

研究生院入学指导

新 GRE

填空教程

编写说明

自2011年8月考试改革以后，GRE填空发生了很大变化。每个Verbal Section 填空题目的数量由7道增加到10道，其中新增加了3个空格的篇章填空（Text Completion）和6个选项选择两个正确答案的句子等价题（Sentence Equivalence，ETS官方将之当作填空题目之外的新题型）。改革之后的GRE填空在整个考试中的重要性有所提高。3个空格的篇章填空在阅读能力上对考生提高了要求，句子等价题则在词汇方面的要求有所提高。即使两空的篇章填空，题干长度和复杂程度与改革前变化不大，由于选项变成独立选择，解题方法也发生一些变化。本教程力图反映新GRE考试的这些新变化。

但GRE填空的核心考点并没有变化，它所重点考察的仍然是复杂句子的阅读能力，基于句义和句式的思维推理能力以及高级学术词汇的识别理解能力。

本教程分成强化篇和精讲冲刺篇两个部分。

作为强化阶段的教学内容，强化篇精选有代表性的经典GRE填空题目，结合新GRE题型对部分题目做了改编，但尽可能保持原题面貌。考生可结合新GRE官方指南的阐释和例题，重点利用强化篇集中训练解题方法，了解ETS的出题思路，掌握解题技巧。需要注意的是，强化篇采取的主要是分类集中编辑的方式，每个练习在各种题型的比例与数量方面与新GRE考试区别较大。

作为精讲精练 / 冲刺阶段的核心教学内容，精讲冲刺篇的题目通常比强化篇略难，选入了更多官方指南之外的最新篇目，后段部分练习在题型比例与数量方面都更贴近新GRE考试。建议考生进行计时训练，每个练习的做题时间控制在10—12分钟。每个训练单位计时做4—5个练习，然后细致分析题干句式结构、理解句义，总结题目对错的原因，体会考点和出题规律。如果有机会参加精讲精练/冲刺阶段的课堂学习，结合老师的详细讲解，则训练效果更佳。

挑战GRE的过程就是挑战自己的过程，挑战的是我们自己的决心、勇气、恒心与智慧。GRE考试也是帮助我们发现自我、定位自我、成就自我的好助手。愿GRE考试能帮助你发现一个自信的、智慧的、快乐的自我。如果本教程能尽微薄之力，则编者甚慰。

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强化篇

Exercise 1

1. At first, I found her gravity rather intimidating; but, as I saw more of her, I found that ____ was very near the surface.
(A) seriousness
(B) confidence
(C) laughter
(D) poise
(E) determination
2. The newborn human infant is not a passive figure, nor an active one, but what might be called an actively ____ one, eagerly attentive as it is to sights and sounds.
(A) adaptive
(B) selective
(C) inquisitive
(D) receptive
(E) intuitive
3. The breathing spell provided by the ____ arms shipments should give all the combatants a chance to reevaluate their positions.
(A) plethora of
(B) moratorium on
(C) reciprocation of
(D) speculation about
(E) rumination on
4. The proponents of recombinant DNA research have decided to ____ federal regulation of their work; they hope that by making this compromise they can forestall proposed state and local controls that might be even stiffer.
(A) protest
(B) institute
(C) deny
(D) encourage
(E) disregard

5. Even those who disagreed with Carmen's views rarely faulted her for expressing them, for the positions she took were as _____ as they were controversial.

- (A) complicated
- (B) political
- (C) subjective
- (D) commonplace
- (E) thoughtful

6. Until the current warming trend exceeds the range of normal climatic fluctuations, there will be, among scientists, considerable _____ the possibility that increasing levels of atmospheric CO₂ can cause long-term warming effects.

- (A) interest in
- (B) uncertainty about
- (C) enthusiasm for
- (D) worry about
- (E) experimentation on

7. Current data suggest that, although _____ states between fear and aggression exist, fear and aggression are as distinct physiologically as they are psychologically.

- (A) simultaneous
- (B) serious
- (C) exceptional
- (D) partial
- (E) transitional

8. Though feminist in its implications, Yvonne Rainer's 1974 film _____ the filmmaker's active involvement in feminist politics.

- (A) preserved
- (B) portrayed
- (C) encouraged
- (D) renewed
- (E) antedated

9. Their _____ of loyalties is first to oneself, next to kin, then to fellow tribe members, and finally to compatriots.

- (A) merging
- (B) hierarchy
- (C) definition
- (D) judgment
- (E) cognizance

10. The eradication of pollution is not merely a matter of ____, though the majestic beauty of nature is indeed an important consideration.

- (A) economics
- (B) legislation
- (C) cleanliness
- (D) aesthetics
- (E) restoration

Exercise 2

1. The corporation expects only ____ increases in sales next year despite a yearlong effort to retrieve its retailing business.
(A) unquestionable
(B) sequential
(C) modest
(D) exaggerated
(E) groundless
2. Thomas Paine, whose political writing was often flamboyant, was in private life a surprisingly ____ man: he lived in rented rooms, ate little, and wore drab clothes.
(A) sober
(B) controversial
(C) sordid
(D) comfortable
(E) discourteous
3. Exposure to low-intensity gamma radiation slows the rate of growth of the spoilage microorganisms in food in much the same way that the low heat used in pasteurization ____ the spoilage action of the microorganisms in milk.
(A) precludes
(B) initiates
(C) inhibits
(D) isolates
(E) purifies
4. Roman historians who study the period 30 B.C. to A.D. 180 can ____ the "Augustan peace" only by failing to recognize that this peace in many respects resembled that of death.
(A) decry
(B) applaud
(C) ridicule
(D) demand
(E) disprove

5. Under ethical guideline recently adopted by the National Institutes of Health, human genes are to be manipulated only to correct disease for which ____ treatments are unsatisfactory.

- (A) similar
- (B) most
- (C) dangerous
- (D) uncommon
- (E) alternative

6. In contrast to the substantial muscular activity required for inhalation, exhalation is usually a ____ process.

- (A) locomotive
- (B) passive
- (C) precise
- (D) hysteric
- (E) conscious

7. The labor union and the company's management, despite their long history of unfailingly acerbic disagreement on nearly every issue, have nevertheless reached an unexpectedly ____, albeit still tentative, agreement on next year's contract.

- (A) swift
- (B) onerous
- (C) hesitant
- (D) reluctant
- (E) conclusive

8. Word order in a sentence was much freer in old French than it is in French today, this ____ disappeared as the French language gradually lost its case distinctions.

- (A) restriction
- (B) license
- (C) similarity
- (D) rigidity
- (E) imperative

9. She writes across generational lines, making the past so ____ that our belief that the present is the true locus of experience is undermined

- (A) runic
- (B) distant
- (C) vivid
- (D) mysterious
- (E) mundane

10. 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) dodge
- (B) defy
- (C) replicate
- (D) inform
- (E) stymie

Exercise 3

1. A recent survey shows that, while ninety-four percent of companies conducting management-training programs open them to women, women are ____ only seventy-four percent of those programs.

- (A) protesting against
- (B) participating in
- (C) displeased by
- (D) allowed in
- (E) scorned by

2. There is some ____ the fact that the author of a book as sensitive and informed as Indian Artisans did not develop her interest in Native American art until adulthood, for she grew up in a region rich in American Indian culture.

- (A) irony in
- (B) satisfaction in
- (C) doubt about
- (D) concern about
- (E) presumptuousness in

3. As long as nations cannot themselves accumulate enough physical power to dominate all others, they must depend on ____.

- (A) allies
- (B) resources
- (C) latitude
- (D) education
- (E) self-determination

4. It has been argued that politics as ____, whatever its transcendental claims, has always been the systematic organization of common hatreds.

- (A) a theory
- (B) an ideal
- (C) a practice
- (D) a contest
- (E) an vendetta

5. For centuries, animals have been used as_____ for people in experiments to assess the effects of therapeutic and other agents that might later be used in humans.

- (A) benefactors
- (B) companions
- (C) examples
- (D) precedents
- (E) surrogates

6. The struggle of the generations is one of the obvious constants of human affairs; therefore, it may be presumptuous to suggest that the rivalry between young and old in Western society during the current decade is _____critical.

- (A) perennially
- (B) disturbingly
- (C) uniquely
- (D) archetypically
- (E) captiously

7. Comparatively few rock musicians are willing to laugh at themselves, although a hint of_____can boost sales of video clips very nicely.

- (A) self-deprecation
- (B) congeniality
- (C) cynicism
- (D) embarrassment
- (E) self-doubt

8. Rumors, embroidered with detail, live on for years, neither denied nor confirmed, until they become accepted as fact even among people not known for their_____.

- (A) insight
- (B) obstinacy
- (C) introspection
- (D) tolerance
- (E) credulity

9. The constitutional guarantee for free speech may have been aimed at protecting native Speakers of English from censorship, but it is not a great ____ to interpret it as protecting the right to express oneself in any natural language or dialect.

- (A) enigma
- (B) extension
- (C) sacrifice
- (D) condemnation
- (E) attenuation

10. The Neoplatonists' conception of a deity, in which perfection was measured by abundant fecundity, was contradicted by that of the Aristotelians, in which perfection was displayed in the ____ of creation.

- (A) profusion
- (B) precision
- (C) variety
- (D) clarity
- (E) economy

Exercise 4

1. The Muses are ____ deities: they avenge themselves without mercy on those who weary of their charms.
(A) rueful
(B) ingenuous
(C) solicitous
(D) vindictive
(E) dispassionate

2. Sponsors of the bill were ____ because there was no opposition to it within the legislature until after the measure had been signed into law.
(A) unreliable
(B) well-intentioned
(C) persistent
(D) relieved
(E) detained

3. Just as such apparently basic things as rocks, clouds, and clams are, in fact, intricately structured entities, so the self, too, is not an "elementary particle," but is ____ construction.
(A) a complicated
(B) a convoluted
(C) a distorted
(D) an amorphous
(E) an illusory

4. We realized that John was still young and impressionable, but were nevertheless surprised at his ____.
(A) naivete
(B) obstinacy
(C) decisiveness
(D) ingeniousness
(E) resolve

5. A common argument claims that in folk art, the artist's subordination of technical mastery to intense feeling ____ the direct communication of emotion to the viewer.
(A) facilitates
(B) averts
(C) neutralizes
(D) implies
(E) represses

6. Unfortunately, his damaging attacks on the ramifications of the economic policy have been ____ by his wholehearted acceptance of that policy's underlying assumptions.

- (A) supplemented
- (B) undermined
- (C) wasted
- (D) diverted
- (E) redeemed

7. The powers and satisfactions of primeval people, though few and meager, were ____ their few and simple desires.

- (A) simultaneous with
- (B) commensurate with
- (C) substantiated by
- (D) circumscribed by
- (E) ruined by

8. Queen Elizabeth I has quite correctly been called a ____ of the arts, because many young artists received her patronage.

- (A) connoisseur
- (B) critic
- (C) friend
- (D) scourge
- (E) judge

9. Remelting old metal cans rather than making primary aluminum from bauxite ore shipped from overseas saves producers millions of dollars in ____ and production costs.

- (A) distribution
- (B) salvage
- (C) storage
- (D) procurement
- (E) research

10. Cezanne's delicate watercolor sketches often served as ____ of a subject, a way of gathering fuller knowledge before the artist's final engagement of the subject in an oil painting.

- (A) an abstraction
- (B) an enhancement
- (C) a synthesis
- (D) a reconnaissance
- (E) a transcription

Exercise 5

1. In an age without radio or recordings, an age ____ by print, fiction gained its greatest ascendancy.
(A) decimated
(B) denigrated
(C) dominated
(D) punctuated
(E) resurrected
2. According to the newspaper critic, the performances at the talent contest last night ____ from acceptable to excellent.
(A) varied
(B) receded
(C) swept
(D) averaged
(E) declined
3. In some cultures, the essence of magic is its traditional integrity; it can be efficient only if it has been ____ without loss from primeval times to the present practitioner.
(A) conventionalized
(B) transgressed
(C) transmitted
(D) manipulated
(E) aggrandized
4. 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
5. Many more eighteenth-century novels were written by women than by men, but this dominance has, until very recently, been regarded merely as ____ fact, a bit of arcane knowledge noted only by bibliographers.
(A) a controversial
(B) a statistical
(C) an analytical
(D) an explicit
(E) an unimpeachable

6. Despite a string of dismal earnings reports, the two-year-old strategy to return the company to profitability is beginning to ____.

- (A) falter
- (B) palter
- (C) shelter
- (D) work
- (E) circulate

7. Species with relatively ____ metabolic rates, including hibernator, generally live longer than those whose metabolic rates are more rapid.

- (A) prolific
- (B) sedentary
- (C) sluggish
- (D) measured
- (E) restive

8. Some biologists argue that each specifically human trait must have arisen gradually and erratically, and that it is therefore difficult to isolate definite ____ in the evolution of species.

- (A) fluctuations
- (B) generations
- (C) predispositions
- (D) milestones
- (E) manifestations

9. An analysis of the ideas in the novel compels an analysis of the form of the work, particularly when form and content are as ____ as they are in *The House of the Seven Gables*.

- (A) symptomatic
- (B) delineated
- (C) integrated
- (D) conspicuous
- (E) distinctive

10. Superficial differences between the special problems and techniques of the physical sciences and those of the biological sciences are sometimes cited as evidence for the ____ of biology and for the claim that the methods of physics are therefore not adequate to biological inquiry.

- (A) autonomy
- (B) vitalism
- (C) purposiveness
- (D) obsolescence
- (E) irrelevance

Exercise 6

1. Although there are weeks of negotiations ahead, and perhaps setbacks and new surprises, leaders of both parties are ____ that their differences can be resolved.

