

## Section 41

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 cause, 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(ii)
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. commending
  
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

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 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. 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 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. 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 difficulty of reforming electoral politics is not lack of the right tools but the need to put them into the hands of impartial agents: the goal should be to build capacity while \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. expediting
  - B. constraining
  - C. facilitating
  - D. deterring
  - E. exacerbating
  - F. lamenting
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
  - C. indifferent
  - D. ubiquitous
  - E. deprecatory

1. The title of her final and unfinished film, *Escape*, was \_\_\_\_\_: indeed while shooting it, she was preoccupied with thoughts of desertion.

- A. quixotic
- B. apt
- C. misleading
- D. inconsequential
- E. uncharacteristic

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

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

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

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

4. Britain's deteriorating economy after 1945 was (i)\_\_\_\_\_ by politicians who favored the manufacturing sector over the service sector: rather than attempting to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the decline of manufacturing, they should have promoted service industries.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. mishandled	D. augment
B. bolstered	E. arrest
C. forestalled	F. escalate

5. The mood of the times is no longer one of (i)\_\_\_\_\_ over our scientific achievements. Doubts and worries beset technical and scientific specialists, as well as the public at large. I do not consider such worries (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, though they are often based on intuitive feeling rather than on strictly logical arguments.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. widening skepticism	D. unfounded
B. uncritical joy	E. sacrosanct
C. false humility	F. foreordained

6. Within the culture as a whole, the natural sciences have been so successful that the word

“scientific” is often used in (i)\_\_\_\_\_ manner: it is often assumed that to call something “scientific” is to imply that its reliability has been (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ by methods whose results cannot reasonably be (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

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

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. The ambassaclou’s critical remarks seemed to be less a product of \_\_\_\_\_ and more the careless utterances of a fatigued or undisciplined individual.

- A. intensity
- B. optimism
- C. purposefulness
- D. design
- E. confidence
- F. caution

9. The cat known to researchers as M-120---beefy, audacious, and apparently smart enough to spot a free lunch---is perhaps the world’s least\_\_\_\_\_ lynx: the scientists catch him several times a year.

- A. intelligent
- B. evasive
- C. fearless
- D. furtive
- E. elusive
- F. intrepid

10. The preliminary analysis being, on the whole, reassuring, its confirmation would \_\_\_\_\_ concerns about the dangers of project.

- A. explain
- B. deflate
- C. rationalize
- D. soothe
- E. reflect
- F. hide

## Section 44

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

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

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

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

3. Despite dispute between the sisters lasted all summer, Megan remained (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and Lauren was equally (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

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

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

6. Firebaugh and Beck contend that economic development improves the overall well-being of people within developing countries. However, other scholars emphasize the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of this

view, empirically demonstrating that while economic development does in fact contribute to the well-being of the population of developing countries, the magnitude of development's positive effects on well-being has (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. In other words, these scholars suggest that (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ economic development and human well-being is taking place in developing countries.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Section 45

1. He was so \_\_\_\_\_ during the filming of the movie that crew members nicknamed his "The



Angriest Man in the Word”

- A. loquacious
- B. irascible
- C. perfidious
- D. sanguine
- E. voracious

2. 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

3. The benefits offered by information technology do not (i)\_\_\_\_\_the need for individual reasoning; for example, Internet users should not allow the reasoning process to be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the mere accumulation of raw data.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. disguise	D. preceded by
B. signal	E. supplemented with
C. diminish	F. supplanted by

4. Not only is the field of behavioral genetics strewn with (i)\_\_\_\_\_ finding, but even among those findings managed to survive, many have turned out to be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ a very restricted class of cases.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. convergent	D. refuted by
B. disparate	E. germane to
C. repudiated	F. subordinate to

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

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

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

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

7. In the northeastern United States, beaver populations had been critically reduce or even\_\_\_\_\_ in large areas at the end of nineteenth century; as a result, several states instituted prohibitions on beaver trapping.

- A. diminished
- B. extirpated
- C. eliminated
- D. devalued
- E. weakened
- F. underrated

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of ophthalmology as a field in the United States from 1820 to 1850 is evident in the opening of at least five eye hospitals during this period, offering new venues for ophthalmic treatment and experimentation.

- A. sophistication
- B. retrenchment
- C. burgeoning
- D. resurgence
- E. curtailment
- F. expansion

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. The media have constantly disparaged the governor's competence and have found a public only too eager to applaud their\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. assiduousness
- B. stupefaction
- C. mockery
- D. incredulity
- E. certitude
- F. derision

## Section 46

1. The modest but functional new wing finally gives the museum the \_\_\_\_\_ to serve its visitors properly, including multiple entrances to eliminate the lines that used to snake around the

building.

- A. visibility
- B. wherewithal
- C. reputation
- D. solemnity
- E. panache

2. Collecting such fragment of contemporary popular culture as postcards, newspaper clippings, and wallpaper patterns, Susan Hiller transforms these seemingly (i)\_\_\_\_\_ artifacts into objectic (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ by making them the centerpieces in her compositions.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. extravagant	D. importance
B. trivial	E. uniformity
C. archaic	F. banality

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

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

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

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

6. Publishers, publicists, and broadcasters love anniversaries, those occasions when historical events become (i)\_\_\_\_\_ in (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ culture of celebration. On such occasions patriotic sentiment and national pride wrapped in the panoply of history to manufacture a mythical past that is serviceable for public (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. elusive moments	D. an authentic	G. consumption
B. marketable artifacts	E. a commercial	H. scrutiny
C. raging controversies	F. an elitist	I. censure

7. The difficulty of reforming electoral politics is not lack of the right tools but the need to put them into the hands of impartial agents: the goal should be to build capacity while \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. expediting
- B. constraining
- C. facilitating
- D. deterring
- E. exacerbating
- F. lamenting

8. Readers have long considered *Lawd Today!*, Richard Wright's first written and last published novel, \_\_\_\_\_; the novel simply seems inconsistent with the image of what a Wright text should do or be.

- A. an artifact
- B. a prototype
- C. an anomaly
- D. a mainstay
- E. an aberration
- F. a model

9. 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

10. 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

## Section 47

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 mold in a warehouse.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. failure	D. pretentious regarding
B. plan	E. sympathy toward
C. willingness	F. indifference 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
A. restrain	D. incursions of	G. corrupt
B. reveal	E. restrictions on	H. justification
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 48

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

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

2. In his youth, the naturalist and artist John James Audubon was given to\_\_\_\_\_ glamorous tales about himself: he falsely claimed to have studied under a renowned French painter and hinted that he was the heir apparent to the French throne.

- A. disavowing
- B. understanding
- C. constraining
- D. obfuscating
- E. concocting

3. 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. preservation	E. recapitulation
C. regulation	F. accretion

5. In medieval Europe, watermills were more(i)\_\_\_\_\_ than windmills. It is true that windmills could be built virtually anywhere, whereas watermills(ii)\_\_\_\_\_. However, watermills' greater 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

#### **section49**

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. naivete
- 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. naiveté

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 of its region 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, 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. concede
- C. acknowledge
- D. doubted
- E. pondered
- F. questioned

## Section 50

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)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 effect 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 philosophy in the period 1600-1750.

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. Common sense tells us some people are more (i)\_\_\_\_\_ than others. The claim that these differences are (ii)\_\_\_\_\_, or that deep down, everybody acts only to further their own interests, (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ our everyday observations and deep-seated human practices of moral evaluation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. altruistic	D. growing	G. mimics
B. adaptable	E. illusory	H. explains
C. disciplined	F. relevant	I. contradicts

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. controverting	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