by the German medical system, which (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ some of these treatments. Consequently, these treatments are widely used.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. malady	D. healthful	G. doubts
B. indiscretion	E. suspect	H. denies
C. prognosis	F. innocuous	I. funds

7. Miller reminded his client that labor relations are inherently \_\_\_\_\_: the interests of business owners' are diametrically opposed to those of the employees.

- A. constant
- B. immutable
- C. changeable
- D. variable
- E. antagonistic
- F. adversarial

8. Progressive and reactionary populist movements are not necessarily \_\_\_\_\_: each may, and usually does, possess the features of the other.

- A. dichotomous
- B. untenable
- C. unsustainable
- D. contradictory
- E. subversive
- F. efficacious

9. Even the cleverest use of time management techniques is powerless to \_\_\_\_\_ sum of minutes in a person's life, 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

10. One of the vocalists who auditioned for a leading part in the local production of Sweeney Todd seemed to prefer \_\_\_\_\_ to any attempt at producing a melody; a more unpleasant voice was hard to imagine.

- A. warbling
- B. imitating
- C. improvising
- D. shrieking
- E. crooning
- F. caterwauling

# Section 10

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-10

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>epic</b>	adj. very great or large and usually difficult or impressive	史诗般的，伟大的
2	<b>mundane</b>	adj. dull and ordinary	平凡的，无聊的
3	<b>marvel</b>	n. someone or something that is extremely good, skillful, etc.	奇迹
4	<b>exemplar</b>	n. a typical example	典型
5	<b>glorify</b>	v. to represent as glorious	赞美
6	<b>dilute</b>	v. to lessen the strength of (something)	削弱，减轻
		v. to make thinner or less strong by adding water or another liquid	稀释
7	<b>antithesis</b>	n. the exact opposite of something or someone	相反，对立
8	<b>lavish</b>	adj. having a very rich and expensive quality	奢华的
		adj. giving or using a large amount of something	浪费的
		v. to expend or bestow with profusion	挥霍，浪费
9	<b>routine</b>	adj. done or happening as a normal part of a job, situation, or process	日常的，例行的
10	<b>vacant</b>	adj. not filled, used, or lived in	空的
11	<b>homogeneous</b>	adj. made up of the same kind of people or things	同质化的
12	<b>daunting</b>	adj. very difficult to do or deal with	难以处理的
13	<b>durable</b>	adj. staying strong and in good condition over a long period of time	耐用的
14	<b>demonstrate</b>	v. to prove or make clear by reasoning or evidence	证明

15	<b>debunk</b>	v. to show that something (such as a belief or theory) is not true	拆穿, 揭露... 的错误
16	<b>authenticate</b>	v. to prove that something is real, true, or genuine	验证, 证明....是真实的
17	<b>predate</b>	v. to exist or happen at an earlier time than (something or someone)	先于
18	<b>vice</b>	n. a moral flaw or weakness	缺点, 恶习
19	<b>compliment</b>	v. to say nice things about (someone or something) : to pay a compliment to (someone or something)	称赞, 赞美
		n. an action that expresses admiration or approval	赞美
20	<b>censure</b>	n. official strong criticism	批评
21	<b>evident</b>	adj. clear to the sight or mind	明显的
22	<b>demanding</b>	adj. requiring much time, attention, or effort	苛求的
23	<b>sift</b>	v. to go through (something) very carefully in order to find something useful or valuable	筛选
24	<b>achieve</b>	v. to get or reach (something) by working hard	获得; 实现
25	<b>erode</b>	v. to diminish or destroy by degrees	腐蚀
26	<b>modify</b>	v. to change some parts of (something) while not changing other parts	修改, 修饰
27	<b>competence</b>	n. the ability to do something well	能力
28	<b>chaos</b>	n. complete confusion and disorder	混乱
29	<b>disarray</b>	n. a lack of order	杂乱, 混乱

30	<b>unruly</b>	adj. not readily ruled, disciplined, or managed	难驾驭的, 不守规矩的
31	<b>uneven</b>	adj. not uniform : irregular	不一致的
32	<b>overarching</b>	adj. dominating or embracing all else	首要的, 包罗万象的
33	<b>mediocre</b>	adj. of moderate or low quality, value, ability or performance	普通的, 平庸的
34	<b>somnolent</b>	adj. very boring or causing a person to fall asleep	无聊的, 令人昏昏欲睡的
35	<b>slumber</b>	v. to lie dormant or latent	睡着度过, 不活跃
36	<b>lethargic</b>	adj. a lack of energy or a lack of interest in doing things : a lethargic feeling or state	无精打采的
37	<b>laconic</b>	adj. using few words in speech or writing	简洁的, 用词少的
38	<b>befuddle</b>	v. to confuse	使...困惑
39	<b>evenhanded</b>	adj. not favoring one side or group over another	公平的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -10

序号	核心意思	词群
1	实现	achieve, realize, accomplish, fulfill
2	混乱	disarray, chaos, topsy-turvy, commotion, turmoil
3	完美的	faultless, perfect, flawless, impeccable, indefectible, irreproachable, unblemished
4	吸引人的	intriguing, engaging, absorbing, engrossing, interesting, involving, riveting, thought provoking
5	不同的	disparate, heterogeneous, different, dissimilar, diverse, unlike
6	公正的	impartial, evenhanded, equal, disinterested, just, nonpartisan, dispassionate, objective, unbiased, unprejudiced
7	没精打采的	lethargic, somnolent, inert, sluggish, torpid

### 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-10

序号	习语表达	解释
1	in comparison to	与.....相比
2	dead end	僵局，死胡同
3	at best	最多，最好的情况下
4	at worst	最坏的情况下
5	at least	至少

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. The space travels described in science fiction stories always used to be epic adventures, in comparison to which current journals in space seem quite \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. mundane
- B. risky
- C. exciting
- D. heroic
- E. dramatic

2. Medieval cathedrals still stand as marvels of architecture, but as far as modern science is concerned, medieval physics 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

3. Although trains may use energy more (i)\_\_\_\_\_ than do automobiles, the latter move only when they contain at least one occupant, whereas railway carriages spend a considerable amount of time running up and down tracks (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ , or nearly so.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. lavishly	D. vacant
B. efficiently	E. unimpeded
C. routinely	F. overloaded

4. Historian Babara A. 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

5. One sometimes hears that Macro 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 Macro 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. predated that event

6. Both very good and very bad books are easy to review. Praise and (i)\_\_\_\_\_ come easily. But what of books that contain a muddle of virtues and vices? Here the reviewer's task is more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_: the author's useful and thought provoking observations need to be (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the useless and tedious.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. ambivalence	D. evident	G. supplanted by
B. compliment	E. demanding	H. sifted from
C. censure	F. manageable	I. overshadowed by

7. Even though women in U.S. would not gain right to vote until 1920, throughout the 19-century many feminist goals were gradually \_\_\_\_\_, especially the rights of married women to control their own property.

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

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

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

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

- A. intriguing
- B. disparate
- C. heterogeneous
- D. mediocre
- E. comprehensive
- F. engaging

10. 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

# Section 11

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-11

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>genuine</b>	adj. actual; real	真实的
2	<b>resolution</b>	n. the quality of being very determined to do something	决心
		n. an answer or solution to something	解决方案
3	<b>dilemma</b>	n. a situation in which you have to make a difficult choice	困境
4	<b>rigorous</b>	adj. very strict and demanding	严格的
5	<b>specious</b>	adj. falsely appearing to be right	假的
6	<b>blatant</b>	adj. noisy especially in a vulgar or offensive manner	吵吵闹闹的
		adj. totally or offensively conspicuous or obtrusive	明目张胆的
7	<b>unworldly</b>	adj. having an unusual quality that does not seem to be of this world	脱离世俗的
8	<b>ethos</b>	n. the distinguishing character, sentiment, moral nature, or guiding beliefs of a person, group, or organization	(团体的) 气质, 氛围, 信仰等
9	<b>commonplace</b>	n. something that happens or appears in many places and is not unusual	平庸
10	<b>melancholy</b>	n. a sad mood or feeling	忧郁
11	<b>hamper</b>	adj. to slow the movement, progress, or action of (someone or something)	阻碍
12	<b>trigger</b>	v. / n. to cause (something) to start or happen	触发
13	<b>transcend</b>	v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of	超越
		v. to outstrip or outdo in some attribute, quality, or power	胜出, 超出

14	<b>fad</b>	n. something (such as an interest or fashion) that is very popular for a short time	时尚
15	<b>empirical</b>	adj. originating in or based on observation or experience	根据观察或经验的
16	<b>utilitarian</b>	adj. made to be useful rather than to be decorative or comfortable	实用的
		adj. of or relating to utilitarianism	功利的, 实用主义的
17	<b>parochial</b>	adj. limited in range or scope	狭隘的, 范围有限的
18	<b>quell</b>	v. to end or stop (something) usually by using force	平息, 镇压
19	<b>conviction</b>	n. a strong belief or opinion	坚定的信仰, 信念
20	<b>presage</b>	v. to give or be a sign of (something that will happen or develop in the future)	预测, 预言
21	<b>foster</b>	v. to help (something) grow or develop	促进
22	<b>pertain</b>	v. to relate to	与...相关
		v. to be appropriate to something	适用, 适合
23	<b>mitigate</b>	v. to make less severe or intense	减缓
24	<b>unprecedented</b>	adj. having no previous example	空前的
25	<b>warrant</b>	v. to make a legal promise that a statement is true	保证
26	<b>novel</b>	adj. new and different from what has been known before	创新的
27	<b>exigent</b>	adj. requiring immediate attention	紧急的
28	<b>plot</b>	n. a series of events that form the story in a novel, movie	情节
29	<b>paradigm</b>	n. a model or pattern for something that may be copied	典范

30	<b>hodgepodge</b>	n. a mixture of different things	混杂, 混合物
31	<b>patchwork</b>	n. something made of miscellaneous or incongruous parts or elements	混合物
32	<b>grant</b>	v.to admit (something) although it does not agree with or support your opinion	承认
		v. to bestow or transfer formally	授予
		v. to agree to do, give, or allow (something asked for or hoped for)	允许
33	<b>concession</b>	n. something done or agreed to usually grudgingly in order to reach an agreement or improve a situation	让步
34	<b>abnegate</b>	v. to deny or renounce	否认
		v. to relinquish or surrender	放弃, 屈服
35	<b>fractious</b>	adj. irritable or peevish	易怒的
36	<b>affable</b>	adj. easy and pleasant to speak to	和蔼可亲的
37	<b>sagacious</b>	adj. having or showing an ability to understand difficult ideas and situations and to make good decisions	聪明的, 睿智的
38	<b>easygoing</b>	adj. relaxed and informal	脾气随和的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -11

序号	核心意思	词群
1	无依据的	unwarranted, groundless, unfounded, baseless
2	典范	paradigm, model, example, exemplar, paragon
3	混合物	hodgepodge, patchwork, pastiche, montage, motley, swelter

4	同意, 接受	acquiescence, accession, acceptance, agreement, approval, assent, sanction
5	否认	abnegate, repudiate, disavow, gainsay, refute, reject
6	随和的	affable, easygoing, genial, good-natured, good-tempered, nice

### 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-11

序号	习语表达	解释
1	tempt to	引诱
2	engage in	从事
3	on the contrary	相反
4	other than	除了

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. 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

2. Without seeming unworldly, William James appeared wholly removed from the \_\_\_\_\_ of society, the conventionality of academe.

- A. ethos
- B. idealism
- C. romance
- D. paradoxes
- E. commonplaces

3. The great (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of most books that examine the American presidency is their ideology bias, but for the most part, this volume on the presidency maintains an impressive degree of (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. contribution	D. certainty
B. limitation	E. fluency
C. paradox	F. objectivity

4. 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

5. The author argued that the field of sociology has been overtly (i)\_\_\_\_\_, partly because, for many scholars, the edges of the social universe are defined by national borders. In this era of 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

6. Applications of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) have fared best in contexts in which habitat condition is closely linked to species condition and the cause of habitat degradation is easily identified. The achievement of ESA, in those contexts, however, have (i)\_\_\_\_\_ that other uses of the act can (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ that record even where such favorable conditions do not (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. quelled the conviction	D. mitigate	G. vary
B. presaged the uncertainty	E. duplicate	H. pertain
C. fostered the misconception	F. elucidate	I. diminish

7. Since some contemporary western dietitians believe that the only function of food is to provide nourishment, these dietitians view an emphasis on the aesthetic dimension of the culinary art as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. unprecedented
- B. unwarranted
- C. illuminating
- D. groundless
- E. promising
- F. novel

8. Harper Lee's narration in *To kill a Mocking Bird* 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

9. A clever form of diplomacy involves subtly inducing the other party to propose your preference so that your \_\_\_\_\_ their requests appear as the granting of concession.

- A. accession to
- B. inattention to
- C. subversion of
- D. abnegation of
- E. repudiation of
- F. acquiescence to

10. The employee had a reputation for fractiousness, but his coworkers found him to be, on the contrary, quite \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. insightful
- B. affable
- C. sagacious
- D. capable
- E. easygoing
- F. productive

## Section 12

### 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-12

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>zenith</b>	n. the highest point reached in the heavens by a celestial body	顶点，最高点
2	<b>brute</b>	adj. of or relating to beasts	粗鲁的，无理性的
3	<b>jar</b>	v. to clash or conflict	抵触，冲突
		v. to make (someone) feel uneasy	使...不安
4	<b>plausible</b>	adj. superficially fair, reasonable, or valuable but often specious	貌似正确的
5	<b>conciliatory</b>	adj. having the intention or effect of making angry people calm	安抚的，调和的
6	<b>teem</b>	v. to be present in large quantity	充满
7	<b>roil</b>	v. to upset (someone or something) very much : to cause (someone or something) to become very agitated or disturbed	激怒，使不安
8	<b>ebb</b>	v. to fall from a higher to a lower level or from a better to a worse state	衰退，减少
9	<b>empower</b>	v. to give power to (someone)	赋予权利，使能够
		v. to promote the self-actualization or influence of	提升...的影响力
10	<b>overextend</b>	v. to extend or expand beyond a safe or reasonable point; especially : to commit (oneself) financially beyond what can be paid	过分扩展，承担过多义务
11	<b>pseudonym</b>	n. a name that someone (such as a writer) uses instead of his or her real name	假名
12	<b>remuneration</b>	n. an amount of money paid to someone for the work that person has done	酬金
13	<b>replete</b>	adj. having much or plenty of something	充满的

14	<b>hinder</b>	v. to make (something, such as a task or action) slow or difficult	阻碍
15	<b>compulsory</b>	adj. having the power of forcing someone to do something	强制的
16	<b>oblige</b>	v. to make (a person or organization) do something because the law requires it or because it is the right thing to do	使.....负有义务
17	<b>emulate</b>	v. to strive to equal or excel	通过模仿而赶超
18	<b>countermand</b>	v. to cancel (an order) especially by giving a new order	撤销 (命令)
19	<b>mediate</b>	v. to work with opposing sides in an argument or dispute in order to get an agreement	调停, 调整
		v. to act as intermediary agent in bringing, effecting, or communicating	传达
20	<b>insipid</b>	adj. not interesting or exciting	无聊的
21	<b>conjure</b>	v. to create or imagine (something)	想象出
22	<b>strip</b>	v. to remove clothing, covering, or surface matter from	剥去, 除去
		v. to deprive of possessions	剥夺
23	<b>voluble</b>	adj. talking a lot in an energetic and rapid way	健谈的, 话多的
24	<b>heartfelt</b>	adj. deeply felt : very sincere	真诚的
25	<b>intelligible</b>	adj. able to be understood	可以理解的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -12

序号	核心意思	词群
1	必不可少的, 重要的	indispensable, crucial, critical, necessary, vital
2	初始的	rudimentary, primitive, nascent, incipient
3	公正的	objective, fair, equal, evenhanded, impartial, just, dispassionate, disinterested, nonpartisan
4	创新的	original, novel, creative, ingenious, inventive, experimental
5	在脑海中浮现	conjure, imagine, conceived, envision, fancy, vision, picture
6	剥去	strip, remove, doff
7	真诚的	sincere, heartfelt, genuine, candid, honest
8	可以理解的	intelligible, readable, fathomable, understandable

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-12

序号	习语表达	解释
1	teem with	充满
2	replete with	充满
3	be obligated to	对.....负有责任
4	regardless of	不管, 不顾
5	gender equality	性别平等
6	conjure up	想起, 想象
7	strip away	除去, 剥掉

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. 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

2. 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

3. As Ellen Donkin explains, in 18th England, writing plays (i)\_\_\_\_\_ women. Even when the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ meant that playwriting did not bring personal fame, the work nevertheless enabled them to present their own views to the public and offered the possibility of acquiring capital.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. empowered	D. use of a pseudonym
B. overextended	E. lack of a producer
C. impressed	F. poor remuneration

4. The national bank has been uncommonly powerful in comparison to its counterparts in other nations. It remains this potency partly because its control of the nation's banking system is (i)\_\_\_\_\_ governmental interference, and thus its actions remain largely (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. unencumbered by	D. compulsory
B. replete with	E. discretionary
C. hindered by	F. bureaucratic

5. 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

6. 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. counterman	F. inspired by	I. stratification

7. Culture, like speech, is primarily a human faculty, although both functions may exist in a more \_\_\_\_\_ form in lesser primates.

- A. indispensable
- B. crucial
- C. primitive
- D. intelligible
- E. recognizable
- F. rudimentary

8. 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 identity of scholars whose papers are under consideration are kept secret.

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

9. Jackie Wullschlager's biography of Mans 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

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

- A. sincere
- B. intelligible
- C. orthodox
- D. readable
- E. frank
- F. voluble

# Section 13

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-13

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>deteriorate</b>	v. to make (something) worse	恶化
2	<b>elicit</b>	v. to call forth or draw out	引出
3	<b>evade</b>	v. to stay away from (someone or something)	避免
4	<b>discount</b>	v. to minimize the importance of	低估, 轻视
5	<b>subvert</b>	v. to secretly try to ruin or destroy a government, political system, etc.	颠覆, 推翻
		v. to make (something) weaker or less effective	破坏
6	<b>espouse</b>	v. to express support for (a cause, belief, etc.)	支持
7	<b>exaggerate</b>	v. to make (something) larger or greater than normal	夸大
8	<b>loath</b>	adj. unwilling to do something	不情愿的
9	<b>sycophantic</b>	adj. fawning, obsequious	奉承的
10	<b>solitude</b>	n. a state or situation in which you are alone usually because you want to be	孤独
11	<b>obeisance</b>	n. respect for someone or something	尊敬, 敬意
12	<b>frenzy</b>	n. great and often wild or uncontrolled activity	狂热
13	<b>emulate</b>	v. to strive to equal or excel	通过模仿而超越
14	<b>unprecedented</b>	adj. having no previous example	空前的
15	<b>perplex</b>	v. to confuse or trouble with uncertainty or doubt	使...困惑
16	<b>torpor</b>	n. a state of not being active and having very little energy	麻木, 迟钝, 懒散
17	<b>arouse</b>	v. to cause (an emotional or mental state)	激发, 唤起

18	<b>spew</b>	v. to send or cast forth with vigor or violence or in great quantity	喷出, 涌出
19	<b>pitfall</b>	adj. a danger or problem that is hidden or not obvious at first	陷阱
20	<b>turbulent</b>	adj. causing unrest, violence, or disturbance	混乱的
21	<b>cynicism</b>	n. cynical beliefs : beliefs that people are generally selfish and dishonest	认为人性自私
22	<b>crude</b>	adj. marked by the primitive, gross, or elemental or by uncultivated simplicity or vulgarity	粗糙的
23	<b>manifest</b>	adj. easy to understand or recognize	显然的, 明显的
		v. to show (something) clearly	清晰地展示
24	<b>mitigate</b>	v. to make less severe or intense	减缓
25	<b>undercut</b>	v. to make (something) weaker or less effective	削弱
26	<b>maze</b>	n. a complicated and confusing system of connected passages	迷宫
27	<b>labyrinth</b>	n. a place that has many confusing paths or passages	迷宫
28	<b>intricate</b>	adj. having many complexly interrelating parts or elements	复杂的
29	<b>prevalent</b>	adj. common or widespread	流行的, 普遍的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -13

序号	核心意思	词群
1	安静, 不活跃	quiescence, calm, quietude, serenity, tranquility
2	激起, 唤起	elicit, draw, arouse, evoke, inspire, provoke, raise
3	阻止	preclude, bar, forestall, stave off
4	显示出, 表明	reveal, manifest, betray, bespeak, demonstrate, show
5	复杂的	intricate, convoluted, involved, knotty, labyrinthine, byzantine, complicated, baroque

### 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-13

序号	习语表达	解释
1	contrary to	与.....不同
2	pose threat to	给.....带来威胁
3	have the distaste for	不喜欢
4	on the contrary	相反
5	fail to	未能.....

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. As serious as she is about the bullfight, she does not allow respect to \_\_\_\_\_ her sense of whimsy when painting it.

- A. inspire
- B. provoke
- C. suppress
- D. attack
- E. satisfy

2. The medical professor's thesis—hardly new, but rarely \_\_\_\_\_ by a faculty member of his distinction—is that patients are more than the sum of the symptoms and systems.

- A. espoused
- B. subverted
- C. underestimated
- D. discounted
- E. ignored

3. Contrary to those who fear the impact of invasive species on native plants, the biologists contend that the threat posed to biodiversity by nonnative plants is often (i)\_\_\_\_\_. For instance, a study of garlic mustard, a nonnative plant thriving in the forest, found that the garlic mustard abundance in forest plots is not (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the number of other species there.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. uniform	D. sustained by
B. exaggerated	E. related to
C. subtle	F. consistent with

4. Many of the towns that have voted to keep incinerators in the country'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

5. Although movie critic Pauline Kael had the distaste for sycophancy, he also had the need for (i)\_\_\_\_\_, and as a consequence of his competing feelings, he often showed a (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ signals to his relatives and friends.

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

6. A certain amount of theoretical frenzies about comics today is (i)\_\_\_\_\_. After all, similar frenzies have been seen in other art forms in the process of their rapid development, for instance, the debating about the paintings that roiled Renaissance Italy, but such intellectual (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ rarely preceded creative glory. On the contrary, it indicates that an artistic (iii)\_\_\_\_\_, having been made and recognized, is over, and that a process of increasingly strained emulating and diminishing return is set in.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. unprecedented	D. arousal	G. tradition
B. understandable	E. torpor	H. breakthrough
C. perplexing	F. conservatism	I. pitfall

7. 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 ml miles an hour, had diminished to its lowest level in 50 years.

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

8. Publicity around the celebrities' donations to charity is often greeted with cynicism, but a study of the celebrities' donation shows that they do \_\_\_\_\_ other donation.

- A. bar
- B. replace
- C. draw
- D. elicit
- E. allow
- F. preclude

9. Aerial views of the gigantic stone horse attributed to the Native American Queehuan people fail to \_\_\_\_\_ the considerable artistry required to create the pieces: the horse appeared crudely constructed unless carefully examined from the ground.

- A. manifest
- B. reveal
- C. conceal
- D. mitigate
- E. diminish
- F. undercut

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

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

# Section 14

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-14

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>open-ended</b>	adj. allowing people to talk in a way that is not planned or controlled	结局开放的
2	<b>evocative</b>	adj. bringing thoughts, memories, or feelings into the mind	引起感情或思考的
3	<b>polemical</b>	adj. engaged in or addicted to polemics : disputatious	爱争论的
		adj. of, relating to, or being a polemic : controversial	有争议的
4	<b>edify</b>	v. to instruct especially so as to encourage intellectual, moral, or spiritual improvement	启迪
5	<b>ambiguous</b>	adj. able to be understood in more than one way	模糊的, 不明确的
6	<b>misfeasance</b>	n. trespass; specifically : the performance of a lawful action in an illegal or improper manner	过失, 不法行为
7	<b>diffluent</b>	adj. lacking confidence : not feeling comfortable around people	缺乏自信的
8	<b>meticulous</b>	adj. very careful about doing something in an extremely accurate and exact way	谨慎的；一丝不苟的
9	<b>implacable</b>	adj. opposed to someone or something in a very angry or determined way that cannot be changed	不能安抚的, 毫不妥协的
10	<b>tenacious</b>	adj. very determined to do something	坚定的
		adj. continuing for a long time	持续的
11	<b>purport</b>	n. meaning conveyed, professed, or implied	中心思想
		v. to claim to be or do a particular thing when this claim may not be true	(虚假地) 声称
12	<b>forbear</b>	v. to control oneself when provoked	克制, 忍耐

13	<b>erratic</b>	adj. acting, moving, or changing in ways that are not expected or usual	飘忽不定的, 没规律的
14	<b>erudite</b>	adj. having or showing knowledge that is learned by studying	博学的
15	<b>aesthetic</b>	adj. of or relating to art or beauty	美学的
		adj. pleasing in appearance	吸引人的
16	<b>pragmatic</b>	adj. practical	实际的
17	<b>instinct</b>	n. a natural or inherent aptitude, impulse, or capacity	本能
18	<b>acquired</b>	adj. of or relating to a disease, condition, or characteristic that is not congenital but develops after birth.	后天习得的
19	<b>mundane</b>	adj. dull and ordinary	平凡的, 无聊的
20	<b>undermine</b>	v. to make (someone or something) weaker or less effective	削弱
21	<b>forgo</b>	v. to give up the use or enjoyment of (something)	放弃
22	<b>literal</b>	adj. completely true and accurate : not exaggerated	字面的, 不夸张的
23	<b>honorific</b>	adj. giving or expressing honor or respect	表示尊敬的; 给予荣誉的
24	<b>malign</b>	v. to say bad things about (someone or something) publicly	贬损, 诋毁
25	<b>dispute</b>	v. to engage in argument or oppose	争辩, 反对
26	<b>diminutive</b>	adj. extremely or extraordinarily small	极小的
27	<b>minuscule</b>	adj. very small and tiny	微小的
28	<b>omnipresent</b>	adj. present everywhere simultaneously	处处都有的
29	<b>ethereal</b>	adj. lacking material substance : immaterial, intangible	虚无的
		adj. of or relating to the regions beyond the earth	天上的
30	<b>neophyte</b>	n. a person who has just started learning or doing something	新手

31	<b>utilitarian</b>	adj. made to be useful rather than to be decorative or comfortable	实用的
32	<b>zealot</b>	n. a person who has very strong feelings about something (such as religion or politics) and who wants other people to have those feelings : a zealous person	狂热者
33	<b>extremist</b>	n. someone who believes in and supports for ideas that are very far from what most people consider correct or reasonable	极端主义者
34	<b>judicious</b>	adj. having or showing good judgment	明智的, 审慎的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -14

序号	核心意思	词群
1	无所不在的	omnipresent, ubiquitous, universal, general, common
2	微小的	minuscule, diminutive, tiny, micro, minute
3	新手	neophyte, novice, rookie, tyro, fledgling
4	实用的	utilitarian, functional, useful
5	装饰的	decorative, ornamental,
6	猜测的	speculative, conjectural, suppositional

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-14

序号	习语表达	解释
1	be known for	因...而众所周知
2	deal with	处理
3	step in	介入, 插手干预
4	charge with	承担, 对...负责
5	turn out	结果是, 结果发现
6	make up	构成, 组成



## 4. Authentic Questions

1. The artist is known for making photographs that deals with political matters, yet because her art is open-ended and evocative, it would be wrong to characterize it as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. polemical
- B. edifying
- C. unobservant
- D. innovative
- E. ambiguous

2. Investors are grateful that the attorney general has stepped in to pursue inquiries into the misfeasance in the financial markets, given that the regulators officially charged with policing the industry have been \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. tenacious
- B. diffident
- C. meticulous
- D. implacable
- E. straightforward

3. The author of this travel guide (i)\_\_\_\_\_ to show readers Cairo as it really is, but his information is not reliable. For instance, his geography is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, with one walking tour covering areas of the city that are twenty miles apart.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. purports	D. erratic
B. forbears	E. erudite
C. designs	F. extensive

4. The museum's compelling new architectural exhibition looks at 11 projects that around the world that have had major (i) \_\_\_\_\_ impacts despite modest budgets. It is part of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ in the museum's architecture and designing department, which in the past has championed that artistic value over its real-world consequences.

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

5. Given children's active fantasy lives, one might think of truthfulness as a young child's (i) \_\_\_\_\_ virtue, it turns out that lying is the more (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ skill. A. child who is going to lie must recognize the truth, intellectually conceive of an alternate reality, and be able to convincingly sell that new reality to someone else. Therefore, lying (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ both cognitive development and social skills that honesty simply doesn't' require.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. an instinctive	D. advanced	G. undermines
B. an acquired	E. practical	H. forgoes
C. a conscious	F. mundane	I. demands

6. Within the culture as a whole, natural science has been so successful that the word scientific is used in (i) \_\_\_\_\_ manner; it is often assumed that to call something "scientific" is to imply that its reliability has been (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ by research whose results cannot reasonably be (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. an ironic	D. maligned	G. disputed
B. an honorific	E. challenged	H. anticipated
C. a literal	F. established	I. exaggerated

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

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

8. In matters of taste, the art patron and collector Reggie 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

9. In Inuit culture, elaborate carving has often been used to enhance \_\_\_\_\_ object such as harpoon heads and other tools.

- A. utilitarian
- B. functional
- C. domestic
- D. decorative
- E. manufactured
- F. ornamental

10. Benjamin Franklin's reputation is so much one of appearing scientific investigation with common sense empiricism that it is somewhat startling to realize how \_\_\_\_\_ the great experimenter's mentality truly was.