- (A) optimistic
- (B) perplexed
- (C) apprehensive
- (D) incredulous
- (E) uncertain

2. To compensate for the substantial decline in the availability of fossil fuels in future years, we will have to provide at least ____ alternative energy source.

- (A) an anticipated
- (B) an official
- (C) an equivalent
- (D) a derivative
- (E) a redundant

3. Even though many persons in the audience jeered the star throughout the play, she ____ curtain calls.

- (A) refused all
- (B) adored some
- (C) delayed several
- (D) appeared for
- (E) balked at

4. Suspicious of too powerful a President, Americans nonetheless are ____ when a President does not act decisively.

- (A) univocal
- (B) impassioned
- (C) content
- (D) uneasy
- (E) headstrong

5. 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

6. 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

7. Winsor McCay, the cartoonist, could draw with incredible ____: his comic strip about Little Nemo was characterized by marvelous draftsmanship and sequencing.

- (A) sincerity
- (B) efficiency
- (C) virtuosity
- (D) rapidity
- (E) sap

8. 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

9. This project is the first step in a long-range plan of research whose ____ goal, still many years off, is the creation of a new prototype.

- (A) cooperative
- (B) reasoned
- (C) original
- (D) ultimate
- (E) intentional

10. Without seeming unworldly, William James appeared wholly removed from the ____ of society, the conventionality of academe.

- (A) ethos
- (B) idealism
- (C) allopathy
- (D) hemotherapy
- (E) commonplaces

Exercise 7

1. If those large publishers that respond solely to popular literary trends continue to dominate the publishing market, the initial publication of new writers will depend on the writers' willingness to ____ popular tastes.

- (A) struggle against
- (B) cater to
- (C) assimilate
- (D) flout
- (E) elude

2. Copyright and patent laws attempt to encourage innovation by ensuring that inventors are paid for creative work, so it would be ____ if expanded protection under these laws discouraged entrepreneurial innovation by increasing fears of lawsuits.

- (A) desirable
- (B) coincidental
- (C) ironic
- (D) natural
- (E) sensible

3. Often the difficulties of growing up in the public eye cause child prodigies to ____ the world of achievement before reaching adulthood: happily, they sometimes later return to competition and succeed brilliantly.

- (A) ridicule
- (B) conquer
- (C) retire from
- (D) antagonize
- (E) scrutinize

4. He was widely regarded as a ____ man because he revealed daily his distrust of human nature and human motives.

- (A) disrespectful
- (B) cynical
- (C) confused
- (D) misinformed
- (E) fanatical

5. Lizzie was a brave woman who could dare to incur a great danger for an adequate ____.
- (A) risk
 - (B) combat
 - (C) object
 - (D) event
 - (E) encounter
6. The new biological psychiatry does not deny the contributing role of psychological factors in mental illnesses, but posits that these factors may act as a catalyst on existing physiological conditions and ____ such illnesses.
- (A) disguise
 - (B) impede
 - (C) constrain
 - (D) precipitate
 - (E) consummate
7. James had idolized the professor so much for so long that even after lunching with her several times, he remained quite ____ in her presence and as a result, he could not really be himself.
- (A) pleased
 - (B) disregarded
 - (C) heartened
 - (D) meditative
 - (E) inhibited
8. Scholars' sense of the uniqueness of the central concept of "the state" at the time when political science became an academic field quite naturally led to striving for a correspondingly ____ mode of study.
- (A) thorough
 - (B) distinctive
 - (C) dependable
 - (D) scientific
 - (E) mundane
9. Linguists have now confirmed what experienced users of ASL - American Sign Language - have always implicitly known: ASL is a grammatically ____ language in that it is capable of expressing every possible syntactic relation.
- (A) tarnished
 - (B) economical
 - (C) complete
 - (D) shifting
 - (E) abysmal

10. 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) enclosure
- (D) conservation
- (E) surveying

Exercise 8

1. Because its average annual rainfall is only four inches, one of the major tasks faced by the country has been to find ____ sources of water.
(A) discontinuous
(B) natural
(C) supplementary
(D) pervasive
(E) incipient
2. Given her 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) sound
(C) authentic
(D) futile
(E) sincere
3. 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
4. The disjunction between educational objectives that stress independence and individuality and those that emphasize obedience to rules and cooperation with others reflects a ____ that arises from the values on which these objectives are based.
(A) conflict
(B) redundancy
(C) gain
(D) predictability
(E) wisdom
5. 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

6. The brittle fronds of the Boston fern break easily and become brown, so that the overall appearance of the plant is ____ unless the broken fronds are cut off.

- (A) garnished
- (B) garish
- (C) disparaged
- (D) blunted
- (E) ruined

7. The essence of belief is the establishment of ____; different beliefs are distinguishable by the different modes of action to which they give rise.

- (A) affection
- (B) practice
- (C) creed
- (D) commitments
- (E) allegiances

8. There is no necessary intrinsic connection between a word and the thing it refers to, the relationship is purely ____.

- (A) conventional
- (B) consistent
- (C) strategic
- (D) illustrative
- (E) problematical

9. 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) intriguing
- (D) flexible
- (E) constant

10. 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

Exercise 9

1. There are no solitary, free-living creatures; every form of life is ____ other forms.

- (A) segregated from
- (B) parallel to
- (C) dependent on
- (D) overshadowed by
- (E) mimicked by

2. Heavily perfumed white flowers, such as gardenias, were favorites with collectors in the eighteenth century, when ____ was valued much more highly than it is today.

- (A) scent
- (B) fragrance
- (C) beauty
- (D) elegance
- (E) color
- (F) variety

3. The spellings of many old English words have been ____ in the living language, although their pronunciations have changed.

- (A) preserved
- (B) shortened
- (C) maintained
- (D) preempted
- (E) revised
- (F) emended

4. The sheer bulk of data from the mass media seems to overpower us and drive us to ____ accounts for an easily and readily digestible portion of news.

- (A) insular
- (B) investigative
- (C) synoptic
- (D) subjective
- (E) sensational
- (F) compendious

5. Ecology, like economics, concerns itself with the movement of valuable_____through a complex network of producers and consumers.

- (A) commodities
- (B) dividends
- (C) communications
- (D) nutrients
- (E) artifacts

6. 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) tedious
- (B) melodious
- (C) capricious
- (D) compelling
- (E) cautious

7.* Noting the murder victim's flaccid musculature and pearlike figure, she deduced that the unfortunate fellow had earned his living in some_____occupation.

- (A) treacherous
- (B) prestigious
- (C) bill-paying
- (D) illegitimate
- (E) sedentary

8. While not completely nonplussed by the unusually caustic responses from members of the audience, the speaker was nonetheless visibly_____by their lively criticism.

- (A) humiliated
- (B) discomfited
- (C) deluded
- (D) disgraced
- (E) embarrassed
- (F) tantalized

9. 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

10. Nineteenth-century scholars, by examining earlier geometric Greek art, found that classical Greek art was not a magical apparition or a brilliant _____ blending Egyptian and Assyrian art, but was independently evolved by Greeks in Greece.

- (A) appropriation
- (B) conversion
- (C) paradigm
- (D) construct
- (E) amalgam

Exercise 10

1. Despite the fact that the two council members belonged to different political parties, they_____ the issue of how to finance the town debt.

- (A) complicated
- (B) avoided
- (C) attested to
- (D) reported on
- (E) agreed on
- (F) consent to

2. Given the evidence of Egyptian and Babylonian _____later Greek civilization, it would be incorrect to view the work of Greek scientists as an entirely independent creation.

- (A) disdain for
- (B) imitation of
- (C) ambivalence about
- (D) deference to
- (E) influence on
- (F) impact on

3. Dreams are_____in and of themselves, but, when combined with other data, they can tell us much about the dreamer.

- (A) uninformative
- (B) uncontrollable
- (C) startling
- (D) harmless
- (E) unregulated

4. The commissions criticized the legislature for making college attendance dependent on the ability to pay, charging that, as a result, hundreds of qualified young people would be_____ further education.

- (A) entitled to
- (B) striving for
- (C) deprived of
- (D) withheld from
- (E) uninterested in
- (F) participating in

5. Considering how long she had yearned to see Italy, her first reaction was curiously_____.

- (A) meditative
- (B) tepid
- (C) categorical
- (D) unoriginal
- (E) trite
- (F) lukewarm

6. Since she believed him to be both candid and trustworthy, she refused to consider the possibility that his statement had been_____.

- (A) irrelevant
- (B) facetious
- (C) hypocritical
- (D) critical
- (E) insincere
- (F) extraneous

7. While the delegate clearly sought to_____the optimism that has emerged recently, she stopped short of suggesting that the conference was near collapse and might produce nothing of significance.

- (A) substantiate
- (B) dampen
- (C) encourage
- (D) elucidate
- (E) rekindle
- (F) check

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 dictatorial
- (E) a judicious
- (F) a cynical

9. Rather than enhancing a country's security, the successful development of nuclear weapons could serve at first to increase that country's _____.

- (A) boldness
- (B) influence
- (C) fragility
- (D) responsibility
- (E) moderation
- (F) vulnerability

10. Dependence on foreign sources of heavy metals, though_____, remains a problem for United States foreign policy.

- (A) deepening
- (B) diminishing
- (C) excessive
- (D) debilitating
- (E) unavoidable

Exercise 11

1. After a slow sales start early in the year, mobile homes have been gaining favor as _____ to increasingly expensive conventional housing.

- (A) a reaction
- (B) an addition
- (C) an introduction
- (D) an alternative
- (E) a substitute
- (F) a challenge

2. Hydrogen is the _____ element of the universe in that it provides the building blocks from which the other elements are produced.

- (A) steadiest
- (B) essential
- (C) lightest
- (D) abiding
- (E) fundamental
- (F) expendable

3. Psychology has slowly evolved into an _____ scientific discipline that now functions autonomously with the same privileges and responsibilities as other sciences.

- (A) independent
- (B) unusual
- (C) outmoded
- (D) uncontrolled
- (E) inactive

4. The sociologist responded to the charge that her new theory was _____ by pointing out that it did not in fact contradict accepted sociological principles.

- (A) banal
- (B) heretical
- (C) unproven
- (D) complex
- (E) unorthodox
- (F) superficial

5. Few of us take the pains to study our cherished convictions; indeed, we almost have a natural___ doing so.

- (A) aptitude for
- (B) repugnance to
- (C) interest in
- (D) aversion of
- (E) ignorance of
- (F) reaction to

6. The paradoxical aspect of the myths about Demeter, when we consider the predominant image of her as a tranquil and serene goddess, is her_____search for her daughter.

- (A) extended
- (B) agitated
- (C) frantic
- (D) comprehensive
- (E) motiveless
- (F) heartless

7. Although Johnson's and Smith's initial fascination with the fortunes of those jockeying for power in the law firm_____after a few months, the two paid sufficient attention to determine who their lunch partners should be.

- (A) revived
- (B) emerged
- (C) intensified
- (D) flagged
- (E) persisted
- (F) declined

8. It is to the novelist's credit that all of the episodes in her novel are presented realistically, without any_____or playful supernatural tricks.

- (A) elucidation
- (B) discrimination
- (C) artlessness
- (D) authenticity
- (E) whimsy

9. The significance of the Magna Carta lies not in its____provisions, but in its broader impact: it made the king subject to the law.

- (A) revolutionary
- (B) specific
- (C) implicit
- (D) controversial
- (E) particular
- (F) finite

10. The self-important cant of musicologists on record jackets often suggests that true appreciation of the music is an____process closed to the uninitiated listener, however enthusiastic.

- (A) unreliable
- (B) arcane
- (C) arrogant
- (D) elementary
- (E) intuitive

Exercise 12

1. Animals that have tasted unpalatable plants tend to ____ them afterward on the basis of their most conspicuous features, such as their flowers.

- (A) recognize
- (B) hoard
- (C) trample
- (D) retrieve
- (E) identify
- (F) pulverize

2. Many artists believe that successful imitation, far from being symptomatic of a lack of ____, is the first step in learning to be creative.

- (A) elegance
- (B) resolution
- (C) goodness
- (D) originality
- (E) sympathy
- (F) innovativeness

3. The sheer diversity of tropical plants represents a seemingly ____ source of raw materials, of which only a few have been utilized.

- (A) exploited
- (B) quantifiable
- (C) controversial
- (D) inexhaustible
- (E) remarkable
- (F) copious

4. The notion that cultural and biological influences ____ determine cross-cultural diversity is discredited by the fact that, in countless aspects of human existence, it is cultural programming that overwhelmingly accounts for cross-population variance.

- (A) jointly
- (B) completely
- (C) categorically
- (D) equally
- (E) evenly
- (F) eventually

5. It is his dubious distinction to have proved what nobody would think of denying, that Romero at the age of sixty-four writes with all the characteristics of_____.

- (A) maturity
- (B) fiction
- (C) inventiveness
- (D) art
- (E) brilliance
- (F) ripeness

6. Demonstrating a mastery of innuendo, he issued several_____insults in the course of the evening's conversation.

- (A) blunt
- (B) veiled
- (C) fallacious
- (D) garnished
- (E) disguised
- (F) embellished

7. Edith Wharton sought in her memoir to present herself as having achieved a harmonious wholeness by having_____the conflicting elements of her life.

- (A) affirmed
- (B) reconciled
- (C) highlighted
- (D) resolved
- (E) identified
- (F) confined

8. Philosophical problems arise when people ask questions that, though very_____, have certain characteristics in common.

- (A) relevant
- (B) elementary
- (C) abstract
- (D) heterogeneous
- (E) diverse
- (F) controversial

9. Usually the first to spot data that were inconsistent with other findings, in this particular experiment she let a number of ____ results slip by.

