

本题目是针对**琦叔的 GRE 考前词汇串讲班**编辑整理的课后练习。题目的构成如下：

- Section1,2,3 为 ETS 从 2006 年宣布 GRE 改革以来，针对机构及考生公开发布的新 GRE 填空样题（有少量题目重复）。
- Section5 为新 GRE OG 中的填空题目，但不包含 practice test 的题目（请同学们用 practice test 的题目进行自我检测）
- Section4, 6 为 2008 年 6 月，2002 年 11 月，2006 年 6 月的 GRE 填空题目，完整且极其稀有。
- Section7 为大白本 95-99 年的 140 道填空题目。

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由于课上琦叔借助题目中的主考词为同学们做核心单词的串讲与总结，对于单词的含义是否把握，句子内部的重复是否搞清楚的工作则需要同学们在课下借助本练习完成并巩固。题目的答案，请参看《新 GRE 考前冲刺词汇串讲》讲义中每个 Section 句子里黑体下划线的部分。也期待听过课程的热心同学将答案整理出来，作为该材料的补充，方便没有参加培训的同学进行练习。

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Section 1 (2006)

1. It is truly paradoxical that the Amazon, the lushest of all rainforests, is rooted in the most _____ of all soils.
 - A. acidic
 - B. coarse
 - C. stark
 - D. impoverished
 - E. infertile
 - F. austere

2. Cynics believe that people who _____ compliments do so in order to be praised twice.
 - A. conjure up
 - B. covet
 - C. deflect
 - D. grasp
 - E. shrug off
 - F. understand

3. A restaurant's menu is generally reflected in its décor; however despite this restaurant's _____ appearance it is pedestrian in the menu it offers.
 - A. elegant
 - B. tawdry
 - C. modern
 - D. traditional
 - E. conventional
 - F. chic

4. International financial issues are typically _____ by the United States media because they are too technical to make snappy headlines and too inaccessible to people who lack a background in economics.
 - A. neglected
 - B. slighted
 - C. overrated
 - D. hidden
 - E. criticized
 - F. repudiated

5. While in many ways their personalities could not have been more different—she was ebullient where he was glum, relaxed where he was awkward, garrulous where he was _____ —they were surprisingly well suited.
- A. solicitous
B. munificent
C. irresolute
D. laconic
E. fastidious
F. taciturn
6. The _____ nature of classical tragedy in Athens belies the modern image of tragedy: in the modern view tragedy is austere and stripped down, its representations of ideological and emotional conflicts so superbly compressed that there's nothing _____ for time to erode.
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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| unadorned | inalienable |
| harmonious | exigent |
| multifaceted | extraneous |
7. Murray, whose show of recent paintings and drawings is her best in many years, has been eminent hereabouts for a quarter century, although often regarded with _____, but the most _____ of these paintings _____ all doubts.
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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| partiality | problematic | exculpate |
| credulity | successful | assuage |
| ambivalence | disparaged | whet |
8. Far from viewing Jefferson as a skeptical but enlightened intellectual, historians of the 1960's portrayed him as _____ thinker, eager to fill the young with his political orthodoxy while censoring ideas he did not like.
- A. an adventurous
B. a doctrinaire
C. an eclectic
D. a judicious
E. a cynical

9. Dramatic literature often _____ the history of a culture in that it takes as its subject matter the important events that have shaped and guided the culture.
- A. confounds
 - B. repudiates
 - C. recapitulates
 - D. anticipates
 - E. polarizes
10. Although the movement to preserve historic buildings is not usually thought of as _____ phenomenon, it deserves mention in the history of ideas because it launched the critique of the ideology of progress.
- A. an economic
 - B. an intellectual
 - C. an inconsequential
 - D. a comprehensible
 - E. a philanthropic
11. Personal sacrifice without the promise of immediate gain is an anomaly in this era when a sense of _____ is the most powerful predisposition shaping individual actions.
- A. fairness
 - B. humanitarianism
 - C. causality
 - D. ambiguity
 - E. entitlement
12. New technologies often begin by _____ what has gone before, and they change the world later. Think how long it took power-using companies to recognize that with electricity they did not need to cluster their machinery around the power source, as in the days of steam. Instead, power could be _____ their processes. In that sense, many of today's computer networks are still in the steam age. Their full potential remains unrealized.
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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| uprooting | transmitted to |
| dismissing | consolidated around |
| mimicking | incorporated into |

13. There has been much hand-wringing about how unprepared American students are for college. Graff reverses this perspective, suggesting that colleges are unprepared for students. In his analysis, the university culture is largely _____ entering students because academic culture fails to make connections to the kinds of arguments and cultural references that students grasp. Understandably, many students view academic life as _____ ritual.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
primed for	an arcane
opaque to	a laudable
essential for	a painstaking

14. Of course anyone who has ever perused an unmodernized text of Captain Clark's journals knows that the Captain was one of the most _____ spellers ever to write in English, but despite this _____ orthographical rules, Clark is never unclear.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
indefatigable	disregard for
fastidious	partiality toward
defiant	unpretentiousness about

Section 2 (2008)

1. The narratives that vanquished peoples have created of their defeat have, according to Schivelbusch, fallen into several identifiable types. In one of these, the vanquished manage to _____ the victor's triumph as the result of some spurious advantage, the victors being truly inferior where it counts. Often the winners _____ this interpretation, worrying about the cultural or moral costs of their triumph and so giving some credence to the losers' story.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
anoint	take issue with
construe	disregard
acknowledge	collude in

2. That the President manages the economy is an assumption _____ the prevailing wisdom that dominates electoral politics in the United States. As a result, presidential elections have become referenda on the business cycle, whose fortuitous turnings are _____ the President. Presidents are properly accountable for their executive and legislative performance, and certainly their actions may have profound effects on the economy. But these effects are _____. Unfortunately, modern political campaigns are fought on the untenable premise that Presidents can deliberately produce precise economic results.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
at odds with	justifiably personified in	usually long-lasting
peripheral to	erroneously attributed to	regrettably unnoticeable
central to	occasionally associated with	largely unpredictable

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4. Having displayed his art collection in a vast modernist white space in _____ former warehouse, Mr. Saatchi has chosen for his new site its polar opposite, a riverside monument to civic pomposity that once housed the local government. There is nothing _____ about the new location: the building's design is bureaucratic baroque, _____ style that is as declamatory as a task-force report and as self-regarding as a campaign speech.

Blank (i)

a decadent

a claustrophobic

an unprepossessing

Blank (ii)

atavistic

spare

pretentious

Blank (iii)

an ascetic

a grandiose

an understated

Section 3 (2010)

1. It is refreshing to read a book about our planet by an author who does not allow facts to be _____ by politics: well aware of the political disputes about the effects of human activities on climate and biodiversity, this author does not permit them to _____ his comprehensive description of what we know about our biosphere. He emphasizes the enormous gaps in our knowledge, the sparseness of our observations, and the _____, calling attention to the many aspects of planetary evolution that must be better understood before we can accurately diagnose the condition of our planet.

Blank 1

Blank 2

Blank 3

overshadowed

enhance

plausibility of our hypotheses

invalidated

obscure

certainty of our entitlement

illuminated

underscore

superficiality of our theories

2. Vain and prone to violence, Caravaggio could not handle success: the more his _____ as an artist increased, the more _____ his life became.

Blank 1

Blank 2

temperance

tumultuous

notoriety

providential

eminence

dispassionate

3. The author's _____ style renders a fascinating subject, the role played by luck in everyday life, extraordinarily _____.

Blank 1

Blank 2

soporific

pedantic

lucid

tedious

colloquial

opaque

4. From the outset, the concept of freedom of the seas from the proprietary claims of nations was challenged by a contrary notion—that of the _____ of the oceans for reasons of national security and profit.

A. promotion

B. exploration

C. surveying

D. conservation

E. appropriation

5. Although it does contain some pioneering ideas, one would hardly characterize the work as _____.
- A. orthodox
 - B. eccentric
 - C. original
 - D. trifling
 - E. conventional
 - F. innovative
6. The corporation expects only _____ increases in sales next year despite a yearlong effort to revive its retailing business.
- A. dynamic
 - B. predictable
 - C. expanding
 - D. modest
 - E. slight
 - F. volatile

Section 4 (0806)

1. Since one of Professor Roche's oft-repeated adages was that familiarity leads to _____, his students were quite surprised to find him so _____ *Return of the Native*, a novel he had taught for over 30 years.
 - A. love...enthusiastic over
 - B. contempt...disdainful of
 - C. knowledge...conversant with
 - D. boredom...excited by
 - E. admiration...confused by

2. Reason was once believed to be _____ human, but lately this assumption of intellectual superiority has come under increasingly skeptical scrutiny: most researchers now at least _____ the notion that some animals can think.
 - A. logically...ridicule
 - B. unique...entertain
 - C. scarcely...embrace
 - D. quintessentially...balk at
 - E. peculiarly...scoff at

3. Powerful as they are, the _____ songs the artist is best known for might sting more and have even greater emotional complexity if one felt that his criticisms were aimed at himself as well as at his unnamed foes.
 - A. accusatory
 - B. altruistic
 - C. mournful
 - D. simplistic
 - E. humble

4. In her love the sea is _____ symbol: to the narrator it clearly represents everything that is destructive in nature, but at other times it seems to stand for everything in nature that is serenely beautiful.
 - A. an enduring
 - B. an ambiguous
 - C. a coherent
 - D. an obtrusive
 - E. a discrete