- A. reasonable
- B. speculative
- C. pragmatic
- D. conjectural
- E. careless
- F. judicious

# Section 15

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-15

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>paralyze</b>	v. to make (a person or animal) unable to move or feel all or part of the body	使...瘫痪
2	<b>demoralize</b>	v. to cause someone to lose hope, courage, or confidence; to weaken the morale of a person or group	使泄气，使低落
3	<b>assuage</b>	v. to make (something, such as an unpleasant feeling) less painful, severe, etc.	安抚，缓和
4	<b>exasperate</b>	v. to make (someone) very angry or annoyed	使...生气
5	<b>encumber</b>	v. to cause problems or difficulties for	阻碍
6	<b>dilute</b>	v. to make thinner or less strong by adding water or another liquid	稀释
7	<b>circumvent</b>	v. to avoid being stopped by (something, such as a law or rule)	绕过，回避
8	<b>naysayer</b>	n. a person who says something will not work or is not possible : a person who denies, refuses, or opposes something	唱反调的人
9	<b>pushover</b>	n. an opponent that is easy to defeat	易被打败的人
		n. someone who is easy to persuade or influence	易受影响的人
10	<b>brag</b>	v. to talk about yourself, your achievements, your family, etc., in a way that shows too much pride	吹牛
11	<b>perplex</b>	v. to confuse or trouble with uncertainty or doubt	使...困惑
12	<b>absorbing</b>	adj. fully taking one's attention	吸引人的
13	<b>erudite</b>	adj. having or showing knowledge that is learned by studying	博学的

14	<b>acrimony</b>	n. harsh or biting sharpness especially of words, manner, or disposition	尖刻, 犀利
15	<b>obligatory</b>	adj. compulsory	强制的, 必须的
16	<b>jettison</b>	v. to reject (something, such as a plan or idea)	拒绝, 放弃
17	<b>contrive</b>	v. to form or make (something) in a skillful or clever way	设计, 谋划
18	<b>vacillate</b>	v. to repeatedly change your opinions or desires	摇摆不定, 犹豫
		v. to fluctuate or oscillate	摇摆
19	<b>rebellious</b>	adj. refusing to obey rules or authority or to accept normal standards of behavior, dress, etc. : having or showing a tendency to rebel	反抗的, 难控制的
20	<b>quirky</b>	adj. unusual especially in an interesting way	奇怪的, 古怪的
21	<b>flamboyant</b>	adj. having a very noticeable quality that attracts a lot of attention	引人注意的, 酷炫的
22	<b>lucrative</b>	adj. producing wealth; profitable	赚钱的
23	<b>spurn</b>	v. to reject with disdain or contempt	因鄙视而放弃
24	<b>comprehensive</b>	adj. covering completely or broadly	全面的
25	<b>intelligible</b>	adj. able to be understood	可以理解的
26	<b>slippery</b>	adj. difficult to stand on because of being smooth, wet, icy, etc.	滑的
		adj. not precise or fixed in meaning : ambiguous, elusive	模糊的, 捉摸不透的
		adj. not able to be trusted	不可靠的
27	<b>elusive</b>	adj. hard to understand, define, or remember	难懂的, 难以捉摸的
		adj. hard to find or capture	难以捕捉的
28	<b>futile</b>	adj. pointless or useless	无用的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -15

序号	核心意思	词群
1	差异, 不同	disparity, variance, dissimilarity, diversity
2	摇摆	vacillation, fluctuation
3	古怪的, 不常见的	unconventional, quirky, unorthodox
4	创新的	original, novel, creative, inventive, experimental
5	复杂的	intricate, convoluted, involved, knotty, labyrinthine, byzantine, complicated, baroque
6	难懂的, 难以捉摸的	elusive, slippery
7	无成果的, 没有价值的	futile, fruitless, bootless, feckless, useless, worthless

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-15

序号	习语表达	解释
1	resign to	屈服于
2	trace concentration	微量浓度
3	in a sense	在某种意义上
4	per capita	人均
5	out of the ordinary	不寻常的
6	in favor of	(转而) 支持

## 4. Authentic Questions

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. The science of astronomy was begun by amateurs and today remains dependent on their contributions, which are incisive by virtue of being \_\_\_\_\_ by the a priori assumptions that often vitiate the work of professional research scientists.

- A. characterized
- B. unencumbered
- C. supported
- D. contradicted
- E. inspired

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 showing 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 Nicholar Nickelby, which many found (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

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

5. Except for a few passages in the biography in which the subject's flaws are (i)\_\_\_\_\_, the author's treatment of her subject is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. too harshly judged	D. erudite
B. analyzed in depth	E. judicious
C. frankly acknowledged	F. acrimonious

6. Given our species' increasing numbers and appetites which are reflected in and compounded by global climate change, even (i)\_\_\_\_\_ species are likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future. If we are to avoid a calamitous loss of biodiversity, according to Golbe, we cannot simply let nature take its course. Ongoing conservation management is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, as we have, in a sense, become nature, and the responsibilities that come with the role cannot be (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. exotic	D. ineffective	G. jettisoned
B. vulnerable	E. obligatory	H. assumed
C. now common	F. promising	I. contrived

7. 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

8. Despite her rather \_\_\_\_\_ choices, Moreland was neither a rebellious spirit nor someone who saw herself as anything out of the ordinary.

- A. unconventional
- B. impractical
- C. quirky
- D. flamboyant
- E. successful
- F. lucrative

9. 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

10. 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

# Section 16

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-16

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>anomalous</b>	adj. not expected or usual	不寻常的，异常的
2	<b>haphazard</b>	adj. having no plan, order, or direction	无计划的，随意的
3	<b>collective</b>	adj. shared or done by a group of people	集体的
4	<b>monolithic</b>	adj. constituting a massive undifferentiated and often rigid whole	体积巨大而构成单一的
5	<b>melodramatic</b>	adj. emotional in a way that is very extreme or exaggerated : extremely dramatic or emotional	过于夸张的
6	<b>latent</b>	adj. present but not visible or active	潜藏的，潜在的
7	<b>mawkish</b>	adj. sad or romantic in a foolish or exaggerated way	恶心做作的
8	<b>austere</b>	adj. simple or unadorned	朴素的，没有装饰的
		adj. having a serious and unfriendly quality	严肃的
		adj. relating to or having a strict and simple way of living that avoids physical pleasure	生活简朴的
9	<b>ostentatious</b>	adj. marked by or fond of conspicuous or vainglorious and sometimes pretentious display	炫耀的
10	<b>invaluable</b>	adj. extremely valuable or useful	极具价值的
11	<b>exceptional</b>	adj. not usual	罕见的，不寻常的
		adj. better than average	杰出的，超常的
12	<b>inveterate</b>	adj. always or often doing something specified	习惯做....的
13	<b>routine</b>	adj. done or happening as a normal part of a job, situation, or process	日常的，例行的

14	<b>conjecture</b>	v. to form an opinion or idea without proof or sufficient evidence	猜测
15	<b>wide-ranging</b>	adj. extensive in scope	广泛的
16	<b>distinctive</b>	adj. different in a way that is easy to notice	显著区别的
17	<b>debilitate</b>	v. to impair the strength of	使...衰弱, 虚弱
18	<b>mimic</b>	v. to imitate or copy	模仿
19	<b>illuminate</b>	v. to make (something) clear and easier to understand	阐明, 解释
20	<b>atypical</b>	adj. not typical : not usual or normal	不寻常的
21	<b>insurmountable</b>	adj. of a problem, difficulty, etc. : impossible to solve or get control of : impossible to overcome	难以克服的, 不可超越的
22	<b>persevere</b>	v. to continue doing something or trying to do something even though it is difficult	坚持
23	<b>improvise</b>	v. to speak or perform without preparation	即兴表演
24	<b>evade</b>	v. to stay away from (someone or something) : to avoid (someone or something)	避免, 逃避
25	<b b="" fungible<=""></b>	adj. interchangeable	可交换的
26	<b>durable</b>	adj. staying strong and in good condition over a long period of time	持久的, 耐用的
27	<b>connoisseur</b>	n. an expert in a particular subject	鉴赏家
28	<b>plethora</b>	n. a very large amount or number	大量
29	<b>surfeit</b>	n. an amount that is too much or more than you need	过量
30	<b>amicable</b>	adj. showing a polite and friendly desire to avoid disagreement and argument	和善的
31	<b>agreeable</b>	adj. suitable and conformable	适合的
		adj. to one's liking	宜人的, 令人愉悦的
32	<b>varnish</b>	v. adorn, embellish	装饰
33	<b>labyrinthine</b>	adj. of, relating to, or resembling a labyrinth : intricate, involved	复杂的

34	<b>entice</b>	v. to attract artfully or adroitly or by arousing hope or desire	诱惑
35	<b>gall</b>	v. to make (someone) feel annoyed or angry	使...生气
		n. a state of exasperation	愤怒
36	<b>placate</b>	v. to cause (someone) to feel less angry about something	安抚
37	<b>rankle</b>	v. to cause (someone) to feel angry or irritated especially for a long time	使...生气, 愤怒
38	<b>appease</b>	v. to make (someone) pleased or less angry by giving or saying something desired	安抚, 缓和

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -16

序号	核心意思	词群
1	过量	surfeit, plethora, surplus, overflow, profusion
2	创新的	original, unconventional, novel, creative, inventive, experimental
3	激怒	rankle, gall, enrage, exasperate, incense, inflame, infuriate, rile, roil
4	安抚	appease, placate, assuage, mollify, conciliate, propitiate
5	夸大	exaggerate, overestimate, overstate
6	忽视	overlook, ignore, slight, disregard

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-16

序号	习语表达	解释
1	keep...at bay	控制; 阻止
2	shy away	回避, 避开
3	have...in common with	与.....有共同之处

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. History teaches us that science is not \_\_\_\_\_ enterprise. Indeed, it is quite the opposite, a motley assortment of tools designed to safe guard researchers against their own biases.

- A. an opportunistic
- B. an anomalous
- C. a haphazard
- D. a collective
- E. a monolithic

2. 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

3. Few studies have been published on ground-squirrel dispersal, and most of them have involved very small sample sizes, thus most statement regarding ground-squirrel dispersal must be considered \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. invaluable
- B. unexceptional
- C. inveterate
- D. routine
- E. conjectural

4. 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

5. 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. persevere	G. elicits adversities
B. unavoidable	E. improvise	H. emerges victorious
C. insurmountable	F. shy away	I. evades achievement

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. many appreciate in value
B. fungible	E. useless	H. reflect the buyer's connoisseurship
C. expensive	F. irreplaceable	I. serve no practical purpose

7. Given the \_\_\_\_\_ of solid case studies of environmental degradation, this new case study adds little to our knowledge of the field.

- A. erroneousness
- B. plethora
- C. surfeit
- D. inaccuracy
- E. vigor
- F. outcome

8. Many innovative breakthroughs come about when people venture beyond their own areas of expertise, because often it takes an outsider to ask the naïve question that may yield \_\_\_\_\_ solution.

- A. a constructive
- B. an unconventional
- C. an amicable
- D. an agreeable
- E. a practical
- F. an original

9. The author's latest novel may \_\_\_\_\_ those who generally spurn her writing: its unvarnished prose has little in common with the labyrinthine interior exploration of her earlier work.

- A. entice
- B. gall
- C. surprise
- D. placate
- E. rankle
- F. appease

10. People tend to \_\_\_\_\_ how distinct their own lives are, so the commonalities they enjoy with other people seem to them a series of small miracles.

- A. emphasize
- B. overestimate
- C. ignore
- D. exaggerate
- E. overlook
- F. deny

# Section 17

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-17

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>ample</b>	adj. generously sufficient to satisfy a requirement or need	丰富的
2	<b>paucity</b>	n. a small amount of something : an amount that is less than what is needed or wanted	缺乏, 少量
3	<b>impede</b>	v. to slow the movement, progress, or action of (someone or something)	阻碍
4	<b>incentive</b>	n. something that encourages a person to do something or to work harder	激励
5	<b>rationale</b>	n. the reason or explanation for something	理由
6	<b>transcend</b>	v. to rise above or go beyond the normal limits of (something)	超越
7	<b>address</b>	v. to deal with : treat	处理
8	<b>mitigate</b>	v. to make less severe or intense	减缓
9	<b>mar</b>	v. to ruin the beauty or perfection of (something) : to hurt or damage the good condition of (something)	损毁, 损伤
10	<b>compassionate</b>	adj. feeling or showing concern for someone who is sick, hurt, poor, etc.	同情的
11	<b>decisive</b>	adj. able to make choices quickly and confidently	果断的
12	<b>nepotism</b>	n. the unfair practice by a powerful person of giving jobs and other favors to relatives	任人唯亲
13	<b>grandstand</b>	v. done in a way that is intended to impress the people who are watching	哗众取宠
14	<b>partisan</b>	n. a firm adherent to a party, faction, cause, or person; especially : one exhibiting blind, prejudiced, and unreasoning allegiance	偏见

15	<b>vacillate</b>	v. to repeatedly change your opinions or desires	犹豫不决
16	<b>synthesize</b>	v. to make (something) by combining different things	综合
17	<b>uncanny</b>	adj. strange or unusual in a way that is surprising or difficult to understand	不可思议的, 难以置信的
18	<b>apt</b>	adj. keenly intelligent and responsive	反应敏捷的, 聪明的
		adj. likely to do something : having a tendency to do something	有倾向的
		adj. suited to a purpose; especially : being to the point	恰当的
19	<b>supersede</b>	v. to take the place of (someone or something that is old, no longer useful, etc.)	淘汰, 取代
20	<b>emergent</b>	adj. newly formed or prominent	新出现的
21	<b>discredit</b>	v. to cause (someone or something) to seem dishonest or untrue	证明.....是假的
22	<b>authoritative</b>	adj. clearly accurate or knowledgeable	权威的, 可信的
23	<b>animate</b>	adj. having life	活着的, 有生命的
		v. to give spirit and support to	鼓励, 使...有活力
24	<b>trendy</b>	adj. very fashionable	时髦的
25	<b>impulsive</b>	adj. doing things or tending to do things suddenly and without careful thought	冲动的
26	<b>stale</b>	adj. boring or unoriginal	缺乏新鲜感的
27	<b>spur</b>	v. to incite or stimulate	刺激, 激励
28	<b>foster</b>	v. to help (something) grow or develop	促进
29	<b>verisimilitude</b>	n. the quality of seeming real	逼真
30	<b>sanguine</b>	adj. confident and hopeful	乐观的
31	<b>cordial</b>	adj. politely pleasant and friendly	热情友好的
32	<b>irascible</b>	adj. becoming angry very easily	易怒的, 坏脾气的

33	<b>convivial</b>	adj. of or relating to social events where people can eat, drink, and talk in a friendly way with others	友好的
34	<b>exasperate</b>	v. to make (someone) very angry or annoyed	使...生气
35	<b>galvanize</b>	v. to arouse to awareness or action	激励
36	<b>thwart</b>	v. to prevent (someone) from doing something or to stop (something) from happening	破坏, 阻止

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -17

序号	核心意思	词群
1	刺激	spur, foster, goad, stimulate, galvanize
2	承认	acknowledge, recognize, concede
3	乐观	optimism, sanguinity
4	激怒	exasperation, irascibility, vexation
5	真实	verisimilitude, realism

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-17

序号	习语表达	解释
1	make up for	补偿, 弥补
2	stem from	源于
3	global warming	全球变暖
4	make some headway in	在某方面取得进展
5	in direct contrast to	与 .....形成鲜明的对比

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. 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

2. Even if he wants to serve again— and given his obvious love for the job, the assumption among insiders is that he is more likely to stay than go— there is at least one \_\_\_\_\_ his serving another term.

- A. impediment to
- B. incentive for
- C. precedent for
- D. benefit in
- E. rationale for

3. Nordhaus predicts 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. addressing
C. transcending	F. mitigating

4. What they see in Tanaka is the one candidate capable of (i)\_\_\_\_\_ leadership, in direct contrast to Williamson, whose term in office has been marred by (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. compassionate	D. grandstanding
B. decisive	E. partisanship
C. nepotistic	F. vacillation

5. Partly because of Lee's skill at synthesizing (i)\_\_\_\_\_ trends drawn from many fields of study, her theories appeared to present, with uncanny aptness, ideas already (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in the minds of her contemporaries.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. superseded	D. discredited
B. irrelevant	E. well-established
C. emergent	F. half-formulated

6. 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 (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ 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. esteemed	F. trendy	I. A staleness

7. Far from \_\_\_\_\_ innovations, as the patent system was designed to do, the patenting of concepts such as gene sequences give individuals and corporations a legal choice to hold over ideas that should be useful to all.

- A. spurring
- B. recognizing
- C. codifying
- D. acknowledging
- E. fostering
- F. cataloging

8. During the Renaissance, the use of optical lenses, which were capable of projecting images onto blank canvases, greatly aided artists by allowing them to accurately observe and depict the external world. In other words, these lenses were instrumental in conveying \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. idealism
- B. optimism
- C. ambition
- D. realism
- E. sanguinity
- F. verisimilitude

9. The professor's habitual air of \_\_\_\_\_ was misleading front, concealing amazing reserves of patience and a deep commitment to his student's learning.

- A. cordiality
- B. irascibility
- C. disorganization
- D. conviviality
- E. diffidence
- F. exasperation

10. Advocates for workers' right 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

# Section 18

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-18

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>barring</b>	prep. apart from the occurrence of; excepting	除了……以外
2	<b>eminent</b>	adj. successful, well-known and respected	杰出的
3	<b>ridicule</b>	v. to laugh at and make jokes about	嘲笑，耻笑
4	<b>scrutinize</b>	v. to examine (something) carefully especially in a critical way	仔细检查
5	<b>embellish</b>	v. to make beautiful with ornamentation	装饰
6	<b>underrate</b>	v. to rate or value (someone or something) too low	低估
7	<b>inattentive</b>	adj. not attentive : not paying attention	疏忽的，不注意的
8	<b>delightful</b>	adj. highly pleasing	高兴的
9	<b>futile</b>	adj. pointless or useless	无用的
10	<b>contagious</b>	adj. spreading or tending to spread from one to another; infectious	有感染力的
11	<b>propitious</b>	adj. likely to have or produce good results	吉祥的，吉利的
12	<b>conspicuous</b>	adj. very easy to see or notice	显眼的，明显的
13	<b>equivocal</b>	adj. having two or more possible meanings	模棱两可的
14	<b>contemplate</b>	v. to think deeply or carefully about	深入思考
15	<b>alien</b>	adj. not familiar or like other things you have known : different from what you are used to	陌生的
16	<b>lambast</b>	v. to criticize (someone or something) very harshly	严厉批评
17	<b>fret</b>	v. to cause to suffer emotional strain : vex	使烦恼
18	<b>arduous</b>	adj. hard to accomplish or achieve	费力的，艰巨的
19	<b>trivial</b>	adj. not important	不重要的

20	<b>stagnate</b>	v. to stop developing, progressing, moving, etc.	停滞
21	<b>resonate</b>	v. to produce or exhibit resonance	回响
		v. to evoke a feeling of shared emotion or belief	引起共鸣
22	<b>outlandish</b>	adj. very strange or unusual	奇异的
		adj. of or relating to another country	外来的, 异国的
23	<b>consequential</b>	adj. having significant consequences	重要的
24	<b>snag</b>	n. an unexpected problem or difficulty	故障, 问题
25	<b>hitch</b>	n. a hidden problem that makes something more complicated or difficult to do	(隐形的) 问题, 难题
26	<b>upshot</b>	n. the final result	结局
27	<b>hallmark</b>	n. a quality, ability, etc., that is typical of a particular person or thing	标志, 显著特征
28	<b>subscribe</b>	v. to assent to : support	同意, 赞同
29	<b>altruism</b>	n. feelings and behavior that show a desire to help other people and a lack of selfishness	无私, 利他主义
30	<b>fecund</b>	adj. fruitful in offspring or vegetation	多产的
		adj. intellectually productive or inventive	有创造力的, 硕果颇丰的
31	<b>fertile</b>	adj. producing a large amount of something	多产的 (即可指农作物, 也可以指思想、想法)
32	<b>transient</b>	adj. not lasting long	短暂的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -18

序号	核心意思	词群
1	问题	hitch, snag
2	期待	prospect, hope, anticipation

3	灵活	adaptability, flexibility, resilience
4	无私	altruism, beneficence
5	肥沃, 多产	fecundity, fertility
6	短暂	ephemerality, transience
7	持续	persistence, survival

### 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-18

序号	习语表达	解释
1	suspension bridge	吊桥
2	make demands on	对……有要求
3	turn out	结果表明; 变得
4	subscribe to	同意

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. 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

2. Despite having only recently learned to walk, toddlers make the most (i)\_\_\_\_\_ dance students. Their joy in movement is so pure, so complete and so (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. skilled	D. futile
B. inattentive	E. irrelevant
C. delightful	F. contagious

3. 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

4. The modern iron suspension bridge dates from the early 19th 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 (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. a propitious	D. obvious parallels	G. declined
B. a conspicuous	E. practical alternatives	H. inspired
C. an equivocal	F. unnoticed instances	I. persisted

5. The experimental theater company's members know that their performances (i)\_\_\_\_\_ an audience, 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

6. The characters in this comic strip fret about the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of their "little counterculture lives", especially when terrible things are happening in the world. But the cartoonist makes their lives (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in ways that do not seem (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ at all. Real things happen here – births, deaths, adoptions, affairs, breakups, commitments, ceremonies, civil union – and they matter.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. unpredictability	D. stagnate	G. outlandish
B. arduousness	E. resonate	H. inconsequential
C. triviality	F. compete	I. intangible

7. 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

8. Asserting a need to preserve the \_\_\_\_\_ that became the hallmark of her predecessor's tenure, the new director of federal monetary policy refused to subscribe to rigid or mechanistic rules in policy making.

- A. firmness
- B. adaptability
- C. unpredictability
- D. autonomy
- E. strictness
- F. flexibility

9. 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

10. 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

# Section 19

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-19

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>anthropomorphize</b>	v. to attribute human form or personality to	拟人化
2	<b>empathy</b>	n. the feeling that you understand and share another person's experiences and emotions : the ability to share someone else's feelings	同情, 执着
3	<b>recast</b>	v. to present (something) in a different way	彻底改动, 重新改写
4	<b>fickle</b>	adj. changing opinions often	多变的
5	<b>stalwart</b>	adj. loyal and resolute	坚定的, 忠诚的
6	<b>solicitous</b>	adj. full of desire; eager	急切的, 渴望的
7	<b>pretentious</b>	adj. having or showing the unpleasant quality of people who want to be regarded as more impressive, successful, or important than they really are	炫耀的
8	<b>whimsy</b>	n. an unusual, unexpected, or fanciful idea	突发奇想
9	<b>dispassionate</b>	adj. not influenced or affected by emotions	客观的
10	<b>incisive</b>	adj. impressively direct and decisive	一针见血的, 深刻尖锐的
11	<b>vitiate</b>	v. to make (something) less effective : to ruin or spoil (something)	破坏
12	<b>lionize</b>	v. to treat (someone) as a very important and famous person	重视, 尊敬
13	<b>impugn</b>	v. to criticize (a person's character, intentions, etc.) by suggesting that someone is not honest and should not to be trusted	(因人不诚实而)抨击, 驳斥
14	<b>warrant</b>	v. to give assurance	保证

15	<b>esoteric</b>	adj. difficult to understand	难懂的
16	<b>provisional</b>	adj. existing or accepted for the present time but likely to be changed	暂时的, 临时的
17	<b>hard-boiled</b>	adj. devoid of sentimentality; tough	强硬的, 不懂动感情的
18	<b>query</b>	n. a question or a request for information about something	询问
19	<b>innocuous</b>	adj. producing no injury	无害的
		adj. not likely to give offense or to arouse strong feelings or hostility: inoffensive, insipid	平淡的, 乏味的
20	<b>quizzical</b>	adj. expressive of puzzlement, curiosity, or disbelief	疑惑的
		adj. teasing or mocking	戏弄的, 嘲笑的
21	<b>impertinent</b>	adj. rude and showing a lack of respect	粗鲁的
		adj. not pertinent; irrelevant	不切题的
22	<b>evasive</b>	adj. not honest or direct	回避的, 闪烁其词的
23	<b>elaborate</b>	adj. planned or carried out with great care	精心的, 精细的
		v. to work out in detail	精心制作
		v. to expand something in detail	详细阐述
24	<b>gall</b>	v. to make (someone) feel annoyed or angry	使...生气
		n. a state of exasperation	愤怒
25	<b>feckless</b>	adj. weak or ineffective	虚弱的, 无能的
		adj. careless and irresponsible	粗心的, 不负责任的
26	<b>unwitting</b>	adj. not aware of what is really happening	不知情的
27	<b>querulous</b>	adj. complaining in an annoyed way	抱怨的
28	<b>pious</b>	adj. deeply religious	信仰虔诚的
		adj. marked by sham or hypocrisy	假虔诚的

29	<b>preachy</b>	adj. trying to teach something (such as proper or moral behavior) in a way that is annoying or unwanted	说教的（贬义），好为人师的
30	<b>sanctimonious</b>	adj. feigning piety or righteousness	假虔诚的，假正经的
31	<b>plaintive</b>	adj. expressing suffering or sadness	痛苦的
32	<b>backwater</b>	n. a place or situation regarded as isolated, stagnant, or backward	停滞、孤立、落后的地方
33	<b>covet</b>	v. to want (something that you do not have) very much	渴求
34	<b>arduous</b>	adj. hard to accomplish or achieve	困难的
		adj. marked by great labor or effort	费力的
35	<b>taxing</b>	adj. burdensome and wearing	繁重的，劳累的
36	<b>preempt</b>	v. to prevent (something) from happening	阻止，先发制人
		v. to take the place of	取代
		v. to acquire by preemption	抢占
37	<b>preface</b>	n. an introduction to a book or speech	前言

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -19

序号	核心意思	词群
1	不真诚的	disingenuous, insincere
2	令人羡慕的	enviable, coveted
3	费力的	arduous, taxing, burdensome, laborious, onerous, grueling
4	缓和	temper, moderate, abate, assuage, attenuate, mitigate
5	相关的	interrelated, interdependent
6	不同的	dissimilar, heterogeneous

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-19

序号	习语表达	解释
1	consist of	由.....组成
2	in charge of	负责
3	be struck by	被.....震惊

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. Anthropologist Jane Goodall was \_\_\_\_\_ in her determination to anthropomorphize the animals she observed with such empathy, and so resisted her editors' attempts to recast her descriptions in more dispassionate language.

- A. fickle
- B. stalwart
- C. solicitous
- D. pretentious
- E. whimsical

2. The science of astronomy was begun by amateurs and today remains dependent on their contributions, which are incisive by virtue of being \_\_\_\_\_ by *a prior* assumptions that often vitiate the work of professional research scientists.

- A. characterized
- B. unencumbered
- C. supported
- D. contradicted
- E. inspired

3. Far from (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the actions taken by the newspaper's executives, Willem praised the executive's resistance to corruption – yet he doubted that their policies were practical enough to warrant (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ by other papers.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. lionizing	D. criticism
B. impugning	E. admiration
C. surveying	F. emulation

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. unambiguous	D. useful
B. esoteric	E. equivocal
C. provisional	F. contentious

5. The prosecutor belied his hard-boiled reputation by submitting (i) \_\_\_\_\_ queries to the witness and accepting in turn (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ responses.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. innocuous	D. evasive
B. quizzical	E. elaborate
C. impertinent	F. informative

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

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

7. Despite a tendency to be overtly \_\_\_\_\_, the poetry does not consist solely of pious sentiments: It sparks the imagination and provides lively entertainment.

- A. preachy
- B. querulous
- C. insincere
- D. sanctimonious
- E. plaintive
- F. disingenuous

8. Today, the chair of the task force in charge of revising psychiatry diagnostic manual is a \_\_\_\_\_ post – people work for years to position themselves as candidates – but in the early nineteen, descriptive psychiatry was a backwater.

- A. a coveted
- B. an arduous
- C. a taxing
- D. a lucrative
- E. an enviable
- F. an influential

9. Scientific discovery calls for a difficult balance: Intrepid advocacy of new ideas must often be \_\_\_\_\_ by the results of self-imposed trials.

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

10. An apparent paradox led the scientists to pursue their present line of research: they were struck by the fact that a single mathematical 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

# Section 20

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-20

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>clamorous</b>	adj. noisily insistent	吵吵闹闹的
2	<b>invidious</b>	adj. unpleasant and likely to cause bad feelings in other people	令人反感的
3	<b>numinous</b>	adj. supernatural, mysterious	超自然的
4	<b>empirical</b>	adj. originating in or based on observation or experience	根据观察或经验的
5	<b>sonorous</b>	adj. having a sound that is deep, loud, and pleasant	声音洪亮的
6	<b>imprint</b>	v. to cause (something) to stay in your mind or memory	铭刻, 牢记
7	<b>salutary</b>	adj. producing a beneficial effect	有益的
8	<b>deliberate</b>	v. to think about or discuss something very carefully in order to make a decision adj. done or said in a way that is planned or intended	深思熟虑 故意的
9	<b>sequential</b>	adj. happening in a series or sequence	有序的
10	<b>momentary</b>	adj. lasting a very short time	短暂的
11	<b>inevitable</b>	adj. sure to happen	不可避免的, 一定发生的
12	<b>testimony</b>	n. proof or evidence that something exists or is true	证据, 证词
13	<b>anecdote</b>	n. A short account of an interesting or humorous incident	趣闻, 轶事
14	<b>grant</b>	v.to admit (something) although it does not agree with or support your opinion v. to bestow or transfer formally v. to agree to do, give, or allow (something asked for or hoped for)	承认 授予 允许

15	<b>purveyor</b>	n. a person or business that sells or provides something	供应商
16	<b>hypercritic</b>	adj. criticizing other people or things too strongly or too often	苛求的
17	<b>profit-monger</b>	n. a person, business or profession marked by avarice and greed	贪婪的人
18	<b>inertial</b>	adj. a feeling of not having the energy or desire that is needed to move, change	不活泼的
19	<b>opprobrium</b>	n. very strong disapproval or criticism of a person or thing especially by a large number of people	辱骂
20	<b>platitude</b>	n. a banal, trite, or stale remark	陈词滥调
21	<b>pugnacious</b>	adj. showing a readiness or desire to fight or argue	好争斗的
22	<b>truculent</b>	adj. easily annoyed or angered and likely to argue	好争斗的
		adj. scathingly harsh	言语刻薄的
23	<b>supercilious</b>	adj. having or showing the proud and unpleasant attitude of people who think that they are better or more important than other people	高傲的
24	<b>polarize</b>	v. to cause to separate into opposing groups	两极分化
25	<b>conciliate</b>	v. to make someone more friendly or less angry	安抚, 调和
26	<b>astute</b>	adj. having or showing an ability to notice and understand things clearly	敏锐的
27	<b>nondescript</b>	adj. typical and uninteresting	普通的, 平庸的
28	<b>intoxicate</b>	v. to excite or elate to the point of enthusiasm or frenzy	使...陶醉, 沉醉
29	<b>compromise</b>	v. to arrive at a settlement by making concessions	妥协, 让步
		v. to reduce in quality, value, or degree	降低
30	<b>disclose</b>	v. to make (something) known to the public	揭发, 揭露

31	<b>brook</b>	v. to stand for : tolerate	容忍, 忍受
32	<b>repudiate</b>	v. to refuse to accept or support	否认, 拒绝
33	<b>tonic</b>	adj. restorative or stimulating to health or well-being	有益的
34	<b>overshadow</b>	v. to exceed in importance	使显得不重要
		v. to cast a shadow over	遮盖
35	<b>preclude</b>	v. to prevent (someone) from doing something	阻止
36	<b>forge</b>	v. to make or imitate falsely especially with intent to defraud	伪造, 造假
		v. to form or bring into being especially by an expenditure of effort	努力形成
37	<b>fractious</b>	adj. irritable or peevish	易怒的
		adj. tending to be troublesome : unruly	难以驾驭的, 倔强的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -20

序号	核心意思	词群
1	拒绝	reject, repudiate, decline, rebuff, refuse, spurn
2	忍受, 容忍	brook, tolerate, abide, endure, stand, stomach
3	有害的	adverse, unfavorable, baleful, deleterious, baneful, detrimental, noxious, pernicious
4	有益健康的	restorative, tonic, healthy, salutary, wholesome, salubrious
5	阻止	prevent, preclude, avert, forestall
6	温顺的	compliant, tractable, obedient, submissive, manageable
7	不服管的	restive, fractious, refractory, defiant

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-20

序号	习语表达	解释

1	after all	毕竟
2	base on	基于
3	on the part of	就.....而言
4	speak of	说明

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. My grandma has a strong belief in all things \_\_\_\_\_: she insists, for example, that the house in which she lived as a child was haunted.