- (A) inaccurate
- (B) irregular
- (C) redundant
- (D) salient
- (E) anomalous
- (F) verifiable

10. Because no comprehensive ____ exist regarding personal reading practices, we do not know, for example, the greatest number of books read in an individual lifetime.

- (A) records
- (B) instincts
- (C) accounts
- (D) remedies
- (E) proposals
- (F) methods

Exercise 13

1. The discovery that, friction excluded, all bodies fall at the same rate is so simple to state and to grasp that there is a tendency to_____its significance.

- (A) underrate
- (B) control
- (C) overlook
- (D) reassess
- (E) eradicate
- (F) eliminate

2. By divesting himself of all regalities, the former king_____the consideration that customarily protects monarchs.

- (A) merited
- (B) forfeited
- (C) debased
- (D) concealed
- (E) relinquished
- (F) blemish

3. As serious as she is about the bullfight, she does not allow respect to_____her sense of whimsy when painting it.

- (A) inspire
- (B) provoke
- (C) suppress
- (D) attack
- (E) satisfy
- (F) inhibit

4. Despite assorted effusions to the contrary, there is no necessary link between scientific skill and humanism, and, quite possibly, there may be something of a_____between them.

- (A) generality
- (B) rapport
- (C) schism
- (D) congruity
- (E) dichotomy
- (F) reciprocity

5. In the seventeenth century, direct flouting of a generally accepted system of values was regarded as____, even as a sign of madness.

- (A) adventurous
- (B) frivolous
- (C) absurd
- (D) impermissible
- (E) irrational
- (F) willful

6. Vaillant, who has been particularly interested in the means by which people attain mental health, seems to be looking for____answers: a way to close the book on at least a few questions about human nature.

- (A) temporary
- (B) confused
- (C) definitive
- (D) provisional
- (E) derivative
- (F) conclusive

7. Early critics of Emily Dickinson's poetry mistook for simplemindedness the surface of artlessness that in fact she constructed with such_____.

- (A) astonishment
- (B) craft
- (C) cunning
- (D) innocence
- (E) naiveté
- (F) vexation

8. Paradoxically, Robinson's excessive denials of the worth of early works of science fiction suggest that she has become quite_____them.

- (A) enchanted by
- (B) enamored of
- (C) skeptical of
- (D) exasperated by
- (E) offended by
- (F) reflective about

9. At several points in his discussion, Graves, in effect, _____ evidence when it does not support his argument, tailoring it to his needs.

- (A) addresses
- (B) creates
- (C) alters
- (D) trims
- (E) suppresses
- (F) substitutes

10. Any language is a conspiracy against experience in the sense that it is a collective attempt to _____ experience by reducing it into discrete parcels.

- (A) extrapolate
- (B) transcribe
- (C) complicate
- (D) amplify
- (E) manage

Exercise 14

1. The natural balance between prey and predator has been increasingly____, most frequently by human intervention.

- (A) celebrated
- (B) predicted
- (C) observed
- (D) perturbed
- (E) questioned
- (F) interrupted

2. There is perhaps some truth in that waggish old definition of a scholar—a siren that calls attention to a fog without doing anything to____it.

- (A) describe
- (B) cause
- (C) analyze
- (D) dispel
- (E) dissipate
- (F) thicken

3. Foucault's rejection of the concept of continuity in Western thought, though radical, was not unique; he had ____ in the United States who, without knowledge of his work, developed parallel ideas.

- (A) critics
- (B) counterparts
- (C) equivalents
- (D) disciples
- (E) readers
- (F) publisher

4. Calculus, though still indispensable to science and technology, is no longer ____; it has an equal partner called discrete mathematics.

- (A) preeminent
- (B) pertinent
- (C) beneficial
- (D) essential
- (E) pragmatic
- (F) singular

5. Fashion is partly a search for a new language to discredit the old, a way in which each generation can ____ its immediate predecessor and distinguish itself.

- (A) propitiate
- (B) repudiate
- (C) disavow
- (D) condone
- (E) placate
- (F) emulate

6. While nurturing parents can compensate for adversity, cold or inconsistent parents may ____ it.

- (A) exacerbate
- (B) neutralize
- (C) aggravate
- (D) eradicate
- (E) ameliorate
- (F) relieve

7. 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) inconsequential
- (C) elementary
- (D) fanciful
- (E) blatant
- (F) involved

8. Although the passage of years has softened the initially hostile reaction to his poetry, even now only a few independent observers ____ his works.

- (A) praise
- (B) revile
- (C) laud
- (D) scrutinize
- (E) criticize
- (F) plumb

9. Marshall's confrontational style could alienate almost anyone: he even antagonized a board of directors that included a number of his supporters and that had a reputation for not being easily ____.

- (A) intimidated
- (B) mollified
- (C) provoked
- (D) irritated
- (E) reconciled
- (F) motivated

10. Aptly enough, this work so imbued with the notion of changing times and styles has been constantly ____ over the years, thereby reflecting its own mutability.

- (A) appreciated
- (B) emulated
- (C) altered
- (D) deteriorated
- (E) revised
- (F) tampered

Exercise 15

1. 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 years after leaving Earth.

- (A) anxious for
- (B) confident in
- (C) thrilled about
- (D) keen on
- (E) elated by
- (F) eager for

2. The well-trained engineer must understand fields as diverse as physics, economics, geology, and sociology; thus, an overly ____ engineering curriculum should be avoided

- (A) narrow
- (B) innovative
- (C) competitive
- (D) rigorous
- (E) academic
- (F) circumscribed

3. Only by ignoring decades of mismanagement and inefficiency could investors conclude that a fresh infusion of cash would provide anything more than a ____ solution to the company's financial woes.

- (A) transcendental
- (B) fleeting
- (C) genuine
- (D) realistic
- (E) evanescent
- (F) complete

4. 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

5. Always circumspect, she is reluctant to make judgments, but once arriving at a conclusion, she was ____ in its defense.

- (A) uncompromising
- (B) nonplussed
- (C) obsequious
- (D) intransigent
- (E) deferential
- (F) negligent

6. It was her view that the country's problems had been ____ by foreign technocrats, so that to invite them to come back would be counterproductive.

- (A) foreseen
- (B) alleviated
- (C) ascertained
- (D) exacerbated
- (E) ameliorated
- (F) aggravated

7. Because they have been so dazzled by the calendars and the knowledge of astronomy possessed by the Mayan civilization, some anthropologists have ____ achievements like the sophisticated carved calendar sticks of the Winnebago people.

- (A) recapitulated
- (B) acknowledged
- (C) neglected
- (D) dismissed
- (E) defended
- (F) authenticated

8. Regardless of what ____ theories of politics may propound, there is nothing that requires daily politics to be clear, thorough, and consistent—nothing, that is, that requires reality to conform to theory.

- (A) neat
- (B) vague
- (C) assertive
- (D) precarious
- (E) vicious
- (F) tidy

9. The English novelist William Thackeray considered the cult of the criminal so dangerous that he criticized Dickens' *Oliver Twist* for making the characters in the thieves' kitchen so ____.

- (A) threatening
- (B) riveting
- (C) fearsome
- (D) conniving
- (E) engrossing
- (F) irritating

10. Although normally ____, Alison felt so strongly about the issue that she put aside her reserve and spoke up at the committee meeting.

- (A) diffident
- (B) unassertive
- (C) contentious
- (D) facetious
- (E) presumptuous
- (F) intrepid

Exercise 16

1. What is most important to the monkeys in the sanctuary is that they are a group; this is so because primates are inveterately ____ and build their lives around each other.

- (A) independent
- (B) aloof
- (C) inquisitive
- (D) social
- (E) proprietary
- (F) gregarious

2. Even though formidable winters are the norm in the Dakotas, many people were unprepared for the ____ of the blizzard of 1888.

- (A) inevitability
- (B) ferocity
- (C) temperance
- (D) fierceness
- (E) probability
- (F) mildness

3. Congress is having great difficulty developing a consensus on energy policy, primarily because the policy objective of various members of Congress rest on such ____ assumptions.

- (A) commonplace
- (B) trivial
- (C) explicit
- (D) disparate
- (E) divergent
- (F) ubiquitous

4. This poetry is not ____; it is more likely to appeal to an international audience than is poetry with strictly regional themes.

- (A) provisional
- (B) democratic
- (C) technical
- (D) virtuoso
- (E) provincial
- (F) endemic

5. Though one cannot say that Michelangelo was impractical designer, he was, of all nonprofessional architects knows, the most ____ in that he was the least constrained by tradition or precedent.

- (A) pragmatic
- (B) adventurous
- (C) innovative
- (D) empirical
- (E) dexterous
- (F) erudite

6. The documentary film about high school life was so realistic and ____ that feelings of nostalgia flooded over the college-age audience.

- (A) logical
- (B) stimulating
- (C) compassionate
- (D) evocative
- (E) melancholy
- (F) clinical

7. For many young people during the Roaring Twenties, a disgust with the excesses of American culture ____ a wanderlust to provoke an exodus abroad.

- (A) stymied
- (B) overwhelmed
- (C) reflected
- (D) combined with
- (E) conflicted with

8. Certainly Murray's preoccupation with the task of editing the Oxford English Dictionary begot a kind of monomania, but it must be regarded as a ____ or at least an innocuous one.

- (A) tame
- (B) conducive
- (C) tendentious
- (D) meretricious
- (E) beneficent
- (F) garish

9. The semantic ____ of ancient documents is not unique; even in our own time, many documents are difficult to decipher.

- (A) aspect
- (B) opacity
- (C) intelligibility
- (D) erudition
- (E) lucidity
- (F) obscurity

10. Many welfare reformers would substitute a single, federally financed income support system for the existing ____ of overlapping programs.

- (A) welter
- (B) hodgepodge
- (C) paucity
- (D) crux
- (E) functionalism
- (F) participation

Exercise 17

1. Although sales have continued to increase since last April, unfortunately the rate of increase has ____.
- (A) resurged
 - (B) decelerated
 - (C) retarded
 - (D) capitulated
 - (E) retaliated
 - (F) persevered
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) surroundings
 - (B) species
 - (C) circumference
 - (D) perimeter
 - (E) circumstance
 - (F) relationship
3. Although Ms. Brown found some of her duties to be ____, her supervision of forty workers was a considerable responsibility.
- (A) ambiguous
 - (B) provisional
 - (C) menial
 - (D) humble
 - (E) unprepossessing
 - (F) mediocre
4. Both television commercials and programs present ____ view of the material world, one which promotes a standard of living that most of us can probably not attain.
- (A) an unrealistic
 - (B) an imprudent
 - (C) a trite
 - (D) a perplexing
 - (E) a banal
 - (F) an visionary

5. One virus strain that may help gene therapists cure genetic brain diseases can enter the peripheral nervous system and travel to the brain, ____ the need to inject the therapeutic virus directly into the brain.

- (A) suggesting
- (B) intensifying
- (C) elucidating
- (D) satisfying
- (E) obviating

6. The fortresslike façade of the Museum of Cartoon Art seems calculated to remind visitors that the comic strip is an art form that has often been ____ by critics.

- (A) charmed
- (B) assailed
- (C) enthralled
- (D) railed
- (E) exhilarated
- (F) overwhelmed

7. Although some consider forcefulness and ____ to be two traits desirable to the same degree, I think that making a violent effort is much less useful than maintaining a steady one.

- (A) lucidity
- (B) perseverance
- (C) promptness
- (D) aggression
- (E) skillfulness
- (F) persistence

8. The legislators of 1563 realized the ____ of trying to regulate the flow of labor without securing its reasonable remuneration, and so the second part of the statute dealt with establishing wages.

- (A) futility
- (B) bootlessness
- (C) intricacy
- (D) indispensability
- (E) necessity
- (F) decadence

9. 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
- (F) inconstant

10. 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) misunderstood
- (C) eschewed
- (D) investigated
- (E) shunned
- (F) exploited

Exercise 18

1. Though environmentalists have targeted some herbicides as potentially dangerous, the manufactures, to the environmentalists' dismay, ____ the use of these herbicides on lawns.

- (A) defy
- (B) defer
- (C) defend
- (D) deify
- (E) declare
- (F) disparage

2. Contrary to the antiquated idea that the eighteenth century was a ____ island of elegant assurance, evidence reveals that life for most people was filled with uncertainty and insecurity.

- (A) clannish
- (B) serene
- (C) restless
- (D) tranquil
- (E) restive
- (F) sprawling

3. Certain weeds that flourish among rice crops resist detection until maturity by ____ the seedling stage in the rice plant's life cycle, thereby remaining indistinguishable from the rice crop until the flowering stage.

- (A) deterring
- (B) displacing
- (C) augmenting
- (D) imitating
- (E) nurturing
- (F) simulating

4. Paradoxically, England's colonization of North America was ____ by its success: the increasing prosperity of the colonies diminished their dependence upon, and hence their loyalty to, their home country.

- (A) debunked
- (B) debilitated
- (C) determined
- (D) deliberated
- (E) vitiated
- (F) distinguished

5. Because it has no distinct and recognizable typographical form and few recurring narrative conventions, the novel is, of all literary genres, the least susceptible to ____.

- (A) inquietude
- (B) imprecision
- (C) inquisition
- (D) definition
- (E) demoralization
- (F) demarcation

6. Because time in India is conceived statically rather than dynamically, Indian languages emphasize nouns rather than verbs, since nouns express the more ____ aspects of a thing.