5. Despite their extensive efforts to determine the mode of oil _____, scientists still have not _____ the process by which oil is produced.
- A dispersion...excluded
 - B synthesis...rejected
 - C creation...investigated
 - D recovery...condoned
 - E genesis...established
6. Compared with their parties, politicians are _____: they are considerably less enduring than the organizations in which they function.
- A ubiquitous
 - B autonomous
 - C fickle
 - D immutable
 - E transitory
7. Chavez' account of her supervisors' _____ decision making belies the agency's image as little more than _____ bureaucracy.
- A cautious...a staid
 - B ill-informed...a disorganized
 - C reckless...an incompetent
 - D systematic...a methodical
 - E headlong...a timorous
8. The cause of the disease is fairly simple and has been understood for over a century; by contrast, its symptoms and effects are _____.
- A straightforward
 - B illuminating
 - C severe
 - D well researched
 - E perplexing
9. Throughout the artist's work there runs a thread of psychic darkness strong enough to unnerve the most added sensibility: even her drawings from the comparatively _____ months of her visit to Rome _____ violence secrecy, and despair.
- A tranquil...emanate
 - B morbid...convey
 - C languid...eschew
 - D disturbed...express
 - E felicitous...shun

10. Even among the staid, unemotional denominations of the 1830s and 1840s, the renewal of religious fervor and the necessity of competing with more _____ clerics inevitably led to a greater _____ ministerial showmanship.
- A charismatic...cultivation of
 - B reserved...attraction to
 - C well-known...disdain for
 - D conservative...appeal for
 - E empathetic...distrust of
11. Tuberculosis has long been _____ and _____ disease: for thousands of years, it has continued to afflict humankind without regard for sex, class, occupation, or race.
- A an unremitting...selective
 - B an unpredictable...limitable
 - C a sporadic...capricious
 - D a relentless...egalitarian
 - E a virulent...preventable
12. He found his new acquaintance to be _____: trying to understand her personality was like peering into an unknown dimension.
- A puerile
 - B imperturbable
 - C cosmopolitan
 - D inscrutable
 - E obdurate
13. The writer has gained such popularity with his readers that even his inanities are now considered _____.
- A vacuous
 - B tedious
 - C speculative
 - D allusive
 - E trenchant

14. The biographer's intense emotional involvement with his subject did not _____ objectivity, since the passionate engagement fostered deep knowledge that was ultimately necessary for truly _____ judgment.
- A preclude...disinterested
 - B encourage...fair
 - C impede...partisan
 - D advance...pragmatic
 - E admit...reasonable

Section 5 (OG)

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A overshadowed

B invalidated

C illuminated

Blank (ii)

D enhance

E obscure

F underscore

Blank (iii)

G plausibility of our hypotheses

H certainty of our entitlement

I superficiality of our theories

2. Vain and prone to violence, Caravaggio could not handle success: the more his _____ as an artist increased, the more _____ his life became.

Blank (i)

A temperance

B notoriety

C eminence

Blank (ii)

D tumultuous

E providential

F dispassionate

3. In parts of the Arctic, the land grades into the landfast ice so _____ that you can walk off the coast and not know you are over the hidden sea.

A permanently

B imperceptibly

C irregularly

D precariously

E relentlessly

4. Although it does contain some pioneering ideas, one would hardly characterize the work as _____.

A orthodox

B eccentric

C original

D trifling

E conventional

F innovative

5. It was her view that the country's problems had been _____ by foreign technocrats, so that to ask for such assistance again would be counterproductive.
- A ameliorated
 - B ascertained
 - C diagnosed
 - D exacerbated
 - E overlooked
 - F worsened
6. Dominant interests often benefit most from _____ of governmental interference in business, since they are able to take care of themselves if left alone.
- A intensification
 - B authorization
 - C centralization
 - D improvisation
 - E elimination
7. Kagan maintains that an infant's reactions to its first stressful experiences are part of a natural process of development, not harbingers of childhood unhappiness or _____ signs of adolescent anxiety.
- A prophetic
 - B normal
 - C monotonous
 - D virtual
 - E typical
8. An investigation that is _____ can occasionally yield new facts, even notable ones, but typically the appearance of such facts is the result of a search in a definite direction.
- A timely
 - B unguided
 - C consistent
 - D uncomplicated
 - E subjective

9. It is _____ that so many portrait paintings hang in art museums, since the subject matter seems to dictate a status closer to pictures in the family photograph album than to high art. But perhaps it is the artistic skill with which the portraits are painted that _____ their presence in art museums.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A surprising

D challenges

B understandable

E justifies

C irrelevant

F changes

10. In stark contrast to his later _____, Simpson was largely _____ politics during his college years, despite the fact that the campus he attended was rife with political activity.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A activism

D devoted to

B apathy

E indifferent to

C affability

F shaped by

11. As my eyesight began to _____, I spent a lot of time writing about it — both poems and “eye journals” — describing what I saw as I looked out through damaged eyes.

A deteriorate

B sharpen

C improve

D decline

E recover

F adjust

12. The judge’s standing in the legal community, though shaken by phony allegations of wrongdoing, emerged, at long last, _____.

A unqualified

B undiminished

C undecided

D undamaged

E unresolved

F unprincipled

13. Modern agricultural practices have been extremely successful in increasing the productivity of major food crops, yet despite heavy use of pesticides, _____ losses to diseases and insect pests are sustained each year.
- A incongruous
 - B reasonable
 - C significant
 - D considerable
 - E equitable
 - F fortuitous
14. It comes as no surprise that societies have codes of behavior; the character of the codes, on the other hand, can often be _____.
- A predictable
 - B unexpected
 - C admirable
 - D explicit
 - E confusing
15. Like Béla Bartók, Ruth Crawford not only brought a composer's acumen to the notation of folk music, she also had a marked _____ the task. This was clear in her agonizing over how far to try to represent the minute details of a performance in a written text, and this _____ makes her work a landmark in ethnomusicology.
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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A reverence for | D fastidiousness |
| B detachment from | E didacticism |
| C curiosity about | F iconoclasm |
16. Political advertising may well be the most _____ kind of advertising: political candidates are usually quite _____, yet their campaign advertisements often hide important differences behind smoke screens of smiles and empty slogans.
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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A polemical | D interchangeable |
| B effective | E dissimilar |
| C deceptive | F vocal |

17. Richard M. Russell said 52 percent of the nation's growth since the Second World War had _____ invention. He said, _____ research, the government's greatest role in assuring continuing innovation is promoting a strong, modern patent office. "Unless we can _____ original ideas, we will not have invention," Mr. Russell said. Speculating on the state of innovation over the next century, several inventors agreed that the future lay in giving children the tools to think creatively and the motivation to invent.

Blank (i)

A been at the expense of

B no bearing on

C come through

Blank (ii)

D in addition to restricting

E aside from supporting

F far from exaggerating

Blank (iii)

G evaluate

H protect

I disseminate

18. Statements presented as fact in a patent application are _____ unless a good reason for doubt is found. The invention has only to be deemed "more likely than not" to work in order to receive initial approval. And, although thousands of patents are challenged in court for other reasons, no incentive exists for anyone to expend effort _____ the science of an erroneous patent. For this reason the endless stream of _____ devices will continue to yield occasional patents.

Blank (i)

A presumed verifiable

B carefully scrutinized

C considered capricious

Blank (ii)

D corroborating

E advancing

F debunking

Blank (iii)

G novel

H bogus

I obsolete

19. Ever a demanding reader of the fiction of others, the novelist Chase was likewise often the object of _____ analyses by his contemporaries.

A exacting

B copious

C respectful

D acerbic

E scathing

F meticulous

20. Her _____ should not be confused with miserliness; as long as I have known her, she has always been willing to assist those who are in need.

A stinginess

B diffidence

C frugality

D illiberality

E intolerance

F thrift

21. A misconception frequently held by novice writers is that sentence structure mirrors thought: the more convoluted the structure, the more _____ the ideas.
- A complicated
 - B engaged
 - C essential
 - D fanciful
 - E inconsequential
 - F involved
22. For some time now, _____ has been presumed not to exist: the cynical conviction that everybody has an angle is considered wisdom.
- A rationality
 - B flexibility
 - C diffidence
 - D disinterestedness
 - E insincerity
23. Human nature and long distances have made exceeding the speed limit a _____ in the state, so the legislators surprised no one when, acceding to public demand, they _____ increased penalties for speeding.
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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A controversial habit | D endorsed |
| B cherished tradition | E considered |
| C disquieting ritual | F rejected |
24. Serling's account of his employer's reckless decision making _____ that company's image as _____ bureaucracy full of wary managers.
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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A belies | D an injudicious |
| B exposes | E a disorganized |
| C overshadows | F a cautious |

25. No other contemporary poet's work has such a well-earned reputation for _____, and there are few whose moral vision is so imperiously unsparing. Of late, however, the almost belligerent demands of his severe and densely forbidding poetry have taken an improbable turn. This new collection is the poet's fourth book in six years — an ample output even for poets of sunny disposition, let alone for one of such _____ over the previous 50 years. Yet for all his newfound _____, his poetry is as thorny as ever.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