- A. clamorous
- B. invidious
- C. numinous
- D. empirical
- E. sonorous

2. Consolidating a memory is not instantaneous, after all, or even \_\_\_\_\_: every memory must be encoded and moved from short-term to long-term storage and some of those memories are, for whatever reason, more vividly imprinted than others.

- A. salutary
- B. deliberate
- C. sequential
- D. momentary
- E. inevitable

3. 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

4. The notion of film producers as the ogres of the movie business has proved an (i)\_\_\_\_\_ one, but according to *The Producers* by Tim Adler, it is not always granted in reality. Attacking what he calls the “auteur myth”—the idea of the director as the only purveyor of art in an industry otherwise peopled with (ii)\_\_\_\_\_—he places at the heart of his book an image of the producer, not the director, as the primary (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ force in the development and production of a movie.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. accurate	D. visionaries	G. financial
B. hypercritic	E. profit mongers	H. inertial
C. enduring	F. innocents	I. creative

5. The (i)\_\_\_\_\_ nature of the candidate’s comments is calculated. As a long-standing target of critics who regard him as a radical, he understands that he needs to be as (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ as possible if he is to overcome those critiques and appear as a (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ leader.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. opprobrious	D. innocuous	G. polarizing
B. plitudinous	E. truculent	H. cautious
C. pugnacious	F. supercilious	I. conciliatory

6. 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

7. Members of the union's negotiating team insisted on several changes to the company's proposal before they would support it, making it clear that they would \_\_\_\_\_ no compromise.

- A. disclose
- B. reject
- C. brook
- D. tolerate
- E. repudiate
- F. weigh

8. Excessive focus on what might have been can cause in us feelings of restlessness and regret, but some scientists are beginning to think that fancying an alternative reality might have \_\_\_\_\_ effects as well.

- A. subtle
- B. adverse
- C. restorative
- D. pleasurable
- E. unfavorable
- F. tonic

9. Apparent flaws in the sculptor's work have not \_\_\_\_\_ its respectful reception by most modern critics.

- A. determined
- B. controlled
- C. undermined
- D. prevented
- E. overshadowed
- F. precluded

10. Williamson had a fierce commitment to achieving an accord, spending enormous amount of time trying to forge a consensus out of an often \_\_\_\_\_ assembly.

- A. apathetic
- B. fractious
- C. restive
- D. cynical
- E. compliant
- F. tractable

# Section 21

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-21

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>furtive</b>	adj. done in a quiet and secret way to avoid being noticed	鬼鬼祟祟的
2	<b>archetypal</b>	n. a perfect example of something	典型的
3	<b>incendiary</b>	adj. causing anger	引起愤怒的
4	<b>ephemeral</b>	adj. lasting for a markedly brief time	短暂的
5	<b>dazzle</b>	v. to greatly impress or surprise (someone) by being very attractive or exciting	使...惊讶
6	<b>surreptitious</b>	adj. done in a secret way	鬼鬼祟祟的
7	<b>resolve</b>	v. to make a definite and serious decision to do something	决定，决心要做
8	<b>resent</b>	v. to be angry or upset about (someone or something that you think is unfair)	憎恨，生气
9	<b>vexatious</b>	adj. causing vexation : distressing	令人烦恼的
10	<b>clandestine</b>	adj. done secretly	秘密的，暗中的
11	<b>equitable</b>	adj. just or fair	平等的，公平的
12	<b>strenuous</b>	adj. requiring or showing great energy and effort	费力的
13	<b>validate</b>	v. to support or corroborate on a sound or authoritative basis	证实，使有效
14	<b>collaborate</b>	v. to work with another person or group in order to achieve or do something	合作
15	<b>spurn</b>	v. to reject with disdain or contempt	因鄙视而放弃
16	<b>ponder</b>	v. to think about or consider (something) carefully	沉思，仔细思考
17	<b>litigant</b>	n. a person who is involved in a lawsuit : someone who is suing another person or is being sued by another person	诉讼当事人

18	<b>evidentiary</b>	adj. being, relating to, or affording evidence	证据的
19	<b>exacerbate</b>	v. to make (a bad situation, a problem, etc.) worse	使...恶化
20	<b>adduce</b>	v. to mention or provide (something, such as a fact or example) as evidence or proof to support an argument	引证, 举例
21	<b>obfuscate</b>	v. to make (something) more difficult to understand	使...困惑
22	<b>replicate</b>	v. to repeat or copy (something) exactly	复制
23	<b>intricate</b>	adj. having many complexly interrelating parts or elements	复杂的
24	<b>tedious</b>	adj. boring and too slow or long	无聊的
25	<b>canned</b>	adj. lacking originality or individuality as if mass-produced	千篇一律的, 刻板的
26	<b>convoluted</b>	adj. very complicated and difficult to understand	难懂的, 复杂的
27	<b>vacuous</b>	adj. emptied of or lacking content	空的
		adj. marked by lack of ideas or intelligence	愚蠢的
28	<b>tortuous</b>	adj. complicated, long, and confusing	复杂难懂的
29	<b>formulaic</b>	adj. containing or made from ideas or expressions that have been used many times before and are therefore not very new or interesting	刻板的, 俗套的
30	<b>hard-nosed</b>	adj. being tough, stubborn, or uncompromising	坚韧不妥协的
		adj. hardheaded	精明而讲究实际的
31	<b>engaging</b>	adj. very attractive or pleasing in a way that holds your attention	吸引人的
32	<b>compassionate</b>	adj. feeling or showing concern for someone who is sick, hurt, poor, etc.	同情的
33	<b>vigorous</b>	adj. healthy and strong	精力充沛的
34	<b>rehabilitate</b>	v. to restore to a former capacity	恢复

35	<b>unerring</b>	adj. always right and accurate : making no errors	准确的
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## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -21

序号	核心意思	词群
1	复杂的	convoluted, tortuous, twisted
2	千篇一律的	canned, formulaic
3	精力旺盛的	vigorous, spirited, dynamic, energetic, robust, vital
4	保护	preserve, safeguard, conserve, protect
5	恢复	restore, rehabilitate
6	未完成的	incomplete, unfinished

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-21

序号	习语表达	解释
1	as if	仿佛
2	filled with	充满
3	come off the list	从名单中撤下

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. The novel presents him as a man who monitors his state of mind and emotions as though he were doing so \_\_\_\_\_, talking and thinking about himself as if he were someone else.

- A. guiltily
- B. instinctively
- C. furtively
- D. heedlessly
- E. externally

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

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

3. People frequently attempt to relieve their workplace frustrations via surreptitious comments around the water-cooler but would be better able to resolve their resentments if they were less (i)\_\_\_\_\_ about their problem and initiated a more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ dialogue.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. vexatious	D. equitable
B. clandestine	E. sincere
C. opportunistic	F. open

4. Although the rich history of filmed versions of Shakespeare's plays reaches back to the early twentieth century, filmmakers still appear to (i)\_\_\_\_\_. They typically seek to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ their work by claiming that film techniques can improve upon Shakespeare's text and on the conditions of theatrical performance, and yet such claims, asserted too strenuously, can seem defensive.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. doubt their own legitimacy	D. adapt
B. misinterpret theatrical conventions	E. validate
C. underestimate Shakespeare's appeal	F. minimize

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. Even the most hard-nosed critics could hardly deny that the novelist's best books are \_\_\_\_\_: they are filled with energy, imagination, and something close to a white-hot inspiration.

- A. inventive
- B. engaging
- C. spirited
- D. compassionate
- E. vigorous
- F. warmhearted

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

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

10. In science, replicability comes with the idea that the pursuit of scientific truth should not be \_\_\_\_\_: researchers who make claims must allow others to test them empirically.

- A. incomplete
- B. settled
- C. private
- D. unfinished
- E. insular
- F. unerring

## Section 22

### 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-22

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>plethora</b>	n. a very large amount or number	大量
2	<b>paucity</b>	n. a small amount of something	少量
3	<b>upheaval</b>	n. a major change or period of change that causes a lot of conflict, confusion, anger, etc.	(引起混乱的) 剧变
4	<b>demoralize</b>	v. to weaken the morale of (a person or group)	使...泄气
5	<b>negligible</b>	adj. very small or unimportant	可忽略不计的, 不重要的
6	<b>coax</b>	v. to manipulate with great perseverance and usually with considerable effort toward a desired state or activity v. to influence or gently urge by caressing or flattering	通过持久的努力获得 诱骗
7	<b>riveting</b>	adj. wholly absorbing or engrossing one's attention	吸引人的
8	<b>traumatic</b>	adj. emotionally upset	痛苦的
9	<b>souvenir</b>	n. something that is kept as a reminder of a place you have visited, an event you have been to, etc.	纪念品
10	<b>retinue</b>	n. a group of helpers, supporters, or followers	随行人员
11	<b>integrity</b>	n. the quality of being honest and fair	正直
12	<b>foster</b>	v. to help (something) grow or develop v. to provide the care that a parent usually gives to a child : to be or become the foster parent of a child	助长, 促进 养育, 照料

13	<b>decry</b>	v. to say publicly and forcefully that you regard (something) as bad, wrong, etc.	责难
14	<b>tedious</b>	adj. boring and too slow or long	无聊的
15	<b>exclusive</b>	adj. not shared : available to only one person or group	独有的, 排外的
16	<b>fickle</b>	adj. changing opinions often	多变的
17	<b>wide-ranging</b>	adj. extensive in scope	广泛的
18	<b>experimental</b>	adj. using a new way of doing or thinking about something	新颖的, 创新的
19	<b>acclaim</b>	v. to praise (someone or something) in a very strong and enthusiastic way	欢呼, 喝彩
20	<b>overarching</b>	adj. dominating or embracing all else	首要的, 包罗万象的
21	<b>meld</b>	v. merge, blend	混合
22	<b>spearhead</b>	n. a person, thing, or group that organizes or leads something (such as a movement or attack)	先锋部队
23	<b>pacific</b>	adj. loving peace : not wanting war or conflict	爱好和平的
24	<b>lethargic</b>	adj. feeling a lack of energy or a lack of interest in doing things	漠不关心的, 缺乏热情的
25	<b>austere</b>	adj. simple or unadorned	朴素的, 没有装饰的
		adj. having a serious and unfriendly quality	严肃的
		adj. relating to or having a strict and simple way of living that avoids physical pleasure	生活简朴的
26	<b>dovish</b>	adj. advocating peace, conciliation or negotiation in preference to confrontation or armed conflict	爱好和平的
27	<b>acrimony</b>	n. harsh or biting sharpness especially of words, manner, or disposition	尖刻, 犀利

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -22

序号	核心意思	词群
1	创新的	innovative, experimental, creative, original, novel
2	混合	meld, combine, conflate, blend, merge
3	懒惰的	indolent, lethargic, idle, lazy, slothful, sluggish
4	爱好和平的	pacific, dovish, peace-loving
5	尖酸刻薄	acrimony, bitterness
6	恐惧	trepidation, apprehension, fear, fright, horror

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-22

序号	习语表达	解释
1	little by little	一点一点地
2	play a part in	参与， 起作用

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. The combination of Isabella Beeton's short life and the \_\_\_\_\_ of evidence for some parts of her story means that at times her biographer, Kathryn Hughes, is forced to fill out her narrative with background information.

- A. reliability
- B. plethora
- C. relevance
- D. paucity
- E. transparency

2. If all stars are fiery gas balls like our own sun, and if the principle that the situation of our own solar system is not (i)\_\_\_\_\_ is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, then one might think that many other stars should be surrounded by a retinue of planets and moons.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. obvious	D. true
B. permanent	E. redundant
C. special	F. tested

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. inconclusive	D. exploded
B. demoralizing	E. declined
C. negligible	F. revived

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. inaccurate	D. vague and spotty	G. riveting
B. inconsistent	E. immediate and colorful	H. traumatic
C. insignificant	F. unreliable and elusive	I. routine

5. 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 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 need
C. expert	F. anticipated	I. sincere effort

6. 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
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7. Of all the singer's works, this album is the most dependent on the musical conventions of her day; it was both the least \_\_\_\_\_ of her albums and the most commercially successful.

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

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

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

9. Although initially it may be difficult to discern the essay's message of peace and conciliation, a close reading reveals its essentially \_\_\_\_\_ nature.

- A. pacific
- B. indolent
- C. banal
- D. lethargic
- E. austere
- F. dovish

10. It is rare for a prominent member of the company to leave without some \_\_\_\_\_. Smith, who resigned with civility, is an exception.

- A. acrimony
- B. bitterness
- C. trepidation
- D. apprehension
- E. regret
- F. embarrassment

# Section 23

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-23

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>predilection</b>	n. a natural liking for something	倾向, 偏好
2	<b>invective</b>	n. harsh or insulting words	辱骂, 侮辱
3	<b>tenacious</b>	adj. very determined to do something	坚定的
4	<b>pugnacious</b>	adj. showing a readiness or desire to fight or argue	好争斗的
5	<b>effusive</b>	adj. expressing a lot of emotion	感情奔放的
6	<b>merge</b>	v. to become joined or united	合并
7	<b>equable</b>	adj. tending to remain calm adj. free from sudden or harsh changes	平静的 稳定不变的
8	<b>tremendous</b>	adj. very large or great	巨大的
9	<b>extraneous</b>	adj. not important adj. coming from the outside	不重要的, 不相关的 外部的
10	<b>render</b>	v. to cause to become; make	使成为...
11	<b>scatter</b>	v. to separate and go in different directions	分散
12	<b>plummet</b>	v. to fall or drop suddenly in amount, value, etc.	骤然下跌
13	<b>disperse</b>	v. to go or move in different directions	使...分散
14	<b>displace</b>	v. to force (people or animals) to leave the area where they live v. to take the job or position of (someone or something)	驱逐 取代, 代替
15	<b>ostensible</b>	adj. seeming or said to be true or real but very possibly not true or real	表面的, 虚假的
16	<b>antithesis</b>	n. the exact opposite of something or someone	相反, 对立

17	<b>concise</b>	adj. using few words : not including extra or unnecessary information	简洁的
18	<b>sensational</b>	adj. exceedingly or unexpectedly excellent or great	极好的
		adj.causing very great excitement or interest with shocking details	骇人听闻的
19	<b>immense</b>	adj. very great in size or amount	巨大的
20	<b>consummate</b>	adj. complete in every detail	圆满的
		v. to realize or achieve; fulfill	实现
21	<b>oracle</b>	n.an authoritative or wise statement or prediction	预言
22	<b>prophetic</b>	adj. correctly stating what will happen in the future	预言的
23	<b>inexplicable</b>	adj. not able to be explained or understood	不能解释的
24	<b>inauspicious</b>	adj. not showing or suggesting that future success is likely : not auspicious	不吉利的
25	<b>divert</b>	v. to distract	分散, 转移 (注意力, 精神)
		v. to give pleasure to especially by distracting the attention from what burdens or distresses	消遣, 娱乐
26	<b>annihilate</b>	v. to destroy (something or someone) completely	毁灭, 毁坏
27	<b>watershed</b>	n. a time when an important change happens	分水岭
28	<b>ameliorate</b>	v. to make better or more tolerable	改善, 提升
29	<b>exacerbate</b>	v. to make (a bad situation, a problem, etc.) worse	使...恶化
30	<b>extenuate</b>	v. to lessen or to try to lessen the seriousness or extent of by making partial excuses : mitigate	减轻
31	<b>mitigate</b>	v. to make less severe or intense	减缓

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -23

序号	核心意思	词群
1	预言的	oracular, prophetic, predictive
2	费解的	inexplicable, incomprehensible
3	保护	guard, protect, safeguard, defend, secure
4	消灭	annihilate, destroy, decimate, devastate, extinguish, ruin
5	不间断的	ongoing, continuous
6	不太可能的	unlikely, improbable, implausible, incredible, unbelievable
7	减轻	extenuate, mitigate
8	加重	exacerbate, aggravate, foment

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-23

序号	习语表达	解释
1	at odds with	与.....不一致
2	bird's-eye views	俯视图
3	far beyond	远远超出

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. The author affects \_\_\_\_\_ in the tone of his novels that is quite at odds with his predilection for invective in his nonfiction publications.

- A. a tenacity
- B. a neutrality
- C. a pugnacity
- D. an effusiveness
- E. an irascibility

2. Although most of the lakes have merged, salinity levels are not \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the lake system: an upward-trending salinity gradient extends southeast from Pelican Lake to East Stump Lake, a distance of nearly 80 kilometers.

- A. known
- B. equable
- C. rising
- D. problematic
- E. unprecedented

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

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

4. Gilbert saw himself as an investigator, a role whose mental state he (i)\_\_\_\_\_ with that of (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. Consequently he never accepted an academic position or wrote a comprehensive textbook, so that despite his years of intellectual leadership he never established a school of followers or articulated a distinctly Gilbertian creed.

Blank (i)	Blank (i)
A. contrasted	D. an administrator
B. combined	E. a teacher
C. equated	F. an engineer

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

Blank (i)	Blank (i)
A. scattered	D. dispersal
B. stabilized	E. decline
C. plummeted	F. displacement

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. an approximation	D. concision	G. sensitivity
B. a precursor	E. reconsideration	H. immediacy
C. the antithesis	F. sensationalism	I. formality

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Section 24

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-24

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>quixotic</b>	adj. foolishly impractical especially in the pursuit of ideals	不切实际的
2	<b>prescience</b>	n. the ability to know what will or might happen in the future	先见之明，预知
3	<b>viable</b>	adj. capable of being done or used	可行的
		adj. capable of living or of developing into a living thing	可以存活的
4	<b>impassive</b>	adj. unsusceptible to or destitute of emotion	冷漠的，无动于衷的
		adj. giving no sign of feeling or emotion	面无表情的
5	<b>solitary</b>	adj. not involving or including anyone or anything else	单独的
6	<b>sluggish</b>	adj. moving slowly or lazily	迟钝的
7	<b>draconian</b>	adj. exceedingly harsh; very severe	极其严苛的
8	<b>rapacious</b>	adj. excessively grasping or covetous	贪婪的
9	<b>deplete</b>	v. to use most or all of	耗尽
10	<b>hidebound</b>	adj. not willing to accept new or different ideas	守旧的
11	<b>embolden</b>	v. to make (someone) more confident	鼓舞，鼓励
12	<b>encumber</b>	v. to cause problems or difficulties for	阻碍
13	<b>conversant</b>	adj. having knowledge or experience	熟悉的
14	<b>purport</b>	v. to claim to be or do a particular thing when this claim may not be true	(虚假地)声称
15	<b>arcane</b>	adj. known or understood by only a few people	难懂的，只有少数人懂得的
16	<b>midst</b>	n. the interior or central part or point : middle	当中

17	<b>chaos</b>	n. complete confusion and disorder	混乱
18	<b>self-defeating</b>	adj. injurious to one's or its own purposes or welfare	违背自己利益的, 弄巧成拙的
19	<b>aggrandize</b>	v. to make appear great or greater	夸大, 吹捧
		v. to enhance the power, wealth, position, or reputation of	抬高身价, 提高地位
20	<b>perpetuate</b>	v. to cause (something that should be stopped, such as a mistaken idea or a bad situation) to continue	持续, 使...继续
21	<b>abuse</b>	v. to use (something) wrongly	滥用
22	<b>archaic</b>	adj. old and no longer used	过时的
23	<b>misuse</b>	v. to treat (someone) unfairly	不公平的对待
		v. to use incorrectly	误用
24	<b>untenable</b>	adj. not capable of being defended against attack or criticism	站不住脚的, 经不起反驳的
25	<b>cliché</b>	n. a hackneyed theme, characterization, or situation	陈词滥调
26	<b>condescend</b>	v. to show that you believe you are more intelligent or better than other people	显示优越感
		v. to do something that you usually do not do because you believe you are too important to do it	放下身段做...
27	<b>outright</b>	adv. in a full and complete way	完全地, 彻底地
28	<b>malfeasance</b>	n. wrongdoing or misconduct especially by a public official	违法行为
29	<b>fraudulent</b>	adj. done to trick someone for the purpose of getting something valuable	欺诈的
30	<b>hysteria</b>	n. a state in which your emotions (such as fear) are so strong that you behave in an uncontrolled way	情绪失控, 举止失常
31	<b>vilify</b>	v. to utter slanderous and abusive statements against	诽谤, 辱骂
32	<b>stymie</b>	v. to present an obstacle to	阻碍

33	<b>aggrieve</b>	v. to give pain or trouble to : distress	使痛苦
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## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -24

序号	核心意思	词群
1	滥用	abuse, misuse, misemploy
2	过时的	archaic, outdated, antiquated, outmoded
3	无根据的	untenable, baseless, unfounded, unjustified, unreasonable, groundless, gratuitous
4	阻碍	hinder, stymie, encumber, inhibit, impede, obstruct, shackle

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-24

序号	习语表达	解释
1	no longer	不再
2	for instance	举例
3	a wide range of	大范围的
4	in the midst of	在.....当中

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. 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

2. 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

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 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

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. Viewing people as "social atoms" that obey rather simple rule (which are not unlike the laws of physic), 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. law-like regularities	F. chaotic	I. self-perpetuating

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. 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

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. 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

# Section 25

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-25

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>proliferate</b>	v. to increase in number or amount quickly	快速增长
2	<b>cataclysm</b>	n. something that causes great destruction, violence, etc.	灾难
3	<b>pervasive</b>	adj. existing in or spreading through every part of something	普遍的
4	<b>deride</b>	v. to talk or write about (someone or something) in a very critical or insulting way : to say that (someone or something) is ridiculous or has no value	嘲笑, 嘲弄
5	<b>sacrosanct</b>	adj. most sacred or holy	神圣不可侵犯的
6	<b>ephemeral</b>	adj. lasting for a markedly brief time	短暂的
7	<b>malleable</b>	adj. capable of being altered or controlled by outside forces or influences	能适应的
8	<b>egalitarian</b>	adj. aiming for equal wealth, status, etc., for all people	平等的
9	<b>autonomous</b>	adj. having the power or right to govern itself	自治的
		adj. responding, reacting, or developing independently of the whole	独立自主的
10	<b>contiguous</b>	adj. used to describe things that touch each other or are immediately next to each other	临近的
11	<b>endanger</b>	v. to cause (someone or something) to be in a dangerous place or situation	危害
12	<b>anthropogenic</b>	adj. caused by humans	人为的
13	<b>mutual</b>	adj. shared between two or more people or groups	相互的, 共同的
14	<b>reinforce</b>	v. to strengthen (a group of people) with new supplies or more people	加强

15	<b>inverse</b>	adj. opposite in order, nature, or effect	相反的
16	<b>unfeeling</b>	adj. not sympathetic to others	冷血的, 没有同情心的
17	<b>benign</b>	adj. not causing harm or damage	无害的
		adj. showing kindness and gentleness	温和的, 善良的
18	<b>orthodox</b>	adj. accepted as true or correct by most people	主流的
		adj. accepting and closely following the traditional beliefs and customs of a religion	符合传统的
19	<b>anomalous</b>	adj. not expected or usual	异常的
20	<b>embody</b>	v. to represent (something) in a clear and obvious way	体现
21	<b>repertoire</b>	n. all the plays, songs, dances, etc., that a performer or group of performers knows and can perform	全部节目, 详单
22	<b>context</b>	n. the situation in which something happens : the group of conditions that exist where and when something happens	环境, 背景
23	<b>straightforward</b>	adj. free from evasiveness or obscurity	直白的, 坦诚的
24	<b>augment</b>	v. to increase the size or amount of (something)	放大
25	<b>ameliorate</b>	v. to make better or more tolerable	改善, 提升
26	<b>extrovert</b>	n. a friendly person who likes being with and talking to other people : an outgoing person	外向的人, 爱社交者
27	<b>essential</b>	adj. extremely important and necessary	必要的, 重要的
28	<b>indispensable</b>	adj. extremely important and necessary	不可缺少的
29	<b>conscientious</b>	adj. very careful about doing what you are supposed to do : concerned with doing something correctly	本着良心的
		adj. thorough and assiduous	勤奋的
30	<b>salient</b>	adj. very important or noticeable	明显的, 显眼的
31	<b>robust</b>	adj. strong and healthy	强壮的

32	<b>evanescent</b>	adj. lasting a very short time	短暂的
33	<b>cumbersome</b>	adj. unwieldy because of heaviness and bulk	大而笨重的
34	<b>unwieldy</b>	adj. difficult to handle, control, or deal with because of being large, heavy, or complex	体积庞大而笨重的
35	<b>eccentric</b>	adj. strange or unusual	古怪的
36	<b>predilection</b>	n. a natural liking for something	倾向, 偏好
37	<b>vacillate</b>	v. to repeatedly change your opinions or desires	摇摆不定, 犹豫
38	<b>waver</b>	v. to become unsteady because of weakness, emotion, tiredness, etc.	摇摆不定
39	<b>cowardice</b>	n. lack of courage or resolution	胆小

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -25

序号	核心意思	词群
1	显著的, 突出的	salient, visible, conspicuous, noticeable, outstanding, prominent, remarkable
2	强健的	robust, strong, sturdy, firm, stalwart, stout
3	令人困惑的	perplexing, confounding, befuddling, bewildering, confusing, puzzling
4	短暂的	evanescent, ephemeral, fleeting, transient, transitory
5	难处理的	cumbersome, unwieldy, unhandy, ponderous
6	倾向	predilection, proclivity, predisposition, disposition, bias, propensity, tendency
7	犹豫	waver, vacillate, hesitate

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-25

序号	习语表达	解释
1	handle with	处理
2	far from	远非

3	tease apart	梳理
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## 4. Authentic Questions

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

- A. cataclysmic
- B. pervasive
- C. misleading
- D. uncontrollable
- E. random

2. 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

3. Recent scholarship has questioned the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of tropical forests around the world. Archeologists 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

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. equally important	D. ambitious
B. mutually reinforcing	E. unfeeling
C. inversely related	F. disingenuous

5. 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 even 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

6. Most capuchin monkey conflict involves such a (i)\_\_\_\_\_ repertoire of gestural and vocal signals that it is difficult for researchers to tease apart the meanings of the individual signals. This (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ is (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ by the fact that many signals seem to shift in meaning according to the context in which they are produced and the developmental stage of the individuals producing them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. precise	D. problem	G. augmented
B. rich	E. opportunity	H. ameliorated
C. straightforward	F. oversight	I. anticipated

7. Architects may be more extroverted and therefore the more \_\_\_\_\_ member 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

8. 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

9. Anne Carson's book *Nax* 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. a flexible

10. One of the peculiarities of humans is that we irrationally gravitate to the predictable and avoid risk. Whatever the reasons 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

# Section 26

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-26

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>tantamount</b>	adj. equal to something in value, meaning, or effect	(数量, 效果) 相等的
2	<b>vindicate</b>	v. to show that (someone) should not be blamed for a crime, mistake, etc.	证明...的清白
3	<b>proscribe</b>	v. to not allow	禁止
4	<b>valediction</b>	n. an act of bidding farewell	告别
5	<b>exculpate</b>	v. to prove that someone is not guilty of doing something wrong	开脱罪责
6	<b>affable</b>	adj. easy and pleasant to speak to	和蔼可亲的
7	<b>ebullient</b>	adj. lively and enthusiastic	热情洋溢的
8	<b>irascible</b>	adj. becoming angry very easily	易怒的, 坏脾气的
9	<b>overwrought</b>	adj. very excited or upset	情绪激动且不高兴的
10	<b>measured</b>	adj. done with thought and care	有分寸的
11	<b>chronology</b>	n. a record of the order in which a series of events happened	年表
12	<b>synopsis</b>	n. a short description of the most important information about something	概要
13	<b>awry</b>	adj. away from the correct course	错误的
14	<b>astute</b>	adj. having or showing an ability to notice and understand things clearly	敏锐的
15	<b>discount</b>	v. to minimize the importance of	低估, 轻视
16	<b>emulate</b>	v. to strive to equal or excel	通过模仿而赶超
17	<b>commend</b>	v. to praise (someone or something) in a serious and often public way	赞美
18	<b>egalitarian</b>	adj. aiming for equal wealth, status, etc., for all people	平等的

19	<b>anachronism</b>	n. something (such as a word, an object, or an event) that is mistakenly placed in a time where it does not belong in a story, movie, etc.	时代错乱
20	<b>regal</b>	adj. of, relating to, or suitable for a king or queen	帝王的, 皇室的
21	<b>forbear</b>	v. to choose not to do (something that you could do) : to avoid doing or saying (something)	克制, 忍耐
22	<b>impetuous</b>	adj. acting or done quickly and without thought : controlled by emotion rather than thought	冲动的, 鲁莽的
23	<b>boorish</b>	adj. resembling or befitting a boor (as in crude insensitivity)	粗鲁的, 粗野的
24	<b>chivalrous</b>	adj. behaving in an honorable or polite way especially toward women	彬彬有礼的, 骑士风度的
25	<b>circumspect</b>	adj. thinking carefully about possible risks before doing or saying something	小心谨慎的
26	<b>cease</b>	v. to stop happening : to end	停止, 不再
27	<b>encyclopedic</b>	adj. dealing with or knowing a subject thoroughly or completely	百科全书似的, 全面的
28	<b>long-winded</b>	adj. tediously long in speaking or writing	冗长无聊的
29	<b>rambling</b>	adj. lengthy and digressive adj. habitually roaming	跑题的, 冗长的 闲逛的
30	<b>overbearing</b>	adj. often trying to control the behavior of other people in an annoying or unwanted way	专横的
31	<b>high-minded</b>	adj. having or showing intelligence and a strong moral character	高尚的
32	<b>allege</b>	v. to assert without proof or before proving	断言, 宣称
33	<b>unimpeachable</b>	adj. not able to be doubted or questioned	无可指责的
34	<b>ingenious</b>	adj. very smart or clever	天才的, 聪明的

35	<b>unassuming</b>	adj. not having or showing a desire to be noticed, praised	谦虚的
36	<b>seditious</b>	adj. disposed to arouse or take part in or guilty of sedition	煽动叛乱的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -26

序号	核心意思	词群
1	全面的	exhaustive, encyclopedic, comprehensive, inclusive
2	冗长的	long-winded, rambling, circuitous, circumlocutory, prolix, verbose, wordy
3	聪明的, 有创造才能的	ingenious, clever, innovative, inventive, original
4	无可争辩的, 无懈可击的	unimpeachable, blameless, irrefutable, indisputable
5	谦虚的	modest, unassuming, humbles
6	不切实际的	quixotic, idealistic, impractical, utopian

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-26

序号	习语表达	解释
1	be tantamount to	等同于
2	responsible for	为.....负责任
3	nothing if not	极其

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. 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

2. The stories in Yiyunshi'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

3. 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

4. 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. discount	D. egalitarian
B. emulate	E. anachronistic
C. commend	F. regal

5. 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. impetuous	D. boorish
B. thoughtful	E. circumspect
C. chivalrous	F. spontaneous

6. Although political events in different countries were not (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in the 19th century, their interrelationship was (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ compared with the present, when interdependence has become far greater: (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ ceased to be an option.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. unconnected	D. conditional	G. isolationism
B. trivial	E. superficial	H. resilience
C. simultaneous	F. transparent	I. idealism

7. Well organized and researched and including all significant discoveries of medical scientists, the History of Western Medicines has been justly called \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. encyclopedic
- B. long-winded
- C. exhaustive
- D. rambling
- E. overbearing

F. undiscriminating

8. Science is arguably a very high-minded pursuit, but that is not to say that all of its practitioners are \_\_\_\_\_ as numerous articles alleging overly generous pharmaceutical industry payments have tried to show.