- (A) prevaricated
- (B) immutable
- (C) prevalent
- (D) unvarying
- (E) temporal
- (F) successive

7. The prime minister tried to act but the plans were __ by her cabinet.

- (A) granted
- (B) subscribed
- (C) thwarted
- (D) unleashed
- (E) frustrated
- (F) prescribed

8. He had expected gratitude for his disclosure, but instead he encountered ____ bordering on hostility.

- (A) patience
- (B) indifference
- (C) inertia
- (D) ineptitude
- (E) discretion
- (F) disregard

9. Although ordinarily skeptical about the purity of Robinson's motives, in this instance Jenkins did not consider Robinson's generosity to be ____ consideration of personal gain.

- (A) lacking in
- (B) allayed by
- (C) alloyed with
- (D) mitigated by
- (E) repudiated by
- (F) married by

10. Because the report contained much more information than the reviewers needed to see, the author was asked to submit a ____ instead.

- (A) treatise
- (B) compendium
- (C) soliloquy
- (D) abstract
- (E) prerequisite
- (F) critique

Exercise 19

1. As for the alleged value of expert opinion, one need only ____ government records to see ____ evidence of the failure of such opinions in many fields.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A distribute	D questionable
B consult	E strong
C retain	F circumstantial

2. Noting that few employees showed any ____ for complying with the corporations new safety regulations, Peterson was forced to conclude that acceptance of the regulations would be ____, at best.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A enthusiasm	D grudging
B indifference	E indeterminate
C rectitude	F unavoidable

3. Yellow fever, the disease that killed 4,000 Philadelphians in 1793, and so ____ Memphis, Tennessee, that the city lost its charter, has reappeared after nearly two decades in ____ in the Western Hemisphere.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A decimated	D abeyance
B terrorized	E secret
C corrupted	F quarantine

4. Nature's energy efficiency often ____ human technology: despite the intensity of the light fireflies produce, the amount of heat is negligible; only recently have humans developed chemical light-producing systems whose efficiency ____ the firefly's system.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A outstrips	D stimulates
B inhibits	E rivals
C determines	F reproduce

5. Hampshire's assertions, far from showing that we can____the ancient puzzles about objectivity, reveal the issue to be even more____than we had thought.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A admire	D elusive
B dismiss	E relevant
C adapt	F unconventional

6. Though extremely____about his own plans, the man allowed his associates no such privacy and was constantly____information about what they intended to do next.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A candid	D soliciting
B idiosyncratic	E altering
C reticent	F eschewing

7. Ironically, the party leaders encountered no greater ____their efforts to build a progressive party than the____of the progressives already elected to the legislature.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A benefit from	D success
B obstacle to	E reputation
C praise for	F resistance

8. No longer____by the belief that the world around us was expressly designed for humanity, many people try to find intellectual____for that lost certainty in astrology and in mysticism.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A sustained	D reasons
B restricted	E substitutes
C hampered	F justifications

9. Just as astrology was for centuries____faith, countering the strength of established churches, so today believing in astrology is an act of____ the professional sciences.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A an accepted	D anachronism to
B an underground	E concern about
C an unknown	F defiance against

10. Many of the earliest colonial houses that are still standing have been so modified and enlarged that the____design is no longer_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A embellished	D discernible
B initial	E applicable
C appropriate	F attractive

Exercise 20

1. Social tensions among adult factions can be ____ by politics, but adolescents and children have no such ____ for resolving their conflict with the exclusive world of adults.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A intensified	D attitude
B frustrated	E mechanism
C adjusted	F justification

2. Because outlaws were denied ____ under medieval law, anyone could raise a hand against them with legal ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A propriety	D impunity
B protection	E intervention
C collusion	F collaboration

3. Parts of seventeenth-century Chinese pleasure gardens were not necessarily intended to look ____; they were designed expressly to evoke the agreeable melancholy resulting from a sense of the ____ of natural beauty and human glory.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A cheerful	D transitoriness
B luxuriant	E taciturnity
C collusive	F frivolity

4. Despite the ____ of many of their colleagues, some scholars have begun to emphasize pop culture as a key for ____ the myths, hopes, and fears of contemporary society.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A discernment	D entangling
B skepticism	E reinstating
C quixotism	F deciphering

5. Broadway audiences have become inured to____ and so____to be pleased as to make their ready ovations meaningless as an indicator of the quality of the production before them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A cleverness	D desperate
B histrionics	E unlikely
C mediocrity	F disinclined

6. Although he attempted repeatedly to____her of her conviction of his insincerity, he was not successful; she remained____in her judgment.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A remind	D unfeigned
B convince	E indulgent
C disabuse	F adamant

7. It is ironic that a critic of such overwhelming vanity now suffers from a measure of the oblivion to which he was forever____others, in the end, all his____has only worked against him.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A consigning	D self-adulation
B dedicating	E self-sacrifice
C condemning	F self-analysis

8. The old man could not have been accused of____ his affection; his conduct toward the child betrayed his____her.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A promising	D adoration of
B stinting	E sympathy for
C lavishing	F tolerance of

9. That his intransigence in making decisions ____ no open disagreement from any quarter was well known; thus, clever subordinates learned the art of ____ their opinions in casual remarks.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A elicited	D intimating
B forbore	E instigating
C brooked	F emending

10. In the machinelike world of classical physics, the human intellect appears____, since the mechanical nature of classical physics does not ____ creative reasoning, the very ability that had made the formulation of classical principles possible.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A abstract	D allow for
B anomalous	E deny
C enduring	F speak to

Exercise 21

1. Although Johnson____great enthusiasm for his employees project, in reality his interest in the project was so____as to be almost non-existent.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A generated	D preemptive
B demanded	E redundant
C feigned	F perfunctory

2. During the 1960s assessments of the family shifted remarkably, from general endorsement of it as a worthwhile, stable institution to wide spread____it as an oppressive and bankrupt one whose____was both imminent and welcome.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A censure of	D dissolution
B fascination with	E ascent
C flight from	F vogue

3. As late as 1891 a speaker assured his audience that since profitable farming was the result of natural ability rather than____, an education in agriculture was____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A effort	D useless
B luck	E vital
C learning	F intellectual

4. A perennial goal in zoology is to infer function from____, relating the____of an organism to its physical form and cellular organization.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A size	D ancestry
B structure	E appearance
C location	F behavior

5. In Germany, her startling powers as a novelist are widely____, but she is almost unknown in the English-speaking world because of the difficulties of ____her eccentric prose.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A ignored	D revealing
B admired	E translating
C obscured	F editing

6. In many science fiction films, the opposition of good and evil is portrayed as a____between technology, which is____, and the errant will of a depraved intellectual.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A fusion	D dehumanizing
B struggle	E unfettered
C parallel	F beneficent

7. In order to____her theory that the reactions are ____, the scientist conducted many experiments, all of which showed that the heat of the first reaction is more than twice that of the second.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A comprehend	D different
B evaluate.	E constant
C support	F problematic

8. Having fully embraced the belief that government by persuasion is preferable to government by____, the leaders of the movement have recently____most of their previous statements supporting totalitarianism.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A coercion	D issued
B participation	E deliberated
C demonstration	F repudiated

9. This final essay, its prevailing kindliness_____by occasional flashes of savage irony, bespeaks the_____character of the author.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A untainted	D dichotomous
B exemplified	E chivalrous
C marred	F ruthless

10. Even though in today's Soviet Union the_____ the Muslim clergy have been accorded power and privileges, the Muslim laity and the rank-and-file clergy still have little_____to practice their religion.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A dissidents within	D obligation
B leaders of	E inclination
C traditionalists among	F latitude

Exercise 22

1. Individual freedom of thought should be____more absolutely than individual freedom of action, given that the latter, though also desirable, must be____the limits imposed by the rights and freedom of others.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A exercised	D conscious of
B protected	E superior to
C curtailed	F subject to

2. When theories formerly considered to be____ in their scientific objectivity are found instead to reflect a consistent observational and evaluative bias, then the presumed neutrality of science gives way to the recognition that categories of knowledge are human_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A disinterested	D imperatives
B callous	E errors
C verifiable	F constructions

3. Although Mount Saint Helens has been more____during the last 4,500 years than any other volcano in the coterminous United States, its long dormancy before its recent eruption____its violent nature.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A awe-inspiring	D confirmed
B explosive	E suggested
C gaseous	F belied

4. Liberty is not easy, but far better to be an ____fox, hungry and threatened on its hill, than a____canary, safe and secure in its cage.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A angry	D well-fed
B imperious	E lethargic
C unfettered	F content

5. To test the ____ of borrowing from one field of study to enrich another, simply investigate the extent to which terms from the one may, without forcing, be ____ the other.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A universality	D utilized by
B decorum	E superseded by
C efficacy	F confused with

6. The wonder of De Quincey is that although opium dominated his life, it never ____ him; indeed, he turned its use to ____ when he published the story of its influence in the London Magazine.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A conquered	D altruism
B intimidated	E gain
C distressed	F enigma

7. In failing to see that the justices pronouncement merely ____ previous decisions rather than actually establishing a precedent, the novice law clerk ____ the scope of the justices judgment.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A neglected	D overemphasized
B overturned	E nullified
C qualified	F underplayed

8. Without the psychiatrists promise of confidentiality, trust is ____ and the patients communication limited; even though confidentiality can thus be seen to be precious in therapy, moral responsibility sometimes requires a willingness to ____ it.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A implicit	D sacrifice
B assumed	E examine
C impaired	F uphold

9. Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations* (1776) is still worth reading, more to appreciate the current ____ of Smith's valid contributions to economics than to see those contributions as the ____ of present-day economics.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A disregard	D outgrowths
B presumptuousness	E precursors
C relevance	F vestiges

10. While Parker is very outspoken on issues she cares about, she is not ____; she concedes the ____ of opposing arguments when they expose weaknesses inherent in her own.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A fickle	D strength
B fanatical	E incompatibility
C congenial	F speciousness

Exercise 23

1. Although the revelation that one of the contestants was a friend left the judge open to charges of lack of____, the judge remained adamant in her assertion that acquaintance did not necessarily imply_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A detachment	D tolerance
B exoneration	E foreknowledge
C prejudice	F partiality

2. Exposure to sustained noise has been claimed to____blood pressure regulation in human beings and, particularly, to increase hypertension, even though some researchers have obtained inconclusive results that____the relationship.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A sharpen	D buttress
B increase	E obscure
C impair	F neutralize

3. Although the feeding activities of whales and walruses give the seafloor of the Bering Shelf a devastated appearance, these activities seem to be actually____to the area, ____its productivity.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A beneficial	D encumbering
B detrimental	E redirecting
C superfluous	F enhancing

4. Our new tools of systems analysis, powerful though they may be, lead to____theories, especially, and predictably, in economics and political science, where productive approaches have long been highly_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A pragmatic	D intuitive
B explanatory	E elusive
C simplistic	F convergent

5. The ____ questions that consistently structure the study of history must be distinguished from merely ____ questions, which have their day and then pass into oblivion.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A instinctive.	D discriminating
B philosophical	E random
C perennial	F ephemeral

6. As the first streamlined car, the Airflow represented a ____ in automotive development, and although its sales were ____, it had an immense influence on automobile design.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A milestone	D tolerable
B regression	E significant
C misjudgment	F disappointing

7. A war, even if fought for individual liberty and democratic rights, usually requires that these principles be ____, for they are ____ the regimentation and discipline necessary for military efficiency.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A espoused	D fulfilled through
B suspended	E incompatible with
C followed	F inherent in

8. In the design of medical experiments, the need for ____ assignment of treatments to patients must be ____ the difficulty of persuading patients to participate in an experiment in which their treatment is decided by chance.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A competent	D reconciled with
B random	E emphasized by
C swift	F associated with

9. Number theory is rich in problems of an especially ____ sort: they are tantalizingly simple to state but ____ difficult to solve.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A spurious	D deceptively
B elegant	E ostensibly
C vexing	F notoriously

10. No one is ____ about Stephens; he inspires either uncritical adulation or profound ____ in those who work for him.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A neutral	D consternation
B infuriated	E anxiety
C worried	F antipathy

Exercise 24

1. Opponents of the expansion of the market economy, although in____, continued to constitute ____ political force throughout the century.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A retreat	D a powerful
B enthusiasm	E an inconsequential
C command	F an ineffective

2. Among the many____of the project, expense cannot be numbered; the goals of the project's promoters can be achieved with impressive_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A highlights	D innovation
B claims	E speed
C defects	F economy

3. Though it would be _____ to expect Barnard to have worked out all of the limitations of his experiment, he must be _____ for his neglect of quantitative analysis.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unexceptionable	D pardoned
B unrealistic	E criticized
C inexcusable	F recognized

4. Created to serve as perfectly as possible their workaday____, the wooden storage boxes made in America's Shaker communities are now _____ for their beauty.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A environment	D employed
B owners	E valued
C function	F transformed

5. In a most impressive demonstration, Pavarotti sailed through Verdi's "Celeste Aida," normally a tenor's ____, with the casual enthusiasm of a folk singer performing one of his favorite ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A nightmare	D ballads
B delight	E chorales
C routine	F recitals

6. The cultivation of the emotion of natsukashii, interpretable as "pleasant sorrow", brings Japanese to Kyoto in the spring, not to ____ the cherry blossoms in full bloom but to ____ the fading, falling flowers.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A mourn	D rejoice over
B arrange	E grieve over
C savor	F preserve

7. The primary criterion for ____ a school is its recent performance: critics are ____ to extend credit for earlier victories.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A investigating	D prone
B judging	E persuaded
C administering	F reluctant

8. Though science is often imagined as a ____ exploration of external reality, scientists are no different from anyone else: they are ____ human beings enmeshed in a web of personal and social circumstances.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A fervent	D vulnerable
B painstaking	E passionate
C disinterested	F rational