A patent accessibility

D penitential austerity

G taciturnity

B intrinsic frivolity

E intractable prolixity

H volubility

C near impenetrability

F impetuous prodigality

I pellucidity

26. Managers who think that strong environmental performance will _____ their company's financial performance often _____ claims that systems designed to help them manage environmental concerns are valuable tools. By contrast, managers who perceive environmental performance to be _____ to financial success may view an environmental management system as extraneous. In either situation, and whatever their perceptions, it is a manager's commitment to achieving environmental improvement rather than the mere presence of a system that determines environmental performance.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

A eclipse

D uncritically accept

G complementary

B bolster

E appropriately acknowledge

H intrinsic

C degrade

F hotly dispute

I peripheral

27. Philosophy, unlike most other subjects, does not try to extend our knowledge by discovering new information about the world. Instead it tries to deepen our understanding through _____ what is already closest to us — the experiences, thoughts, concepts, and activities that make up our lives but that ordinarily escape our notice precisely because they are so familiar. Philosophy begins by finding _____ the things that are _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

A attainment of

D essentially irrelevant

G most prosaic

B rumination on

E utterly mysterious

H somewhat hackneyed

C detachment from

F thoroughly commonplace

I refreshingly novel

28. The government's implementation of a new code of ethics appeared intended to shore up the ruling party's standing with an increasingly _____ electorate at a time when the party is besieged by charges that it trades favors for campaign money.
- A aloof
 - B placid
 - C restive
 - D skittish
 - E tranquil
 - F vociferous
29. Overlarge, uneven, and ultimately disappointing, the retrospective exhibition seems too much like special pleading for a forgotten painter of real but _____ talents.
- A limited
 - B partial
 - C undiscovered
 - D circumscribed
 - E prosaic
 - F hidden
30. Newspapers report that the former executive has been trying to keep a low profile since his _____ exit from the company.
- A celebrated
 - B mysterious
 - C long-awaited
 - D fortuitous
 - E indecorous
 - F unseemly
31. In her later years, Bertha Pappenheim was an apostle of noble but already _____ notions, always respected for her integrity, her energy, and her resolve but increasingly out of step and ultimately _____ even her own organization.
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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A anachronistic | D emulated by |
| B accepted | E appreciated by |
| C exotic | F alienated from |

32. The reception given to Kimura's radical theory of molecular evolution shows that when _____ fights orthodoxy to a draw, then novelty has seized a good chunk of space from convention.
- A imitation
 - B reaction
 - C dogmatism
 - D invention
 - E caution
33. The _____ of Vladimir Nabokov as one of North America's literary giants has thrown the spotlight on his peripheral activities and has thus served to _____ his efforts as an amateur entomologist.
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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A stigmatization | D foreground |
| B lionization | E transcend |
| C marginalization | F obscure |
34. Mathematicians have a distinctive sense of beauty: they strive to present their ideas and results in a clear and compelling fashion, dictated by _____ as well as by logic.
- A caprice
 - B aesthetics
 - C obligation
 - D methodologies
 - E intellect
35. Unenlightened authoritarian managers rarely recognize a crucial reason for the low levels of serious conflict among members of democratically run work groups: a modicum of tolerance for dissent often prevents _____.
- A demur
 - B schism
 - C cooperation
 - D compliance
 - E shortsightedness

36. The novelist devotes so much time to vivid descriptions of his characters' clothes that the reader soon feels that such _____ concerns, although worthy of attention, have superseded any more directly literary aims.

A didactic
B syntactical
C irrelevant
D sartorial
E frivolous

37. Belanger dances with an _____ that draws one's attention as if by seeking to _____ it; through finesse and understatement, he manages to seem at once intensely present and curiously detached.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A undemonstrative panache	D focus
B unrestrained enthusiasm	E overwhelm
C unattractive gawkiness	F deflect

38. The most striking thing about the politician is how often his politics have been _____ rather than ideological, as he adapts his political positions at any particular moment to the political realities that constrain him. He does not, however, piously _____ political principles only to betray them in practice. Rather, he attempts in subtle ways to balance his political self-interest with a _____, viewing himself as an instrument of some unchanging higher purpose.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A quixotic	D brandish	G profound cynicism
B self-righteous	E flout	H deeply felt moral code
C strategic	F follow	I thoroughgoing pragmatism

39. The plan, which the engineers said would save the aquifer by reducing pumping to _____ levels, has passed a governmental environmental review but faces opposition from outdoor and environmental groups.

A innocuous
B feasible
C practicable
D minimal
E remedial
F benign

40. Though feminist in its implications, Yvonne Rainer's 1974 film _____ the filmmaker's active involvement in feminist politics.
- A antedated
 - B cloaked
 - C portrayed
 - D preceded
 - E renewed
 - F represented
41. Congress is having great difficulty developing a consensus on energy policy, primarily because the policy objectives of various members of Congress rest on such _____ assumptions.
- A commonplace
 - B disparate
 - C divergent
 - D fundamental
 - E trite
 - F trivial
42. During the opera's most famous aria, the tempo chosen by the orchestra's conductor seemed _____, without necessary relation to what had gone before.
- A arbitrary
 - B capricious
 - C cautious
 - D compelling
 - E exacting
 - F meticulous
43. Because they had expected the spacecraft Voyager 2 to be able to gather data only about the planets Jupiter and Saturn, scientists were _____ the wealth of information it sent back from Neptune twelve years after leaving Earth.
- A anxious for
 - B confident in
 - C thrilled about
 - D keen on
 - E elated by
 - F eager for

44. Only by ignoring decades of mismanagement and inefficiency could investors conclude that a fresh infusion of cash would provide anything other than a _____ solution to the company's financial woes.
- A complete
 - B fleeting
 - C momentary
 - D premature
 - E trivial
 - F total
45. Some scientists argue that carbon compounds play such a central role in life on Earth because of the possibility of _____ resulting from the carbon atom's ability to form an unending series of different molecules.
- A diversity
 - B deviation
 - C variety
 - D reproduction
 - E stability
 - F invigoration
46. Given the flood of information presented by the mass media, the only way for someone to keep abreast of the news is to rely on _____ accounts.
- A synoptic
 - B abridged
 - C sensational
 - D copious
 - E lurid
 - F understated
47. Always circumspect, she was reluctant to make judgments, but once arriving at a conclusion, she was _____ in its defense.
- A deferential
 - B intransigent
 - C lax
 - D negligent
 - E obsequious
 - F resolute

48. Ironically, the writer so wary of _____ was _____ with ink and paper, his novel running to 2,500 shagreen-bound folio pages — a fortune in stationery at the time.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A probity	D acquisitive
B extravagance	E illiberal
C disapprobation	F profligate

49. What readers most commonly remember about John Stuart Mill's classic exploration of the liberty of thought and discussion concerns the danger of _____: in the absence of challenge, one's opinions, even when they are correct, grow weak and flabby. Yet Mill had another reason for encouraging the liberty of thought and discussion: the danger of partiality and incompleteness. Since one's opinions, even under the best circumstances, tend to _____, and because opinions opposed to one's own rarely turn out to be completely _____, it is crucial to supplement one's opinions with alternative points of view.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A tendentiousness	D embrace only a portion of the truth	G erroneous
B complacency	E change over time	H antithetical
C fractiousness	F focus on matters close at hand	I immutable

50. Just as the authors' book on eels is often a key text for courses in marine vertebrate zoology, their ideas on animal development and phylogeny _____ teaching in this area.

A prevent
B defy
C replicate
D inform
E use

51. Mechanisms develop whereby every successful species can _____ its innate capacity for population growth with the constraints that arise through its interactions with the natural environment.

A enhance
B replace
C produce
D surpass
E reconcile

52. In the midst of so many evasive comments, this forthright statement, whatever its intrinsic merit, plainly stands out as _____.
 A a paradigm
 B a misnomer
 C a profundity
 D an inaccuracy
 E an anomaly
53. The activists' energetic work in the service of both woman suffrage and the temperance movement in the late nineteenth century _____ the assertion that the two movements were _____.
 Blank (i) Blank (ii)
 A undermines D diffuse
 B supports E inimical
 C underscores F predominant
54. There is nothing quite like this movie, and indeed I am not altogether sure there is much more to it than its lovely _____. At a moment when so many films strive to be as _____ as possible, it is gratifying to find one that is so subtle and puzzling.
 Blank (i) Blank (ii)
 A peculiarity D indirect
 B pellucidity E assertive
 C conventionality F enigmatic
55. Wills argues that certain malarial parasites are especially _____ because they have more recently entered humans than other species and therefore have had _____ time to evolve toward _____. Yet there is no reliable evidence that the most harmful Plasmodium species has been in humans for a shorter time than less harmful species.
 Blank (i) Blank (ii) Blank (iii)
 A populous D ample G virulence
 B malignant E insufficient H benignity
 C threatened F adequate I variability

Section 6 (0211, 0606)

1. Although she gives badly _____ titles to her musical compositions, they _____ unusual combinations of materials including Gregorian chant, Asian scale patterns and rhythms, electronic sounds, and bird songs.
A. exotic ... belie
B. eccentric ... deploy
C. traditional ... exclude
D. imaginative ... disguise
E. conventional ... incorporate

2. Even though the folktales Perrault collected and retold were not solely French in origin, his versions of them were so decidedly French in style that later anthologizes of French folktales have never _____ them.
A. excluded
B. admired
C. collected
D. promoted
E. comprehended