- A. conventional
- B. clever
- C. unimpeachable
- D. ingenious
- E. blameless
- F. predictable

9. In a field of egotists, Bloomfield is \_\_\_\_\_, always praising her competitors and punctuating her correspondence with self-deprecating remarks.

- A. unassuming
- B. complimentary
- C. acerbic
- D. ingenuous
- E. cutting
- F. modest

10. Because its previously \_\_\_\_\_ beliefs have become the core tenets of mainstream politics, the activist group disbanded; with no skeptics to persuade, its purpose evaporated.

- A. arcane
- B. seditious
- C. quixotic
- D. idealistic
- E. popular
- F. conventional

# Section 27

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-27

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>concur</b>	v. to express agreement	同意
		v. to happen together	同时发生
2	<b>erudite</b>	adj. having or showing knowledge that is learned by studying	博学的
3	<b>contentious</b>	adj. likely to cause people to argue or disagree	引起争议的
		adj. likely or willing to argue	爱争吵的
4	<b>methodical</b>	adj. arranged, characterized by, or performed with method or order	有条理的
5	<b>experimental</b>	adj. using a new way of doing or thinking about something	新颖的，创新的
6	<b>formulaic</b>	adj. containing or made from ideas or expressions that have been used many times before and are therefore not very new or interesting	刻板的，俗套的
7	<b>lucrative</b>	adj. producing wealth	盈利的，赚钱的
8	<b>extrapolate</b>	v. to form an opinion or to make an estimate about something from known facts	(依据已知信息)推测
9	<b>resemble</b>	v. to be like or similar to	与...相似
10	<b>drawback</b>	n. a disadvantage or inconvenience	缺点
11	<b>discredit</b>	v. to refuse to accept as true or accurate	拒绝承认
		v. to cause disbelief in the accuracy or authority of	使被怀疑
		v. to deprive of good repute	破坏名声
12	<b>de-emphasize</b>	v. to reduce in relative importance; also : play down	贬低
13	<b>check</b>	v. to hold in restraint	阻止

14	<b>doom</b>	v. to make certain the failure or destruction of	注定 (失败)
15	<b>surfeit</b>	n. an amount that is too much or more than you need	过量
16	<b>conundrum</b>	n. a confusing or difficult problem	难题
17	<b>forestall</b>	v. to stop (something) from happening	阻止
18	<b>forgo</b>	v. to give up the use or enjoyment of (something)	放弃
19	<b>endemic</b>	adj. prevalent in or limited to a particular locality, region, or people	地方性的, 流行的
		adj. common in or inherent to an enterprise or situation	(问题、情形) 常见的
20	<b>dominant</b>	adj. more important, powerful, or successful than most or all others	占主导地位的, 统治的
21	<b>elaborate</b>	adj. planned or carried out with great care	精心的, 精细的
		v. to work out in detail	精心制作
		v. to expand something in detail	详细阐述
22	<b>utilitarian</b>	adj. made to be useful rather than to be decorative or comfortable	实用的
		adj. of or relating to utilitarianism	功利的, 实用主义的
23	<b>poise</b>	v. to hold (something) in a balanced and steady position	使平衡
24	<b>wane</b>	v. to decrease gradually	减少, 下降
		v. to approach an end	结束
		v. to show a progressively smaller illuminated area, as the moon does in passing from full to new	(月亮的) 亏
25	<b>ebb</b>	v. to get worse	衰弱, 减退
		v. to fall back from the flood stage	退潮
26	<b>noteworthy</b>	adj. important or interesting enough to be noticed : deserving attention	值得注意的

27	<b>generosity</b>	n. the quality of being kind, understanding, and not selfish : the quality of being generous; especially : willingness to give money and other valuable things to others	慷慨, 大方
28	<b>integrity</b>	n. the quality of being honest and fair	正直
29	<b>eloquent</b>	adj. having or showing the ability to use language clearly and effectively	能说会道的, 能言善辩的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -27

序号	核心意思	词群
1	地方性的	endemic, native, domestic, indigenous
2	不寻常的	rare, unusual, exceptional, peculiar, uncommon
3	功能的	utilitarian, functional
4	装饰的	decorative, ornamental
5	减弱	wane, ebb
6	谦虚	modesty, humility, humbleness, unassumingness

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-27

序号	习语表达	解释
1	dispense with	省掉, 免除
2	be obligated to	对.....负有责任
3	day in and day out	天天, 夜以继日
4	regardless of	不管, 不顾
5	aim at	针对, 目的在于

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. Politicians who invoke the founders of the United States in support of their views seem to imply that the founders consistently concurred in their own views when in reality they were a highly \_\_\_\_\_ group of thinkers.

- A. erudite
- B. innovative
- C. predictable
- D. contentious
- E. methodical

2. Of all her works, this play is the most dependent on the dramatic conventions of the author's day; it was both the least \_\_\_\_\_ of her plays and the most commercially successful.

- A. experimental
- B. popular
- C. formulaic
- D. lucrative
- E. contemporary

3. One way to predict the effects of global climate change on an ecosystem is to extrapolate current trends in global change factors into the future. A (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of this method is that its predictions (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ actual observations, but the method also makes the questionable assumptions 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

4. 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

5. China's rapidly growing population is the main threat facing large carnivores in the People's Republic. Increasingly, policies aimed at limiting population growth have been (i)\_\_\_\_\_. Nevertheless, the country's vast size and the isolation of many of its regions mean that human populations in areas where large carnivores still occur (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. This human pressure has (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the South China tiger.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. modified	D. could start to decline	G. celebrated
B. de-emphasized	E. can grow unchecked	H. doomed
C. implemented	F. have stabilized	I. bypassed

6. Behavior economists have come to believe that a (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of choices can be paralyzing, as Schwartsz 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

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

- A. endemic
- B. native
- C. seasonal
- D. rare
- E. unusual
- F. dominant

8. In Inuit culture, elaborate carving has often been used to enhance \_\_\_\_\_ objects such as harpoon heads and other tools.

- A. utilitarian
- B. functional
- C. domestic
- D. decorative
- E. manufactured
- F. ornamental

9. Although in the mid-1970s nuclear power seemed poised for a still greater role in energy supply, in fact the \_\_\_\_\_ of its prestige had already begun.

- A. evaluation
- B. waning
- C. defense
- D. undermining
- E. ebbing
- F. vindication

10. As a critic, Nelson is noteworthy for her \_\_\_\_\_; rather than representing fully formed pronouncements, she is willing to let us watch as she works out her ideas.

- A. generosity
- B. humility
- C. integrity
- D. modesty
- E. eloquence
- F. rhetoric

# Section 28

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-28

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>contemptuous</b>	adj. feeling or showing deep hatred or disapproval	鄙视的
2	<b>ignorant</b>	adj. destitute of knowledge or education	无知的
3	<b>decry</b>	v. to say publicly and forcefully that you regard (something) as bad, wrong, etc.	责难
4	<b>boast</b>	v. speak vaingloriously	吹嘘
5	<b>downplay</b>	v. to make (something) seem smaller or less important	贬低
6	<b>unbounded</b>	adj. not limited in any way	不受限制的
7	<b>disseminate</b>	v. to cause (something, such as information) to go to many people	传播, 散布
8	<b>magnificent</b>	adj. very beautiful or impressive : very great	宏伟的
9	<b>molder</b>	v. to decay slowly	腐烂, 退化
10	<b>warehouse</b>	n. a large building used for storing goods	仓库
11	<b>triumph</b>	n. a great or important victory	胜利, 成就
12	<b>diffuse</b>	adj. spread out over a large space v. extend, scatter	弥漫的 散布, 传播
13	<b>irk</b>	v. to annoy	使...厌烦
14	<b>immerse</b>	v. to put (something) in a liquid so that all parts are completely covered v. to make (yourself) fully involved in some activity or interest	浸润, 浸泡 全心沉浸在...中
15	<b>asset</b>	n. a valuable person or thing	有价值的人或物
16	<b>flippant</b>	adj. lacking proper respect or seriousness	轻率无礼的
17	<b>tendentious</b>	adj. strongly favoring a particular point of view in a way that may cause argument	有偏见的

18	<b>languish</b>	v. to continue for a long time without activity or progress in an unpleasant or unwanted situation	衰落, 不活跃
19	<b>proliferate</b>	v. to increase in number or amount quickly	快速增长
20	<b>jettison</b>	v. to reject (something, such as a plan or idea)	拒绝, 放弃
21	<b>thrive</b>	v. to grow or develop successful	繁荣
22	<b>dilemma</b>	n. a situation in which you have to make a difficult choice	困境
23	<b>quandary</b>	n. a situation in which you are confused about what to do	困境
24	<b>ploy</b>	n. a clever trick or plan that is used to get someone to do something or to gain an advantage over someone	策略
25	<b>spike</b>	v. to increase greatly in a short period of time	(短期大幅) 上升
26	<b>upsurge</b>	n. a rapid or sudden increase or rise	增长
27	<b>harbinger</b>	n. something that shows what is coming v. to be a harbinger of	前兆 预兆
28	<b>lull</b>	v. to cause to sleep or rest n. a relatively calm interval	使平静 暂时的平静, 间歇
29	<b>portent</b>	n. a sign or warning that something usually bad or unpleasant is going to happen	前兆, 预示
30	<b>respite</b>	n. an interval of rest or relief	暂歇, 休息
31	<b>gratify</b>	v. to make (someone) happy or satisfied	使...满意
32	<b>entice</b>	v. to attract artfully or adroitly or by arousing hope or desire	诱惑
33	<b>cantankerous</b>	adj. often angry and annoyed	易怒的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -28

序号	核心意思	词群
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1	缺点	shortcoming, fault, foible, vice, weakness
2	困境	dilemma, quandary, impasse, mire, swamp
3	增长	spike, upsurge
4	预示	harbinger, portent, presage, augury, foreshadowing
5	使困惑	perplex, confuse, puzzle, befuddle, bewilder, confound
6	使满足	gratify, please, content, satisfy, rejoice
7	缄默的	taciturn, reserved, reticent
8	话多的	loquacious, garrulous, talkative, verbose, voluble

### 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-28

序号	习语表达	解释
1	clean up	整顿, 改进
2	turning point	转折点

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. 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. conceal
- C. remedy
- D. boast of
- E. downplay

2. Carmen's affection to her sister, though not \_\_\_\_\_, is plainly too great to permit a painless departure.

- A. unsteady
- B. unbounded
- C. noticeable
- D. ambivalent
- E. careless

3. The (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of disseminating the vast scientific knowledge of our time to the vast nonscientists shows real (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the magnificent achievements humanity is capable of, like allowing an outstanding piece of art work to molder in a warehouse.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. triumph	D. indifference to
B. failure	E. enthusiasm for
C. diffusion	F. glory of

4. So (i)\_\_\_\_\_ is the reputation of the city's police force for (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ that whenever a new police chief takes 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

5. Readers may initially be irked by the book's apparent (i)\_\_\_\_\_ but, once immersed in the author's prose, they may come to regard the work's (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ as an asset.

Blank (i)	Blank (i)
A. flippancy	D. subtlety
B. aimlessness	E. discursions
C. tendentiousness	F. exhaustiveness

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 major \_\_\_\_\_ of such popular history is that it betrays no interests in making intellectual contributions to our understanding of an issue.

- A. characteristic
- B. shortcoming
- C. dilemma
- D. fault
- E. quandary
- F. ploy

8. After continuously rising in the summer, the commodity price fell, leaving the analysts wondering whether the downward trend is a turning point, or merely a \_\_\_\_\_ before the demand picks up in winter months.

- A. spike
- B. upsurge
- C. harbinger
- D. lull
- E. portent
- F. respite

9. 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. perplex
- B. confuse
- C. gratify
- D. please
- E. entice
- F. inspire

10. Although in his new book he tends to repeat himself like a \_\_\_\_\_ uncle, McHughen makes a persuasive case for the safety of tinkering with genes to create new foods.

- A. taciturn
- B. reserved
- C. prototypical
- D. garrulous
- E. loquacious
- F. cantankerous

# Section 29

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-29

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>winnow</b>	v. to narrow or reduce	筛选
2	<b>dearth</b>	n. the state or condition of not having enough of something	缺乏
3	<b>unambiguous</b>	adj. clearly expressed or understood : not ambiguous	清楚的，明确的
4	<b>transcend</b>	v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of	超越
		v. to outstrip or outdo in some attribute, quality, or power	胜出，超出
		v. to triumph over the negative or restrictive aspects of	克服，战胜
5	<b>averse</b>	adj. having an active feeling of repugnance or distaste	反感的
6	<b>parochial</b>	adj. limited to only the things that affect your local area	地方的
		adj. limited in range or scope	狭隘的
7	<b>nascent</b>	adj. beginning to exist	初始的
8	<b>temptation</b>	n. a strong urge or desire to have or do something	诱惑
9	<b>oppressive</b>	adj. unreasonably burdensome or severe	压迫的
10	<b>quash</b>	v. to annul or put an end to	废止，使无效
		v. to suppress or extinguish completely	镇压，平息
11	<b>embrace</b>	v. to accept (something or someone) readily or gladly	接受
		v. to hold someone in your arms as a way of expressing love or friendship	拥抱
12	<b>hyperbole</b>	n. language that describes something as better or worse than it really is	夸张

13	<b>trickster</b>	n. someone who tricks or deceives people especially in order to get something	骗子
14	<b>disdain</b>	v. to strongly dislike or disapprove of (someone or something)	蔑视, 鄙视
15	<b>relish</b>	v. to enjoy or take pleasure in (something)	喜爱
16	<b>notwithstanding</b>	prep. despite	尽管
17	<b>genteel</b>	adj. having a quietly appealing or polite quality	有教养的, 彬彬有礼的
18	<b>impassioned</b>	adj. showing or feeling very strong emotions	充满激情的
19	<b>upheaval</b>	n. a major change or period of change that causes a lot of conflict, confusion, anger, etc.	(引起混乱的) 剧变
20	<b>imminent</b>	adj. happening very soon	即将发生的
21	<b>stern</b>	adj. very serious especially in an unfriendly way	严厉的
		adj. not likely to change or become weaker	坚定的
22	<b>prescience</b>	n. the ability to know what will or might happen in the future	先见之明, 预知
23	<b>prophetic</b>	adj. correctly stating what will happen in the future	预言的
24	<b>fiery</b>	adj. having or showing a lot of strong and angry emotion	激情的, 热烈的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -29

序号	核心意思	词群
1	夸张	exaggeration, hyperbole, overstatement
2	激情的	fiery, impassioned, fervent, fervid, passionate, vehement
3	预知的	prescient, prophetic, provident

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

### 语言积累表-29

序号	习语表达	解释
1	from scratch	从头做起
2	be keen to	渴望
3	leave sb. in the dark	把某人蒙在鼓里

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. If the study proves that bears are still endemic to the area, the proposal to introduce additional bears of the same species will probably face less opposition since the plan would then involve \_\_\_\_\_ a historic population, not trying to build a population from scratch.

- A. reclassifying
- B. augmenting
- C. forestalling
- D. publicizing
- E. winnowing

2. 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

3. The author argued that the field of sociology has been overtly (i)\_\_\_\_\_, partly because, for many scholars, the edges of the social universe are defined by national borders. In this era of 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

4. Now that photographic prints have become a popular field for collecting, auctions are becoming more (i)\_\_\_\_\_. It is not just the entry of new collections into the field that is causing this intensification. Established collectors' interests are also becoming more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. Those who once concentrate 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

5. 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

6. If you wish to make a novel (i)\_\_\_\_\_ a field of study, you must master what scholars have already said on the subject but at the same time keep in mind the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ received opinion, which can (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ a nascent idea before it can develop.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. contribution to	D. temptation to reject	G. quash
B. depiction of	E. fundamental wisdom of	H. embrace
C. attack upon	F. oppressive influence of	I. inspire

7. 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

8. Not only was this writer content to leave the reading public in the dark, she seems to have \_\_\_\_\_ the role of trickster, seeding her works with apparent clues that led nowhere.

- A. rejected
- B. disdained
- C. relished
- D. participated in
- E. delighted in
- F. developed

9. William Perkins, his \_\_\_\_\_ speaking style notwithstanding, has long been seen as the moderate face of his political party.

- A. fiery
- B. genteel
- C. bumbling
- D. unremarkable
- E. affable
- F. impassioned

10. The political upheaval caught most people by surprise: despite the \_\_\_\_\_ warning of some commentators, it had never seemed that imminent.

- A. stern
- B. prescient
- C. prophetic
- D. indifferent
- E. apathetic
- F. repeated

# Section 30

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-30

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>deduce</b>	v. to use logic or reason to form (a conclusion or opinion about something) : to decide (something) after thinking about the known facts	推断
2	<b>explicable</b>	adj. possible to explain	可以解释的
3	<b>formidable</b>	adj. causing fear, dread or apprehension	恐怖的, 可怕的
		adj. tending to inspire awe or wonder	令人敬畏的
		adj. very difficult to deal with	艰巨的
4	<b>specious</b>	adj. falsely appearing to be right	假的
5	<b>irreversible</b>	adj. impossible to change back to a previous condition or state	不可逆的
6	<b>frown</b>	v. to wrinkle the brow	皱眉
		v. to regard something with disapproval or distaste	厌恶
7	<b>rampant</b>	adj. profusely widespread	广泛的
		adj. growing quickly and in a way that is difficult to control	猖獗的
8	<b>detriment</b>	n. something that will cause damage or injury to something or someone	损坏, 破坏
9	<b>flip</b>	v. to cause (something) to turn or turn over quickly	翻动
10	<b>infinite</b>	adj. having no limits	无限的
		adj. extremely large or great	极大的
11	<b>skirt</b>	v. to evade, as by circumlocution	回避, 避开 (话题)
12	<b>scrutinize</b>	v. to examine something carefully especially in a critical way	仔细检查

13	<b>repudiate</b>	v. to refuse to accept or support	否认, 拒绝
14	<b>confound</b>	v. to cause to become confused or perplexed	使困惑
		v. to prove (someone or something) wrong; refute	驳斥, 证明....错误
		v. to fail to distinguish; mix up	混淆
15	<b>confine</b>	v. to keep within limits	限制
16	<b>counterfeit</b>	adj. made to look like an exact copy of something in order to trick people	假的, 伪造的
17	<b>overstate</b>	v. to say that (something) is larger or greater than it really is	夸大
18	<b>counterintuitive</b>	adj. not agreeing with what seems right or natural	违反常理的, 与直觉相反的
19	<b>replete</b>	adj. having much or plenty of something	充满的
20	<b>encomium</b>	n. glowing and warmly enthusiastic praise	赞美
21	<b>indict</b>	v. to charge with a fault or offense	指控
22	<b>exalt</b>	v. to praise, or honor	赞美
		v. to raise in rank, character, or status	提升
23	<b>rehabilitate</b>	v. to restore to a former capacity	恢复
24	<b>excoriate</b>	v. to censure scathingly	强烈斥责
25	<b>valorize</b>	v. to give or assign a value to, especially a higher value	规定 (较高的) 价格 (引申为赞美)

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -30

序号	核心意思	词群
1	限制	confine, limit, restrict, circumscribe
2	无关的	irrelevant, extraneous, irrelative, impertinent
3	伪造的	fake, counterfeit, bogus, phony, spurious
4	赞美	exalt, valorize, extol, magnify, hymn
5	指责	indict, excoriate, reproach

### 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-30

序号	习语表达	解释
1	cohere with	与……一致
2	play a role in	在……中起作用
3	replete with	充满
4	Supreme Court	最高法院

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. Slight but \_\_\_\_\_ variations in the timing of the star's light pulses led astronomers to deduce that it was being pulled backward and forward by three planets orbiting around it.

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

2. Blake's reputation for weakness is \_\_\_\_\_: almost all who have worked with him say he is a disciplined, intellectually formidable, and very tough politician.

- A. specious
- B. pervasive
- C. irreversible
- D. trivial
- E. ambivalent

3. Unlike the elected branches of the United States government where making personal connections 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

4. Scientists once 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

5. The material covered in this article has been (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in previous publications, and since currently neglected areas remained unexplored, the article contains no (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. skirted	D. revelations
B. scrutinized	E. distortions
C. countered	F. conclusions

6. 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 characteristic
C. limited	F. confounded	I. discredited path

7. Noise suppression in phones can play an important role in making cellphones networks more efficient, since when sounds that are \_\_\_\_\_ to the meaningful signal are transmitted, precious network band width is wasted.

- A. unsuitable
- B. detrimental
- C. irrelevant
- D. confined
- E. limited
- F. extraneous

8. The reconstructed poem is beautiful and also probably \_\_\_\_\_: it is the only known work of medieval Hebrew verse written by a woman.

- A. singular
- B. unique
- C. archaic
- D. counterfeit
- E. valuable
- F. fake

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

- A. overstated
- B. counterintuitive
- C. mixed
- D. discouraging
- E. inconsistent
- F. inexplicable

10. Much of the literature about railroads seeks someone to \_\_\_\_\_, and it is thus replete with encomiums to railroad entrepreneurs and managers.

- A. indict
- B. exalt
- C. rehabilitate
- D. excoriate
- E. valorize
- F. emulate

# Section 31

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-31

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>tenacious</b>	adj. holding or tending to hold persistently to something, such as a point of view	顽强的
2	<b>diffluent</b>	adj. lacking confidence : not feeling comfortable around people	缺乏自信的，胆怯的
3	<b>meticulous</b>	adj. very careful about doing something in an extremely accurate and exact way	谨慎的；一丝不苟的
4	<b>implacable</b>	adj. opposed to someone or something in a very angry or determined way that cannot be changed	不能安抚的，毫不妥协的
5	<b>gossamer</b>	adj. extremely light, delicate, or tenuous	轻而薄的，虚无缥缈的
6	<b>contrive</b>	v. to form or make (something) in a skillful or clever way	设计，谋划
7	<b>mascot</b>	n. a person, animal, or object used as a symbol to represent a group (such as a sports team) and to bring good luck	吉祥物
8	<b>flit</b>	v. to move quickly from one condition or location to another	快速移动
9	<b>archaic</b>	adj. old and no longer used	过时的
10	<b>neutralize</b>	v. to stop (someone or something) from being effective or harmful	抵消，使无效
11	<b>paradigm</b>	n. a model or pattern for something that may be copied	典范
12	<b>tilt</b>	v. / n. slant or bias	倾斜
13	<b>tweak</b>	v. to twist sharply v. to make usually small adjustments in	拧 略微调整
14	<b>controvert</b>	v. to dispute or oppose by reasoning	反驳

15	<b>articulate</b>	v. able to express ideas clearly and effectively in speech or writing	清楚有力地表达
16	<b>entrench</b>	v. to establish firmly or solidly	牢固地确立
17	<b>bolster</b>	v. to give support to	支持
18	<b>deviate</b>	v. to do something that is different or to be different from what is usual or expected	脱离, 偏离
19	<b>succumb</b>	v. to stop trying to resist something	屈服
20	<b>recoil</b>	v. to quickly move away from something that is shocking, frightening, or disgusting : to react to something with shock or fear	畏缩
21	<b>pious</b>	adj. deeply religious	信仰虔诚的
		adj. marked by sham or hypocrisy	假虔诚的
22	<b>preachy</b>	adj. trying to teach something (such as proper or moral behavior) in a way that is annoying or unwanted	说教的, 好为人师的
23	<b>querulous</b>	adj. complaining in an annoyed way	抱怨的
24	<b>encompass</b>	v. to cover or surround (an area)	围绕, 包围
25	<b>sanctimonious</b>	adj. pretending to be morally better than other people	假虔诚的, 假正经的
26	<b>plaintive</b>	adj. expressing suffering or sadness	痛苦的
27	<b>ubiquitous</b>	adj. seeming to be seen everywhere	普遍的
28	<b>refine</b>	v. to remove the unwanted substances in (something)	提纯
		v. to improve (something) by making small changes	提升, 提高
29	<b>omnipresent</b>	adj. present everywhere simultaneously	普遍的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -31

序号	核心意思	词群
1	屈服	succumb, yield, surrender
2	畏缩, 胆怯	recoil, shrink, quail, cringe

3	难以理解的	unintelligible, unfathomable, arcane, cryptic, enigmatic, incomprehensible, inscrutable
4	不真诚的	insincere, disingenuous
5	扩张	expansion, augmentation
6	无所不在，处处	omnipresence, ubiquity

### 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-31

序号	习语表达	解释
1	nuclear power plants	核电站
2	dispose of	处理, 解决
3	of major importance	非常重要的
4	step in	介入

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. 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

2. Investors are grateful that the attorney general has stepped in to pursue inquiries into the misfeasance in the financial markets, given that the regulators officially charged with policing the industry have been \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. tenacious
- B. diffident
- C. meticulous
- D. implacable
- E. straightforward

3. The author suggests that cinema archives should become more like museums, justifying their existence by selecting, grouping and commenting on important films. By thus (i)\_\_\_\_\_ films, archives would not only serve as repositories, but would provide (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ as well.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. improving	D. conservation
B. restoring	E. education
C. interpreting	F. income

4. “Argument” may be an overly (i)\_\_\_\_\_ word to apply to the gossamer contrivance that is *A summer of Humming birds*. In what seems a self-conscious (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ of its mascot, the book flits from one subjects or moment in history to another, following the various whims of its authors.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. archaic	D. repudiation
B. imprecise	E. emulation
C. strong	F. misrepresentation

5. The skin of the poison dart frog contains deadly poison 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

6. When a new scientific model emerges, research studies (i)\_\_\_\_\_ that paradigm tend to dominate in the scientific literature: the process of selecting articles for publication is tilted toward positive results. But once the paradigm (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, the academic incentives shift in the opposite direction: research results are more likely to be considered worthy of publication when they (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ what has become the established view.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. tweaking	D. is initially articulated	G. bolster
B. affirming	E. has become entrenched	H. circumvent
C. controverting	F. is about to be attacked	I. undermine

7. 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

8. The initial, widely shared pessimism turned out to be \_\_\_\_\_, because it ignored the many things that would be done with resources left behind.

- A. unimportant
- B. unintelligible
- C. unfathomable
- D. unfounded
- E. unimaginative
- F. unjustified

9. Despite a tendency to be overtly \_\_\_\_\_, the poetry does not consist solely of pious sentiments: It sparks the imagination and provides lively entertainment.

- A. preachy
- B. querulous
- C. insincere
- D. sanctimonious
- E. plaintive
- F. disingenuous

10. Though it may seem as if more than a century of \_\_\_\_\_ has made the electrical grid an all-encompassing web connecting the whole of the continent, many vast and beautiful areas remain without power.

- A. refinement
- B. expansion
- C. ubiquity
- D. augmentation
- E. omnipresence
- F. isolation

# Section 32

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-32

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>numerous</b>	adj. existing in large numbers	大量的
2	<b>fury</b>	n. violent anger	狂怒，暴怒
3	<b>usage</b>	n. manner of treating	对待方式
4	<b>severe</b>	adj. very harsh	严厉的
5	<b>sober</b>	adj. having or showing a very serious attitude or quality	严肃认真的
6	<b>dejected</b>	adj. sad because of failure, loss, etc.	沮丧的
7	<b>believe</b>	v. to give a false impression of v. to run counter to v. to show (something) to be false or wrong	掩盖 与...相矛盾 证明...为假
8	<b>conflate</b>	v. to combine (as two readings of a text) into a composite whole	合并
9	<b>divulge</b>	v. to make known (something private or secret)	泄露
10	<b>fictitious</b>	adj. not true or real	虚构的
11	<b>hallmark</b>	n. a quality, ability, etc., that is typical of a particular person or thing	标志，典型的特征
12	<b>eloquent</b>	adj. having or showing the ability to use language clearly and effectively	雄辩的，有说服力的
13	<b>marvel</b>	v. to feel great surprise, wonder, or admiration n. one that causes wonder or astonishment	震惊，惊讶 惊世之作
14	<b>meticulous</b>	adj. very careful about doing something in an extremely accurate and exact way	谨慎的；一丝不苟的
15	<b>edify</b>	v. to instruct especially so as to encourage intellectual, moral, or spiritual improvement	启迪

16	<b>discreet</b>	adj. not likely to be seen or noticed by many people	谨慎的，小心的
17	<b>precipitate</b>	v. to cause (something) to happen quickly or suddenly	促进
18	<b>tactful</b>	adj. careful not to offend or upset other people	得体的，圆通的
19	<b>forbear</b>	v. to control oneself when provoked	克制，忍耐
20	<b>conspire</b>	v. to secretly plan with someone to do something that is harmful or illegal	共谋，协力
21	<b>rampant</b>	adj. profusely widespread	广泛的
		adj. growing quickly and in a way that is difficult to control	猖獗的
22	<b>ensue</b>	v. to come at a later time : to happen as a result	随后而来，接着发生
23	<b>hearten</b>	v. to cause (someone) to feel more cheerful or hopeful	激励，鼓励
24	<b>atypical</b>	adj. not typical : not usual or normal	异常的
25	<b>concomitant</b>	adj. accompanying especially in a subordinate or incidental way	相伴随的，与...同时发生的
26	<b>elusive</b>	adj. hard to understand, define, or remember	难懂的
		adj. hard to find or capture	难以捕捉的
27	<b>sloth</b>	n. the quality of being lazy	懒惰
28	<b>gleam</b>	n. a small, bright light	微光
29	<b>imperial</b>	adj. of or relating to an empire or an emperor	帝国的
30	<b>paraphernalia</b>	n. objects that are used to do a particular activity : objects of a particular kind	行头，装饰品
31	<b>august</b>	adj. respected and dignified	庄严的，肃穆的
32	<b>majestic</b>	adj. large and impressively beautiful	庄严威武的

33	<b>rebellious</b>	adj. refusing to obey rules or authority or to accept normal standards of behavior, dress, etc. : having or showing a tendency to rebel	反抗的, 难控制的
34	<b>quirky</b>	adj. unusual especially in an interesting way	奇怪的, 古怪的
35	<b>flamboyant</b>	adj. having a very noticeable quality that attracts a lot of attention	引人注意的, 酷炫的
36	<b>cast-iron</b>	adj. very strong or tough	坚固的, 顽强的
37	<b>reproach</b>	v. to express disapproval or disappointment to (someone)	斥责, 批评
38	<b>respite</b>	n. an interval of rest or relief	暂歇, 休息

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -32

序号	核心意思	词群
1	谦虚的	modest, unostentatious, humble, unpretentious
2	宏大的	august, majestic, epic, imposing, magnificent, monumental
3	古怪的	unconventional, quirky
4	斥责	reproach, blame, castigation, diatribe, harangue
5	休息	respite, relief, break, lull

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-32

序号	习语表达	解释
1	fail to	未能
2	filled with	充满
3	nothing if not	极其
4	spate of	大量的
5	out of ordinary	不同寻常
6	all the more	更加

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. With the numerous opponents of the controversial new taxation measure in such a fury, anyone who publicly advocated the measure did not fail to meet with \_\_\_\_\_ usage.