9. Natural selection tends to eliminate genes that cause inherited diseases, acting most strongly against the most severe diseases; consequently, hereditary diseases that are_____would be expected to be very_____, but, surprisingly, they are not.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A lethal	D perplexing
B untreated	E refractory
C widespread	F rare

10. Although his attempts to appear psychotic were so_____as to be almost_____, there is evidence that Ezra Pound was able to avoid standing trial for treason merely by faking symptoms of mental illness.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A spontaneous	D ludicrous
B clumsy	E believable
C stylized	F distressing

Exercise 25

1. Although skeptics say financial problems will probably ____ our establishing a base on the Moon, supporters of the project remain____, saying that human curiosity should overcome such pragmatic constraints.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A disabuse	D pessimistic
B hasten	E enthusiastic
C prevent	F unconvinced

2. Changes of fashion and public taste are often __ and resistant to analysis, and yet they are among the most ____ gauges of the state of the public's collective consciousness.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A transparent	D underutilized
B ephemeral	E problematic
C permanent	F sensitive

3. Speakers and listeners are often at odds: language that is easy for the receiver to understand is often difficult to____, and that which is easily formulated can be hard to____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A produce	D confirm
B transmit	E defend
C estimate	F comprehend

4. Famous among job seekers for its ____, the company, quite apart from generous salaries, bestowed on its executives annual bonuses and such ____ as low-interest home mortgages and company cars.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A magnanimity	D reparations
B largesse	E appropriation
C altruism	F perquisites

5. When people are happy, they tend to give _____ interpretations of events they witness: the eye of the beholder is _____ by the emotions of the beholder.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A charitable	D disquieted
B vague	E colored
C coherent	F sharpened

6. The results of the experiments performed by Elizabeth Hazen and Rachel Brown were _____ not only because these results challenged old assumptions but also because they called the _____ methodology into question.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A provocative	D original
B predictable	E projected
C intriguing	F prevailing

7. Our times seem especially _____ to bad ideas, probably because in throwing off the shackles of tradition, we have ended up being quite _____ untested theories and untried remedies.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A impervious	D vulnerable to
B hospitable	E wary of
C indifferent	F devoid of

8. In recent decades, the idea that Cezanne influenced Cubism has been caught in the _____ between art historians who credit Braque with its invention and those who _____ Picasso.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A crossfire	D dislike
B interplay	E substitute
C tussle	F tout

9. In our corporation there is a ____ between male and female ____ because 73 percent of the men and 34 percent of the women polled believe that our company provides equal compensation to men and women.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A difference	D stereotypes
B resemblance	E perceptions
C complaint	F salaries

10. Scientists' pristine reputation as devotees of the disinterested pursuit of truth has been ____ by recent evidence that some scientists have deliberately ____ experimental results to further their own careers.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A reinforced	D replicated
B compromised	E fabricated
C resuscitated	F challenged

Exercise 26

1. Because medieval women's public participation in spiritual life was not welcomed by the male establishment, a compensating _____ religious writings, inoffensive to the members of the establishment because of its _____, became important for many women.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A involvement with	D profundity
B dissatisfaction with	E privacy
C attention to	F popularity

2. Although scientists claim that the seemingly _____ language of their reports is more precise than the figurative language of fiction, the language of science, like all language, is inherently _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A ornamental	D allusive
B subjective	E unintelligible
C literal	F complex

3. The hierarchy of medical occupations is in many ways a _____ system; its strata remain _____ and the practitioners in them have very little vertical mobility.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A caste	D flexible
B training	E intact
C health	F inferior

4. Johnson never _____ to ignore the standards of decent conduct mandated by company policy if _____ compliance with instructions from his superiors enabled him to do so, whatever the effects on his subordinates.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A attempted	D tacit
B scrupled	E perfunctory
C wished	F literal

5. Social scientists have established fairly clear-cut ____ that describe the appropriate behavior of children and adults, but there seems to be ____ about what constitutes appropriate behavior for adolescents.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A functions	D confusion
B estimates	E rigidity
C norms	F indirectness

6. Her first concert appearance was disappointingly perfunctory and derivative, rather than the ____ performance in the ____ style we had anticipated.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inspired	D tenuous
B prosaic	E innovative
C literal	F mechanical

7. Industrialists seized economic power only after industry had ____ agriculture as the preeminent form of production; previously such power had ____ land ownership.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A sabotaged	D resided in
B joined	E culminated in
C supplanted	F threatened

8. Although ____, almost self-effacing in his private life, he displays in his plays and essays a strong ____ publicity and controversy.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A conventional	D aversion toward
B monotonous	E penchant for
C retiring	F impatience with

9. To have true disciples, a thinker must not be too ____: any effective intellectual leader depends on the ability of other people to ____ thought processes that did not originate with them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A methodical	D stimulate
B idiosyncratic	E dismiss
C self-confident	F reenact

10. Laws do not ensure social order since laws can always be ____, which makes them ____ unless the authorities have the will and the power to detect and punish wrongdoing.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A contested	D provisional
B violated	E antiquated
C modified	F ineffective

Exercise 27

1. William James lacked the usual ____ death; writing to his dying father, he spoke without ____ about the old man's impending death.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A longing for	D inhibition
B awe of	E rancor
C anticipation of	F eloquence

2. Although the discovery of antibiotics led to great advances in clinical practice, it did not represent a ____ bacterial illness, for there are some bacteria that cannot be ____ treated with antibiotics.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A breakthrough in	D consistently
B panacea for	E effectively
C resurgence of	F efficiently

3. A human being is quite ____ creature, for the gloss of rationality that covers his or her fears and ____ is thin and often easily breached.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a logical	D problems
B a frail	E insecurity
C a valiant	F morality

4. The popularity of pseudoscience and quack medicines in the nineteenth century suggests that people were very ____, but the gullibility of the public today makes citizens of yesterday look like hard-nosed ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A sophisticated	D pragmatists
B rational	E idealists
C credulous	F skeptics

5. Candidates who oppose the present state income tax must be able to propose ____ ways to ____ the financing of state operations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A intelligent	D diversify
B individual	E alleviate
C alternate	F continue

6. During the widespread fuel shortage, the price of gasoline was so ____ that suppliers were generally thought to be ____ the consumer.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A stable	D shielding
B depressed	E placating
C excessive	F gouging

7. However ____ they might be, Roman poets were bound to have some favorite earlier author whom they would ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A subservient	D inspire
B original	E emulate
C talented	F admire

8. Artificial light ____ the respiratory activity of some microorganisms in the winter but not in the summer, in part because in the summer their respiration is already at its peak and thus cannot be ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inhibits	D lessened
B reflects	E measured
C enhances	F increased

9. Recent research indicates that a system of particles which has apparently decayed to randomness from ____ state can be returned to that state; thus the system exhibits a kind of memory of its ____ condition.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A an equilibrium	D lesser
B an ordered	E earlier
C a chaotic	F present

10. Despite an agreement between labor and management to keep the print and electronic media ____ development, the details of the negotiations were ____ all but a few journalists from the major metropolitan newspapers.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A apprised of	D leaded to
B speculating about	E withheld from
C ignorant of	F suppressed by

Exercise 28

1. As is often the case with collections of lectures by ____ authors, the book as a whole is ____, although the individual contributions are outstanding in themselves.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A different	D disconnected
B incompetent	E unexciting
C mediocre	F coherent

2. The success of science is due in great part to its emphasis on ____: the reliance on evidence rather than ____ and the willingness to draw conclusions even when they conflict with traditional beliefs.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A conservatism	D facts
B creativity	E preconceptions
C objectivity	F empiricism

3. Art ____ science, but that does not mean that the artist must also be a scientist; an artist uses the fruits of science but need not ____ the theories from which they derive.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A precedes	D understand
B transcends	E contest
C incorporate	F repudiate

4. The nature of social history and lyric poetry are ____, social history always recounting the ____ and lyric poetry speaking for unchanging human nature, that timeless essence beyond fashion and economics.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A antithetical	D evanescent
B indistinguishable	E unnoticed
C interdependent	F unalterable

5. For more than a century, geologists have felt comfortable with the idea that geological process, although very ____, are also ____ and so are capable of shaping the Earth, given enough time.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A slow	D intermittent
B unpredictable	E steady
C ponderous	F sporadic

6. To avoid annihilation by parasites, some caterpillars are able to ____ periods of active growth by pre-maturely entering a dormant state, which is characterized by the ____ of feeding.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A mediate	D continuation
B foster	E suspension
C curtail	F stimulation

7. The “impostor syndrome” often afflicts those who fear that true self-disclosure will lower them in others esteem; rightly handled, however, ____ may actually ____ ones standing.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A affection	D enhance
B candor	E efface
C willfulness	F jeopardize

8. Since 1813 reaction to Jane Austens novels has oscillated between ____ and condescension; but in general later writers have esteemed her works more highly than did most of her literary ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A adoration	D contemporaries
B indifference	E followers
C dismissal	F precursors

9. Once a duckling has identified a parent, the instinctive bond become a powerful ____ for additional learning since, by ____ the parent, the duckling can acquire further information that is not genetically transmitted.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inspiration	D acknowledging
B channel	E mimicking
C impulse	F emulating

10. Although some of her fellow scientists ____ the unorthodox laboratory methodology that others found innovative, unanimous praise greeted her experimental results: at once pioneering and ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A decried	D unexceptionable
B complimented	E mundane
C welcomed	F inconclusive

Exercise 29

1. Even though political editorializing was not ____ under the new regime, journalists still experienced ____, though perceptible, governmental pressure to limit dissent.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A commended	D clear
B encouraged	E discreet
C forbidden	F overt

2. A number of writers who once greatly ____ the literary critic have recently recanted, substituting ____ for their former criticism.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A disparaged	D approbation
B lauded	E ambivalence
C influenced	F censure

3. The actual ____ of Wilson's position was always ____ by his refusal to compromise after having initially agreed to negotiate a settlement.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A cowardice	D betrayed
B rigidity	E foreshadowed
C uncertainty	F alleviated

4. Salazar's presence in the group was so ____ the others that they lost most of their earlier ____; failure, for them, became all but unthinkable.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unnoticed by	D confidence
B reassuring to	E exhilaration
C unexpected by	F trepidation

5. Although the architects concept at first sounded too ____ to be____, his careful analysis of every aspect of the project convinced the panel that the proposed building was indeed, structurally feasible.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A mundane	D practicable
B visionary	E appealing
C eclectic	F ignored

6. He was regarded by his followers, as something of ____, not only because of his insistence on strict discipline, but also because of his ____ adherence to formal details.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A an acolyte	D reluctant
B a martinet	E sporadic
C a tyrant	F rigid

7. Unlike philosophers who constructed theoretically ideal states, she built a theory based on ____; thus, although her constructs may have been inelegant, they were ____ sound.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A experience	D scientifically
B conjecture	E empirically
C surmise	F aesthetically

8. Although ____ is usually thought to spring from regret for having done something wrong, it may be that its origin is the realization that one's own nature is irremediably ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A remorse	D innocent
B skepticism	E frivolous
C certitude	F flawed

9. The valedictory address, as it has developed in American colleges and universities over the years, has become a very strict form, a literary ____ that permits very little ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A genre	D deviation
B feature	E rigidity
C achievement	F grandiloquence

10. If efficacious new medicines have side effects that are commonly observed and _____, such medicines are too often considered _____, even though laboratory tests suggest caution.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A salutary	D outdated
B unpredictable	E safe
C unremarkable	F experimental

Exercise 30

1. The transition from the Paleolithic to the Neolithic era is viewed by most art historians as a ____, because, instead of an increasingly ____ pictorial art, we find degeneration.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A regression	D debased
B consolidation	E aberrant
C calamity	F sophisticated

2. He felt it would be ____, in view of the intense ____ that would likely follow, to make the sacrifice required in order to gain such little advantage.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unrealistic	D acclaim
B charitable	E turmoil
C welcomed	F encouragement

3. Before adapting to changes in values, many prefer to ____, to ____ the universally agreed-on principles that have been upheld for centuries.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A vacillate	D publicize
B resist	E subvert
C innovate	F defend

4. The new ____ of knowledge has created ____ people: everyone believes that his or her subject cannot and possibly should not be understood by others.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A promulgation	D barriers between
B redundancy	E complacency in
C specialization	F associations among

5. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A reproduce	D extinct
B atrophy	E widespread
C succumb	F infertile

6. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unresponsive	D forsake
B sensitized	E supplement
C attuned	F circumvent

7. Belying his earlier reputation for ____ as a negotiator, Morgan had recently assumed a more ____ stance for which many of his erstwhile critics praised him.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A incompetence	D conciliatory
B success	E combative
C intransigence	F authoritative

8. Personnel experts say that attractive benefits alone will not always keep ____ executives from changing jobs for better long-range opportunities, but they think the enticements may deter many executives from accepting ____ offers from other companies.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A dedicated	D routine
B ambitious	E superior
C experienced	F advantageous

9. The most technologically advanced societies have been responsible for the greatest ____; indeed, savagery seems to be in direct proportion to ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A atrocities	D viciousness
B inventions	E ill-will
C triumphs	F development

10. The blueprints for the new automobile were ____ at first glance, but the designer had been basically too conservative to ____ previous standards of beauty.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A peccable	D incorporate
B striking	E flout
C impractical	F assess

Exercise 31

1. Rousseau's short discourse, a work that was generally ____ the cautious, unadorned prose of the day, deviated from that prose style in its ____ discussion of the physical sciences.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A consistent with	D intelligent
B vulnerable to	E unrestrained
C superior to	F austere

2. Our young people, whose ____ sensitivities have not yet become ____, have a purer and more immediate response than we do to our environment.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A native	D calloused
B keen	E objective
C sophisticated	F perceptive