3. In arguing against assertions that environmental catastrophe is imminent, her book does not ridicule all predictions of doom but rather claims that the risks of harm have in many cases been _____.
A. exaggerated
B. ignored
C. scrutinized
D. derided
E. increased

4. There seems to be no _____ the reading public's thirst for books about the 1960's: indeed, the normal level of interest has _____ recently because of a spate of popular television documentaries.
A. quenching ... moderated
B. whetting ... mushroomed
C. curtailing ... warned
D. ignoring ... transformed
E. slaking ... increased

5. Despite a tendency to be overtly _____, the poetry of the Middle Ages often sparks the imagination and provides lively entertainment, as well as pious sentiments.
- A. diverting
 - B. emotional
 - C. didactic
 - D. romantic
 - E. whimsical
6. One of the first _____ of reduced burning in Amazon rain forests was the chestnut industry: smoke tends to drive out the insect that, by pollinating chestnut tree, allow chestnuts to develop.
- A. reformers
 - B. discoveries
 - C. casualties
 - D. critics
 - E. beneficiaries
7. The research committee urged the archaeologist to _____ her claim that the tomb she has discovered was that of Alexander the Great, since her initial report has been based only on _____.
- A. disseminate ... supposition
 - B. withdraw ... evidence
 - C. undercut ... caprice
 - D. document ... conjecture
 - E. downplay ... facts
8. The scientist found it puzzling that his theory encountered _____ despite widespread agreement that it was _____.
- A. respect ... crucial
 - B. dismissal ... simplistic
 - C. skepticism ... unfathomable
 - D. opposition ... indisputable
 - E. acceptance ... comprehensive

9. The rate at which soil can absorb water _____ with continuous wetting, so the longer a _____ lasts, or the greater the rate of precipitation, the higher the percentage of water that will flow across the ground as runoff and enter stream channels.
- A. rises ... deluge
 - B. diminishes ... drought
 - C. increases ... shower
 - D. decreases ... rainstorm
 - E. stabilizes ... thaw
10. The ideas expressed in the art historian's book are more _____ than one would expect or the basis of her rather _____ treatment of her subject in the opening pages.
- A. compelling ... intriguing
 - B. accessible ... recondite
 - C. hidebound ... reactionary
 - D. insightful ... innovative
 - E. dispassionate ... evenhanded
11. The meeting on environmental issues produced _____ discussion but no commitment on a plan of action: the many uncertainties surrounding global climatic change and the huge cost of efforts to limit it made the policymakers _____.
- A. little ... voluble
 - B. heated ... contentious
 - C. cordial ... quarrelsome
 - D. frustrating ... affable
 - E. interminable ... businesslike
12. Art that endures often makes an initially disturbing impact: the profound experience that such art seeks to provoke necessarily engenders a certain _____.
- A. familiarity
 - B. ennui
 - C. upheaval
 - D. intimacy
 - E. tranquility

13. The history of film reflects the _____ inherent in the medium itself: film combines still photographs to represent continuous motion and, while seeming to present life itself, can also offer impossible and dreamlike unrealities.
- A. trivialities
 - B. biases
 - C. constraints
 - D. paradoxes
 - E. liabilities
14. The _____ with which the politician peppers her speeches are so memorable that many people think of her as being far more _____ than she in fact is.
- A. superlatives ... egalitarian
 - B. pejoratives ... optimistic
 - C. examples ... soporific
 - D. diatribes ... censorious
 - E. malapropisms ... straightforward
15. Although Heron is well known for the broad comedy in the movies she has directed previously, her new film is less inclined to _____: the gags are fewer and subtler.
- A. understatement
 - B. preciosity
 - C. symbolism
 - D. buffoonery
 - E. melodrama
16. Bebop's legacy is _____ one: bebop may have won jazz the right to be taken seriously as an art form, but it _____ jazz's mass audience, which turned to other forms of music such as rock and pop.
- A. a mixed.....alienated
 - B. a troubled.....seduced
 - C. an ambiguous.....aggrandized
 - D. a valuable.....refined
 - E. a noble.....pleased

17. The exhibition's importance lies in its _____: curators have gathered a diverse array of significant works from many different museums.
- A. homogeneity
 - B. sophistry
 - C. scope
 - D. farsightedness
 - E. insularity
18. Despite the fact that the commission's report treats a vitally important topic, the report will be _____ read because its prose is so _____ that understanding it requires an enormous effort.
- A. seldom.....transparent
 - B. carefully.....pellucid
 - C. little.....turgid
 - D. eagerly.....digressive
 - E. widely.....prolix
19. Carleton would still rank among the great _____ of nineteenth-century American art event if the circumstance of her life and career were less _____ than they are.
- A. celebrities.....obscure
 - B. failures.....illustrious
 - C. charlatans.....impeccable
 - D. enigmas.....mysterious
 - E. success.....ignominious
20. Although based on an actual event, the film lacks _____: the director shuffles events, simplifies the tangle of relationships, and _____ documentary truth for dramatic power.
- A. conviction.....embraces
 - B. expressiveness.....exaggerates
 - C. verisimilitude.....sacrifices
 - D. realism.....substitutes
 - E. coherence.....utilizes

21. When Adolph Ochs became the publisher of *The New York Times*, he endowed the paper with a uniquely _____ tone, avoiding the _____ editorials that characterized other major papers of the time.
- A. abstruse....scholarly
 - B. dispassionate.....shrill
 - C. argumentative.....tendentious
 - D. whimsical.....capricious
 - E. cosmopolitan.....timely
22. Despite the fact that the amateur runner trained rigorously for six months before the race, he failed to _____ it: the course was so _____ that even professional runners struggled to finish.
- A. complete.....demanding
 - B. win.....manageable
 - C. master.....short
 - D. concede.....formidable
 - E. underestimate.....unusual
23. In linking geographically disparate people, the Internet is arguably helping millions of spontaneous communities to bloom: communities defined by common interests rather than by the accident of _____.
- A. compatibility
 - B. affluence
 - C. reciprocity
 - D. contemporaneousness
 - E. proximity
24. It is as if Woodward could not bear to leave anything out; if he had _____ some of his material, the resulting increase in focus would have more than _____ any loss in comprehensiveness.
- A. elaborated.....justified
 - B. condensed.....exaggerated
 - C. expanded.....offset
 - D. edited.....pointed up
 - E. pruned.....compensated for

25. The hesitancy of many countries to embrace market reform is unfortunate, because many national success stories suggest that far from _____ such reform, countries should be eager to _____ its benefits.
- A. implementing.....document
 - B. pursuing.....seek
 - C. eschewing.....reap
 - D. needing.....realize
 - E. understanding.....question
26. Contemporary lawmakers' preoccupation with regulating the Internet is _____ the way lawmakers treated many young industries in the past; United States railroads, for instance, were in business for 60 years before the federal government _____ regulations.
- A. antithetical to.....eased
 - B. faithful to.....levied
 - C. reminiscent of.....enforced
 - D. in conflict withlifted
 - E. at odds with.....introduced
27. Despite the fact that the book's title suggests _____, the author is not a charlatan claiming to offer a _____; rather, her book assessed all possible treatments of certain diseases without identifying any cures.
- A. fraud.....critique
 - B. sincerity.....nostrum
 - C. hyperbole.....warning
 - D. expertise.....prescription
 - E. quackery.....panacea
28. The profits that the corporation earns from the exclusive-supplier agreements with the universities are _____, because the terms of agreements that they are inclined to protect the universities' interests are generally _____.
- A. inexplicable.....flouted
 - B. unclear.....publicized
 - C. predictable.....scrutinized
 - D. declining.....ignored
 - E. surprising.....enforced

Section 7 (95-99)

1. A computer program can provide information in ways that force students to _____ learning instead of being merely _____ of knowledge.
(A) shore up .. reservoirs
(B) accede to .. consumers
(C) participate in .. recipients
(D) compensate for.. custodians
(E) profit from .. beneficiaries

2. The form and physiology of leaves vary according to the _____ in which they develop: for example, leaves display a wide range of adaptations to different degrees of light and moisture.
(A) relationship
(B) species
(C) sequence
(D) patterns
(E) environment

3. One theory about intelligence sees _____ as the logical structure underlying thinking and insists that since animals are mute, they must be _____ as well.
(A) behavior.. inactive
(B) instinct.. cooperative
(C) heredity.. thoughtful
(D) adaptation.. brutal
(E) language.. mindless

4. Though _____ in her personal life, Edna St. Vincent Millay was nonetheless _____ about her work, usually producing several pages of complicated rhyme in a day.
(A) jaded.. feckless
(B) verbose.. ascetic
(C) vain.. humble
(D) impulsive.. disciplined
(E) self-assured.. sanguine

5. The children's _____ natures were in sharp contrast to the even-tempered dispositions of their parents.
- (A) mercurial
 - (B) blithe
 - (C) phlegmatic
 - (D) introverted
 - (E) artless
6. By _____ scientific rigor with a quantitative approach, researchers in the social sciences may often have _____ their scope to those narrowly circumscribed topics that are well suited to quantitative methods.
- (A) undermining.. diminished
 - (B) equating.. enlarged
 - (C) vitiating.. expanded
 - (D) identifying.. limited
 - (E) imbuing.. broadened
7. As early as the seventeenth century, philosophers called attention to the _____ character of the issue, and their twentieth-century counterparts still approach it with _____.
- (A) absorbing.. indifference
 - (B) unusual.. composure
 - (C) complex.. antipathy
 - (D) auspicious.. caution
 - (E) problematic.. uneasiness
8. Since most if not all learning occurs through _____, relating one observation to another, it would be strange indeed if the study of other cultures did not also illuminate the study of our own.
- (A) assumptions
 - (B) experiments
 - (C) comparisons
 - (D) repetitions
 - (E) impressions