- A. politic
- B. severe
- C. sober
- D. respectful
- E. dejected

2. The paleontologist examined the problem afresh, believing that the accepted classification \_\_\_\_\_ the essential continuity of the specimens by making specious distinctions among them.

- A. disproved
- B. belied
- C. conflated
- D. divulged
- E. relaxed

3. 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

4. Scholars have marveled over the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ that Shakespeare displays in his works, noting that such broad learning is all the more remarkable given that books were relatively (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in Shakespeare's time.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. meticulousness	D. edifying
B. humor	E. scarce
C. erudition	F. inexpensive

5. She was never (i)\_\_\_\_\_: she was nothing if not discreet, so she (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ for the present to declare her passion.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. precipitate	D. pretended
B. tactful	E. decided
C. thoughtful	F. forbore

6. 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. counterforce
B. atypical	E. illuminated	H. stimulants
C. ambiguous	F. consolidated	I. concomitants

7. 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. pointless
- E. sloth
- F. apathy

8. The dictators gleaming military uniform and imperial paraphernalia sharply contrast with the \_\_\_\_\_ fashion favored by most other contemporary political leaders.

- A. unostentatious
- B. modest
- C. august
- D. majestic
- E. formal
- F. casual

9. Despite her rather \_\_\_\_\_ choices, Moreland was neither a rebellious spirit nor someone who saw herself as anything out of the ordinary.

- A. unconventional
- B. impractical
- C. quirky
- D. flamboyant
- E. successful
- F. lucrative

10. 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

# Section 33

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-33

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>detritus</b>	n. the pieces that are left when something breaks, falls apart, is destroyed, etc.	残骸
2	<b>extraneous</b>	adj. not important	次要的
		adj. coming from the outside	外来的
3	<b>rivalry</b>	n. a state or situation in which people or groups are competing with each other	竞争, 对抗
4	<b>cluster</b>	v. to come together to form a group	聚集
5	<b>oblivious</b>	adj. not conscious or aware of someone or something	无意识的, 遗忘的
6	<b>prominence</b>	n. the state of being important, well-known, or noticeable : the state of being prominent	杰出, 显著
7	<b>undermine</b>	v. to make (someone or something) weaker or less effective	削弱
8	<b>empower</b>	v. to give power to (someone)	授权
		v. to promote the self-actualization or influence of	提升...的影响力
9	<b>surrender</b>	v. to agree to stop fighting, hiding, resisting, etc., because you know that you will not win or succeed	投降, 放弃
10	<b>glean</b>	v. to gather or collect in a gradual way	慢慢收集
11	<b>supersede</b>	v. to take the place of (someone or something that is old, no longer useful, etc.)	淘汰, 取代
12	<b>halt</b>	v. stop	停止
		v. to stand in perplexity or doubt between alternate courses : waver	踌躇
13	<b>disparate</b>	adj. different from each other	不同的

14	<b>feedback</b>	n. helpful information or criticism that is given to someone to say what can be done to improve a performance, product, etc.	反馈
15	<b>static</b>	adj. showing little or no change, action, or progress	静态的
16	<b>perpetuate</b>	v. to cause (something that should be stopped, such as a mistaken idea or a bad situation) to continue	持续, 使...继续
17	<b>ephemeral</b>	adj. lasting for a markedly brief time	短暂的
18	<b>perilous</b>	adj. full of danger	危险的
19	<b>undue</b>	adj. exceeding what is appropriate or normal	过量的
20	<b>scant</b>	adj. inadequately supplied	稀缺的
21	<b>dwindle</b>	v. to gradually become smaller	减少, 下降
22	<b>concrete</b>	adj. specific or particular	具体的
23	<b>finite</b>	adj. having limits : having a limited nature	有限的
24	<b>meager</b>	adj. deficient in quality or quantity	不足的, 少的
25	<b>conclusive</b>	adj. putting an end to debate or question especially by reason of irrefutability	终结的, 最终的
26	<b>elucidate</b>	v. to make (something that is hard to understand) clear or easy to understand	阐释, 阐明
27	<b>obfuscate</b>	v. to make (something) more difficult to understand	使...困惑

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -33

序号	核心意思	词群
1	危险的	perilous, dangerous, hazardous, risky
2	可预见的	predictable, foreseeable
3	过量的	undue, excessive
4	匮乏的	insufficient, meager, scant, dearth
5	猜测	conjecture, speculation, supposition, surmise

6	使困惑	mystify, obfuscate
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### 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-33

序号	习语表达	解释
1	instead of	而不是
2	surrender to	屈服于
3	vice versa	反之亦然
4	plenty of	大量的

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. In the last two hundreds years, the practice of archaeology has changed greatly, from digging up ancient artifacts for use by wealthy individuals as art objects to analyzing the detritus of everyday life in the laboratory, and thus from \_\_\_\_\_ to data collection.

- A. supposition
- B. theorizing
- C. fact-finding
- D. treasure hunting
- E. scientific discovery

2. 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

3. The documentation of Earth's biodiversity is complicated by the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ taxonomists. Those experts in classifying species tent to be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ North America and Europe, whereas most of the undocumented biodiversity is likely in the tropics.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. uneven distribution of	D. clustered in
B. theoretical commitments of	E. oblivious to
C. professional rivalries among	F. exported from

4. 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

5. 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

6. 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 a result of the (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

7. If giant x-ray flares churn circumstellar disks enough to keep newborn planets, such as Earth once was, from spiraling into their suns, it would be an ironic twist on our conception of x-ray flares as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. dangerous
- B. predictable
- C. ancient
- D. ephemeral
- E. perilous
- F. foreseeable

8. Despite their cultural and social significance, rapid growth, and widespread appeal in China, video game—unlike traditional media—have received \_\_\_\_\_ attention from international communication researches.

- A. undue
- B. scant
- C. excessive
- D. focused
- E. limited
- F. dwindling

9. Although Wynne claims to recognize that \_\_\_\_\_ evidence is available to make definitive statements, she offers them nonetheless, arriving at some sweeping generalizations.

- A. concrete
- B. finite
- C. insufficient
- D. indirect
- E. conclusive
- F. meager

10. Although the biography never explicitly assesses what role the dynamic between Mr. Merrills 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

# Section 34

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-34

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>self-serving</b>	adj. having or showing concern only about your own needs and interests	自私的
2	<b>believe</b>	v. to give a false impression of	掩盖
		v. to run counter to	与...相矛盾
		v. to show (something) to be false or wrong	证明...为假
3	<b>conflate</b>	v. to combine (as two readings of a text) into a composite whole	合并
4	<b>divulge</b>	v. to make known (something private or secret)	泄露
5	<b>naive</b>	adj. having or showing a lack of experience or knowledge : innocent or simple	天真的
6	<b>premeditate</b>	v. to think, consider, or deliberate beforehand	预谋, 提前构画
7	<b>manipulate</b>	v. to move or control (something) with your hands or by using a machine	操控
8	<b>testimony</b>	n. proof or evidence that something exists or is true	证据, 证词
9	<b>anecdote</b>	n. a short account of an interesting or humorous incident	奇闻异事
10	<b>predominant</b>	adj. more important, powerful, successful, or noticeable than other people or things	最显著的, 主导的
11	<b>arguably</b>	adv. it can be argued	可以这样说地
12	<b>influential</b>	adj. having the power to cause changes : having influence	有影响力的
13	<b>lengthy</b>	adj. protracted excessively	冗长的
14	<b>bibliography</b>	n. a list of books, magazines, articles, etc., about a particular subject	参考书目

15	<b>elude</b>	v. to avoid or escape (someone or something) by being quick, skillful, or clever	逃跑, 逃避
		v. to fail to be understood or remembered by (someone)	使...无法理解
		v. to fail to be achieved by (someone)	使....无法得到
16	<b>cast-iron</b>	adj. very strong or tough	坚固的, 顽强的
17	<b>reproach</b>	v. to express disapproval or disappointment to (someone)	斥责, 批评
18	<b>respite</b>	n. an interval of rest or relief	暂歇, 休息
19	<b>exacting</b>	adj. making severe demands	苛求的
		adj. requiring great care, effort	费力的
20	<b>onerous</b>	adj. difficult and unpleasant to do or deal with	繁重的, 费力的
21	<b>rebellious</b>	adj. refusing to obey rules or authority or to accept normal standards of behavior, dress, etc. : having or showing a tendency to rebel	反抗的, 难控制的
22	<b>quirky</b>	adj. unusual especially in an interesting way	奇怪的, 古怪的
23	<b>flamboyant</b>	adj. having a very noticeable quality that attracts a lot of attention	引人注意的, 酷炫的
24	<b>condemn</b>	v. to say in a strong and definite way that someone or something is bad or wrong	谴责
25	<b>rant</b>	v. to speak or write in an angry or emotionally charged manner	辱骂
26	<b>diatribe</b>	n. an angry and usually long speech or piece of writing that strongly criticizes someone or something	漫骂
27	<b>exculpate</b>	v. to prove that someone is not guilty of doing something wrong	开脱罪责
28	<b>disquisition</b>	n. a long speech or written report on a subject	演讲, 报告
29	<b>vindicate</b>	v. to show that (someone) should not be blamed for a crime, mistake, etc.	证明...的清白

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -34

序号	核心意思	词群
1	斥责	reproach, blame, castigation, diatribe, harangue
2	休息	respite, relief, break, lull
3	古怪的	unconventional, quirky
4	斥责	reproach, blame, castigation, diatribe, harangue
5	含糊不清的	opaque, obscure, ambiguous, equivocal, murky, nebulous, vague
6	费力的	exacting, onerous, arduous, burdensome, challenging, taxing
7	声明无罪	exculpate, vindicate
8	抨击	diatribe, rant, tirade

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-34

序号	习语表达	解释
1	point out	指出
2	attribute to	把……归给
3	no more than	仅仅， 只是
4	out of ordinary	不同寻常

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. By pointing out the self-serving nature of the governor's motives for supporting the new health care policy, the columnist implied that the governor's idealistic-sounding explanation of her position on the issue was almost certainly \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. impractical  
B. derivative  
C. simplistic  
D. disingenuous  
E. ineffectual
2. The paleontologist examined the problem afresh, believing that the accepted classification \_\_\_\_\_ the essential continuity of the specimens by making specious distinctions among them.  
A. disproved  
B. belied  
C. conflated  
D. divulged  
E. relaxed
3. 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

4. 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

5. Any account of experimental music in the United States that (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the predominantly African American bebop and free jazz movements is (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, since this body of music constitutes what is arguably the most influential African experimental music in the decades following the Second World War.

Blank (i)	Blank (i)
A. neglects	D. underappreciated
B. exaggerates	E. problematic
C. reinterprets	F. self-serving

6. 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

7. 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

8. Agencies responsible for protecting natural resources too often issue permits allowing exploitation of those resources, a process that remains \_\_\_\_\_ given that agencies have become experts at masking their decisions in scientific terms.

- A. controversial
- B. exacting
- C. obscure
- D. onerous
- E. opaque
- F. misleading

9. Despite her rather \_\_\_\_\_ choices, Moreland was neither a rebellious spirit nor someone who saw herself as anything out of the ordinary.

- A. unconventional
- B. impractical
- C. quirky
- D. flamboyant
- E. successful
- F. lucrative

10. Readers looking for another condemnation of private equity firms should look elsewhere, for this book is not \_\_\_\_\_ such firms.

- A. a rant against
- B. a diatribe on
- C. an exculpation of
- D. a disquisition on
- E. a vindication of
- F. an argument about

# Section 35

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-35

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>harrow</b>	v. to torment or vex	折磨, 使...痛苦
2	<b>convoluted</b>	adj. very complicated and difficult to understand	难懂的, 复杂的
3	<b>implausible</b>	adj. not believable or realistic : not plausible	不合理的, 难以置信的
4	<b>avant-garde</b>	n. a group of people who develop new and often very surprising ideas in art, literature, etc.	先锋派, 前卫派
		adj. of or relating to an avant-garde	前卫的, 先锋的
5	<b>flout</b>	v. to treat with contemptuous disregard	蔑视, 鄙视
6	<b>cultivate</b>	v. to foster the growth of	培养
7	<b>sensational</b>	adj. exceedingly or unexpectedly excellent or great	极好的
		adj. causing very great excitement or interest with shocking details	(通过可怕的细节)骇人听闻的
8	<b>de-emphasize</b>	v. to reduce in relative importance; also : play down	降低.....的重要性
9	<b>check</b>	v. to hold in restraint	阻止
10	<b>doom</b>	v. to make certain the failure or destruction of	使毁灭
11	<b>bypass</b>	v. to go around or avoid (a place or area)	避开
12	<b>conspire</b>	v. to secretly plan with someone to do something that is harmful or illegal	共谋, 协力
13	<b>rampant</b>	adj. profusely widespread	广泛的
14		adj. growing quickly and in a way that is difficult to control	猖獗的

15	<b>ensue</b>	v. to come at a later time : to happen as a result	随后而来，接着发生
16	<b>hearten</b>	v. to cause (someone) to feel more cheerful or hopeful	激励，鼓励
17	<b>atypical</b>	adj. not typical : not usual or normal	异常的
18	<b>concomitant</b>	adj. accompanying especially in a subordinate or incidental way	相伴随的，与...同时发生的
19	<b>compromise</b>	v. to arrive at a settlement by making concessions	妥协，让步
		v. to impair, as by disease or injury	破坏
20	<b>proclaim</b>	v. to say or state (something) in a public, official, or definite way	宣布
21	<b>profess</b>	v. to say or declare (something) openly	宣称
22	<b>disown</b>	v. to refuse to acknowledge as one's own	否认
23	<b>betray</b>	v. to make known unintentionally	(无意中) 显露
		v. to be false or disloyal to	背叛
24	<b>provocative</b>	adj. causing discussion, thought, argument, etc.	引起争论的，引起思考的
		adj. causing excitement	煽动的
25	<b>confine</b>	v. to keep within limits	限制
26	<b>exhilarate</b>	v. to cause (someone) to feel very happy and excited	使...喜悦或兴奋
27	<b>antagonize</b>	v. to cause (someone) to feel hostile or angry : to irritate or upset (someone)	使...敌对
28	<b>contentious</b>	adj. likely to cause people to argue or disagree	引起争议的
		adj. likely or willing to argue	爱争吵的
29	<b>pedestrian</b>	adj. not interesting or unusual	普通的，平庸的
		n. a person going on foot	行人
30	<b>perplex</b>	v. to confuse or trouble with uncertainty or doubt	使...困惑
31	<b>mundane</b>	adj. dull and ordinary	平庸的，无聊的

32	<b>intriguing</b>	adj. extremely interesting	吸引人的
33	<b>compliment</b>	n. a remark that says something good about someone or something	赞美
34	<b>backhanded</b>	adj. oblique or indirect	不直接的
		adj. having derogatory or insulting implications	含沙射影的, 讽刺挖苦的
35	<b>paltry</b>	n. very small or too small in amount	少量
36	<b>heartfelt</b>	adj. deeply or sincerely felt	真诚的
37	<b>meager</b>	adj. deficient in quality or quantity	不足的, 少的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -35

序号	核心意思	词群
1	宣称	proclaim, profess, announce, declare
2	否认	reject, disown, repudiate, disavow, gainsay, refute
3	刺激的	provocative, stimulating
4	限制	confine, limit, circumscribe, restrict, restrain
5	引起争论的	contentious, controversial, disputatious, polemical
6	平凡的	mundane, pedestrian, common, ordinary, prosaic
7	真诚的	heartfelt, sincere, genuine, ingenuous

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-35

序号	习语表达	解释
1	catch on	流行起来
2	stave off	避开
3	without precedent	史无前例

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. To criticize a disaster film for being \_\_\_\_\_ is a bit silly, since people do not go to disaster movies to see an honest portrayal of reality.

- A. expensive
- B. harrowing
- C. derivative
- D. convoluted
- E. implausible

2. Though many avant-garde writers \_\_\_\_\_ traditional distinctions among literary categories, combining elements of biography and fiction, prose and poetry, this fusion of forms has been slow to catch on with publishers.

- A. flout
- B. presuppose
- C. exploit
- D. imitate
- E. illuminate

3. 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

4. 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

5. China's rapidly growing population is the main threat facing large carnivores in the People's Republic. Increasingly, policies aimed at limiting population growth have been (i)\_\_\_\_\_; nevertheless, the country's vast size and the isolation of many its regions mean that human populations in areas where large carnivores still occur (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. This human pressure has (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the South China tiger.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. modified	D. could start to decline	G. celebrated
B. de-emphasized	E. can grow unchecked	H. doomed
C. implemented	F. have stabilized	I. bypassed

6. 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

7. Although legislators on both sides of the issues have repeatedly \_\_\_\_\_ a desire to find a middle ground, until now no acceptable compromise has been achieved.

- A. discussed
- B. proclaimed
- C. professed
- D. rejected
- E. disowned
- F. betrayed

8. 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

9. 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

10. To call Kermode the finest English critic of his generation is 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

# Section 36

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-36

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>zenith</b>	n. the highest point reached in the heavens by a celestial body	顶点，最高点
2	<b>brute</b>	adj. of or relating to beasts	粗鲁的，无理性的
3	<b>jar</b>	v. to make (someone) feel uneasy	使...不安
		v. to clash or conflict	冲突，抵触
4	<b>plausible</b>	adj. superficially fair, reasonable, or valuable but often specious	貌似正确
5	<b>conciliatory</b>	adj. having the intention or effect of making angry people calm	安抚的，调和的
6	<b>truism</b>	n. an undoubted or self-evident truth	真理
7	<b>valediction</b>	n. an act of bidding farewell	告别
8	<b>resolve</b>	n. a strong determination to do something	坚决
		v. to find an answer or solution to (something) : to settle or solve (something)	解决
9	<b>gainsay</b>	v. to deny or disagree with (something)	否认
11	<b>downplay</b>	v. to make (something) seem smaller or less important	贬低
12	<b>esoteric</b>	adj. difficult to understand	难懂的
13	<b>arcane</b>	adj. known or understood by only a few people	难懂的
14	<b>comprehensive</b>	adj. covering completely or broadly	全面的
15	<b>provocative</b>	adj. causing discussion, thought, argument, etc.	引起争论的，引起思考的
16	<b>stipulate</b>	v. to specify as a condition or requirement (as of an agreement or offer)	规定
		v. to give a guarantee of	保证

17	<b>disseminate</b>	v. to cause (something, such as information) to go to many people	传播, 散布
18	<b>ponderous</b>	adj. slow or awkward because of weight and size	笨重的
		adj. very boring or dull	无聊的
19	<b>empirical</b>	adj. originating in or based on observation or experience	根据观察或经验的
20	<b>laudatory</b>	adj. expressing or containing praise	赞美的
21	<b>deify</b>	v. to treat (someone or something) like a god or goddess	奉...为神, 神化
22	<b>debunk</b>	v. to show that something (such as a belief or theory) is not true	拆穿, 揭露... 的错误
23	<b>aggrandize</b>	v. to make appear great or greater	夸大, 吹捧
		v. to enhance the power, wealth, position, or reputation of	抬高身价, 提高地位
24	<b>implacable</b>	adj. opposed to someone or something in a very angry or determined way that cannot be changed	不能安抚的, 毫不妥协的
25	<b>unyielding</b>	adj. not changing or stopping	不妥协的, 固执的
26	<b>impeccable</b>	adj. having no flaws	无懈可击的
27	<b>unqualified</b>	adj. complete or total	完全的
		adj. not having the skills, knowledge, or experience needed to do a particular job or activity	不合格的
28	<b>capricious</b>	adj. changing often and quickly	变化多端的
29	<b>antediluvian</b>	adj. very old or old-fashioned	过时的
30	<b>flighty</b>	adj. given to capricious or unstable behavior	多变的
		adj. easily excited	易激动的
31	<b>archaic</b>	adj. old and no longer used	过时的
32	<b>chauvinistic</b>	adj. believing that your country is better than any other	极端爱国的

33	<b>patronize</b>	v. to give money or support to (someone or something) v. to talk to (someone) in a way that shows that you believe you are more intelligent or better than other people	赞助 摆出高人一等的态度对待
34	<b>delude</b>	v. to cause (someone) to believe something that is not true	迷惑，欺骗
35	<b>hitherto</b>	adv. until now	至今

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -36

序号	核心意思	词群
1	固执的，毫不妥协的	implacable, unyielding, adamant, headstrong, obdurate, stubborn, pertinacious
2	完美的	flawless, impeccable, perfect, consummate
3	过时的	archaic, antediluvian, moribund, moth-eaten, outdated, outmoded, outworn, rusty
4	多变的	flighty, capricious
5	初级的	sketchy, rudimentary, perfunctory, facile, superficial, cursory
6	公平，公正	impartiality, objectivity, neutrality, unbiasedness
7	概括	abstraction, generality

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-36

序号	习语表达	解释
1	not...but...	不是.....而是.....
2	derive from	从.....获得
3	in sharp contrast to	与.....形成鲜明对比

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. 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 impulse.

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

2. 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

3. Proponents of international regulation of environmental issues have always struggled against scientific uncertainty and economic hostility, two obstacles which, from a political standpoint, often have been closely related, as economic hostility toward environmental regulation for economic reasons have (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the considerable 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

4. It would be imprecise to characterize her scholarship as (i)\_\_\_\_\_: though her etymological discussion is necessarily esoteric, there is nothing (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ about the conclusions she derives from it.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. derivative	D. obscure
B. arcane	E. controversial
C. careless	F. innovative

5. The book is not comprehensive but is, instead, (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in the most positive sense: it (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ rather than settles.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. definitive	D. stipulates
B. provocative	E. suggests
C. timely	F. disseminates

6. 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

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

- A. implacable
- B. unyielding
- C. impeccable
- D. flawless
- E. unqualified
- F. capricious

8. The company is so old-fashioned and opposed to innovation that it can seem downright \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. antediluvian
- B. flighty
- C. archaic
- D. chauvinistic
- E. capricious
- F. patronizing

9. 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

10. In sharp contrast to the novel's scenic realism and precise characterized figure is its persistent philosophical \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. naturalism
- B. abstraction
- C. generality
- D. impartiality
- E. sincerity
- F. objectivity

# Section 37

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-37

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>yield</b>	v. to surrender or submit	投降, 屈服
		v. to be productive of	产出
2	<b>anomalous</b>	adj. not expected or usual	异常的
3	<b>enigmatic</b>	adj. full of mystery and difficult to understand	难懂的
4	<b>surreptitious</b>	adj. done in a secret way	秘密的, 鬼鬼祟祟的
5	<b>resolve</b>	v. to make a definite and serious decision to do something	决定, 决心要做
6	<b>resent</b>	v. to be angry or upset about (someone or something that you think is unfair)	憎恨, 生气
7	<b>vexatious</b>	adj. causing vexation : distressing	令人烦恼的
8	<b>clandestine</b>	adj. done secretly	秘密的, 暗中观察的
9	<b>equitable</b>	adj. just or fair	平等的, 公平的
10	<b>dispense</b>	v. to give or provide (something)	分配, 分发
11	<b>inflate</b>	v. to think or say that (something) is larger or more important than it really is	夸大
12	<b>fastidious</b>	adj. very careful about how you do something	小心谨慎的, 挑剔的
13	<b>overblow</b>	v. to exaggerate	夸大
14	<b>improvise</b>	v. to speak or perform without preparation	即兴表演
15	<b>countermand</b>	v. to cancel (an order) especially by giving a new order	撤销 (命令)
16	<b>commensurate</b>	adj. equal or similar to something in size, amount, or degree	相等的, 相似的

17	<b>parity</b>	n. equality	平等
18	<b>inclusive</b>	adj. broad in orientation or scope	广泛的,全面的
		adj. not limited to certain people	开放的
19	<b>stratify</b>	v. to divide or arrange into classes, castes, or social strata	分层级
20	<b>venue</b>	n. the place where an event takes place	事件发生地点
21	<b>seclusion</b>	n. the act of placing or keeping someone away from other people : the act of secluding someone	隔离, 隐居
		n. a secluded or isolated place	偏僻
22	<b>opulent</b>	adj. very comfortable and expensive	昂贵的
		adj. very wealthy	富裕的
23	<b>enormous</b>	adj. very great in size or amount	巨大的
24	<b>sycophantic</b>	adj. fawning, obsequious	奉承的
25	<b>ascetic</b>	adj. relating to or having a strict and simple way of living that avoids physical pleasure	苦行的
26	<b>mercenary</b>	adj. serving merely for pay or sordid advantage	唯利是图的
27	<b>allusion</b>	n. a statement that refers to something without mentioning it directly	暗指
28	<b>ramification</b>	n. something that is the result of something else	结果, 后果
		n. branch	分支
29	<b>respite</b>	n. an interval of rest or relief	暂歇, 休息
30	<b>beguile</b>	v. to lead by deception	欺骗
31	<b>baffle</b>	v. to confuse (someone) completely	使...困惑
32	<b>buoy</b>	v. to keep afloat or aloft	使浮起来
		v. to hearten or inspire	鼓励
33	<b>insouciance</b>	n. a feeling of not worrying about anything	无忧无虑, 不操心
34	<b>stoicism</b>	n. indifference to pleasure or pain : impassiveness	冷漠, 淡泊

35	<b>alacrity</b>	n. a quick and cheerful readiness to do something	敏捷，欣然同意
36	<b>cordial</b>	adj. politely pleasant and friendly	热情友好的
37	<b>convivial</b>	adj. of or relating to social events where people can eat, drink, and talk in a friendly way with others	友好的
38	<b>overshadow</b>	v. to exceed in importance	使显得不重要
		v. to cast a shadow over	遮盖
39	<b>leach</b>	v. to remove (nutritive or harmful elements) from soil by percolation	被冲走，滤去
40	<b>ubiquitous</b>	adj. seeming to be seen everywhere	普遍的
41	<b>brackish</b>	adj. repulsive	令人不快的
42	<b>malodorous</b>	adj. having a bad smell	难闻的，恶臭的
43	<b>redolent</b>	adj. having a strong smell : full of a fragrance or odor	芬芳的
44	<b>noisome</b>	adj. very unpleasant or disgusting	有害的，恶臭的
45	<b>anodyne</b>	adj. not likely to offend or upset anyone	不惹人厌烦的
		adj. serving to alleviate pain	缓解疼痛的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -37

序号	核心意思	词群
1	易怒	irascibility, exasperation
2	阻止	preclude, prevent, forestall
3	善变的	unpredictable, capricious, mercurial, volatile
4	固执的	stubborn, intractable, mulish, adamant, headstrong, obstinate
5	恶臭的	malodorous, noisome, stinky

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

## 语言积累表-37

序号	习语表达	解释
1	make a difference	有影响, 创造不同
2	gender equality	性别平等
3	consist of	由.....组成, 包括

### 4. Authentic Questions

1. 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

2. People frequently attempt to relieve their workplace frustrations via surreptitious comments around the water-cooler but would be better able to resolve their resentment if they were less (i)\_\_\_\_\_ about their problem and initiated a more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ dialogue.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. vexatious	D. equitable
B. clandestine	E. sincere
C. opportunistic	F. open

3. 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 most 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

4. 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 practices. 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

5. 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

6. 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 volunteer, 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

7. The professor's habitual air of \_\_\_\_\_ was misleading front, concealing amazing reserves of patience and a deep commitment to his students' learning.

- A. cordiality
- B. irascibility
- C. disorganization
- D. conviviality
- E. diffidence
- F. exasperation

8. Even manifest flaws in the sculptor's work have not \_\_\_\_\_ its respectful reception by most modern critics.

- A. determined
- B. controlled
- C. undermined
- D. prevented
- E. overshadowed
- F. precluded

9. Historically, the depletion of soil's nitrogen has been one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ problems faced by farmers: an essential nutrient, nitrogen is quickly leached from soil, and farmers have struggled to find ways to replenish it.