3. Although it is unusual to denounce museum-goers for not painting, it is quite common, even for those, who are unenthusiastic about sports, to criticize ____ for athletic ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A athletes	D snobbery
B spectators	E inactivity
C scholars	F ignorance

4. One reason why pertinent fossils are ____ is that crucial stages of evolution occurred in the tropics where it is difficult to explore for fossils, and so their discovery has ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A uncommon	D lagged
B recent	E declined
C unconceivable	F resumed

5. It is true that the seeds of some plants have ____ after two hundred years of dormancy, but reports that viable seeds have been found in ancient tombs such as the pyramids are entirely ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A germinated	D empirical
B precipitated	E unfounded
C endured	F substantiated

6. The losing animal in a struggle saves itself from destruction by an act of ____, an act usually recognized and ____ by the winner.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A bluffing	D condemned
B anger	E duplicated
C submission	F accepted

7. Since the process of atherosclerosis cannot be ____ in humans, the best treatment known at this time is ____ of the disease.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A discovered	D prevention
B reversed	E remission
C alleviated	F detection

8. Many philosophers agree that the verbal aggression of profanity in certain radical newspapers is not ____ or childish, but an assault on ____ essential to the revolutionaries purpose.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A trivial	D affectation
B belligerent	E fallibility
C serious	F decorum

9. Even though they tended to be ____ strangers, fifteenth-century Europeans did not automatically associate ____ and danger.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A interested in	D diversity
B haughty with	E nonconformity
C hostile to	F foreignness

10. Although many findings of the Soviet and United States probes of Venus were complementary, the two sets of atmospheric results clearly could not be ____ without a major change of data or ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A completed	D implementation
B obtained	E interpretation
C reconciled	F representation

Exercise 32

1. Though many medieval women possessed devotional books that had belonged to their mothers, formal written evidence of women bequeathing books to their daughters is scarce, which suggests that such bequests were ____ and required no ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A customary	D approval
B unselfish	E documentation
C spurious	F discretion

2. Although Shakespeare received little formal education, scholarship has in recent years ____ the view that he was ____ the work of classical authors.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A substantiated	D obsessed by
B supported	E oblivious to
C undermined	F unfamiliar with

3. The president's secretary and his chief aide adored him, and both wrote obsessively ____ personal memoirs about him; unfortunately, however, ____ does not make for true intimacy.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A devoted	D confidentiality
B rancorous	E idolatry
C fatuous	F criticism

4. Despite claims that his philosophy can be traced to ____ source, the philosophy in fact draws liberally on several traditions and methodologies and so could justifiably be termed ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a single	D eclectic
B an authoritative	E derivative
C a schematic	F cogent

5. The tone of Jane Carlyle's letter is guarded, and her feelings are always ___ by the wit and pride that made ___ plea for sympathy impossible for her.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A masked	D a direct
B bolstered	E a needless
C enhanced	F a circumspect

6. Nurturing the Royal Ballet's artistic growth while preserving its institutional stability has been difficult, because the claims of the latter seem inescapably to ___ development; apparently, attaining artistic success is simpler than ___ it.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A modify	D resurrecting
B inhibit	E perpetuating
C supplement	F appreciating

7. Biologists ___ isolated oceanic islands like the Galapagos, because, in such small, laboratory-like settings, the rich hurly-burly of continental plant and animal communities is reduced to a scientifically ___ complexity.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A desert	D diverse
B reject	E intimidating
C prize	F tractable

8. We accepted the theory that as people become more independent of one another, they begin to feel so isolated and lonely that freedom becomes ___ condition that most will seek to ___.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A an irreparable	D impose
B a negative	E escape
C a permanent	F enter

9. Because they had various meanings in nineteenth-century biological thought,"mechanism" and "vitalism" ought not to be considered ___ terms; thus, I find the recent insistence that the terms had single definitions to be entirely ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A congruent	D erroneous
B multifaceted	E vapid
C univocal	F obtuse

10. The functions of the hands, eyes, and brain are so _____ that using the hands during early childhood helps to promote the child's entire _____ development.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A intertwined	D perceptual
B individualized	E adolescent
C enigmatic	F social

Exercise 33

1. Although their initial anger had ___ somewhat, they continued to ___ the careless worker who had broken the machine.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A intensified	D berate
B blazed	E appease
C abated	F condone

2. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A contradictory	D conveyed
B organic	E imposed
C oblique	F captured

3. Although the number of reported volcanic eruptions has risen exponentially since 1850, this indicates not ___ volcanic activity but rather more widespread and ___ record keeping.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A abating	D systematic
B substantial	E erratic
C increasing	F superficial

4. Since it is now ___ to build the complex central processing unit of a computer on a single silicon chip using photolithography and chemical etching, it seems plausible that other miniature structures might be fabricated in ___ ways.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unprecedented	D unique
B difficult	E similar
C routine	F undiscovered

5. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A reinforce	D creation
B eliminate	E method
C relegate	F theory

6. The sale of Alaska was not so much an American coup as a matter of ____ for an imperial Russia that was short of cash and unable to ____ its own continental coastline.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A negligence	D defend
B expediency	E change
C exigency	F suppress

7. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A incorporate	D preferring
B repudiate	E rejecting
C subvert	F expanding

8. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A contempt for	D disconcerted by
B quest for	E immersed in
C alienation from	F satisfied with

9. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A lackluster	D condemned to
B admiring	E rescued from
C sensitive	F exposed to

10. 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 ___.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A comprehension	D necessary
B treatment	E costly
C symptoms	F practicable

Exercise 34

1. Melodramas, which presented stark oppositions between innocence and criminality, virtue and ____, good and evil, were popular precisely because they offered the audience a world ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A serenity	D bereft of theatricality
B corruption	E deprived of polarity
C fertility	F devoid of neutrality

2. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A conspicuous	D prohibitive
B eccentric	E obligatory
C ubiquitous	F intricate

3. In most Native American cultures, an article used in prayer or ritual is made with extraordinary attention to and richness of detail: it is decorated more ____ than a similar article intended for ____ use.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A coarsely	D religious
B creatively	E commercial
C lavishly	F everyday

4. Whereas the art critic Vasari saw the painting entitled the Mona Lisa as an original and wonderful ____ feat, the reproduction of a natural object, the aesthetes saw it as ____ that required deciphering.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A historical	D an aberration
B technical	E a hieroglyph
C visual	F an illusion

5. In spite of the _____ nature of Scotland's terrain, its main roads are surprisingly free from severe_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A mountainous	D grades
B unpredictable	E flooding
C landlocked	F damage

6. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a primitive	D preempted
B a contemporary	E anticipated
C an advanced	F differed from

7. 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 ____ .

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A discontinuity	D separated
B density	E observed
C concentration	F adaptable

8. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A congratulate	D acrimony
B absolve	E modesty
C berate	F largesse

9. 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___.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A artfulness	D considered
B caprice	E superficial
C dabbling	F lighthearted

10. 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___.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A suffer	D enthusiasm
B feign	E duplicity
C overcome	F deliberation

Exercise 35

1. While many people utilize homeopathic remedies to treat health problems, other people do not ____ such alternative treatments, ____ conventional medical treatments instead.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A distrust	D relying on
B reject	E eschewing
C countenance	F envisioning

2. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A proving	D categorically
B deploring	E paradoxically
C debunking	F hesitantly

3. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inability	D cautious
B promises	E powerful
C duty	F diversified

4. 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 ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inadequate	D replenished
B encouraging	E salvaged
C compromised	F depleted

5. When a person suddenly loses consciousness, a bystander is not expected to ___ the problem but to attempt to ___ its effects by starting vital functions if they are absent.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A minimize	D counter
B determine	E detect
C diagnose	F precipitate

6. The remark was only slightly ____, inviting a chuckle, perhaps, but certainly not a ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A audible	D guffaw
B coherent	E rebuke
C humorous	F reaction

7. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A copies	D maintained
B translations	E introduced
C masterpieces	F accentuated

8. It is (i) ____ 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 (ii) ____ their presence in art museums.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A surprising	D challenges
B understandable	E justifies
C irrelevant	F changes

9. In stark contrast to his later (i)____, Simpson was largely (ii)____ 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

10. Like Bela Bartok, Ruth Crawford not only brought a composers acumen to the notation of folk music, she also had a marked (i)____ 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 (ii)____ makes her work a landmark in ethnomusicology.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A reverence for	D fastidiousness
B detachment from	E didacticism
C curiosity about	F iconoclasm

Exercise 36

1. Political advertising may well be the most (i)___ kind of advertising: political candidates are usually quite (ii)___, yet their campaign advertisements often hide important differences behind smoke screens of smiles and empty slogans.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A polemical	D interchangeable
B effective	E dissimilar
C deceptive	F vocal

2. Human nature and long distances have made exceeding the speed limit a (i)___ in the state, so the legislators surprised no one when, acceding to public demand, they (ii)___ increased penalties for speeding.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A controversial habit	D endorsed
B cherished tradition	E considered
C disquieting ritual	F rejected

3. Serlings account of his employers reckless decision making (i)___ that companys image as (ii)___ bureaucracy full of wary managers.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A belies	D an injudicious
B exposes	E a disorganized
C overshadows	F a cautious

4. In her later years, Bertha Pappenheim was an apostle of noble but already (i)___ notions, always respected for her integrity, her energy, and her resolve but increasingly out of step and ultimately (ii)___ even her own organization.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A anachronistic	D emulated by
B accepted	E appreciated by
C exotic	F alienated from

5. The (i)___ of Vladimir Nabokov as one of North America's literary giants has thrown the spotlight on his peripheral activities and has thus served to (ii)___ his efforts as an amateur entomologist.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A stigmatization	D foreground
B lionization	E transcend
C marginalization	F obscure

6. Belanger dances with an (i)___ that draws one's attention as if by seeking to (ii)___ 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

7. Ironically, the writer so wary of (i)___ was (ii)___ 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

8. The activists' energetic work in the service of both woman suffrage and the temperance movement in the late nineteenth century (i)___ the assertion that the two movements were (ii)___.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A undermines	D diffuse
B supports	E inimical
C underscores	F predominant

9. There is nothing quite like this movie, and indeed I am not altogether sure there is much more to it than its lovely (i)____. At a moment when so many films strive to be as (ii)____ 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

10. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A contingencies	D identical
B actualities	E similar
C exigencies	F diverse

Exercise 37

1. Although nothing could be further from the truth, freight railroads have been ____ of ____ the nation's shift from oil to coal by charging exorbitant fees to transport coal.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A accused	D accelerating
B conscious	E impeding
C guilty	F contributing to

2. Their mutual teasing seemed ____, but in fact it ____ a long-standing hostility.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A aimless	D produced
B friendly	E masked
C playful	F revealed

3. The fact that a theory is _____ does not necessarily ensure its scientific truth, which must be established by ____ controlled studies.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A plausible	D alleviated
B venerable	E unbiased
C cumbersome	F overridden

4. The acts of vandalism that these pranksters had actually ____ were insignificant compared with those they had ____ but had not attempted.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A speculated	D renounced
B perpetrated	E forfeited
C inflicted	F contemplated

5. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A hypothetical	D duplicate
B fraudulent	E dispute
C abstemious	F contradict

6. As early as the seventeenth century, philosophers called attention to the ____ character of the issue, and their twentieth-century counterparts still approach it with ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A absorbing	D uneasiness
B auspicious	E adulation
C problematic	F congeniality

7. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A well versed	D temerarily
B assiduous	E effusively
C astute	F minutely

8. Most of Watteau's nineteenth-century admirers simply ignored the (i)____ background of the works they found so lyrical and charming. Those who took the (ii)____ historical facts into consideration did so only in order to (iii)____ the widely held deterministic view that the content and style of an artist's work were absolutely dictated by heredity and environment.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A grim	D inconvenient	G refute
B obsolescent	E compatible	H exaggerate
C ludicrous	F longstanding	I review

9. Not surprisingly, the (i) _____ of the printing press (ii) _____ mass literacy, as books were no longer (iii) _____ exclusive to the clergy and aristocracy.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A prospect	D subsidized	G tokens
B advent	E engendered	H windfalls
C demise	F ameliorated	I assets

10. Dickens's Uriah Heep, literature's exemplar of (i) _____, is doubtlessly not a unique figure either in fiction or in life. Who in real life has not seen (ii) _____, cringing, sycophantic headwaiters, public servants, and car salespeople? Surely, Dickens was our premiere caricaturist, able to capture specific and recognizable human (iii) _____ with broad strokes of his pen.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A civility	D fawning	G errors
B subterfuge	E supportive	H foibles
C obsequiousness	F independent	I merits

Exercise 38

1. Students of the Great Crash of 1929 have never understood why even the most informed observers did not _____ the prior economic danger signals that in _____ seem so apparent

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A condescend	D potential
B heed	E conclusion
C entreat	F retrospect

2. In pollen dating, geologic happenings are dated in terms of each other, and one can get just so far by matching (i) _____ sequences; but in radiocarbon dating the scale of time is measured in (ii) _____ terms of centuries or years.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A vague	D absolute
B independent	E relative
C imaginary	F calculable

3. For all the scathing accuracy with which she criticizes the lives of social aspirants and moneyed folk, the writer appears to (i) _____ being part of the world she makes seem so (ii) _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A savor	D insufferable
B abhor	E intoxicating
C distain	F glamorous

4. He never _____ the wisdom I had claimed for him, and my friends quickly dismissed my estimate of his ability as _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A grizzled	D hyperbole
B veiled	E understatement
C demonstrated	F parody

5. Not wishing to appear ____, the junior member of the research group refrained from ____ any criticism of the senior members' plan for dividing up responsibility for the entire project.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A moralistic	D undercutting
B inquisitive	E venturing
C presumptuous	F mocking