9. The new _____ of knowledge has created _____ people: everyone believes that his or her subject cannot and possibly should not be understood by others.
- (A) specialization.. barriers between
 - (B) decline.. associations among
 - (C) redundancy.. complacency in
 - (D) disrepute.. concern for
 - (E) promulgation.. ignorance among
10. If a species of parasite is to survive, the host organisms must live long enough for the parasite to _____; if the host species becomes _____, so do its parasites.
- (A) atrophy.. healthy
 - (B) reproduce.. extinct
 - (C) disappear.. widespread
 - (D) succumb.. nonviable
 - (E) mate.. infertile
11. The author argues for serious treatment of such arts as crochet and needlework, finding in too many art historians a cultural blindness _____ to their _____ textiles as a medium in which women artists predominate.
- (A) traceable.. prejudice against
 - (B) opposed.. distrust of
 - (C) referring.. need for
 - (D) reduced.. respect for
 - (E) corresponding.. expertise in
12. Those who fear the influence of television deliberately _____ its persuasive power, hoping that they might keep knowledge of its potential to effect social change from being widely disseminated.
- (A) promote
 - (B) underplay
 - (C) excuse
 - (D) laud
 - (E) suspect

13. Because the high seriousness of their narratives resulted in part from their metaphysics, Southern writers were praised for their _____ bent.
- (A) technical
 - (B) discursive
 - (C) hedonistic
 - (D) philosophical
 - (E) scientific
14. Far from being _____, Pat was always _____ to appear acquiescent.
- (A) unctuous.. loath
 - (B) brazen.. reluctant
 - (C) ignoble.. concerned
 - (D) obsequious.. eager
 - (E) gregarious.. willing
15. Though _____ to some degree, telling a small lie sometimes enables one to avoid _____ another's feelings.
- (A) necessary.. mollifying
 - (B) regrettable.. harming
 - (C) unfortunate.. exaggerating
 - (D) attractive.. considering
 - (E) difficult.. resisting
16. Perhaps because scientists have been so intrigued by dogs' superior senses of smell and hearing, researchers have long _____ their eyesight, assuming that they inhabit a drab, black-and-white world, devoid of color.
- (A) studied
 - (B) coveted
 - (C) appreciated
 - (D) resented
 - (E) underestimated
17. Despite a string of dismal earnings reports, the two-year-old strategy to return the company to profitability is beginning to _____.
- (A) falter
 - (B) disappoint
 - (C) compete
 - (D) work
 - (E) circulate

18. The President reached a decision only after lengthy _____, painstakingly weighing the _____ opinions expressed by cabinet members.
- (A) deliberation.. divergent
 - (B) confrontation.. unanimous
 - (C) relegation.. consistent
 - (D) speculation.. conciliatory
 - (E) canvassing.. arbitrary
19. Although just barely _____ as a writer of lucid prose, Jones was an extremely _____ editor who worked superbly with other writers in helping them improve the clarity of their writing.
- (A) deficient.. muddling
 - (B) proficient.. contentious
 - (C) adequate.. capable
 - (D) appalling.. competent
 - (E) engaging.. inept
20. The accusations we bring against others should be _____ ourselves; they should not _____ complacency and easy judgments on our part concerning our own moral conduct.
- (A) definitions of.. produce
 - (B) instructions to.. equate
 - (C) denigrations of.. exclude
 - (D) warnings to.. justify
 - (E) parodies of.. satirize
21. Although the meanings of words may necessarily be liable to change, it does not follow that the lexicographer is therefore unable to render spelling, in a great measure, _____.
- (A) arbitrary
 - (B) superfluous
 - (C) interesting
 - (D) flexible
 - (E) constant

22. Some activists believe that because the health-care system has become increasingly _____ to those it serves, individuals must _____ bureaucratic impediments in order to develop and promote new therapies.
- (A) attuned.. avoid
 - (B) inimical.. utilize
 - (C) unresponsive ..circumvent
 - (D) indifferent.. supplement
 - (E) sensitized.. forsake
23. The acts of vandalism that these pranksters had actually _____ were insignificant compared with those they had _____ but had not attempted.
- (A) hidden .. renounced
 - (B) advocated .. meditated
 - (C) inflicted .. dismissed
 - (D) committed .. effected
 - (E) perpetrated .. contemplated
24. Though one cannot say that Michelangelo was an impractical designer, he was, of all nonprofessional architects known, the most _____ in that he was the least constrained by tradition or precedent.
- (A) pragmatic
 - (B) adventurous
 - (C) empirical
 - (D) skilled
 - (E) learned
25. Before adapting to changes in values, many prefer to _____, to _____ the universally agreed-on principles that have been upheld for centuries.
- (A) innovate .. protect
 - (B) resist ..defend
 - (C) ponder .. subvert
 - (D) vacillate ..publicize
 - (E) revert .. ignore

26. Although the records of colonial New England are _____ in comparison with those available in France or England, the records of other English colonies in America are even more _____.
- (A) sporadic.. irrefutable
 - (B) sparse.. incontrovertible
 - (C) ambiguous.. authoritative
 - (D) sketchy.. fragmentary
 - (E) puzzling .. unquestionable
27. High software prices are frequently said to _____ widespread illegal copying, although the opposite—that high prices are the cause of the copying—is equally plausible.
- (A) contribute to
 - (B) result from
 - (C) correlate with
 - (D) explain
 - (E) precede
28. Because early United States writers thought that the mark of great literature was grandiosity and elegance not to be found in common speech, they _____ the vernacular.
- (A) dissected
 - (B) avoided
 - (C) misunderstood
 - (D) investigated
 - (E) exploited
29. It is assumed that scientists will avoid making _____ claims about the results of their experiments because of the likelihood that they will be exposed when other researchers cannot _____ their findings.
- (A) hypothetical.. evaluate
 - (B) fraudulent.. duplicate
 - (C) verifiable.. contradict
 - (D) radical.. contest
 - (E) extravagant.. dispute

30. As long as the nuclear family is _____ a larger kinship group through contiguous residence on undivided land, the pressure to _____ and thus to get along with relatives is strong.
- (A) nurtured among.. abstain
 - (B) excluded from.. compromise
 - (C) embedded in .. share
 - (D) scattered throughout.. reject
 - (E) accepted by .. lead
31. In contrast to the substantial muscular activity required for inhalation, exhalation is usually a _____ process.
- (A) slow
 - (B) passive
 - (C) precise
 - (D) complex
 - (E) conscious
32. The documentary film about high school life was so realistic and _____ that feelings of nostalgia flooded over the college-age audience.
- (A) logical
 - (B) pitiful
 - (C) evocative
 - (D) critical
 - (E) clinical
33. Although Georgia O'Keeffe is best known for her affinity with the desert landscape, her paintings of urban subjects _____ her longtime residency in New York City.
- (A) condemn
 - (B) obfuscate
 - (C) attest to
 - (D) conflict with
 - (E) contend with
34. Even though the survey was designated as an interdisciplinary course, it involved no real _____ of subject matter.
- (A) encapsulation
 - (B) organization
 - (C) synthesis
 - (D) discussion
 - (E) verification

35. The failure of many psychotherapists to _____ the results of pioneering research could be due in part to the specialized nature of such findings: even _____ findings may not be useful.
- (A) understand.. baffling
 - (B) envision.. accessible
 - (C) utilize.. momentous
 - (D) reproduce.. duplicated
 - (E) affirm.. controversial
36. In the nineteenth century, novelists and unsympathetic travelers portrayed the American West as a land of _____ adversity, whereas promoters and idealists created _____ image of a land of infinite promise.
- (A) lurid.. a mundane
 - (B) incredible.. an underplayed
 - (C) dispiriting.. an identical
 - (D) intriguing.. a luxuriant
 - (E) unrelenting.. a compelling
37. Honeybees tend to be more _____ than earth bees: the former, unlike the latter, search for food together and signal their individual findings to one another.
- (A) insular
 - (B) aggressive
 - (C) differentiated
 - (D) mobile
 - (E) social
38. Joe spoke of superfluous and _____ matters with exactly the same degree of intensity, as though for him serious issues mattered neither more nor less than did _____.
- (A) vital.. trivialities
 - (B) redundant.. superficialities
 - (C) important.. necessities
 - (D) impractical.. outcomes
 - (E) humdrum.. essentials

39. The value of Davis' sociological research is compromised by his unscrupulous tendency to use materials _____ in order to substantiate his own claims, while _____ information that points to other possible conclusions.
- (A) haphazardly.. deploying
 - (B) selectively.. disregarding
 - (C) cleverly.. weighing
 - (D) modestly.. refuting
 - (E) arbitrarily.. emphasizing
40. Once Renaissance painters discovered how to _____ volume and depth, they were able to replace the medieval convention of symbolic, two-dimensional space with the more _____ illusion of actual space.
- (A) reverse.. conventional
 - (B) portray.. abstract
 - (C) deny.. concrete
 - (D) adumbrate.. fragmented
 - (E) render.. realistic
41. He had expected gratitude for his disclosure, but instead he encountered _____ bordering on hostility.
- (A) patience
 - (B) discretion
 - (C) openness
 - (D) ineptitude
 - (E) indifference
42. The diplomat, selected for her demonstrated patience and skill in conducting such delicate negotiations, _____ to make a decision during the talks because any sudden commitment at that time would have been _____.
- (A) resolved.. detrimental
 - (B) refused.. apropos
 - (C) declined.. inopportune
 - (D) struggled.. unconscionable
 - (E) hesitated.. warranted