- A. capricious
- B. ubiquitous
- C. worrisome
- D. stubborn
- E. intractable
- F. unpredictable

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

- A. malodorous
- B. toxic
- C. redolent
- D. benign
- E. noisome
- F. anodyne

# Section 38

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览（以下解释选自新GRE佛脚词汇表） -38

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>contemptuous</b>	adj. feeling or showing deep hatred or disapproval	鄙视的
2	<b>ignorant</b>	adj. destitute of knowledge or education	无知的
3	<b>decry</b>	v. to say publicly and forcefully that you regard (something) as bad, wrong, etc.	责难
4	<b>boast</b>	v. speak vaingloriously	吹嘘
5	<b>downplay</b>	v. to make (something) seem smaller or less important	贬低
6	<b>devolve</b>	v. to gradually go from an advanced state to a less advanced state	衰落
		v. to pass on from one person or entity to another	(权力、责任) 移交
7	<b>acrimony</b>	n. harsh or biting sharpness especially of words, manner, or disposition	尖刻，犀利
8	<b>comity</b>	n. friendly social atmosphere	友好，和谐
9	<b>mordant</b>	adj. expressing harsh criticism especially in a way that is funny	尖酸刻薄的
10	<b>thrive</b>	v. to grow or develop successful	兴旺发达
11	<b>apropos</b>	adj. being both relevant and opportune	合适的
		prep. with regard to	至于...
12	<b>churlish</b>	adj. not polite	不礼貌的
13	<b>cagey</b>	adj. not willing to say everything that you know about something	守口如瓶的
		adj. wary of being trapped or deceived	警惕的
		adj. very clever	聪明的
14	<b>emulate</b>	v. to strive to equal or excel	通过模仿而赶超

15	<b>adjudicate</b>	v. to make an official decision about who is right in a dispute	裁定, 宣判
16	<b>advocate</b>	n. a person who argues for or supports a cause or policy	支持者
		v. to support or argue for (a cause, policy, etc.)	支持
17	<b>adversary</b>	n. an enemy or opponent	对手, 敌手
18	<b>contemplate</b>	v. to think deeply or carefully about	深入思考
19	<b>counter</b>	v. to do something in defense or in response to something	反驳
20	<b>eschew</b>	v. to avoid (something) especially because you do not think it is right, proper, etc.	避免
21	<b>conspicuous</b>	adj. very easy to see or notice	显眼的, 明显的
22	<b>transmit</b>	v. to give or pass (information, values, etc.) from one person to another	传输, 传递
23	<b>proximity</b>	n. the state of being near	临近
24	<b>furtive</b>	adj. done in a quiet and secret way to avoid being noticed	鬼鬼祟祟的
25	<b>compensate</b>	v. to offset an error, defect, or undesired effect	弥补, 补偿
		v. to serve as or provide a substitute or counter balance	抵消
26	<b>offset</b>	v. to cancel or reduce the effect of (something)	抵消
27	<b>polemical</b>	adj. of or involving strongly critical or disputatious writing or speech	好争论的
28	<b>precarious</b>	adj. characterized by a lack of security or stability that threatens with danger	处境危险的
29	<b>enterprising</b>	adj. having or showing the ability or desire to do new and difficult things	有进取心的, 创新的
30	<b>rapacious</b>	adj. having or showing a strong or excessive desire to acquire money or possess things	贪婪的

31	<b>avaricious</b>	adj. excessively acquisitive especially in seeking to hoard riches	贪婪的
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## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -38

序号	核心意思	词群
1	限制	confine, limit, circumscribe, restrain
2	无关的	extraneous, irrelevant, impertinent
3	秘密的	furtive, secretive, clandestine, surreptitious, underground
4	虚假的	feigned, fake
5	弥补	compensate, offset
6	预测, 预示	portend, predict, forecast, foretell, presage

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-38

序号	习语表达	解释
1	so...as to	如此以至于
2	contemptuous of	看不起
3	lack of	缺乏
4	deserve credit for	因.....值得称赞
5	meet challenges	迎接挑战

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. 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. conceal
- C. remedy
- D. boast of
- E. downplay

2. The company suffers from an almost total lack of \_\_\_\_\_: even the most innocuous communications between departments tend to devolve into acrimony.

- A. dissension
- B. variance
- C. comity
- D. conformity
- E. mordancy

3. 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

4. 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 facts 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

5. 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

6. 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 colleagues.

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

7. 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

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. Tompkinson's prior donations to the university, while very generous, failed to \_\_\_\_\_ the magnitude of her latest gift.

- A. compensate for
- B. portend
- C. clarify
- D. predict
- E. offset
- F. undermine

10. 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

# Section 39

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-39

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>remarkable</b>	adj. unusual or surprising : likely to be noticed	异乎寻常的
2	<b>felicitous</b>	adj. very well suited for some purpose or situation	合适的
		adj. pleasant or delightful	令人愉悦的
3	<b>prolific</b>	adj. producing a large amount of something	多产的
4	<b>abbreviate</b>	v. to make (something) shorter; especially : to reduce (a word or name) to a shorter form	缩短
5	<b>affinity</b>	n. a liking for or an attraction to something	倾向, 偏好
6	<b>intricate</b>	adj. having many complexly interrelating parts or elements	复杂的
7	<b>sectarian</b>	adj. limited in character or scope	狭隘的
		adj. relating to religious or political sects and the differences between them	派系的
8	<b>baroque</b>	adj. characterized by grotesqueness, extravagance, complexity, or flamboyance	复杂华丽的
9	<b>transcend</b>	v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of	超越
		v. to outstrip or outdo in some attribute, quality, or power	胜出, 超出
10	<b>provincial</b>	adj. limited in outlook	眼光狭隘的
11	<b>contingent</b>	adj. dependent on conditions or occurrences not yet established; conditional: dependent	依条件而定的
		adj. liable to occur but not with certainty; possible	可能的
12	<b>abstruse</b>	adj. difficult to comprehend	难懂的
13	<b>explicable</b>	adj. possible to explain	可以解释的

14	<b>minuscule</b>	adj. very small	极小的
15	<b>entail</b>	v. to have (something) as a part, step, or result	包括, 包含
16	<b>facilitate</b>	v. to make easier	辅助, 帮助
17	<b>rote</b>	n. the use of memory usually with little intelligence	死记硬背
18	<b>condone</b>	v. to forgive or approve (something that is considered wrong)	原谅, 认可
19	<b>dishearten</b>	v. to cause (a person or group of people) to lose hope, enthusiasm, or courage	使沮丧
20	<b>pedestrian</b>	adj. not interesting or unusual	无聊的, 普通的
		n. a person going on foot	行人
21	<b>knotty</b>	adj. difficult or complicated	复杂的
22	<b>mundane</b>	adj. dull and ordinary	平庸的
23	<b>dire</b>	adj. very bad : causing great fear or worry	可怕的, 严重的
24	<b>wane</b>	v. to decrease gradually	减少, 下降
25	<b>deteriorate</b>	v. to make (something) worse	恶化
26	<b>bighearted</b>	adj. generous, charitable	慷慨的, 宽大的
27	<b>inflammatory</b>	adj. tending to excite anger, disorder, or tumult : seditious	煽动性的
28	<b>gloomy</b>	adj. causing feelings of sadness	悲伤的
29	<b>puerile</b>	adj. silly or childish especially in a way that shows a lack of seriousness or good judgment	幼稚的
30	<b>embed</b>	v. to place or set (something) firmly in something else / v. to make something an integral part of	嵌入
31	<b>vapid</b>	adj. lacking liveliness	无聊的
32	<b>sagacious</b>	adj. having or showing an ability to understand difficult ideas and situations and to make good decisions	聪明的, 睿智的
33	<b>banal</b>	adj. boring or ordinary	无聊的

34	<b>opaque</b>	adj. difficult to understand or explain	难懂的
		adj. not letting light through	不透明的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -39

序号	核心意思	词群
1	使沮丧	dishearten, depress, demoralize, dismay, dispirit, frustrate
2	平凡的	mundane, pedestrian, common, ordinary, prosaic
3	减少	wane, decline, dwindle, decrease, diminish
4	恶化	deteriorate, worsen
5	煽动性的	inflammatory, provocative, incendiary, instigative, seditious
6	无聊的	vapid, banal, bland, prosaic, tedious, insipid
7	难以理解的	opaque, inaccessible, arcane, enigmatic, inscrutable

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-39

序号	习语表达	解释
1	have an affinity with	与.....有密切关系
2	deal with	处理，对付
3	at best	在最好的情况下
4	at worst	在最坏的情况下
5	in other words	换句话说

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. The artists' career was remarkable partly because it was so \_\_\_\_\_: she died, with only a few paintings to her credit, while still in her twenties.

- A. felicitous
- B. prolific
- C. enduring
- D. conventional
- E. abbreviated

2. 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

3. The irony of digital networking is that it can produce more (i)\_\_\_\_\_ than did the geographical confinement it supposedly transcended. As human interactions become (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ physical location, people are less likely to have regular dealings with others who do not share the same values and outlooks.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. provincialism	D. more determined by
B. diversity	E. less contingent on
C. materialism	F. less insensitive to

4. 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

5. 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

6. Cultures can shape attitudes and beliefs in ways that (i)\_\_\_\_\_ conscious awareness or control; in other words, cultural orientations may develop from processes that do not entail (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ participation, and cultures may pervade subtle psychological dynamics in ways that individuals may not be able to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_. Thus, theories and tools developed to study implicit cognition may increase our understanding of the complex interplay between culture and individuals.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. operate outside of	D. active	G. report
B. tend to facilitate	E. random	H. maintain

C. may not alter	F. rote	I. condone
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7. 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

8. 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

9. The performer can be \_\_\_\_\_ in his comedy, but he is fundamentally a bighearted person who displays a core sweetness even at his most manic.

- A. inflammatory
- B. pedestrian
- C. gloomy
- D. uninspired
- E. puerile
- F. provocative

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

# Section 40

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-40

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>eclipse</b>	v. to make (something) less important or popular	使...不重要
		v. to surpass	超出
2	<b>bolster</b>	v. to give support to	支持
3	<b>corroborate</b>	v. to support with evidence or authority	证明
4	<b>outstrip</b>	v. to be or become better, greater, or larger than (someone or something)	胜出，超出
5	<b>sacrosanct</b>	adj. most sacred or holy	神圣不可侵犯的
6	<b>ephemeral</b>	adj. lasting for a markedly brief time	短暂的
7	<b>malleable</b>	adj. capable of being altered or controlled by outside forces or influences	能适应的
8	<b>egalitarian</b>	adj. aiming for equal wealth, status, etc., for all people	平等的
9	<b>euphemism</b>	n. a mild or pleasant word or phrase that is used instead of one that is unpleasant or offensive	委婉语
10	<b>elusive</b>	adj. hard to understand, define, or remember	难懂的
		adj. hard to find or capture	难以捕捉的
11	<b>naysayer</b>	n. a person who says something will not work or is not possible : a person who denies, refuses, or opposes something	唱反调的人
12	<b>pushover</b>	n. an opponent that is easy to defeat	易被打败的人
		n. someone who is easy to persuade or influence	易受影响的人
		n. something that is easy to do	容易的事
13	<b>braggart</b>	n. a person who brags a lot	吹牛者

14	<b>absorbing</b>	adj. fully taking one's attention	吸引人的
15	<b>quixotic</b>	adj. foolishly impractical especially in the pursuit of ideals	不切实际的
		adj. capricious or unpredictable	变化多端的, 变幻莫测的
16	<b>skullduggery</b>	n. secret or dishonest behavior or activity	欺骗, 作假
17	<b>incivility</b>	n. a rude or impolite attitude or behavior	不礼貌
18	<b>entail</b>	v. to have (something) as a part, step, or result	包括, 包含
19	<b>hamstring</b>	v. to damage or ruin the force or effectiveness of (something or someone)	损坏
20	<b>revitalize</b>	v. to make active, healthy, or energetic again	使...复活
21	<b>impair</b>	v. to make (something) weaker or worse	损害
22	<b>invigorate</b>	v. to give life and energy to	使...有活力
23	<b>evanescent</b>	adj. lasting a very short time	短暂的
24	<b>prosaic</b>	adj. everyday or ordinary	普通寻常的
		adj. characteristic of prose as distinguished from poetry	散文的
		adj. dull or unimaginative	缺乏创意的
25	<b>nullify</b>	v. to cause (something) to lose its value or to have no effect	使...无效
26	<b>accentuate</b>	v. to make (something) more noticeable	强调
27	<b>trade-off</b>	n. something that you do not want but must accept in order to have something that you want	代价, 交换
28	<b>foretell</b>	v. to tell of or indicate beforehand	预言, 预测
29	<b>engender</b>	v. to cause to exist or to develop	产生

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -40

序号	核心意思	词群
1	损害	hamstring, impair, damage, mar
2	平凡的	mundane, pedestrian, common, ordinary, prosaic
3	短暂的	momentary, evanescent, ephemeral, fleeting, transient, meteoric, transitory
4	掩盖	believe, mask, veil, conceal, cloak, cover
5	强调	highlight, accentuate, underscore, stress, underline
6	预示	portend, predict, forecast, foretell, presage
7	引起, 产生	engender, yield, cause, generate, produce

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-40

序号	习语表达	解释
1	handle with	处理
2	refer to	提及, 指的是
3	at times	有时
4	in hindsight	在事后

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. The province has long claimed to be just another developing region, even as its economy \_\_\_\_\_ those of other regions and threatens to eclipse the rest of the country combined.

- A. parallels
- B. bolsters
- C. corroborates
- D. outstrips
- E. engages

2. 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

3. The description of humans as 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

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 Nickelby, which many found (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

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

5. While acknowledging behaviors the Prime Minister took in order to remain in office were (i)\_\_\_\_\_, some politicians nevertheless believed that this small amount of (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ was justified to keep a reforming government in office.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. unethical	D. skullduggery
B. impractical	E. indolence
C. quixotic	F. incivility

6. A transformative scientific idea that emerged in the eighteenth century was the realization that slow, inexorable geological processes follow the basic laws of physics and chemistry. This seems (i)\_\_\_\_\_ conclusion in hindsight, but its implication—that geological processes in the distant past must have (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ these very same laws—was (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ geologists in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. an obvious	D. followed	G. evident to
B. a significant	E. preceded	H. overlooked by
C. a controversial	F. entailed	I. revolutionary for

7. Individuals, governments, and companies show ample ability to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves by setting goals based on current conditions and then blindly following them even when those conditions change drastically.

- A. hamstring
- B. reinvent
- C. promote
- D. revitalize
- E. impair
- F. invigorate

8. Creativity is no longer seen as \_\_\_\_\_ inspiration leading to a poem or a painting, it has come to be thought of as something permeating the whole of person's life.

- A. a mundane
- B. a momentary
- C. an illusory
- D. an evanescent
- E. a metaphoric
- F. a prosaic

9. In establishing that the dust she had observed constitutes two percent of the mass in the quadrant, the astronomer showed that the dust's extreme visual prominence \_\_\_\_\_ its relatively minor contribution to the total mass of the region.

- A. belies
- B. masks
- C. highlights
- D. nullifies
- E. disproves
- F. accentuates

10. 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

# Section 41

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-41

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>aloof</b>	adj. removed or distant either physically or emotionally	冷漠的
2	<b>snob</b>	n. someone who tends to criticize, reject, or ignore people who come from a lower social class, have less education, etc	势利小人
3	<b>wastrel</b>	n. a person who wastes time, money, etc.	败家子
4	<b>marginal</b>	adj. not very important	边缘的，不重要的
5	<b>onerous</b>	adj. difficult and unpleasant to do or deal with	繁重的，费力的
6	<b>efficacious</b>	adj. having the power to produce a desired result or effect	有效果的
7	<b>auspicious</b>	adj. showing or suggesting that future success is likely	吉利的
8	<b>benign</b>	adj. not causing harm or damage	无害的
		adj. showing kindness and gentleness	温和的，善良的
9	<b>salutary</b>	adj. producing a beneficial effect	有益的，有益健康的
10	<b>palliate</b>	v. to make the effects of (something, such as an illness) less painful, harmful, or harsh	减缓
11	<b>analgesic</b>	n. a drug that relieves pain	止痛药
12	<b>urge</b>	v. to ask people to do or support (something) in a way that shows that you believe it is very important	强烈要求
13	<b>apprehend</b>	v. to arrest or seize	逮捕
		v. to notice and understand (something)	理解
		v. to anticipate especially with anxiety, dread, or fear	害怕，恐惧

14	<b>sanguine</b>	adj. confident and hopeful	乐观的
15	<b>anxious</b>	adj. feeling or showing worry, nervousness, or unease about something with an uncertain outcome	焦虑的
16	<b>chimera</b>	n. something that exists only in the imagination and is not possible in reality	幻想
17	<b>anachronism</b>	n. something (such as a word, an object, or an event) that is mistakenly placed in a time where it does not belong in a story, movie, etc.	时代错误
18	<b>conundrum</b>	n. a confusing or difficult problem	难题
19	<b>rambling</b>	adj. lengthy and digressive	跑题的, 冗长的
		adj. habitually roaming	闲逛的
20	<b>hone</b>	v. to perfect or make more intense or effective	磨炼 (技能)
21	<b>germane</b>	adj. relating to a subject in an appropriate way	相关的
22	<b>obsolete</b>	adj. no longer used because something newer exists	过时的
23	<b>outmoded</b>	adj. no longer useful or acceptable	过时的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -41

序号	核心意思	词群
1	谜	conundrum, puzzle, enigma, mystery, riddle
2	基础的	rudimentary, elemental, fundamental, basic
3	提高	hone, enhance, strengthen
4	相关的	relevant, germane, relative, pertinent, apposite
5	过时的	obsolete, outmoded, dated, outdated, rusty

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-41

序号	习语表达	解释
1	dry up	干涸
2	out of circulation	不与人交流，不与他人往来

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. In interviews, it is easy to mistake the novelist's silences for aloofness, especially since the court of public opinion all the writers are guilty of being \_\_\_\_\_ until proven innocent.

- A. snobs
- B. equivocators
- C. pessimists
- D. subversives
- E. wastrels

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

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

3. The new drug was useful, but unfortunately its effect was largely (i)\_\_\_\_\_ rather than (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. salutary	D. immediate
B. beneficial	E. curative
C. palliative	F. analgesic

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. apprehensive	D. indifferent
B. apathetic	E. sanguine
C. confident	F. anxious

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. untrammelled	D. exiguity
B. liberated	E. ponderousness
C. confined	F. implausibility

6. How does one evaluate the effects of modern democracy on individuals? The first clarifying step must be to recognize that "democracy" itself can, in the abstract, (i)\_\_\_\_\_ us as we think of our society and our perception of democracy as citizens. The experience of living in a democracy (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ each generation. A feature of democratic is that something that benefits us in one generation may no longer be a benefit to the next. Thus experiencing democracy in the twenty-first-century is (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the political order our ancestors cherished in 1901.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. define	D. changes for	G. vastly preferable to
B. mislead	E. improves with	H. radically different from
C. abet	F. persists beyond	I. ultimately derived from

7. The Red Sea town of Aydhab presents scholars with \_\_\_\_\_: medieval records describe it as a major port for ships engaged in trade, yet today there is no trace of a viable harbor at the site.

- A. an illusion
- B. a contradiction
- C. a chimera
- D. a puzzle
- E. an anachronism
- F. a conundrum

8. The story lines of silent dramas may often have been \_\_\_\_\_, yet within those basic narrative outlines, the true artists among silent-film actors could express emotional shadings that have no analogue in spoken language.

- A. implausible
- B. incredible
- C. conventional
- D. elemental
- E. rudimentary
- F. confusing

9. According to some political analysts, the candidate's occasionally rambling responses to questions suggest that she has been out of circulation for a while and her debating skills need to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. honed
- B. discredited
- C. enhanced
- D. reevaluated
- E. remedied
- F. de-emphasized

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

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

# Section 42

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-42

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>craft</b>	n. an activity involving skill in making things by hand	工艺, 手艺
2	<b>ingenious</b>	adj. very smart or clever	聪明的
3	<b>scrupulous</b>	adj. very careful about doing something correctly	小心谨慎的
		adj. acting in strict regard for what is considered right or proper	有道德的, 有良心的
4	<b>animadversion</b>	n. a critical and usually censorious remark	批判, 责骂
5	<b>culmination</b>	n. the end or final result of something	最终, 结果
6	<b>divination</b>	n. a prediction uttered under divine inspiration	预言, 占卜
7	<b>compelling</b>	adj. very interesting	有趣的
		adj. capable of causing someone to believe or agree	有说服力的
8	<b>unflinching</b>	adj. staying strong and determined even when things are difficult	坚定的, 不退缩的
		adj. looking at or describing something or someone in a very direct way	(表达) 直白的
9	<b>slapdash</b>	adj. quick and careless	草率的, 粗心大意的
10	<b>erudite</b>	adj. having or showing knowledge that is learned by studying	博学的
11	<b>revisionist</b>	n. someone who supports ideas and beliefs that differ from and try to change accepted ideas and beliefs especially in a way that is seen as wrong or dishonest	修正主义者
12	<b>robust</b>	adj. strong and healthy	强壮的

		adj. capable of performing without failure under a wide range of conditions	稳定无误的
13	<b>embargo</b>	n. a government order that limits trade in some way	贸易禁令
14	<b>corroborate</b>	v. to support with evidence or authority	证明
15	<b>dispel</b>	v. to make (something, such as a belief, feeling, or idea) go away or end	驱散, 消除
16	<b>hazardous</b>	adj. involving risk or danger	危险的
17	<b>insidious</b>	adj. causing harm in a way that is gradual or not easily noticed	有害的, 暗中为害的
18	<b>aberrant</b>	adj. deviating from the usual or natural type	不正常的
19	<b>castigate</b>	v. to criticize (someone) harshly	严厉批评
20	<b>chastise</b>	v. to criticize (someone) harshly for doing something wrong	谴责
21	<b>endorse</b>	v. to publicly or officially say that you support or approve of (someone or something)	公开支持
22	<b>commend</b>	v. to praise (someone or something) in a serious and often public way	赞美
23	<b>profusion</b>	n. a large amount of something	大量
24	<b>conducive</b>	adj. tending to promote or assist	有益的
25	<b>hinder</b>	v. to make (something, such as a task or action) slow or difficult	阻碍
26	<b>devastate</b>	v. to destroy much or most of (something)	严重破坏
27	<b>deleterious</b>	adj. damaging or harmful	有害的
28	<b>essential</b>	adj. extremely important and necessary	重要的, 必要的
29	<b>indispensable</b>	adj. extremely important and necessary	不可缺少的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -42

序号	核心意思	词群
1	无害的	innocuous, harmless, innocent

2	异常的	aberrant, anomalous, abnormal, peculiar, unwonted
3	谴责	castigate, chastise, berate, lambaste, scold, upbraid, reproach
4	大量	wealth, profusion
5	复杂	intricacy, complexity
6	有害的	deleterious, devastating, detrimental, harmful, pernicious

### 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-42

序号	习语表达	解释
1	have effect on	对.....产生影响
2	on the contrary	相反
3	take issue with	反对
4	take advantage of	利用

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. 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

2. 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

3. The author's best-selling book on Virginia Woolf is not (i)\_\_\_\_\_ treatment of her subject; on the contrary, it presents (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ portrait of the novelist, faults and all.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. an idealized	D. an unflinching
B. a comprehensive	E. a slapdash
C. a compelling	F. an erudite

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. obscure	D. restrictive
B. detailed	E. revisionist
C. familiar	F. enigmatic

5. The trade in scientific literature in nineteenth-century Germany was so robust that publishers constantly worried about (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of new titles, an anxiety that gave even relatively undistinguished authors, who made their living writing technical treatises, (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (i)
A. prices	D. limited public relevance
B. supplies	E. enviable scholarly credentials
C. embargoes	F. strong bargaining positions

6. Several studies (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the assumption that paper cups, because they were made of natural products, were more environmentally (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ than cups made of plastic (polystyrene). Indeed, these studies indicated that the environmental (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ of producing and recycling paper cups were similar to, if not more than, those related to the production, disposal, and recycling of polystyrene cups.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. corroborated	D. friendly	G. benefits
B. exploited	E. hazardous	H. costs
C. dispelled	F. predictable	I. opportunities

7. Some kinds of deadly bacteria, including those that cause tetanus, tuberculosis, and botulism, remain \_\_\_\_\_ until something triggers their insidious activity.

- A. harmless
- B. innocuous
- C. anomalous
- D. aberrant
- E. efficacious
- F. undetectable

8. 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. commanding

9. Despite the \_\_\_\_\_ of medical information available through e-mail, the Internet, and mobile devices, not many patients are taking advantage of the potential of electronic communications for health-related needs.

- A. wealth
- B. complexity
- C. intricacy
- D. profusion
- E. resurgence
- F. overload

10. While normal floods resulting from usual monsoon rainfall are \_\_\_\_\_ the growth of crops, recently there has been an increase in the frequency of high-intensity floods that do not have such welcome effects.

- A. conducive to
- B. hindered by
- C. devastating for
- D. deleterious to
- E. essential for
- F. indispensable to

# Section 43

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-43

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>plausible</b>	adj. superficially fair, reasonable, or valuable but often specious	貌似正确的
2	<b>transcend</b>	v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of	超越
		v. to outstrip or outdo in some attribute, quality, or power	胜出，超出
3	<b>provincial</b>	adj. limited in outlook	眼光狭隘的
4	<b>naive</b>	adj. having or showing a lack of experience or knowledge : innocent or simple	天真的
5	<b>premeditate</b>	v. to think, consider, or deliberate beforehand	预谋, 提前构画
6	<b>manipulate</b>	v. to move or control (something) with your hands or by using a machine	操控
7	<b>explicable</b>	adj. possible to explain	可以解释的
8	<b>minuscule</b>	adj. very small	极小的
9	<b>malady</b>	n. a disease or illness	疾病
10	<b>assuage</b>	v. to make (something, such as an unpleasant feeling) less painful, severe, etc.	安抚, 缓和
11	<b>plague</b>	v. to cause worry or distress to	困扰
		n. a disease that causes death and that spreads quickly to a large number of people	瘟疫, 灾害
12	<b>render</b>	v. to cause to become; make	使成为...; 制成
13	<b>enamor</b>	v. to cause (someone) to be loved or admired	使...喜爱

14	<b>prescient</b>	adj. having or showing knowledge of events before they take place	预知的，有先见之明的
15	<b>concede</b>	v. to admit (something) usually in an unwilling way	承认
16	<b>bedrock</b>	n. the very basis	根基
17	<b>imperative</b>	adj. very important	重要的
		n. a command, rule, duty, etc., that is very important or necessary	命令，规则
18	<b>compromise</b>	v. to arrive at a settlement by making concessions	妥协，让步
		v. to reduce in quality, value, or degree	降低
		v. to impair, as by disease or injury	破坏
19	<b>affinity</b>	n. a liking for or an attraction to something	倾向，偏好
20	<b>impartial</b>	adj. not partial or biased	公正的，不偏不倚的
21	<b>expedite</b>	v. to cause (something) to happen faster	加速，加快
22	<b>constrain</b>	v. to limit or restrict (something or someone)	限制
23	<b>deter</b>	v. to prevent (something) from happening	阻止
24	<b>exacerbate</b>	v. to make (a bad situation, a problem, etc.) worse	使...恶化
25	<b>lament</b>	v. to express sorrow, regret, or unhappiness about something	哀叹，哀悼
26	<b>appraise</b>	v. to evaluate the worth, significance, or status of	评估
27	<b>bootless</b>	adj. useless, unprofitable	无用的
28	<b>tendentious</b>	adj. strongly favoring a particular point of view in a way that may cause argument	有偏见的
29	<b>indifferent</b>	adj. not interested in or concerned about something	漠不关心的
		adj. characterized by a lack of partiality; unbiased	客观公正的

30	<b>deprecate</b>	v. to criticize or express disapproval of (someone or something)	贬损诋毁
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## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -43

序号	核心意思	词群
1	根基	bedrock, foundation
2	加速, 促进	expedite, facilitate
3	制止, 阻碍	deter, constrain, check, bridle, fetter, inhibit, shackle
4	贬低的	deprecatory, detracting, contemptuous, belittling, disdainful

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-43

序号	习语表达	解释
1	gravitational waves	引力波
2	get in the way	阻碍, 妨碍
3	appraise....as	认为.....是

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. 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

2. The irony of digital networking is that it can produce more (i)\_\_\_\_\_ than did the geographical confinement it supposedly transcended. As human interactions become (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ physical location, people are less likely to have regular dealings with others who do not share the same values and outlooks.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. provincialism	D. more determined by
B. diversity	E. less contingent on
C. materialism	F. less insensitive to

3. It would be naive 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

4. 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

5. 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

6. Schechter is atypically (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the film version of Stephen King's horror novel *The Shining* because the qualities for which the majority of other critics have approved it (its artful camera work and so on) get in the way of narrative and render the story less, rather than more, (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ than other films of the same genre. This is not (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ view, and we must be grateful to Schechter for putting it forward.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. unimpressed with	D. heartbreaking	G. a commonplace
B. confused by	E. comical	H. a superior
C. enamored of	F. terrifying	I. an unfamiliar

7. The controversial social analysis that Moynihan offered in the 1960s is now generally recognized as having been prescient; in fact, it has been the \_\_\_\_\_ upon which much of our discussion of social pathology must base.

- A. concession
- B. bedrock
- C. imperative
- D. compromise
- E. foundation
- F. vision

8. 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

9. The automation of many of the function performed at the factory, initially inspiring \_\_\_\_\_ in many of the company's employee, has had none of the deleterious effects forecast either within or beyond the organization.

- A trepidation
- B avidity
- C diligence
- D pathos
- E apprehension
- F enterprise

10. That guild of experts has always appraised the economic stimulation plan as bootless, while the advocates of the policy do not take their \_\_\_\_\_ evaluation for granted.