6. Recent meteorological conditions in areas of the northeastern part of the country have been so (i)____as to leave scientists(ii) _____. Even those models scientists developed to (iii)_____ these extreme outliers have been found wanting.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A predictable	D indifferent	G accommodate
B aberrant	E dumbfounded	H circumscribe
C taxing	F quixotic	I discount

7. For some English speakers in the United States, the word "yam" is (i) _____ "sweet potato," despite several differences between them. The yam is a starchy, white-fleshed tuber very low in beta carotene, characteristics not shared by its sweeter, more nutritious (ii) _____. One can trace the yam, the (iii)_____ version of the word "nyami," back to West African origins, whereas sweet potatoes were first grown in Tropical America.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A descendent of	D correlates	G codified
B diverged from	E simulacrum	H anglicized
C tantamount to	F ersatz	I integrated

8. To assert that the writing of a historical text draws on the same (i) _____ of techniques as the writing of a work of fiction may (ii) _____ those authors who feel that the two disciplines (iii)_____ very little.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A origin	D inspire	G overlap
B repertoire	E abjure	H cooperate
C ratio	F perturb	I interfere

9. My mother would brook no argument about the use of vulgar (i) _____. As a result, I refined and sharpened my vocabulary until it became too (ii) _____ for my peers to (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A vernacular	D insolvent	G goad
B persuasion	E abstruse	H allocate
C enticement	F evanescent	I penetrate

10. *Bradypus variegatus*, also known as the brown-throated three-toed sloth, is (i) _____ to humid, wooded-evergreen areas of Honduras to northern Argentina. Almost exclusively a(n) (ii) _____ creature, the sloth is experiencing habitat destruction as many of Brazil's forests undergo the (iii)_____ process of clear-cutting.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A endemic	D nocturnal	G unsustainable
B inherent	E arboreal	H regenerative
C pandemic	F anti-social	I silvicultural

Exercise 39

1. No computer system is immune to a virus, a particularly malicious program that is designed to (i)_____and electronically (ii)_____ the disks on which data are stored.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A prepare	D improve
B restore	E damage
C infect	F repair

2. Ambrose Bierce's biographers agree that the Civil War was the central experience of his life, the event to which he constantly returned and the _____ that brought some _____ to the hitherto random pattern of his youth.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A ordeal	D confusion
B escape	E coherence
C hiatus	F diversion

3. If the United States is truly a(n) (i)___ nation—that is, if it is one culture reflecting the contributions of many—this demand should be seen as a demand not for (ii)___ but for (iii)___.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A controversial	D correction	G inclusion
B multicultural	E accumulation	H encouragement
C unimpeachable	F separation	I inventiveness

4. More direct efforts to force inclusion can be misguided. For example, movements to declare English the official language do not truly advance the (i)___ of a multicultural nation. In fact, they (ii)___ the twenty million people who do not speak English as their mother tongue. Further, it would be unwise to require the (iii)___ use of English.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A cohesion	D alienate	G provincial
B declination	E demean	H universal
C modernization	F revoke	I deliberate

5. The author argues for serious treatment of such arts as crochet and needlework, finding in too many art historians a cultural blindness ____ their ____ textiles as a medium in which women artists predominate.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A diverting from	D prejudice against
B indifferent with	E expertise in
C traceable to	F need for

6. As the creation of new knowledge through science has become ____, resistance to innovation has become less ____ taking the form of inertia rather than direct attack.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A moribund	D unwonted
B anachronistic	E nugatory
C institutionalized	F aggressive

7. The wilderness is ____ in that it permits people to face an important reality—one that demands much of them as thinking, reacting, working individuals, not ____ as human machines.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A intangible	D physically
B discouraging	E merely
C valuable	F neutrally

8. Very few veteran critics tend to be (i)____the recent decade in cinema. Nonetheless, based on movie reviews many could easily come to the conclusion that the last ten years were indeed banner ones. Once the province of lettered intellectuals, a few even household names (Pauline Kael comes to mind), the role of the movie critic has been (ii)____by those lacking any notable credentials. With this flood of veritable tyros opining from the rafters, a movie's overall rating—as compiled and tabulated by popular Internet sites-often times confers a(n) (iii)____on a film, an assessment that posterity will most likely deem specious.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A enamored of	D duly appropriated	G aura of nostalgia
B condemnatory to	E amply filled	H mantle of inviolability
C unsympathetic	F irredeemably disgraced	I patina of respectability

9. Monarchial reigns (i)_____tended to be more (ii)_____, dynastically speaking, than those royal courts in which palace machinations had not become a quotidian affair. In the latter, a pall of complacency would fall over the kingdom so that if suddenly there were an earl with an axe to grind, so to speak, his path to usurpation would be (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A marked by intrigue	D imperiled	G largely unobstructed
B characterized by hubris	E volatile	H a treacherous one
C weakened by attrition	F robust	I hardly assured

10. Perkin's wit, surprisingly (i)_____ by the prudishness of his time, may not have been nearly as (ii) _____ had he lived in an era not so prone to (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A tempered	D comical	G blushing
B overwhelmed	E restrained	H vacillation
C untrammelled	F racy	I expression

Exercise 40

1. Despite some allowances for occupational mobility, the normal expectation of seventeenth-century English society was that the child's vocation would develop along familial lines; ____ the career of one's parents was therefore ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A preparation for	D limited
B divergence from	E unanticipated
C assumption of	F premature

2. While admitting that the risks incurred by use of the insecticide were not ____, the manufacturer's spokesperson argued that effective ____ were simply not available.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inconsequential	D antidotes
B abject	E procedures
C proven	F substitutes

3. The ____ success of any government depends on its ability to ____ both foreign and domestic policies.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A diplomatic	D debunk
B political	E succumb
C apocryphal	F implement

4. While right-to-work laws may not "destroy" unions by (i)____ the absolute number of unionized workers, they do (ii)____ the spread of unions and thereby (iii)____ wages within right-to-work states.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A abating	D precipitate	G underprice
B inflating	E steer	H reduce
C downgrading	F impede	I blow up

5. Although Jungius detected Galileo's _____ in thinking that the curve assumed by a chain hanging freely between two supports was a parabola, he did not _____ what the true form might be.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A merit	D discover
B ramification	E conceal
C error	F truncate

6. It is a great _____ to be able to transfer useful genes with as little extra gene material as possible, because the donor's genome may contain, in addition to desirable genes, many genes with _____ effects.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A debacle	D exquisite
B advantage	E sacrilegious
C sabotage	F deleterious

7. The impact of a recently published collection of essays, written during and about the last presidential campaign, is lessened by its timing; it comes too late to affect us with its _____ and too soon for us to read it out of historical _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A harbinger	D exorcism
B retrospective	E curiosity
C immediacy	F fastidiousness

8. Every novel invites us to enter a world that is initially strange; our gradual and selective orientation to its manners _____ infants' _____ to their environment.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A transgress	D adoption
B reinforces	E blindness
C resembles	F adjustment

9. Perhaps____, since an ability to communicate effectively is an important trait of any great leader, it has been the ____ Presidents who have delivered the most notable inaugural addresses.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A reciprocally	D indomitable
B impractically	E verbose
C predictably	F exceptional

10. Some note that the increase in the Native American powwow--an intertribal affair of song, dance, and storytelling, all intrinsic aspects of Native American culture--serves to (i) _____ the very culture it presumably aims to (ii) _____. They argue an overarching cultural narrative emerges, one that (iii)_____ the narrative of any one tribe.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A erode	D foster	G subsumes
B distill	E undermine	H elaborates upon
C empower	F question	I overcomes

Exercise 41

1. Postmodern architecture is not concerned with the easy goal of returning to the past but with the more ____ and difficult aim of ____ historical forms into a new and complex whole.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inquisitive	D dramatizing
B subtle	E integrating
C ostentatious	F updating

2. Although ____ in her own responses to the plays she reviewed, the theatre critic was, paradoxically, ____ those who would deny that a reviewer must have a single method of interpretation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A indulgent	D suspicious of
B eclectic	E indebted by
C dogmatic	F intrigued by

3. The ____ of her career was her achievement of her greatest intellectual authority at the very moment when she was ____ of a **compelling** subject.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A enigma	D cognizant
B epitome	E bereft
C paradox	F suspicious

4. When an **oppressed** group ____ a society, one must look for the underlying forces that led to the group's ____ that society.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A revolts against	D cynicism to
B identifies with	E alienation from
C hails to	F quarantine of

5. Although his outnumbered troops fought bravely, the general felt he had no choice but to ____ defeat and ____ a retreat.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A defy	D relinquish
B acknowledge	E sue for
C descry	F order

6. Her remarkable____, which first became apparent when she repeatedly defeated the older children at school, eventually earned for her some____ rewards, including a full athletic scholarship and several first-place trophies.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A awkwardness	D monetary
B speed	E tangible
C obsequiousness	F academic

7. Edgar Allen Poe biographers tend to fall into two camps: those who try to rescue the man himself from a macabre world in which fate had decreed nothing less than a(n) (i) _____ outcome, and those who (ii) _____ that very myth, treating the subject as one for whom a life of tragedy was (iii) _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A dire	D dispute	G all but inevitable
B unforeseen	E hold fast to	H clearly unexpected
C auspicious	F squelch	I hardly justified

8. The question as to what constitutes art is hardly a (i)_____ one. Today, artists exist whose main goal seems only to subvert work that no longer warrants the trite tag, "cutting-edge." Once the proverbial envelope is pushed even further, the public inevitably scratches its collective head - or furrows the collective brow - thinking that this time the "artists" have (ii)_____. That very same admixture of contempt and confusion, however, was not unknown in Michelangelo's day; only what was considered blasphemous, art-wise, in the 16th Century, would today be considered (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A perennial	D served their purpose	G hackneyed
B contemporary	E gone too far	H reverent
C controversial	F failed to provoke	I tame

9. Unlike her predecessor, Mayor Williams would not (i)_____ any **impertinence** from her subordinates. Even a (ii)_____ comment she tended to construe as one full of (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A discountenance	D seemingly innocuous	G subterfuge
B elicit	E clearly tangential	H proximity
C brook	F somewhat ambivalent	I contumely

10. James Clerk Maxwell once remarked that the best scientists are, in a sense, the (i)_____ ones; **not hemmed in** by the (ii)_____ of their respective fields, they are able to approach problems with a(n) (iii)_____ mind, so to speak.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A adaptable	D myopia	G fertile
B revolutionary	E preconceptions	H rational
C ignorant	F inertia	I empty

Exercise 42

1. It is an error to regard the imagination as a mainly ____ force; if it destroys and alters, it also ____ hitherto isolated beliefs, insights, and mental habits into strongly unified systems.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A beneficial	D thrusts
B revolutionary	E fuses
C disinterested	F divides

2. Stress is experienced when an individual feels that the ____ of the environment ____ that individual's resources for handling them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A ambiances	D flunk
B demands	E preclude
C stability	F exceed

3. For those Puritans who believed that ____ obligations were imposed by divine will, the correct course of action was not withdrawal from the world but conscientious ____ of the duties of business.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A detached	D disavowal
B unworldly	E discharge
C secular	F dismystification

4. This new government is faced not only with ____ its economy but also with implementing new rural development programs to ____ the flow of farm workers to the city.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A offsetting	D stem
B managing	E subsidize
C baffling	F transmit

5. Every new theory not only must ____ the valid predictions of the old theory, but must also explain why those predictions ____ within the range of that old theory.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A malign	D faltered
B organize	E evolved
C accommodate	F succeeded

6. That the Third Battalion's fifty-percent casualty rate transformed its assault on Hill 306 from a brilliant stratagem into a debacle does not ____ eyewitness reports of its commander's extraordinary ____ in deploying his forces.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A gainsay	D flippancy
B extol	E mendacity
C inculcate	F cleverness

7. That we may become flaccid after our rivals have been vanquished, and we are surrounded by those friendly to our interests, is in no way a(n) (i)_____ observation. Still, history is rife with examples where a sense of (ii)_____ pervades once a people have achieved victory. Yet, even were this insight more (iii)_____, few would take notice, as human nature is wont to ignore future threats in times of prosperity.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A pithy	D duty	G widely circulated
B trite	E camaraderie	H clearly unassailable
C astounding	F complacency	I hastily dismissed

8. The professor's (i)_____ demeanor not only made others reluctant to approach her, but also (ii)_____ the intellectual growth that comes from the (iii)_____ of ideas.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A cheerful	D limited	G repudiation
B meek	E invited	H interchange
C disdainful	F facilitated	I repression

9. The Arizona sun is quick to pull the water from plants, leaving a (i) _____ shell of all but the heartiest of cacti. It is (ii) _____ to ignore the needs of the human body in this clime as well—dehydration can provoke (iii) _____, bellicosity, or even shock.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A hermetic	D improvident	G flippancy
B fecund	E delusional	H petulance
C desiccated	F ineluctable	I dissonance

10. The organization, whose mission is to (i) _____ equal access to education, (ii) _____ the government for scaling back spending on federal college spending initiatives, arguing that race and place will in large part continue to (iii) _____ who is and who is not able to attain higher education.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A caution against	D sanctioned	G desegregate
B advocate for	E cited	H circumscribe
C believe in	F censured	I mediate

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EXE4	D	D	A	A	A	B	B	C	D	D
EXE5	C	A	C	C	B	D	C	D	C	A
EXE6	A	C	D	D	E	E	C	B	D	E
EXE7	B	C	C	B	C	D	E	B	C	C
EXE8	C	D	C	A	D	E	B	A	E	A
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EXE32	A-E	C-F	A-E	A-D	A-D	B-E	C-F	B-E	C-D	A-D
EXE33	C-D	B-E	C-D	C-E	A-E	B-D	A-D	B-F	A-E	B-F

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EXE35	C-D	C-D	C-E	B-F	C-D	C-D	A-D	A-E	A-E	A-D
EXE36	C-E	B-F	A-F	A-F	B-D	A-F	B-F	A-E	A-E	A-E
EXE37	AE	BE	AE	BF	BD	CD	BF	ADG	BEI	CDH
EXE38	BF	BD	AD	CD	CE	BEG	CDH	BFG	AEI	AEG
EXE39	CE	AE	BFG	ADH	CD	CF	CE	AEI	AFG	CFG
EXE40	BD	AF	BF	AFH	CD	BF	CE	CF	CF	ADG
EXE41	BE	BD	CE	AE	BF	BE	AEG	BEI	CDI	CEI
EXE42	BE	BF	CE	BD	CF	AF	CFG	CDH	CDH	BFH



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Exercise 1

1. Although adolescent maturational and developmental states occur in an orderly sequence, their timing ____ with regard to onset and duration.
(A) lasts
(B) varies
(C) falters
(D) accelerates
(E) dwindles

2. The prospects of discovering new aspects of the life of a painter as thoroughly studied as Vermeer are not, on the surface, ____
(A) encouraging
(B) daunting
(C) unpromising
(D) superficial
(E) challenging

3. The Chinese, who began systematic astronomical and weather observations shortly after the ancient Egyptians, were assiduous record-keepers, and because of this, can claim humanity's longest continuous ____ of natural events.
(A) defiance
(B) documentation
(C) maintenance
(D) theory
(E) domination

4. The current demand for quality in the schools seems to ask not for the development of informed and active citizens, but for disciplined and productive workers with abilities that contribute to civic life only ____, if at all.
(A) indirectly
(B) politically
(C) intellectually
(D) sensibly
(E) sequentially

5. Nearly two-thirds of the country's mushroom crop is produced by 160 growers in a single county, the greatest _____ growers anywhere.