43. Because the monkeys under study are _____ the presence of human beings, they typically _____ human observers and go about their business.
- (A) ambivalent about .. welcome
 - (B) habituated to .. disregard
 - (C) pleased with .. snub
 - (D) inhibited by .. seek
 - (E) unaware of .. avoid
44. Give he previously expressed interest and the ambitious tone of her recent speeches, the senator's attempt to convince the public that she is not interested in running for a second term is _____.
- (A) laudable
 - (B) likely
 - (C) authentic
 - (D) futile
 - (E) sincere
45. Many of her followers remain _____ to her, and even those who have rejected her leadership are unconvinced of the _____ of replacing her during the current turmoil.
- (A) opposed.. urgency
 - (B) friendly.. harm
 - (C) loyal.. wisdom
 - (D) cool.. usefulness
 - (E) sympathetic.. disadvantage
46. Unlike many recent interpretations of Beethoven's piano sonatas, the recitalist's performance was a delightfully free and introspective one; nevertheless, it was also, seemingly paradoxically, quite _____.
- (A) appealing
 - (B) exuberant
 - (C) idiosyncratic
 - (D) unskilled
 - (E) controlled

47. Species with relatively _____ metabolic rates, including hibernators, generally live longer than those whose metabolic rates are more rapid.
- (A) prolific
 - (B) sedentary
 - (C) sluggish
 - (D) measured
 - (E) restive
48. Belying his earlier reputation for _____ as a negotiator, Morgan had recently assumed a more _____ stance for which many of his erstwhile critics praised him.
- (A) intransigence.. conciliatory
 - (B) impropriety.. intolerant
 - (C) inflexibility.. unreasonable
 - (D) success.. authoritative
 - (E) incompetence.. combative
49. Although Irish literature continued to flourish after the sixteenth century, a _____ tradition is _____ in the visual arts: we think about Irish culture in terms of the word, not in terms of pictorial images.
- (A) rich.. superfluous
 - (B) lively.. found
 - (C) comparable.. absent
 - (D) forgotten.. apparent
 - (E) lost.. extant
50. Although sales have continued to increase since last April, unfortunately the rate of increase has _____.
- (A) resurged
 - (B) capitulated
 - (C) retaliated
 - (D) persevered
 - (E) decelerated
51. Although the mental process that creates a fresh and original poem or drama is doubtless _____ that which originates and elaborates scientific discoveries, there is clearly a discernible difference between the creators.
- (A) peripheral to
 - (B) contiguous with
 - (C) opposed to
 - (D) analogous to
 - (E) inconsistent with

52. It is disappointing to note that the latest edition of the bibliography belies its long-standing reputation for _____ by _____ some significant references to recent publications.
- (A) imprecision.. appropriating
 - (B) relevance.. adding
 - (C) timeliness.. updating
 - (D) meticulousness.. revising
 - (E) exhaustiveness.. omitting
53. Although Simpson was ingenious at _____ to appear innovative and spontaneous, beneath the ruse he remained uninspired and rigid in his approach to problem-solving.
- (A) intending
 - (B) contriving
 - (C) forbearing
 - (D) declining
 - (E) deserving
54. She was criticized by her fellow lawyers not because she was not _____, but because she so _____ prepared her cases that she failed to bring the expected number to trial.
- (A) well versed.. knowledgeably
 - (B) well trained.. enthusiastically
 - (C) congenial.. rapidly
 - (D) hardworking.. minutely
 - (E) astute.. efficiently
55. Schlesinger has recently assumed a conciliatory attitude that is not _____ by his colleagues, who continue to _____ compromise.
- (A) eschewed.. dread
 - (B) shared.. defend
 - (C) questioned.. reject
 - (D) understood.. advocate
 - (E) commended.. disparage

56. The National Archives contain information so _____ that researchers have been known never to publish because they cannot bear to bring their studies to an end.
- (A) divisive
 - (B) seductive
 - (C) selective
 - (D) repetitive
 - (E) resourceful
57. We first became aware that her support for the new program was less than _____ when she declined to make a speech in its favor.
- (A) qualified
 - (B) haphazard
 - (C) fleeting
 - (D) unwarranted
 - (E) wholehearted
58. When a person suddenly loses consciousness, a bystander is not expected to **diagnose** the problem but to attempt to **counter** its effects by starting vital functions if they are absent.
- (A) cure.. precipitate
 - (B) minimize.. predict
 - (C) determine.. detect
 - (D) diagnose.. counter
 - (E) magnify.. evaluate
59. The remark was only slightly _____, inviting a chuckle, perhaps, but certainly not a _____.
- (A) audible.. reward
 - (B) hostile.. shrug
 - (C) amusing.. rebuke
 - (D) coherent.. reaction
 - (E) humorous.. guffaw

60. Doors were closing on our past, and soon the values we had lived by would become so obsolete that we would seem to people of the new age as _____ as travelers from an ancient land.
- (A) elegant
 - (B) ambitious
 - (C) interesting
 - (D) comfortable
 - (E) quaint
61. Ability to _____ is the test of the perceptive historian, a history, after all, consists not only of what the historian has included, but also, in some sense, of what has been left out.
- (A) defer
 - (B) select
 - (C) confer
 - (D) devise
 - (E) reflect
62. Some artists immodestly idealize or exaggerate the significance of their work; yet others, _____ to exalt the role of the artist, reject a transcendent view of art.
- (A) appearing
 - (B) disdaining
 - (C) seeking
 - (D) failing
 - (E) tending
63. Estimating the risks of radiation escaping from a nuclear power plant is _____ question, but one whose answer then becomes part of a value-laden, emotionally charged policy debate about whether to construct such a plant.
- (A) an incomprehensible
 - (B) an undefined
 - (C) an irresponsible
 - (D) a divisive
 - (E) a technical

64. Because modern scientists find the ancient Greek view of the cosmos outdated and irrelevant, they now perceive it as only of **historical** interest.
- (A) historical
 - (B) intrinsic
 - (C) astronomical
 - (D) experimental
 - (E) superfluous
65. Religious philosopher that he was, Henry More derived his conception of an infinite universe from the Infinite God in whom he believed, a benevolent God of _____ whose nature was to create _____.
- (A) plenitude ..abundance
 - (B) vengeance .. justice
 - (C) indifference .. suffering
 - (D) indulgence .. temperance
 - (E) rectitude .. havoc
66. While some argue that imposing tolls on highway users circumvents the need to raise public taxes for road maintenance, the phenomenal expense of maintaining a vast network of roads _____ reliance on these general taxes.
- (A) avoids
 - (B) diminishes
 - (C) necessitates
 - (D) discourages
 - (E) ameliorates
67. Although they were not direct _____, the new arts of the Classical period were clearly created in the spirit of older Roman models and thus _____ many features of the older style.
- (A) impressions .. introduced
 - (B) translations .. accentuated
 - (C) copies .. maintained
 - (D) masterpieces .. depicted
 - (E) borrowings .. improvised

68. In spite of the increasing _____ of their opinions, the group knew they had to arrive at a consensus so that the award could be presented.
- (A) impartiality
 - (B) consistency
 - (C) judiciousness
 - (D) incisiveness
 - (E) polarity
69. By forcing our surrender to the authority of the clock systematic timekeeping has imposed a form of _____ on society.
- (A) anarchy
 - (B) permanence
 - (C) provincialism
 - (D) tyranny
 - (E) autonomy
70. Our high _____ vocabulary for street crime contrasts sharply with our _____ vocabulary for corporate crime, a fact that corresponds to the general public's unawareness of the extent of corporate crime.
- (A) nuanced ..subtle
 - (B) uninformative ..misleading
 - (C) euphemistic ..abstract
 - (D) differentiated ..limited
 - (E) technical ..jargon-laden
71. While scientists dismiss as fanciful the idea of sudden changes in a genetic code (spontaneous mutation), it is possible that nature, like some master musician, _____ on occasion, departing from the expected or predictable.
- (A) repeats
 - (B) improvises
 - (C) ornaments
 - (D) corrects
 - (E) harmonizes

72. Despite the _____ of time, space, and history, human societies the world over have confronted the same existential problems and have come to remarkably _____ solutions, differing only in superficial details.
- (A) continuity.. identical
 - (B) uniformity.. diverse
 - (C) actualities.. varied
 - (D) contingencies.. similar
 - (E) exigencies.. unique
73. Although he was known to be extremely _____ in his public behavior, scholars have discovered that his diaries were written with uncommon _____.
- (A) reserved.. frankness
 - (B) polite.. tenderness
 - (C) modest.. lucidity
 - (D) reticent.. vagueness
 - (E) withdrawn.. subtlety
74. With the _____ of scientific knowledge, work on the new edition of a textbook begins soon after completion of the original.
- (A) limitation
 - (B) culmination
 - (C) veneration
 - (D) certainty
 - (E) burgeoning
75. She is most frugal in matters of business, but in her private life she reveals a streak of _____.
- (A) antipathy
 - (B) misanthropy
 - (C) virtuosity
 - (D) equanimity
 - (E) prodigality