- A. tendentious
- B. meticulous
- C. detracting
- D. indifferent
- E. ubiquitous
- F. deprecatory

# Section 44

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-44

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>assemble</b>	v. to bring together (as in a particular place or for a particular purpose)	聚集, 集合
2	<b>haphazard</b>	adj. dependent upon or characterized by mere chance.	偶然的, 随机的
3	<b>burlesque</b>	v. to imitate in a humorous or derisive manner	通过滑稽的模仿而讽刺
4	<b>satire</b>	n. trenchant wit, irony, or sarcasm used to expose and discredit vice or folly	讽刺
5	<b>pastiche</b>	n. a work that imitates the style of previous works	【贬】模仿作品
		n. a pasticcio of incongruous parts; a hodgepodge:	大杂烩
6	<b>parody</b>	n. a literary or musical work in which the style of an author or work is closely imitated for comic effect or in ridicule	拙劣的模仿
7	<b>irreverent</b>	adj. having or showing a lack of respect for someone or something that is usually treated with respect : treating someone or something in a way that is not serious or respectful	不敬的, 无礼的
8	<b>sympathetic</b>	adj. showing approval of or favour towards an idea or action	赞同的
		adj. feeling, showing, or expressing sympathy	同情的
9	<b>sycophantic</b>	adj. fawning, obsequious	奉承的
10	<b>censorious</b>	adj. having or showing a tendency to criticize someone or something severely	爱挑剔的
11	<b>pedantic</b>	adj. narrowly, stodgily, and often ostentatiously learned	迂腐的, 学究的

12	<b>dissemble</b>	v. to hide your true feelings, opinions, etc.	隐藏伪装（感情、意见）
13	<b>molder</b>	v. to decay slowly	腐烂，退化
14	<b>pretentious</b>	adj. having or showing the unpleasant quality of people who want to be regarded as more impressive, successful, or important than they really are	炫耀的
15	<b>catalyst</b>	n. a substance that causes a chemical reaction to happen more quickly	催化剂
16	<b>disperse</b>	v. to go or move in different directions	使...分散
17	<b>garrulous</b>	adj. very talkative	话多的
18	<b>mercurial</b>	adj. changing moods quickly and often	性格多变的
19	<b>bridle</b>	v. to restrain, check, or control with or as if with a bridle	限制，管控
20	<b>incursion</b>	n. a hostile entrance into a territory	侵入，侵犯
		n. an entering in or into	进入
21	<b>expedite</b>	v. to cause (something) to happen faster	加速，加快
22	<b>stump</b>	v. to frustrate the progress or efforts of : baffle	使为难，把.....难倒
23	<b>riddle</b>	n. a mystifying, misleading, or puzzling question posed as a problem to be solved or guessed	难题，谜题
24	<b>paragon</b>	n. a model of excellence or perfection	典范，模范
25	<b>conundrum</b>	n. a confusing or difficult problem	难题
26	<b>cast-iron</b>	adj. very strong or tough	坚固的，顽强的
27	<b>reproach</b>	v. to express disapproval or disappointment to (someone)	斥责，批评
28	<b>respite</b>	n. an interval of rest or relief	暂歇，休息
29	<b>sober</b>	adj. having or showing a very serious attitude or quality	严肃认真的
30	<b>posit</b>	v. to suggest (something, such as an idea or theory) especially in order to start a discussion	假定，假设

31	<b>ponder</b>	v. to think about or consider (something) carefully	沉思，仔细思考
32	<b>one-stop</b>	adj. providing or offering a comprehensive range of goods or services at one location; also : provided or offered at such a location	一站式的，全方位的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -44

序号	核心意思	词群
1	模范	paragon, model, paradigm, example, exemplar
2	谜	riddle, conundrum, enigma, mystery
3	斥责	reproach, blame, lambaste, upbraid
4	休息	respite, relief, break, lull, rest
5	全面的	exhaustive, comprehensive
6	质疑	question, doubt
7	承认	acknowledge, concede

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-44

序号	习语表达	解释
1	more or less	或多或少，有点
2	be capable of	能够
3	with respect to	关于，就……而言
4	take place of	取代

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. The film was a \_\_\_\_\_: its elements were assembled more or less haphazardly from a dozen of different sources.

- A. burlesque
- B. satire
- C. pastiche
- D. chronicle
- E. parody

2. While early biographies of Florence Nightingale tended to be quite \_\_\_\_\_, Lytton Strachey's irreverent 1918 essay about her ushered in a new era, making it acceptable, even fashionable, to criticize her.

- A. unsympathetic
- B. sycophantic
- C. unsentimental
- D. censorious
- E. pedantic

3. The (i)\_\_\_\_\_ to disseminate the vast scientific knowledge of our time to nonscientists shows real (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the extent of achievements 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. willingness	F. indifferent to

4. In a federally governed country, a regional government can function as a (i)\_\_\_\_\_ for the entire nation—a setting in which new ideas under consideration for national implementation are (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ without having to involve the country as a whole.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. laboratory	D. dispersed
B. catalyst	E. undermined
C. standard	F. tried

5. Although Professor Pearson's colleagues often complained that he was (i)\_\_\_\_\_, his friends were quick to defend him from this charge of (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. importunate	D. inconstancy
B. garrulous	E. dishonest
C. mercurial	F. partiality

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. restrain	D. incursions of	G. corrupt
B. reveal	E. restrictions on	H. obviate
C. disguise	F. acknowledgements of	I. expedite

7. The Great Lakes wolf is a \_\_\_\_\_, stumping scientists as to whether it is a subspecies of the gray wolf or a distinct species.

- A. prototype
- B. riddle
- C. paragon
- D. model
- E. legend
- F. conundrum

8. 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

9. Although its gray text blocks and black-and-white illustrations give it a sober mien, this one-stop resource can take the place of a dozen less \_\_\_\_\_ texts.

- A. exhaustive
- B. interesting
- C. appealing
- D. original
- E. educational
- F. comprehensive

10. In noting that critical and popular opinions about Li's art coincided, Chuang \_\_\_\_\_ the existence of an exception to her general theory of art criticism, which posits that critics' views do not intersect with those of the general public.

- A. asserted
- B. conceded
- C. acknowledged
- D. doubted
- E. pondered
- F. questioned

# Section 45

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-45

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>epic</b>	adj. very great or large and usually difficult or impressive	史诗般的，伟大的
2	<b>mundane</b>	adj. dull and ordinary	平凡的，无聊的
3	<b>glamorous</b>	adj. very exciting and attractive	有吸引力的
4	<b>renowned</b>	adj. known and admired by many people for some special quality or achievement	出名的
5	<b>disavow</b>	v. to say that you are not responsible for	否认
6	<b>understate</b>	v. to state with less completeness or truth than seems warranted by the facts.	不完全的展现
		v. to express with restraint or lack of emphasis, especially ironically or for rhetorical effect.	保守的说
7	<b>obfuscate</b>	v. to make (something) more difficult to understand	使...困惑
		v. to darken	使...昏暗
8	<b>concoct</b>	v. to invent or develop (a plan, story, etc.) especially in order to trick or deceive someone	编造，捏造
9	<b>sensational</b>	adj. exceedingly or unexpectedly excellent or great	极好的
		adj. causing very great excitement or interest with shocking details	骇人听闻的
10	<b>abnegate</b>	v. to deny or renounce	否认
		v. to relinquish or surrender	放弃，屈服
11	<b>recapitulate</b>	v. to give a brief summary of something	总结
12	<b>accrete</b>	v. to cause to adhere or become attached; also : accumulate	逐渐增长
13	<b>versatile</b>	adj. changing or fluctuating readily	多变的

14	<b>adjunct</b>	n. something that is joined or added to another thing but is not an essential part of it	附属物
15	<b>routine</b>	adj. done or happening as a normal part of a job, situation, or process	日常的, 例行的
16	<b>deceptive</b>	adj. tending or having power to deceive : misleading	欺骗的
17	<b>exceptional</b>	adj. not usual	不寻常的
		adj. better than average	杰出的, 超常的
18	<b>evident</b>	adj. clear to the sight or mind	明显的
19	<b>fragile</b>	adj. easily broken or damaged : very delicate : not strong	脆弱的
20	<b>decadent</b>	adj. having low morals and a great love of pleasure, money, fame, etc.	(思想) 堕落的, 颓废的
		adj. attractive to people of low morals who are only interested in pleasure	三俗的(庸俗、低俗、媚俗的)
21	<b>provocative</b>	adj. causing discussion, thought, argument, etc.	引起争论的, 引起 思考的
		adj. causing excitement	刺激的
23	<b>confine</b>	v. to keep within limits	限制
24	<b>exhilarate</b>	v. to cause (someone) to feel very happy and excited	使...喜悦或兴奋
25	<b>abound</b>	v. to be present in large numbers or in great quantity	富于, 充满
26	<b>proliferate</b>	v. to increase in number or amount quickly	快速增长
27	<b>stagnate</b>	v. to stop developing, progressing, moving, etc.	停滞
28	<b>coalesce</b>	v. to come together to form one group or mass	聚合, 团结
29	<b>robust</b>	adj. strong and healthy	强壮的
		adj. capable of performing without failure under a wide range of conditions	稳定无误的

30	<b>neutralize</b>	v. to stop (someone or something) from being effective or harmful	抵消, 使无效
31	<b>impair</b>	v. to make (something) weaker or worse	损害
32	<b>outstrip</b>	v. to be or become better, greater, or larger than (someone or something)	胜出, 超出

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -45

序号	核心意思	词群
1	衰落	decadence, degeneracy, degeneration, deterioration
2	刺激的	provocative, stimulating
3	限制	confine, limit, circumscribe, restrict, restrain
4	激增	abound, proliferate, balloon, boom, expand
5	破坏	undermine, impair, mar, break, compromise

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-45

序号	习语表达	解释
1	on the part of	就.....而言
2	have to do with	与.....有关

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. The space travels described in science fiction stories always used to be epic adventures, in comparison to which current journals in space seem quite \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. mundane
- B. exciting
- C. dramatic
- D. risky
- E. heroic

2. In his youth the naturalist and artist 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. understating
- C. constraining
- D. obfuscating
- E. concocting

3. 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

4. The building affairs minister rightly recognizes that the current planning system—under which the government controls every aspect of construction—creates disastrous developments, but she is wrong to propose the opposite: the wholesale (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of the building market. Such a complete (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ of responsibility on the part of the state can hardly be in the public's interest.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. liberalization	D. abnegation
B. perservation	E. recapitulation
C. regulation	F. accretion

5. In medieval Europe, water mills were more (i)\_\_\_\_\_ than windmills. It is true that windmills could be built virtually everywhere, whereas water mills (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. However, water mill's great capacity and reliability provided a better (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the money required to build the mill.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. problematic	D. were suitable only for certain locations	G. source for
B. profitable	E. inspired a variety of new technologies	H. adjunct to
C. versatile	F. required a good deal of upkeep	I. return on

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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

9. An abundance of nutrient-rich pollution in estuaries causes algae to \_\_\_\_\_, much as houseplants grow better when their soil contains added fertilizer.

- A. abound
- B. proliferate
- C. stagnate
- D. coalesce
- E. collect
- F. diversify

10. 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

# Section 46

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-46

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>outlook</b>	n. the way that a person thinks about things	观点
2	<b>prescient</b>	adj. having or showing knowledge of events before they take place	预知的，有先见之明的
3	<b>circumspect</b>	adj. thinking carefully about possible risks before doing or saying something	谨慎的
4	<b>magisterial</b>	adj. authoritative	权威的
5	<b>sanguine</b>	adj. confident and hopeful	乐观的
6	<b>baffle</b>	v. to confuse (someone) completely	使...困惑
7	<b>synergy</b>	n. the increased effectiveness that results when two or more people or businesses work together	协同作用
8	<b>premise</b>	n. a proposition antecedently supposed or proved as a basis of argument or inference	前提
9	<b>penalty</b>	n. punishment for breaking a rule or law	惩罚
10	<b>naive</b>	adj. having or showing a lack of experience or knowledge : innocent or simple	天真的
11	<b>premeditate</b>	v. to think, consider, or deliberate beforehand	预谋，提前构画
12	<b>manipulate</b>	v. to move or control (something) with your hands or by using a machine	操控
13	<b>extraordinary</b>	adj. extremely good or impressive	非凡的
		adj. very unusual : very different from what is normal or ordinary	特别的
14	<b>impede</b>	v. to slow the movement, progress, or action of (someone or something)	阻碍

15	<b>nonchalant</b>	adj. relaxed and calm in a way that shows that you do not care or are not worried about anything	漠不关心的
16	<b>acumen</b>	n. keenness and depth of perception, discernment, or discrimination especially in practical matters	机智，精明
17	<b>tantamount</b>	adj. equal to something in value, meaning, or effect	(数量，效果) 相当的
18	<b>germane</b>	adj. relating to a subject in an appropriate way	相关的
19	<b>de-emphasize</b>	v. to reduce in relative importance; also : play down	降低.....的重要性
20	<b>check</b>	v. to hold in restraint	阻止
21	<b>doom</b>	v. to make certain the failure or destruction of	注定（失败）
22	<b>bypass</b>	v. to go around or avoid (a place or area)	绕过
23	<b>strew</b>	v. to spread by scattering	散播
24	<b>douse</b>	v. to extinguish	熄灭
25	<b>perpetuate</b>	v. to cause (something that should be stopped, such as a mistaken idea or a bad situation) to continue	持续，使...继续
26	<b>capture</b>	v. to gain or win especially through effort	俘获，夺得
27	<b>extinguish</b>	v. to cause (something) to stop burning	熄灭
28	<b>cast-iron</b>	adj. very strong or tough	坚固的，顽强的
29	<b>reproach</b>	v. to express disapproval or disappointment to (someone)	斥责，批评
30	<b>respite</b>	n. an interval of rest or relief	暂歇，休息
31	<b>one-stop</b>	adj. providing or offering a comprehensive range of goods or services at one location; also : provided or offered at such a location	一站式的，全方位的
32	<b>ponder</b>	v. to think about or consider (something) carefully	沉思，仔细思考

33	<b>concede</b>	v. to admit (something) usually in an unwilling way	承认
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## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -46

序号	核心意思	词群
1	使熄灭	douse, extinguish
2	捕获, 抓住	capture, secure
3	斥责	reproach, blame, lambaste, upbraid
4	休息	respite, relief, break, lull, rest
5	全面的	exhaustive, comprehensive
6	质疑	question, doubt
7	承认	acknowledge, concede

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-46

序号	习语表达	解释
1	in stark contrast to	与.....形成鲜明对比
2	a stream of	一连串
3	tantamount to	等价于, 相当于
4	no more than	仅仅, 只不过
5	take place of	取代

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. Parker's model of human reflects a \_\_\_\_\_ outlook, in stark contrast to the generally pessimistic analyses of her colleagues in the economics department.

- A. prescient
- B. circumspect
- C. technical
- D. magisterial
- E. sanguine

2. One baffling aspect of the novel is its capacity to generate emotional power from a plot that lacks the most elementary \_\_\_\_\_: readers must accept not an occasional coincidence, but a continuous stream of them.

- A. synergy
- B. continuity
- C. naïveté
- D. premise
- E. credibility

3. 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

4. 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. naivete

5. Research into butterfly could have (i)\_\_\_\_\_ implications, since knowledge of their optical and thermal properties may be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ controlling the behavior of computer chips, which likewise consist of finely structured thin film.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. ecological	D. tantamount to
B. aesthetic	E. germane to
C. technological	F. advanced by

6. China's rapidly growing population is the main threat facing large carnivores in the People's Republic. Increasingly, policies aimed at limiting population growth have been (i)\_\_\_\_\_; nevertheless, the country's vast size and the isolation of many its regions mean that human populations in areas where large carnivores still occur (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. This human pressure has (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the South China tiger.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. modified	D. could start to decline	G. celebrated
B. de-emphasized	E. can grow unchecked	H. doomed
C. implemented	F. have stabilized	I. bypassed

7. 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

8. 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

9. Although its gray text blocks and black-and-white illustrations give it a sober mien, this one-stop resource can take the place of a dozen less \_\_\_\_\_ texts.

- A. exhaustive
- B. interesting
- C. appealing
- D. original
- E. educational
- F. comprehensive

10. In noting that critical and popular opinions about Li's art coincided, Chang \_\_\_\_\_ the existence of an exception to her general theory of art criticism, which posits that critics' views do not intersect with those of the general public.

- A. asserted
- B. conceded
- C. acknowledge
- D. doubted
- E. pondered
- F. questioned

# Section 47

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-47

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>indisputable</b>	adj. impossible to question or doubt	不容置疑的
2	<b>plausible</b>	adj. superficially fair, reasonable, or valuable but often specious	貌似正确的
		adj. appearing worthy of belief	表面上可行的
3	<b>uncontested</b>	adj. not contested	没有争议的
4	<b>bewilder</b>	v. to confuse (someone) very much	使...困惑
5	<b>explicable</b>	adj. possible to explain	可以解释的
6	<b>minuscule</b>	adj. very small	极小的
7	<b>omission</b>	n. the act of not including or doing something	疏忽, 遗漏
8	<b>subsequent</b>	adj. happening or coming after something else	后来的, 随后的
9	<b>grant</b>	v.to admit (something) although it does not agree with or support your opinion	承认
		v. to bestow or transfer formally	授予
		v. to agree to do, give, or allow (something asked for or hoped for)	允许
10	<b>aversion</b>	n. a strong feeling of not liking something	厌恶
11	<b>altruism</b>	n. feelings and behavior that show a desire to help other people and a lack of selfishness	无私, 利他主义
12	<b>illusory</b>	adj. based on something that is not true or real	虚假的
13	<b>mimic</b>	v. to imitate or copy	模仿
14	<b>paradigm</b>	n. a model or pattern for something that may be copied	典范
15	<b>tweak</b>	v. to twist sharply	拧

		v. to make usually small adjustments in	略微调整
16	<b>controvert</b>	v. to say or prove that (something) is untrue	反驳, 争论
17	<b>articulate</b>	v. to give clear and effective utterance to	清晰有效地说话
18	<b>entrench</b>	v. to establish firmly or solidly	牢固地确立
19	<b>bolster</b>	v. to give support to	支持
20	<b>circumvent</b>	v. to avoid being stopped by (something, such as a law or rule)	绕过, 回避
21	<b>undermine</b>	v. to make (someone or something) weaker or less effective	削弱
22	<b>intoxicate</b>	v. to excite or elate to the point of enthusiasm or frenzy	使...陶醉, 沉醉
23	<b>discount</b>	v. to minimize the importance of	低估, 轻视
24	<b>prevalent</b>	adj. common or widespread	流行的, 普遍的
25	<b>augment</b>	v. to increase the size or amount of (something)	放大
		v. to supplement	补充
26	<b>sidestep</b>	v. bypass, evade	回避, 绕过
27	<b>vilify</b>	v. to utter slanderous and abusive statements against	诽谤, 辱骂
28	<b>endorse</b>	v. to publicly or officially say that you support or approve of (someone or something)	支持
29	<b>studied</b>	adj. done deliberately	故意的, 精打细算的
		adj. knowledgeable or learned	博学的
30	<b>negligible</b>	adj. very small or unimportant	不重要的
31	<b>explicit</b>	adj. very clear and complete and leaving no doubt about the meaning	明白的, 清楚的
32	<b>obfuscate</b>	v. to make (something) more difficult to understand	使...困惑
		v. to darken	使...昏暗

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -47

序号	核心意思	词群
1	低估	discount, slight, deprecate
2	流行的，普遍的	prevalent, widespread, predominant, prevailing
3	避免	sidestep, circumvent, bypass, dodge, shortcut, skirt
4	支持	endorse, support, champion, espouse, bolster, uphold
5	不重要的	negligible, insignificant, inconsequential, inconsiderable, marginal, slight, trifling, trivial
6	明显的	decisive, unmistakable
7	猜测	speculation, conjecture
8	困惑	mystification, obfuscation

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-47

序号	习语表达	解释
1	all the more	更加
2	at a premium	稀缺的
3	take for granted	认为...是理所当然
4	deep down	实际上

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. 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

2. The politician's record while in office, though (i)\_\_\_\_\_, hardly accounts for her high standing three decades later—a standing all the more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ because of continuing assault on her reputation during those years.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. bewildering	D. unusual
B. admirable	E. regrettable
C. unappreciated	F. persistent

3. 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

4. In this single volume, Kenny aims to survey for the general reader all of ancient philosophy, understandably, space in such a book is (i)\_\_\_\_\_ and he is not to be faulted for minor omissions. However, Kenny would have added significantly to his book's value had he more effectively (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the influence of ancient philosophy on the subsequent tradition. As it is, newcomers to the subject will have little (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the afterlife enjoyed by ancient.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. at a premium	D. overlooked	G. sense of
B. hard to fill	E. signaled	H. devotion to
C. taken for granted	F. prevented	I. aversion to

5. The motives of many major investors in Pop Art have arguably been, too a large extent, (i)\_\_\_\_\_. These collectors demonstrate and enhance their power over the art market by establishing seemingly arbitrary works of art as priceless. This phenomenon reveals that (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ is not (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ of truth or beauty, but simply a trick of investment capital.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. visionary	D. value	G. a product
B. ambitious	E. virtuosity	H. an inversion
C. self-aggrandizing	F. originality	I. a limitation

6. When a new scientific model emerges, research studies (i)\_\_\_\_\_ that paradigm tend to dominate in the scientific literature: the process of selecting articles for publication is tilted toward positive results. But once the paradigm (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, the academic incentives shift in the opposite direction: research results are more likely to be considered worthy of publication when they (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ what has become the establish view.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. tweaking	D. is initially articulated	G. bolster
B. affirming	E. has become entrenched	H. circumvent
C. controveering	F. is about to be attacked	I. undermine

7. For those of us who have been intoxicated by the power and potential of mathematics, the mystery isn't why that fascination developed but why it isn't \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. advantageous
- B. discounted
- C. prevalent
- D. undervalued
- E. celebrated
- F. widespread

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

# Section 48

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-48

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>cordial</b>	adj. politely pleasant and friendly	热情友好的
2	<b>heretofore</b>	adv. until this time : before now	迄今为止
3	<b>stilted</b>	adj. awkward especially because of being too formal	不自然的，僵硬的
4	<b>impertinent</b>	adj. rude and showing a lack of respect	粗鲁的
		adj. not pertinent	不相关的
5	<b>nostalgia</b>	n. the state of being homesick	思乡
		n. a wistful or excessively sentimental yearning for return to or of some past period or irrecoverable condition	思念过去
6	<b>precedent</b>	n. an easier occurrence of something similar	先例
7	<b>cosmopolitan</b>	adj. having worldwide rather than limited or provincial scope or bearing	世界性的，国际性的
8	<b>insular</b>	adj. separated from other people or cultures	孤立的
		adj. not knowing or interested in new or different ideas	思想狭隘、守旧的
9	<b>mercenary</b>	adj. serving merely for pay or sordid advantage	唯利是图的
10	<b>intransigent</b>	adj. completely unwilling to change	不妥协的，固执的
11	<b>abandon</b>	n. a feeling or attitude of wild or complete freedom	放纵
		v. to leave and never return to	放弃
12	<b>perpetuate</b>	v. to cause (something that should be stopped, such as a mistaken idea or a bad situation) to continue	持续，使...继续

13	<b>vulgar</b>	adj. not having or showing good manners, good taste, or politeness	粗俗的
		adj. relating to the common people or the speech of common people	普通大众的
14	<b>adroit</b>	adj. very clever or skillful	灵巧的
15	<b>flagrant</b>	adj. so bad as to be impossible to overlook	臭名昭著的
16	<b>crass</b>	adj. so crude and unrefined as to be lacking in discrimination and sensibility	粗鲁的
		adj. used as a pejorative intensifier	(用于贬义词加强语气的) 非常的
17	<b>culmination</b>	n. the end or final result of something	最终, 结果
18	<b>purview</b>	n. an area within which someone or something has authority, influence, or knowledge	视野
19	<b>overreach</b>	v. to defeat (oneself) by seeking to do or gain too much	野心勃勃而失败
		v. to try to do something that is beyond your ability to do	不自量力
20	<b>contingency</b>	n. something (such as an emergency) that might happen	可能事件
21	<b>suffice</b>	v. to be or provide as much as is needed	足够
22	<b>elicit</b>	v. to call forth or draw out	引出
23	<b>vindicate</b>	v. to show that (someone) should not be blamed for a crime, mistake, etc.	证明...的清白
24	<b>invalidate</b>	v. to weaken or destroy the effect of (something)	削弱, 使...无效
25	<b>vitiate</b>	v. to make (something) less effective : to ruin or spoil (something)	损害, 使无效
26	<b>bolster</b>	v. to give support to	支持
27	<b>choke</b>	v. to check or hinder the growth, development, or activity of	抑制
28	<b>spur</b>	v. to incite or stimulate	刺激
29	<b>codify</b>	v. to put (things) in an orderly form	整理

30	<b>foster</b>	v. to help (something) grow or develop	促进
31	<b>hail</b>	v./ n. used to express acclamation	赞美
32	<b>augment</b>	v. to increase the size or amount of (something)	放大
33	<b>acclaim</b>	v. to praise (someone or something) in a very strong and enthusiastic way	称赞, 喝彩
34	<b>hefty</b>	adj. large and heavy	又大又重的
35	<b>circuitous</b>	adj. not being forthright or direct in language or action	迂回的, 不直接的
36	<b>truncate</b>	v. to make shorter	缩短
37	<b>strenuous</b>	adj. requiring or showing great energy and effort	费力的
38	<b>arduous</b>	adj. hard to accomplish or achieve	困难的
		adj. marked by great labor or effort	费力的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -48

序号	核心意思	词群
1	刺激	spur, foster, goad, galvanize, stimulate
2	赞美	acclaim, hail, exalt, extol, magnify
3	提升	enhance, augment
4	迂回的	circuitous, indirect
5	缩短	shorten, truncate, abbreviate, abridge, curtail
6	费力的	arduous, strenuous, burdensome, exacting, taxing, laborious, onerous, toilsome

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-48

序号	习语表达	解释
1	far from	远非
2	just as	正如



## 4. Authentic Questions

1. The president's cordial greeting may seem to be a small gesture of friendliness, but it is not without \_\_\_\_\_ in the heretofore stilted atmosphere of the society's meetings.

- A. significance
- B. impertinence
- C. nostalgia
- D. precedent
- E. triviality

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. 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 (i)\_\_\_\_\_ of another. It has been documented more than once that a group of whales will (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ its own tunes and adopt the new sounds of an unfamiliar group.

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

4. Though McDonough (i) \_\_\_\_\_ discusses the filmmaker's aesthetic principles, it is the description of the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, the very vulgarity of the director's films, rather than McDonough's learned discourses on the aesthetics of film, that makes the book so entertaining.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. inaccurately	D. subtle ingenuity
B. superficially	E. absolute discretion
C. adroitly	F. flagrant crassness

5. 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

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. uncovers risks	D. fund	G. adopt
B. elicits skepticism	E. vindicate	H. vitiate
C. promotes innovation	F. invalidate	I. bolster

7. Far from \_\_\_\_\_ innovation, as the patent system was designed to do, the patenting of concepts such as gene sequences gives individuals and corporations a legal choice to hold over ideas that should be useful to all.

- A. spurring
- B. recognizing
- C. codifying
- D. acknowledging
- E. fostering
- F. cataloging

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

# Section 49

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-49

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>trenchant</b>	adj. caustic	尖酸刻薄的
		adj. sharply perceptive	犀利的，一针见血的
2	<b>keen</b>	adj. very excited about and interested in something	对...感兴趣，喜欢
		adj. extremely sensitive in perception	感觉敏锐的
		adj. having a fine edge or point	锋利的
3	<b>inclusive</b>	adj. broad in orientation or scope	广泛的,全面的
		adj. not limited to certain people	开放的
4	<b>complacent</b>	adj. marked by self-satisfaction especially when accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies	自我感觉良好的，自满的
5	<b>integrity</b>	n. the quality of being honest and fair	正直
6	<b>mercurial</b>	adj. changing moods quickly and often	性格多变的
7	<b>amorphous</b>	adj. having no definite or clear shape or form	无固定形状的
8	<b>ubiquitous</b>	adj. seeming to be seen everywhere	普遍的
9	<b>manifest</b>	adj. easy to understand or recognize	显然的，明显的
		v. to show (something) clearly	清晰地展示，显露 出
10	<b>exiguous</b>	adj. excessively scanty	极其缺乏的
11	<b>insipid</b>	adj. not interesting or exciting	无聊的
12	<b>infectious</b>	adj. spreading or capable of spreading rapidly to others	传染的

13	<b>captious</b>	adj. marked by an often ill-natured inclination to stress faults and raise objections	挑刺的，吹毛求疵的
14	<b>liability</b>	n. someone or something that causes problems	累赘
		n. something (such as the payment of money) for which a person or business is legally responsible	责任，义务
15	<b>pathological</b>	adj. being such to a degree that is extreme, excessive, or markedly abnormal	极端的
		adj. indicative of disease	病态的
16	<b>inadvertent</b>	adj. marked by or resulting from carelessness; negligent	粗心的，不留意的
		adj. not deliberate or considered; unintentional	不故意的
17	<b>maelstrom</b>	n. a powerful often violent whirlpool sucking in objects within a given radius	大漩涡（引申为混乱，动乱）
18	<b>hew</b>	v. to confirm or adhere	遵守
19	<b>override</b>	v. to make (something) no longer valid	否决，推翻
		v. to have more importance or influence than (something)	凌驾于，比...更重要
20	<b>mitigate</b>	v. to make less severe or intense	减缓
21	<b>forage</b>	v. to search for something (such as food or supplies)	寻找（食物）
22	<b>eccentric</b>	adj. strange or unusual	古怪的
23	<b>meager</b>	adj. deficient in quality or quantity	不足的，少的
24	<b>salutary</b>	adj. producing a beneficial effect	有益的，有益健康的
25	<b>proscribe</b>	v. to not allow	禁止
26	<b>trendy</b>	adj. very fashionable	时髦的
27	<b>exacting</b>	adj. making severe demands	苛求的
		adj. requiring great care, effort	费力的

28	<b>abate</b>	v. to become weaker	减弱
29	<b>civility</b>	n. polite, reasonable, and respectful behavior	礼貌
30	<b>comity</b>	n. friendly social atmosphere	友好, 和谐
31	<b>plunder</b>	v. to steal things from (a place, such as a city or town) especially by force	掠夺
32	<b>glut</b>	n. an excessive quantity	过量
33	<b>revival</b>	n. a period in which something becomes popular again after a long period of time	复兴
34	<b>hodgepodge</b>	n. a mixture of different things	混杂, 混合物
35	<b>surfeit</b>	n. an amount that is too much or more than you need	过量
36	<b>modicum</b>	n. a small amount	少量
37	<b>dearth</b>	n. the state or condition of not having enough of something	缺乏

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -49

序号	核心意思	词群
1	决定	determinate, govern
2	友好	civility, comity
3	坚持	steadfastness, pertinacity
4	严格的	proscriptive, exacting
5	过量	glut, surfeit
6	少量	modicum, dearth, lack, want

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-49

序号	习语表达	解释
1	hew to	遵守
2	struck sb. as	给某人留下……印象

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. Contrary to its reputation for intellectual \_\_\_\_\_, the 1950s was a decade exceptionally rich in works of trenchant and far-reaching social criticism.

- A. keenness
- B. inclusiveness
- C. complacency
- D. integrity
- E. productivity

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

- A. mercurial
- B. amorphous
- C. ubiquitous
- D. manifest
- E. exiguous

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

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

4. The journalist was someone whose habitual distrust of authority struck a few people as (i)\_\_\_\_\_ but who had enough talent and charm that most found the trait to be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, with the result that it did not become a personal or professional liability.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. pathological	D. regrettable
B. inadvertent	E. pardonable
C. opportune	F. confusing

5. 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 it does not: when it does depart from public opinion, it whips up political maelstrom.

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

6. Although Uruk in southern Mesopotamia has been (i)\_\_\_\_\_ as being both the first city and the model for later ones, at least two sites in northern Mesopotamia have yielded clear evidence of urbanization long before the existing evidence from Uruk, and other discoveries indicate that some of the (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ early urbanism were invented not in southern Mesopotamia but in the north. These findings have led some archaeologists to (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ a serious reconsideration about when and where the first cities arose.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. established	D. defining features of	G. evaluate
B. contested	E. derivative aspects of	H. ignore
C. presented	F. traditional theories of	I. propose

7. 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

8. 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. prescriptive
- E. trendy
- F. exacting

9. Although the employees' union and company management, entering into contract negotiations, both issued statements encouraging \_\_\_\_\_, acrimony between the two sides continued unabated.