76. If the state government's latest budget problems were _____, it would not be useful to employ them as _____ examples in the effort to avoid the inevitable effects of shortsighted fiscal planning in the future.
- (A) typical.. representative
 - (B) exceptional.. aberrant
 - (C) anomalous.. illuminating
 - (D) predictable.. helpful
 - (E) solvable.. insignificant
77. Just as some writers have _____ the capacity of language to express meaning, Giacometti _____ the failure of art to convey reality.
- (A) scoffed at .. abjured
 - (B) demonstrated.. exemplified
 - (C) denied.. refuted
 - (D) proclaimed.. affirmed
 - (E) despaired of .. bewailed
78. In spite of the fact that it is convenient to divide the life span of animals into separate stages such as pre-natal, adolescent, and senescent, these periods are not really _____.
- (A) advanced
 - (B) variable
 - (C) repeatable
 - (D) connected
 - (E) distinct
79. Although the number of reported volcanic eruptions has risen exponentially since 1850, this indicates not _____ volcanic activity but rather more widespread and _____ record keeping.
- (A) abating..detailed
 - (B) increasing..systematic
 - (C) substantial..erratic
 - (D) stable..superficial
 - (E) consistent..meticulous

80. The challenge of interpreting fictional works written under politically repressive regimes lies in distinguishing what is _____ to an author's beliefs, as opposed to what is _____ by political coercion.
- (A) innate.. understood
 - (B) organic.. imposed
 - (C) contradictory.. conveyed
 - (D) oblique.. captured
 - (E) peripheral.. demanded
81. I am often impressed by my own _____ other people's idiocies: what is harder to _____ is that they, in their folly, are equally engaged in putting up with mine.
- (A) analysis of.. justify
 - (B) forbearance toward.. underestimate
 - (C) exasperation with .. credit
 - (D) involvement in .. allow
 - (E) tolerance of .. appreciate
82. Despite vigorous protestations, the grin on the teenager's face _____ her denial that she had known about the practical joke before it was played on her parents.
- (A) belied
 - (B) illustrated
 - (C) reinforced
 - (D) exacerbated
 - (E) trivialized
83. Far from undermining the impression of permanent decline, the _____ statue seemed emblematic of its _____ surroundings.
- (A) indecorous.. opulent
 - (B) grandiose.. ramshackle
 - (C) pretentious.. simple
 - (D) ungainly.. elegant
 - (E) tawdry.. blighted
84. Despite the fact that it is almost universally _____, the practice of indentured servitude still _____ in many parts of the world.
- (A) condemned... abates
 - (B) tolerated.. survives
 - (C) proscribed.. persists
 - (D) mandated.. lingers
 - (E) disdained.. intervenes

85. What these people were waiting for would not have been apparent to others and was perhaps not very _____ their own minds.
(A) obscure to
(B) intimate to
(C) illusory to
(D) difficult for
(E) definite in
86. The attempt to breed suitable varieties of jojoba by using hybridization to _____ favorable traits was finally abandoned in favor of a simpler and much faster _____: the domestication of flourishing wild strains.
(A) eliminate.. alternative
(B) reinforce.. method
(C) allow.. creation
(D) reduce.. idea
(E) concentrate.. theory
87. According to one political theorist, a regime that has as its goal absolute _____, without any _____ law or principle, has declared war on justice.
(A) respectability.. codification of
(B) supremacy .. suppression of
(C) autonomy .. accountability to
(D) fairness .. deviation from
(E) responsibility .. prioritization of
88. Despite its _____, the book deals _____ with a number of crucial issues.
(A) optimism .. cursorily
(B) importance .. needlessly
(C) virtues .. inadequately
(D) novelty .. strangely
(E) completeness .. thoroughly

89. Although frequent air travelers remain unconvinced, researchers have found that, paradoxically, the _____ disorientation inherent in jet lag also may yield some mental health _____.
(A) temporal.. benefits
(B) acquired.. hazards
(C) somatic .. disorders
(D) random .. deficiencies
(E) typical .. standards
90. Ironically, the proper use of figurative language must be based on the denotative meaning of the words, because it is the failure to recognize this _____ meaning that leads to mixed metaphors and their attendant incongruity.
(A) esoteric
(B) literal
(C) latent
(D) allusive
(E) symbolic
91. Although it seems _____ that there would be a greater risk of serious automobile accidents in densely populated areas, such accidents are more likely to occur in sparsely populated regions.
(A) paradoxical
(B) axiomatic
(C) anomalous
(D) irrelevant
(E) portentous
92. If the theory is self-evidently true, as its proponents assert, then why does _____ it still exist among well-informed people?
(A) support for
(B) excitement about
(C) regret for
(D) resignation about
(E) opposition to

93. Although the _____ of cases of measles has _____, researchers fear that eradication of the disease, once believed to be imminent, may not come soon.
- (A) occurrence.. continued
 - (B) incidence.. declined
 - (C) prediction.. resumed
 - (D) number.. increased
 - (E) study.. begun
94. Nothing _____ his irresponsibility better than his _____ delay in sending us the items he promised weeks ago.
- (A) justifies.. conspicuous
 - (B) characterizes.. timely
 - (C) epitomizes.. unnecessary
 - (D) reveals.. conscientious
 - (E) conceals.. inexplicable
95. The author did not see the _____ inherent in her scathing criticism of a writing style so similar to her own.
- (A) disinterest
 - (B) incongruity
 - (C) pessimism
 - (D) compliment
 - (E) symbolism
96. Whereas the Elizabethans struggled with the transition from medieval _____ experience to modern individualism, we confront an electronic technology that seems likely to reverse the trend, rendering individualism obsolete and interdependence mandatory.
- (A) literary
 - (B) intuitive
 - (C) corporate
 - (D) heroic
 - (E) spiritual

97. Our biological uniqueness requires that the effects of a substance must be verified by _____ experiments, even after thousands of tests of the effects of that substance on animals.
- (A) controlled
 - (B) random
 - (C) replicated
 - (D) human
 - (E) evolutionary
98. Today water is more _____ in landscape architecture than ever before, because technological advances have made it easy, in some instances even _____ to install water features in public places.
- (A) conspicuous.. prohibitive
 - (B) sporadic.. effortless
 - (C) indispensable.. intricate
 - (D) ubiquitous.. obligatory
 - (E) controversial.. unnecessary
99. While many Russian composers of the nineteenth century contributed to an emerging national style, other composers did not _____ idiomatic Russian musical elements, _____ instead the traditional musical vocabulary of Western European Romanticism.
- (A) utilize ..rejecting
 - (B) incorporate.. preferring
 - (C) exclude.. avoiding
 - (D) repudiate.. expanding
 - (E) esteem.. disdaining
100. Because the painter Albert Pinkham Ryder was obsessed with his _____ perfection, he was rarely _____ a painting, creating endless variations of a scene on one canvas, one on top of another.
- (A) quest for.. satisfied with
 - (B) insistence on .. displeased with
 - (C) contempt for.. disconcerted by
 - (D) alienation from.. immersed in
 - (E) need for.. concerned with

101. Objectively set standards can serve as a _____ for physicians, providing them _____ unjustified malpractice claims.
- (A) trial.. evidence of
 - (B) model.. experience with
 - (C) criterion.. reasons for
 - (D) test.. questions about
 - (E) safeguard.. protection from
102. In spite of _____ reviews in the press, the production of her play was _____ almost certain oblivion by enthusiastic audiences whose acumen was greater than that of the critics.
- (A) lukewarm.. condemned to
 - (B) scathing.. exposed to
 - (C) lackluster.. rescued from
 - (D) sensitive.. reduced to
 - (E) admiring.. insured against
103. The passions of love and pride are often found in the same individual, but having little in common, they mutually _____, not to say destroy, each other.
- (A) reinforce
 - (B) annihilate
 - (C) enhance
 - (D) weaken
 - (E) embrace
104. The necessity of establishing discrete categories for observations frequently leads to attempts to make absolute _____ when there are in reality only _____.
- (A) analyses.. hypotheses
 - (B) correlations.. digressions
 - (C) distinctions.. gradations
 - (D) complications.. ambiguities
 - (E) conjectures.. approximations

105. A unique clay disk found at the Minoan site of Phaistos is often _____ as the earliest example of printing by scholars who have defended its claim to this status despite equivalent claims put forward for other printing artifacts.
- (A) questioned
 - (B) overlooked
 - (C) adduced
 - (D) conceded
 - (E) dismissed
106. Punishment for violating moral rules is much more common than reward for following them; thus, _____ the rules goes almost _____ in society.
- (A) association with .. undefended
 - (B) adherence to .. unnoticed
 - (C) affiliation of .. uncorrected
 - (D) opposition to .. unchecked
 - (E) ignorance of .. unresolved
107. Compassion is a great respecter of justice: we pity those who suffer _____.
- (A) shamelessly
 - (B) unwittingly
 - (C) vicariously
 - (D) intensively
 - (E) undeservedly
108. No work illustrated his disdain for a systematic approach to research better than his dissertation, which was rejected primarily because his bibliography constituted, at best, _____ survey of the major texts in his field.
- (A) an unimaginative
 - (B) an orthodox
 - (C) a meticulous
 - (D) a comprehensive
 - (E) a haphazard
109. In contrast to the _____ with which the acquisition of language by young children was once regarded, the process by which such learning occurs has now become the object of _____.
- (A) intensity .. fascination
 - (B) incuriosity .. scrutiny
 - (C) anxiety .. criticism
 - (D) reverence .. admiration
 - (E) impatience .. training

110. The senator's remark that she is ambivalent about running for a second term is _____ given the extremely _____ fund-raising activities of her campaign committee.
- (A) disingenuous .. reluctant
 - (B) futile .. clandestine
 - (C) sincere .. visible
 - (D) persuasive .. apathetic
 - (E) straightforward .. energetic
111. Until quite recently research on diabetes had, as a kind of holding action, attempted to refine the _____ of the disease, primarily because no preventive strategy seemed at all likely to be _____.
- (A) definition .. necessary
 - (B) anticipation .. acceptable
 - (C) understanding .. costly
 - (D) treatment .. practicable
 - (E) symptoms .. feasible
112. Most plant species exhibit _____ in their geographical distribution: often, a given species is found over a large geographical area, but individual populations within that range are widely _____.
- (A) discontinuity .. separated
 - (B) density .. dispersed
 - (C) symmetry .. observed
 - (D) uniformity .. scattered
 - (E) concentration .. adaptable
113. There is hardly a generalization that can be made about people's social behavior and the values informing it that cannot be _____ from one or another point of view, or even _____ as simplistic or vapid.
- (A) accepted...praised
 - (B) intuited...exposed
 - (C) harangued...retracted
 - (D) defended...glorified
 - (E) challenged...dismissed

114. Although any destruction of vitamins caused by food irradiation could be _____ the use of diet supplements, there may be no protection from carcinogens that some fear might be introduced into foods by the process.
- (A) counterbalanced by
 - (B) attributed to
 - (C) inferred from
 - (D) augmented with
 - (E) stimulated by
115. Though he refused any responsibility for the failure of the negotiations, Stevenson had no right to _____ himself: it was his _____ that had caused the debacle.
- (A) blame... skill
 - (B) congratulate...modesty
 - (C) berate...largesse
 - (D) accuse...obstinacy
 - (E) absolve...acrimony
116. The prevailing union of passionate interest in detailed facts with equal devotion to abstract _____ is a hallmark of our present society; in the past this union appeared, at best, _____ and as if by chance.
- (A) data...extensively
 - (B) philosophy...cyclically
 - (C) generalization...sporadically
 - (D) evaluation...opportunistically
 - (E) intuition...selectively
117. A century ago the physician's word was _____ to doubt it was considered almost sacrilegious
- (A) inevitable
 - (B) intractable
 - (C) incontrovertible
 - (D) objective
 - (E) respectable

118. So much of modern fiction in the United States is autobiographical, and so much of the auto-biography fictionalized, that the _____ sometimes seem largely _____.
(A) authors...ignored
(B) needs...unrecognized
(C) genres...interchangeable
(D) intentions...misunderstood
(E) misapprehensions...uncorrected
119. Robin's words were not without emotion: they retained their level tone only by a careful _____ imminent extremes.
(A) equipoise between
(B) embrace of
(C) oscillation between
(D) limitation to
(E) subjection to
120. That she seemed to prefer _____ to concentrated effort is undeniable; nevertheless, the impressive quality of her finished paintings suggests that her actual relationship to her art was anything but _____.
(A) preparation...passionate
(B) artfulness...disengaged
(C) dabbling...superficial
(D) caprice...considered
(E) indecision...lighthearted
121. Because of the excellent preservation of the fossil, anatomical details of early horseshoe crabs were _____ for the first time, enabling experts to _____ the evolution of the horseshoe crab.
(A) scrutinized...ensure
(B) verified...advance
(C) identified...distort
(D) obscured...illustrate
(E) clarified...reassess

122. The philosopher claimed that a person who must consciously _____ his or her own indifference before helping another is behaving more nobly than one whose basic disposition allows such an act to be performed without _____.
- (A) feign...enthusiasm
 - (B) censure...comment
 - (C) embrace...duplicity
 - (D) suffer...effort
 - (E) overcome...deliberation
123. The senator's attempt to convince the public that he is not interested in running for a second term is _____ given the extremely _____ fund-raising activities of his campaign committee.
- (A) futile...clandestine
 - (B) sincere...visible
 - (C) specious...apathetic
 - (D) disingenuous...public
 - (E) straightforward...dubious
124. Although a change in management may appear to _____ a shift in a company's fortunes, more often than not its impact is _____.
- (A) hinder...measurable
 - (B) promote...demonstrable
 - (C) accelerate...profound
 - (D) betray...fundamental
 - (E) augur...inconsiderable
125. The skeleton of _____ bird that was recently discovered indicated that this ancient creature _____ today's birds in that, unlike earlier birds and unlike reptilian ancestors, it had not a tooth in its head.
- (A) a primeval...obscured
 - (B) a unique...preempted
 - (C) a primitive...anticipated
 - (D) a contemporary...foreshadowed
 - (E) an advanced...differed from

126. While many people utilize homeopathic remedies to treat health problems, other people do not _____ such alternative treatments, _____ conventional medical treatments instead.
- (A) distrust...employing
 - (B) embrace...eschewing
 - (C) reject...envisioning
 - (D) countenance...relying on
 - (E) recommend...turning from
127. As businesses become aware that their advertising must _____ the everyday concerns of consumers, their commercials will be characterized by a greater degree of _____.
- (A) allay...pessimism
 - (B) address...realism
 - (C) evade....verisimilitude
 - (D) engage...fancy
 - (E) change...sincerity
128. Because the lawyer's methods were found to be _____, the disciplinary committee _____ his privileges.
- (A) unimpeachable...suspended
 - (B) ingenious...withdrew
 - (C) questionable...expanded
 - (D) unscrupulous...revoked
 - (E) reprehensible...augmented
129. People of intelligence and achievement can nonetheless be so _____ and lacking in _____ that they gamble their reputations by breaking the law to further their own ends.
- (A) devious...propensity
 - (B) culpable...prosperity
 - (C) obsequious...deference
 - (D) truculent...independence
 - (E) greedy...integrity

130. A number of scientists have published articles _____ global warming, stating _____ that there is no solid scientific evidence to support the theory that the Earth is warming because of increases in greenhouse gases.

- (A) debunking...categorically
- (B) rejecting...paradoxically
- (C) deploring...optimistically
- (D) dismissing...hesitantly
- (E) proving...candidly

131. The senator's attempt to convince the public that she is not interested in running for a second term is as _____ as her opponent's attempt to disguise his intention to run against her.

- (A) biased
- (B) unsuccessful
- (C) inadvertent
- (D) indecisive
- (E) remote

132. MacCrory's conversation was _____: she could never tell a story, chiefly because she always forgot it, and she was never guilty of a witticism, unless by accident.

- (A) scintillating
- (B) unambiguous
- (C) perspicuous
- (D) stultifying
- (E) facetious

133. Despite its many _____, the whole-language philosophy of teaching reading continues to gain _____ among educators.

- (A) detractors...notoriety
- (B) adherents...prevalence
- (C) critics...currency
- (D) enthusiasts...popularity
- (E) practitioners...credibility

134. That she was _____ rock climbing did not diminish her _____ to join her friends on a rock-climbing expedition.
- (A) attracted to ... eagerness
 - (B) timid about ... reluctance
 - (C) fearful of ... determination
 - (D) curious about ... aspiration
 - (E) knowledgeable about ... hope
135. Data concerning the effects on a small population of high concentrations of a potentially hazardous chemical are frequently used to _____ the effects on a large population of lower amounts of the same chemical.
- (A) verify
 - (B) redress
 - (C) predict
 - (D) realize
 - (E) augment
136. Conceptually, it is hard to reconcile a defense attorney's _____ to ensure that false testimony is not knowingly put forward with the attorney's mandate to mount the most _____ defense conceivable for the client.
- (A) efforts ... cautious
 - (B) duty ... powerful
 - (C) inability ... eloquent
 - (D) failure ... diversified
 - (E) promises ... informed
137. The term "modern" has always been used broadly by historians, and recent reports indicate that its meaning has become more _____ than ever.
- (A) precise
 - (B) pejorative
 - (C) revisionist
 - (D) acceptable
 - (E) amorphous
138. He would _____ no argument, and to this end he enjoined us to _____.
- (A) brook ... silence
 - (B) acknowledge ... neglect
 - (C) broach ... abstinence
 - (D) fathom ... secrecy
 - (E) tolerate ... defiance

139. Originally, most intellectual criticism of mass culture was _____ in character, being based on the assumption that the wider the appeal, the more _____ the product.
- (A) unpredictable ... undesirable
 - (B) ironic ... popular
 - (C) extreme ... outlandish
 - (D) frivolous ... superfluous
 - (E) negative ... shoddy
140. Surprisingly, given the dearth of rain that fell on the corn crop, the yield of the harvest was _____; consequently, the corn reserves of the country have not been _____.
- (A) inadequate ... replenished
 - (B) encouraging ... depleted
 - (C) compromised ... salvaged
 - (D) abundant ... extended
 - (E) disappointing ... harmed