- A. pertinacity
- B. compromise
- C. patience
- D. civility
- E. comity
- F. steadfastness

10. 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

# Section 50

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-50

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>pedestrian</b>	adj. not interesting or unusual	平庸的
2	<b>esoteric</b>	adj. difficult to understand	难懂的
3	<b>compelling</b>	adj. very interesting	有趣的
		adj. capable of causing someone to believe or agree	有说服力的
4	<b>erect</b>	adj. straight up and down	笔直的
5	<b>list</b>	n. an inclination to one side; a tilt	倾斜
6	<b>upright</b>	adj. perpendicular or vertical	垂直的
		adj. marked by strong moral rectitude	正直的
7	<b>intransigent</b>	adj. completely unwilling to change	不妥协的, 固执的
8	<b>commence</b>	v. to begin	开始
9	<b>founder</b>	v. to fail utterly; collapse	彻底失败
		n. one who establishes something or formulates the basis for something	创始人, 奠基人
10	<b>benign</b>	adj. not causing harm or damage	无害的
11		adj. showing kindness and gentleness	温和的, 善良的
12	<b>orthodox</b>	adj. accepted as true or correct by most people	主流的
13		adj. accepting and closely following the traditional beliefs and customs of a religion	符合传统的
14	<b>anomalous</b>	adj. not expected or usual	不寻常的, 异常的
15	<b>embody</b>	v. to represent (something) in a clear and obvious way	体现
16	<b>lag</b>	v. to cause to hang back or fall behind.	落后
17	<b>intriguing</b>	adj. extremely interesting	非常有趣的
18	<b>apprehend</b>	v. to arrest or seize	逮捕

		v. to notice and understand (something)	理解
		v. to anticipate especially with anxiety, dread, or fear	害怕, 恐惧
19	<b>cursory</b>	adj. rapidly and often superficially performed or produced : hasty	草率的
20	<b>intoxicate</b>	v. to excite or elate to the point of enthusiasm or frenzy	使...陶醉, 沉醉
21	<b>prevalent</b>	adj. common or widespread	流行的, 普遍的
22	<b>overwhelm</b>	v. to cover over completely: submerge	完全覆盖, 淹没
23	<b>preponderance</b>	n. a superiority or excess in number or quantity	优势, 多数
24	<b>annihilate</b>	v. to destroy (something or someone) completely	毁灭, 毁坏
25	<b>nebulous</b>	adj. not clear	模糊的, 不清楚的
26	<b>concrete</b>	adj. specific or particular	具体的
27	<b>substantial</b>	adj. large in amount, size, or number	大量的
28	<b>venue</b>	n. the place where an event takes place	事件发生地点
29	<b>retrenchment</b>	n. reduction or curtailment	削减 (尤指经费)
30	<b>burgeon</b>	v. to grow or develop quickly	繁荣, 快速增长
31	<b>resurgence</b>	n. a growth or increase that occurs after a period without growth or increase	复苏
32	<b>curtail</b>	v. to reduce or limit (something)	削减

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -50

序号	核心意思	词群
1	随意的	cursory, casual
2	低估	discount, undervalue
3	流行的	prevalent, widespread
4	短暂的	short-lived, ephemeral, evanescent, transient, transitory
5	扩张	expansion, burgeoning

### 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-50

序号	习语表达	解释
1	far from	远非
2	a cascade of	大量的

## 4. Authentic Questions

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

- A. pedestrian
- B. esoteric
- C. compelling
- D. global
- E. unequivocal

2. The painter has emphasized the figure's erect posture by making it contrast so starkly with the \_\_\_\_\_ exhibited by trees of the windswept orchard in the background.

- A. strength
- B. list
- C. rigidity
- D. fruitfulness
- E. uprightness

3. Earlier discussions with neighboring countries (i)\_\_\_\_\_ due to the government's failure to alter policies that those countries find objectionable. Moreover, there is every reason to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the success of further talks, since the government if anything different, more intransigent.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. commenced	D. doubt
B. advanced	E. undermine
C. foundered	F. anticipate

4. 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 takes us out of the race; it 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

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

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

7. To keep the museum's admission lines moving, security inspections are considerably \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. thorough
- B. annoying
- C. cursory
- D. casual
- E. irritating
- F. methodical

8. In politics, tactical calculations about which groups a candidate should appeal to are never pleasant, but they are not always \_\_\_\_\_, and sometimes they are necessary.

- A. injudicious
- B. sleazy
- C. effective
- D. sordid
- E. useful
- F. exceptional

9. 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

10. If aging is merely an avoidable by-product of life rather than a necessary progression, it is possible that we might eventually forestall \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. senescence
- B. dynamism
- C. decrepitude
- D. privation
- E. ennui
- F. vitality

# Section 51

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-51

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>trumpet</b>	v. to praise (something) loudly and publicly especially in a way that is annoying	鼓吹
2	<b>thrift</b>	n. wise economy in the management of money and other resources; frugality	节俭
3	<b>provenance</b>	n. the origin or source of something	出处, 起源
4	<b>undermine</b>	v. to make (someone or something) weaker or less effective	削弱
5	<b>resurrect</b>	v. to cause (something that had ended or been forgotten or lost) to exist again, to be used again	复兴
6	<b>topple</b>	v. to remove (a government or a leader) from power	推翻
7	<b>forsake</b>	v. to give up or leave (someone or something) entirely	放弃
8	<b>pretentious</b>	adj. having or showing the unpleasant quality of people who want to be regarded as more impressive, successful, or important than they really are	炫耀的
9	<b>oblivious</b>	adj. not conscious or aware of someone or something	健忘的
10	<b>uncompromising</b>	adj. not willing to change a decision, opinion, method, etc. : not willing to make or accept a compromise	不妥协的, 坚定的
11	<b>moralistic</b>	adj. having or showing strong opinions about what is right behavior and what is wrong behavior	说教的
12	<b>benevolent</b>	adj. kind and generous	仁慈的, 慈善的
13	<b>formidable</b>	adj. causing fear, dread or apprehension adj. tending to inspire awe or wonder	恐怖的, 可怕的 令人敬畏的

		adj. very difficult to deal with	艰巨的
14	<b>impose</b>	v. to force someone to accept (something or yourself)	把.....强加于
15	<b>innate</b>	adj. existing from the time a person or animal is born	天生的
16	<b>intrude</b>	v. to come or go into a place where you are not wanted or welcome	闯入
17	<b>discard</b>	v. to throw (something) away because it is useless or unwanted	抛弃, 放弃
18	<b>resumption</b>	n. an act of starting something again after it has stopped : an act of resuming something	恢复, 重新开始
19	<b>stalemate</b>	n. a drawn contest : deadlock	僵局
20	<b>setback</b>	n. a problem that makes progress more difficult or success less likely	挫折
21	<b>vague</b>	adj. not clear in meaning : stated in a way that is general and not specific	模糊的
22	<b>requisite</b>	adj. needed for a particular purpose	必要的
23	<b>temporary</b>	adj. continuing for a limited amount of time : not permanent	暂时的, 临时的
24	<b>faint</b>	adj. very slight or small	微弱的
25	<b>endure</b>	v. to continue to exist in the same state or condition	持续
		v. to experience (pain or suffering) for a long time	忍耐
26	<b>dispel</b>	v. to make (something, such as a belief, feeling, or idea) go away or end	驱散, 消除
27	<b>offset</b>	v. to cancel or reduce the effect of (something)	抵消
28	<b>preclude</b>	v. to prevent (someone) from doing something	阻止
29	<b>disclose</b>	v. to make (something) known to the public	揭发, 揭露
30	<b>mitigate</b>	v. to make less severe or intense	减缓
31	<b>curtail</b>	v. to reduce or limit (something)	削减

32	<b>divulge</b>	v. to make known (something private or secret)	泄露
33	<b>nomadic</b>	adj. roaming about from place to place aimlessly, frequently, or without a fixed pattern of movement	游牧的
34	<b>proclivity</b>	n. a strong natural liking for something	倾向, 偏好
35	<b>predilection</b>	n. a natural liking for something	倾向, 偏好
36	<b>disdain</b>	v. to strongly dislike or disapprove of (someone or something)	蔑视, 鄙视
37	<b>insatiable</b>	adj. always wanting more : not able to be satisfied	无法满足的
38	<b>devious</b>	adj. willing to lie and trick people in order to get what is wanted	欺骗的
		adj. not straight or direct	弯曲的, 蜿蜒的
39	<b>pretentious</b>	adj. having or showing the unpleasant quality of people who want to be regarded as more impressive, successful, or important than they really are	炫耀的
40	<b>voracious</b>	adj. excessively eager	贪婪的
		adj. having a huge appetite	贪吃的
41	<b>cunning</b>	adj. getting what is wanted in a clever and often deceptive way	狡猾机智的
		adj. dexterous or crafty in the use of special resources	技艺高超的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -51

序号	核心意思	词群
1	忍受	endure, tolerate, brook, abide, stomach
2	识别	discern, detect
3	削减	curtail, mitigate
4	揭露	divulge, disclose, display, expose, reveal, show, uncover
5	倾向	proclivity, predilection, tendency, propensity

6	贪婪的	insatiable, voracious, acquisitive, avid, covetous, greedy, rapacious, ravenous
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### 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-51

序号	习语表达	解释
1	in favor of	赞同
2	in short	总之，简言之
3	in accord with	与……一致
4	status quo	现状

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. The economist argued that however much the government might trumpet the value of \_\_\_\_\_ , it had been as bold as any other in its spending programs.
- A. thrift  
B. consumption  
C. dialogue  
D. cooperation  
E. transparency
2. Although not enough to \_\_\_\_\_ the conventional view of the manuscript's provenance, the new study was thought to have weakened the prevailing theory considerably.
- A. undermine  
B. affect  
C. resurrect  
D. disturb  
E. topple
3. Recently the novelist has (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the radically experimental forms with which he made his reputation in favor of more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ narratives, fencing in and turning an imagination meant to run wild.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. trumpeted	D. conventional
B. forsaken	E. pretentious
C. replicated	F. provocative

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. an oblivious	D. ambivalent
B. an uncompromising	E. benevolent
C. a moralistic	F. formidable

5. One of the fundamental problems with learning mathematics is that while the number sense may be (i)\_\_\_\_\_ , exact calculation requires cultural tools—symbols and algorithms —that are relatively new and must therefore be absorbed by areas of the brain designed for other purposes, which is easier when what we are learning (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ our built-in circuitry. With an understanding of it, we can at least (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ our teaching methods by reflecting on the constraints it imposes.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. innate	D. harmonizes with	G. preserve
B. modern	E. intrudes on	H. discard
C. complex	F. goes beyond	I. adapt

6. Despite the (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in negotiations apparently signaled by the recent agreement between the two neighboring countries, the countries remain (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ even about the import of that agreement. One wants to prolong agreed-to resumption of limited cross-border traffic, believing it can become entrenched as a new status quo. The other, by contrast, insists that the resumption is (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ and has been undertaken voluntarily and provisionally in order to show goodwill.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. progress	D. unreconciled	G. requisite
B. stalemate	E. vague	H. temporary
C. setbacks	F. flexible	I. advantageous

7. Scientists are investigating odors so faint that people cannot \_\_\_\_\_ them in order to see whether such odors can nevertheless change the way people interact.

- A. tolerate
- B. endure
- C. avoid
- D. dispel
- E. discern
- F. detect

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

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

9. The tribes' \_\_\_\_\_ a settled mode of living was derived from their long-standing traditions, which , though differing from one tribal group to another, always included a resistance to nomadic lifestyles.

- A. curiosity about
- B. proclivity toward
- C. predilection for
- D. unfamiliarity with
- E. rejection of
- F. disdain for

10. Liam Clancy described the young Bob Dylan as a sponge, eagerly absorbing the possibilities life and culture might provide, and Dylan presents himself so in his memoir \_\_\_\_\_ in his intellectual and musical curiosity.

- A. insatiable
- B. devious
- C. unique
- D. pretentious
- E. voracious
- F. cunning

# Section 52

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-52

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>eclipse</b>	v. to make (something) less important or popular	使...不重要
		v. to surpass	超出
2	<b>bolster</b>	v. to give support to	支持
3	<b>corroborate</b>	v. to support with evidence or authority	佐证, 提供证据证明
4	<b>outstrip</b>	v. to be or become better, greater, or larger than (someone or something)	胜出, 超出
5	<b>invoke</b>	v. to put into effect or operation	实施
		v. to make an earnest request for	恳求, 祈求
		v. to bring about	产生, 造成
6	<b>erudite</b>	adj. having or showing knowledge that is learned by studying	博学的
7	<b>contentious</b>	adj. likely to cause people to argue or disagree	引起争议的
		adj. likely or willing to argue	爱争吵的
8	<b>methodical</b>	adj. arranged, characterized by, or performed with method or order	有条理的
9	<b>diffluent</b>	adj. lacking confidence : not feeling comfortable around people	缺乏自信的
10	<b>diligent</b>	adj. characterized by steady, earnest, and energetic effort	努力的, 刻苦的
11	<b>timid</b>	adj. feeling or showing a lack of courage or confidence	胆小的, 缺乏自信的
12	<b>assertive</b>	adj. confident in behavior or style	坚定自信的

13	<b>punctilious</b>	adj. very careful about behaving properly and doing things in a correct and accurate way	(对行为)谨慎小心的
14	<b>rigorous</b>	adj. very strict and demanding	严格的
		adj. done carefully and with a lot of attention to detail	细致的，准确的
15	<b>exculpate</b>	v. to prove that someone is not guilty of doing something wrong	开脱罪责
16	<b>elite</b>	n. the people who have the most wealth and status in a society : the most successful or powerful group of people	精英
17	<b>accomplish</b>	v. to succeed in doing (something)	完成，做成功
18	<b>snappish</b>	adj. feeling or showing irritation	厉声说话的，暴躁的
19	<b>tyrant</b>	n. a ruler who has complete power over a country and who is cruel and unfair	暴君
20	<b>umbrage</b>	n. a feeling of being offended by what someone has said or done	生气，不悦
21	<b>expiation</b>	n. the act of making atonement	赎罪
22	<b>torpor</b>	n. a state of not being active and having very little energy	麻木，迟钝，懒散
23	<b>collective</b>	adj. shared or done by a group of people	集体的
24	<b>overthrow</b>	v. to remove (someone or something) from power especially by force	推翻
25	<b>placate</b>	v. to cause (someone) to feel less angry about something	安抚
26	<b>appraise</b>	v. to evaluate the worth, significance, or status of	评估
27	<b>tangible</b>	adj. able to be touched or felt	可感知的，实实在在的
28	<b>palpable</b>	adj. capable of being touched or felt	可感知的
		adj. easily perceptible	明显的
29	<b>nebulous</b>	adj. not clear	模糊的，不清楚的

30	<b>nettlesome</b>	adj. causing vexation : irritating	气人的，令人不快的
31	<b>incontrovertible</b>	ad. impossible to dispute	不容质疑的
32	<b>attune</b>	v. to cause (a person, company, etc.) to have a better understanding of what is needed or wanted by a particular person or group	使协调
33	<b>eccentric</b>	adj. strange or unusual	古怪的
34	<b>predilection</b>	n. a natural liking for something	倾向，偏好
35	<b>vacillate</b>	v. to repeatedly change your opinions or desires	摇摆不定，犹豫
36	<b>waver</b>	v. to become unsteady because of weakness, emotion, tiredness, etc.	摇摆不定
37	<b>cowardice</b>	n. lack of courage or resolution	胆小
38	<b>overshadow</b>	v. to exceed in importance v. to cast a shadow over	超出，超过 遮盖
39	<b>abate</b>	v. to become weaker	减弱

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -52

序号	核心意思	词群
1	模糊的	nebulous, vague, obscure, unclear
2	可感知的	tangible, palpable, touchable
3	分离	abstract from, divorce from
4	倾向	predilection, proclivity, predisposition, disposition, bias, propensity, tendency
5	犹豫	waver, vacillate, hesitate
6	减轻	abate, mitigate, alleviate, relieve, assuage
7	使变黯淡	overshadow, obscure, dim

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-52

序号	习语表达	解释
1	in contrast	相比之下
2	in reality	实际上, 事实上
3	attune to	使合拍, 使适应

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. The province has long claimed to be just another developing region, even as its economy \_\_\_\_\_ those of other regions and threatens to eclipse the rest of the country combined.

- A. parallels
- B. bolsters
- C. corroborates
- D. outstrips
- E. engages

2. Politicians who invoke the founders of the United States in support of their views seem to imply that the founders consistently concurred in their own views when in reality they were a highly \_\_\_\_\_ group of thinkers.

- A. erudite
- B. innovative
- C. predictable
- D. contentious
- E. methodical

3. Knowing how (i)\_\_\_\_\_ she was at work, her colleagues were surprised at her (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ throughout dinner.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. dependable	D. timidity
B. diffident	E. assertiveness
C. diligent	F. punctiliousness

4. Some academic criticism of popular novels has been (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in character, being based on the assumption that that wider the appeal, the more (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the novel.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. rigorous	D. undesirable
B. exculpatory	E. accomplished
C. elitist	F. comprehensible

5. 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 (i)
A. umbrage	D. collectively overthrow
B. expiation	E. eventually placate
C. torpor	F. quickly appraise

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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

9. One of the peculiarities of humans is that we irrationally gravitate to the predictable and avoid risk, whatever the reasons 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

10. Flash floods are common in desert regions and were widespread before the evolution of trees 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

# Section 53

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-53

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>civic</b>	adj. relating to citizenship or being a citizen	公民的，市民的
2	<b>contest</b>	v. to make (something) the subject of an argument or a legal case : to say that you do not agree with or accept (something)	反驳
3	<b>trivial</b>	adj. not important	不重要的
4	<b>exclusive</b>	adj. not shared : available to only one person or group	独有的，排外的
5	<b>peccadillo</b>	n. a small mistake or fault that is not regarded as very bad or serious	小过失
6	<b>violate</b>	v. to abuse or show disrespect for (something, such as a holy place) usually by damaging it	违反
7	<b>reparation</b>	n. something that is done or given as a way of correcting a mistake that you have made or a bad situation that you have caused	修理
		n. money that a country or group that loses a war pays because of the damage, injury, deaths, etc., it has caused	赔偿
8	<b>pretext</b>	n. a reason that you give to hide your real reason for doing something	借口
9	<b>inextricable</b>	adj. impossible to separate : closely joined or related	纠缠不清的，无法解脱的
10	<b>masterpiece</b>	n. something done with great skill	杰作
11	<b>serendipitous</b>	adj. happening by luck	偶然的
12	<b>precocious</b>	adj. exhibiting mature qualities at an unusually early age	早熟的
13	<b>dedicate</b>	v. to commit to a goal or way of life	致力于，奉献于

14	<b>immerse</b>	v. to put (something) in a liquid so that all parts are completely covered	浸润, 浸泡
		v. to make (yourself) fully involved in some activity or interest	全心沉浸在...中
15	<b>verisimilitude</b>	n. the quality of seeming real	逼真
16	<b>rigorous</b>	adj. very strict and demanding	严格的
		adj. done carefully and with a lot of attention to detail	细致的, 准确的
17	<b>apt</b>	adj. exactly suitable	合适的
		adj. having a natural tendency	有倾向的
		adj. quick to learn or understand	聪明的, 灵巧的
18	<b>countenance</b>	n. bearing or expression that offers approval or sanction	赞同
		v. to accept, support, or approve of (something)	支持, 赞同
19	<b>impugn</b>	v. to criticize (a person's character, intentions, etc.) by suggesting that someone is not honest and should not to be trusted	(因人不诚实而) 批评抨击
20	<b>evanescent</b>	adj. lasting a very short time	短暂的
21	<b>polymath</b>	n. someone who knows a lot about many different things	博学的人
22	<b>incongruous</b>	adj. strange because of not agreeing with what is usual or expected	不一致的
23	<b>encyclopedic</b>	adj. dealing with or knowing a subject thoroughly or completely	百科全书似的, 全面的
24	<b>fleeting</b>	adj. passing swiftly	短暂的
25	<b>laypeople</b>	n. a member of the laity	外行
26	<b>sordid</b>	adj. very dirty	肮脏的
		adj. very bad or dishonest	卑鄙的
27	<b>fraught</b>	adj. causing or having a lot of emotional stress or worry	忧虑的

28	<b>shoulder</b>	v. to deal with or accept (something) as your responsibility or duty	承担
29	<b>check</b>	v. to hold in restraint	阻止
30	<b>stem</b>	v. to check or go counter to	阻止, 限制
31	<b>manifest</b>	adj. easy to understand or recognize	显然的, 明显的
		v. to show (something) clearly	清晰地展示, 显露出
32	<b>impregnable</b>	adj. not able to be captured by attack : very strong	坚固的
33	<b>germane</b>	adj. relating to a subject in an appropriate way	相关的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -53

序号	核心意思	词群
1	短暂的	short-lived, ephemeral, evanescent, transient, transitory, fleeting
2	有争议的	contentious, fraught
3	阻止	check, stem
4	明显的	manifest, self-evident, apparent, evident, obvious
5	相关的	germane, relevant, relative, apropos

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-53

序号	习语表达	解释
1	tie up with	与.....密切相关
2	come up with	提出
3	bear out	证实, 支持

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. By the early nineteenth century, education in the United States had become \_\_\_\_\_ affair: almost every town provided free schools for young children, and many were in the process of building high schools.

- A. an analytical
- B. a civic
- C. a contested
- D. a trivial
- E. an exclusive

2. People who are reluctant to oppose a court nominee straightforwardly on ideological grounds often search for any sort of peccadillo to serve as a \_\_\_\_\_ their opposition.

- A. mitigation of
- B. violation of
- C. predictor of
- D. reparation for
- E. pretext for

3. In the popular conception, (i)\_\_\_\_\_ is inextricably tied up with (ii)\_\_\_\_\_: doing something truly creative, we are inclined to think, requires the freshness and energy of youth. Orson Welles made his masterpiece, Citizen Kane, at twenty-five, and Mozart wrote his breakthrough Piano concerto no.9 at twenty-one.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. progress	D. serendipity
B. genius	E. precocity
C. destiny	F. dedication

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. immersed in	D. verisimilitude
B. disdainful of	E. objectivity
C. unmoved by	F. radicalism

5. To get funding and tenured positions, medical researchers have to get their work published in well-regarded journals, where rejection can climb above 90 percent. Not surprisingly, the studies that tend to make the grade are those that make (i)\_\_\_\_\_ claims. But while coming up with such (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ claims is relatively easy, getting the data to bear them out is another matter. When studied rigorously, the great majority of these claims (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. well-supported	D. practical	G. yield contradictory evidence
B. eye-catching	E. orthodox	H. require extensive analysis
C. small-scale	F. striking	I. support conventional beliefs

6. Wolosky claims that Ella Wheeler Wilcox joined other women poets such as Julia Ward Howe, Frances Harper, and Charlotte Perkins Gilman in critiquing materialism and possessive individualism. Wolosky's description (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the poetry of Gilman, Howe, and Harper, but it is not entirely (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in the case of Wilcox, who hardly (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the materialism of her time. Rather, Wilcox seems to have embraced the amassing of private property.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. fits	D. apt	G. reflected
B. conflates	E. puzzling	H. countenanced
C. misinterprets	F. uncommon	I. impugned

7. Rebecca West's book *Black Lamb and Grey Falcon* is a singularity \_\_\_\_\_ achievement, 1,100 pages that meld the genres of travel narratives, autobiography, historical analysis, and philosophical meditation.

- A. evanescent
- B. hefty
- C. polymathic
- D. incongruous
- E. encyclopedic
- F. fleeting

8. The concept of increasing complexity of organisms has \_\_\_\_\_ history among evolutionary biologists, and yet many laypeople would unhesitatingly say that the pattern applies to the history of life on Earth.

- A. an illustrious
- B. a sordid
- C. a curious
- D. a contentious
- E. a distinguished
- F. a fraught

9. As a way of \_\_\_\_\_ the negative impacts of overdependence on a single export product—crude oil—the Nigerian government passed legislation in 1999 intended to revitalize the moribund solid minerals sector.

- A. shouldering
- B. assuming
- C. disguising
- D. checking
- E. stemming
- F. downplaying

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

- A. manifest
- B. impregnable
- C. relevant
- D. predictable
- E. germane
- F. self-evident

# Section 54

## 1. Core Vocabulary

词汇预览-54

序号	单词	英文解释	中文解释
1	<b>anthropomorphize</b>	v. to attribute human form or personality to	赋予人性
2	<b>empathy</b>	n. the feeling that you understand and share another person's experiences and emotions : the ability to share someone else's feelings	感同身受
3	<b>recast</b>	v. to present (something) in a different way	彻底改动，重铸
4	<b>fickle</b>	adj. changing opinions often	多变的
5	<b>stalwart</b>	adj. loyal and resolute	坚定的，忠诚的
6	<b>solicitous</b>	adj. full of desire; eager	急切的，渴望的
7	<b>pretentious</b>	adj. having or showing the unpleasant quality of people who want to be regarded as more impressive, successful, or important than they really are	炫耀的
8	<b>whimsy</b>	n. an unusual, unexpected, or fanciful idea	突发奇想
9	<b>cumulative</b>	adj. increasing or becoming better or worse over time through a series of additions	累积的
10	<b>dismiss</b>	v. to permit or cause to leave; to remove from position or service: discharge	让...离开；解雇
		v. to reject serious consideration of	不予考虑；拒绝
11	<b>endorse</b>	v. to publicly or officially say that you support or approve of (someone or something)	公开支持
12	<b>decipher</b>	v. to find the meaning of (something that is difficult to read or understand)	解释，破译
13	<b>credulous</b>	adj. too ready to believe things	易受欺骗的
14	<b>aesthetic</b>	adj. of or relating to art or beauty	美学的

		adj. pleasing in appearance	吸引人的
15	<b>ancillary</b>	adj. providing something additional to a main part or function	辅助的
16	<b>stifle</b>	v. to not allow yourself to do or express (something)	抑制
		v. to kill by depriving of oxygen	使...窒息
17	<b>rationale</b>	n. the reason or explanation for something	理由
18	<b>gainsay</b>	v. to deny or disagree with (something)	否认
19	<b>judicious</b>	adj. having or showing good judgment	有正确判断力的
20	<b>persevere</b>	v. to continue doing something or trying to do something even though it is difficult	坚持
21	<b>prescient</b>	adj. having or showing knowledge of events before they take place	预知的, 有先见之明的
22	<b>trigger</b>	v. / n. to cause (something) to start or happen	触发
23	<b>offset</b>	v. to cancel or reduce the effect of (something)	抵消
24	<b>integrate</b>	v. to combine (two or more things) to form or create something	使完整, 使成整体
25	<b>dedicate</b>	v. to commit to a goal or way of life	致力于, 奉献于
26	<b>mass</b>	v. to form or collect into a mass	聚集
27	<b>forgo</b>	v. to give up the use or enjoyment of (something)	放弃
28	<b>glean</b>	v. to gather or collect in a gradual way	慢慢收集
29	<b>undue</b>	adj. exceeding what is appropriate or normal	过量的
30	<b>scant</b>	adj. inadequately supplied	稀缺的
31	<b>dwindle</b>	v. to gradually become smaller	减少, 下降
32	<b>alleviate</b>	v. to reduce the pain or trouble of	减缓
33	<b>block</b>	v. to make unsuitable for passage or progress by obstruction	阻碍, 妨碍
34	<b>presage</b>	v. to give or be a sign of (something that will happen or develop in the future)	预测, 预言

35	<b>portend</b>	v. to be a sign or warning that something usually bad or unpleasant is going to happen	预示
36	<b>magnitude</b>	n. the size, extent, or importance of something	大小, 重量级
37	<b>supple</b>	adj. readily adaptable or responsive to new situations	灵活的
38	<b>enormous</b>	adj. very great in size or amount	大量的

## 2. Key Synonyms

关键同义词 -54

序号	核心意思	词群
1	预测, 预示	foresee, anticipate, forecast, predict, presage, portend
2	阻碍	block, hinder, hamper, impede, obstruct, check, thwart
3	收集	glean, mass, collect
4	过度的	excessive, undue
5	灵活的	flexible, supple, lissome, pliable, pliant

## 3. Phrases and Expressions

语言积累表-54

序号	习语表达	解释
1	emphasis on	强调
2	dismiss A as B	把A视作是B而不予考虑
3	rely on	依赖
4	replace A with B	用B取代A

## 4. Authentic Questions

1. Anthropologist Jane Goodall was \_\_\_\_\_ in her determination to anthropomorphize the animals she observed with such empathy, and so resisted her editors' attempts to recast her descriptions in more dispassionate language.

- A. fickle
- B. stalwart
- C. solicitous
- D. pretentious
- E. whimsical

2. The small errors of fact in the work are not sufficient to allow one to (i)\_\_\_\_\_ Johnson's main thesis, but their cumulative effect is to make the reader (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ of the quality of his research.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. dismiss	D. skeptical
B. endorse	E. credulous
C. decipher	F. appreciative

3. The museum's compelling new architectural exhibition looks at eleven projects around the world that have had major (i)\_\_\_\_\_ impacts despite modest budget. 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

4. 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

5. Twenty years ago, when the book was first published, most reviewers dismissed the author’s predictions as (i)\_\_\_\_\_. Sometimes people (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ their errors: those same reviewers today, comparing the predictions with actual events, acknowledge how (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ the author was.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. insightful	D. persevere in	G. mistaken
B. judicious	E. recognize	H. prescient
C. alarmist	F. complicate	I. pessimistic

6. Human-caused disturbances, such as habitat destruction and the introduction of nonnative species, are among the leading causes of plant and animal population declines. Most populations are affected by a combination of adverse human pressures, each of which is in itself insufficient to (i)\_\_\_\_\_ a population crash. Therefore, studies of population declines that (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ individual factors and thus (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ potential interactions may lead to improper management of declining species.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. delay	D. integrate	G. exaggerate
B. trigger	E. focus on	H. overlook
C. offset	F. ignore	I. anticipate

7. Although a dedicated reader of the book can \_\_\_\_\_ a brief of chronology of Chappelle's life, the book is nevertheless not a real biography of Chappelle.

- A. miss
- B. obtain
- C. overlook
- D. excuse
- E. forgo
- F. glean

8. Despite their cultural and social significance, rapid growth, and widespread appeal in China, video games—unlike traditional media—have received \_\_\_\_\_ attention from international communication researchers.

- A. undue
- B. scant
- C. excessive
- D. focused
- E. limited
- F. dwindling

9. 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

10. 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