- (A) gregariousness of
- (B) agreement among
- (C) indication of
- (D) interaction between
- (E) concentration of

6. The development of containers, possibly made from bark or the skins of animals, although this is a matter of _____, allowed the extensive sharing of forage foods in prehistoric human societies.

- (A) record
- (B) fact
- (C) degree
- (D) importance
- (E) conjecture

7. Contrary to the popular conception that it is powered by conscious objectivity, science often operates through error, happy accidents, _____ and persistence in spite of mistakes.

- (A) facts
- (B) controls
- (C) hunches
- (D) deductions
- (E) calculations

8. Before about 1960, virtually all accounts of evolution assumed most adaptation to be a product of selection at the level of populations; recent studies of evolution, however, have found no _____ this pervasive view of selection.

- (A) departures from
- (B) basis for
- (C) bias toward
- (D) precursors of
- (E) criticism of

Exercise 2

1. It is difficult to distinguish between the things that charismatic figures do _____ and those that are carefully contrived for effect.
(A) formally
(B) publicly
(C) prolifically
(D) spontaneously
(E) willfully

2. Imposing steep fines on employers for on-the-job injuries to workers could be an effective _____ to creating a safer workplace, especially in the case of employers with poor safety records.
(A) antidote
(B) alternative
(C) addition
(D) deterrent
(E) incentive

3. Despite the apparently bewildering complexity of this procedure, the underlying principle is quite _____.
(A) calculated
(B) elementary
(C) imaginary
(D) effective
(E) modern

4. Gould claimed no _____ knowledge of linguistics, but only a hobbyist's interest in language.
(A) manifest
(B) plausible
(C) technical
(D) rudimentary
(E) insignificant

5. 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

6. 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

7. 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) meditated
- (B) coveted
- (C) appreciated
- (D) resented
- (E) underestimated

8. 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

Exercise 3

1. 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) exacerbate
(B) obfuscate
(C) attest to
(D) conflict with
(E) contend with
2. 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
3. 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) bellicose
(C) differentiated
(D) intransigent
(E) social
4. 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

5. Her lecture gave a sense of how empty the universe is, in spite of the ____ number of stars within it.

- (A) diminishing
- (B) varying
- (C) enormous
- (D) unusual
- (E) limited

6. Unlike a judge, who must act alone, a jury discusses a case and then reaches its decision as a group, thus minimizing the effect of ____ bias.

- (A) legitimate
- (B) professional
- (C) individual
- (D) unexpected
- (E) unarticulated

7. Certainly Murray's preoccupation with the task of editing the Oxford English Dictionary begot a kind of monomania, but it must be regarded as a ____ or at least an innocuous one.

- (A) tame
- (B) tendentious
- (C) meretricious
- (D) beneficent
- (E) sincere

8. Even though six players had been injured, the coach announced to the assembled reporters that the team would ____ the championship.

- (A) ignore
- (B) win
- (C) overcome
- (D) demand
- (E) refuse

Exercise 4

1. Although Darwinism was a profoundly _____ world view, it was essentially passive, since it prescribed no steps to be taken, no victories over nature to be celebrated, no program of triumphs of be successively gained.

- (A) clandestine
- (B) repressive
- (C) debatable
- (D) innovative
- (E) paradoxical

2. The concept of timelessness is paradoxical from the start, for adult consciousness is _____ by the awareness of duration.

- (A) intrigued
- (B) repelled
- (C) measured
- (D) accelerated
- (E) permeated

3. There are simply no _____ for buying stock in certain industries since rapidly changing environmental restrictions will make a profitable return on any investment very unlikely.

- (A) incentives
- (B) arrangements
- (C) explanations
- (D) conditions
- (E) procedures

4. The reduction of noise has been approached in terms of _____ its sources, but the alternative of canceling noise out by adding sound with the opposite wave pattern may be more useful in practice.

- (A) diffusing
- (B) tracking
- (C) concealing
- (D) isolating
- (E) eliminating

5. The poet W. H. Auden believed that the greatest poets of his age were almost necessarily irresponsible, that the possession of great gifts _____ the propensity to abuse them.

- (A) negates
- (B) controls
- (C) engenders
- (D) tempers
- (E) obviates

6. If duty is the natural outgrowth of one's _____ the course of future events, then people who are powerful have duty placed on them whether they like it or not.

- (A) understanding of
- (B) control over
- (C) involvement in
- (D) preoccupation with
- (E) responsibility for

7. Before the Second World War, academics still questioned whether the body of literature produced in the United States truly constituted a _____ literature, or whether such literature was only a provincial branch of English literature.

- (A) local
- (B) national
- (C) historical
- (D) rhetorical
- (E) meaningful

8. The sea was not an _____ the diffusion of the windmill; on the contrary, while the concept of the new invention passed quickly from seaport to seaport, it made little headway inland.

- (A) element in
- (B) issue in
- (C) aid to
- (D) obstacle to
- (E) promotion of

Exercise 5

1. In response to the follies of today's commercial and political worlds, the author does not express inflamed indignation, but rather _____ the detachment and smooth aphoristic prose of an eighteenth-century wit.

- (A) rails at
- (B) avoids
- (C) suppress
- (D) affects
- (E) spurns

2. Although a few delegates gave the opposition's suggestions a vitriolic response, most greeted the statement of a counterposition with _____.

- (A) dispiritedness
- (B) reluctance
- (C) resentment
- (D) composure
- (E) civility

3. The senator's reputation, though shaken by false allegations of misconduct, emerged from the ordeal _____.

- (A) unscathed
- (B) obscure
- (C) impaired
- (D) unclear
- (E) sullied

4. Even after safeguards against the _____ of popular sovereignty were included, major figures in the humanistic disciplines remained skeptical about the proposal to extend suffrage to the masses.

- (A) continuation
- (B) excesses
- (C) introduction
- (D) advantages
- (E) creation

5. Although Tom was aware that it would be _____ to display annoyance publicly at the sales conference, he could not hide his irritation with the client's unreasonable demands.

- (A) advisable
- (B) efficacious
- (C) pragmatic
- (D) captious
- (E) impolitic

6. A good doctor knows that knowledge about medicine will continue to change and that, therefore, formal professional training can never be an _____ guide to good practice.

- (A) adaptable
- (B) absolute
- (C) obfuscatory
- (D) invaluable
- (E) obsolescent

7. A computer program can provide information in ways that force students to participate in learning instead of being merely _____ of knowledge.

- (A) creators
- (B) consumers
- (C) recipients
- (D) custodians
- (E) beneficiaries

8. Once Renaissance painters discovered how to render volume and depth, they were able to replace the medieval convention of symbolic, two-dimensional space with the more _____ illusion of actual space.

- (A) conventional
- (B) abstract
- (C) problematic
- (D) fragmented
- (E) realistic

Exercise 6

1. Within the next decade, sophisticated telescopes now orbiting the Earth will determine whether the continents really are moving, ____ the incipient ____ among geologists about the validity of the theory of continental drift.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A forestalling	D consensus
B escalating	E rift
C engendering	F rumors

2. A major goal of law, to deter potential criminals by ____ wrongdoers, is not served when the penalty is so seldom invoked that it ceases to be a ____ threat.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A punishing	D deceptive
B soliciting	E credible
C imitating	F ambiguous

3. The successful ____ of an archaeological site requires scientific knowledge as well as cultural ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A evolution	D awareness
B reconstruction	E sensitivity
C synthesis	F aesthetics

4. New research on technology and public policy focuses on how seemingly ____ design features, generally overlooked in most analyses of public works projects or industrial machinery, actually ____ social choices of profound significance.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A insignificant	D mask
B ingenious	E represent
C innovative	F hasten

5. Although the minuet appeared simple, its ____ steps had to be studied very carefully before they could be gracefully ____ in public.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A intricate	D discussed
B rudimentary	E revealed
C entertaining	F executed

6. Documenting science's ____ philosophy would be____, since it is almost axiomatic that many philosophers use scientific concepts as the foundations for their speculations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A influence on	D elementary
B reliance on	E superfluous
C differences from	F difficult

Exercise 7

1. While she initially suffered the fate of many pioneers—the incomprehension of her colleagues—octogenarian Nobel laureate Barbara McClintock has lived to ____ the triumph of her once ____ scientific theories.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A decry	D heterodox
B regret	E authoritative
C savor	F tentative

2. Having no sense of moral obligation, Shippler was as little subject to the ____ of conscience after he acted as he was motivated by its ____ before he acted.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A rewards	D chastisement
B balm	E promptings
C reproaches	F atonement

3. Charlotte Salomon's biography is a reminder that the currents of private life, however diverted, dislodged, or twisted by ____ public events, retain their hold on the ____ recording them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A transitory	D majority
B overpowering	E institution
C conventional	F individual

4. Longdale and Stern discovered that mitochondria and chloroplasts ____ a long, identifiable sequence of DNA; such a coincidence could be ____ only by the transfer of DNA between the two systems.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A manufacture	D accomplished
B reveal	E explained
C share	F repeated

5. It was a war the queen and her more prudent counselors wished to ____ if they could and were determined in any event to ____ as long as possible.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A provoke	D conceal
B instigate	E promote
C shun	F postpone

6. Walpole's art collection was huge and fascinating, and his novel The Castle of Otranto was never out of print; none of this mattered to the Victorians, who ____ him as, at best, ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A dismissed	D insignificant
B judged	E bourgeois
C revered	F dangerous

Exercise 8

1. Since the author frequently ____ other scholars, his objection to disputes is not only irrelevant but also ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A buttresses	D frightening
B quotes	E surprising
C rebukes	F peevish

2. Not all the indicators necessary to convey the effect of depth in a picture work simultaneously; the picture's illusion of ____ three-dimensional appearance must therefore result from the viewer's integration of various indicators perceived ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A imitative	D coincidentally
B uniform	E successively
C schematic	F comprehensively

3. It is strange how words shape our thoughts and trap us at the bottom of deeply ____ canyons of thinking, their imprisoning sides carved out by the ____ of past usage.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A rooted	D mountains
B incised	E river
C ridged	F ocean

4. Cryogenic energy storage has the advantage of being suitable in any ____, regardless of geography or geology, factors that may ____ both underground gas storage and pumped hydroelectric storage.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A location	D forebode
B climate	E limit
C proportion	F typify

5. As painted by Constable, the scene is not one of bucolic____; rather it shows a striking emotional and intellectual_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A intensity	D tension
B serenity	E detachment
C nostalgia	F placidity

6. Rhetoric often seems to _____ over reason in a heated debate, with both sides _____ in hyperbole.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A triumph	D engaging
B reverberate	E subsiding
C lean	F tangling

Exercise 9

1. People should not be praised for their virtue if they lack the energy to be ____; in such cases, goodness is merely the effect of ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A cruel	D effortlessness
B wicked	E indolence
C magnanimous	F impiety

2. The First World War began in a context of jargon and verbal delicacy and continued in a cloud of ____ as ____ as language and literature, skillfully used, could make it.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A cliché	D literal
B euphemism	E deliberate
C subjectivity	F impenetrable

3. During periods of social and cultural stability, many art academies are so firmly controlled by ____ that all real creative work must be done by the ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A dogmatists	D elite
B reformers	E disenfranchised
C impostors	F academicians

4. In television programming, a later viewing time often ____ a more ____ audience and, therefore, more challenging subjects and themes.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A requires	D affluent
B implies	E mature
C eliminates	F realistic

5. In eighth-century Japan, people who ____ wasteland were rewarded with official ranks as part of an effort to overcome the shortage of ____ fields.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A conserved	D arable
B reclaimed	E domestic
C irrigated	F forested

6. Observable as a tendency of our culture is a withdrawal of _____ psychoanalysis: we no longer feel that it can solve our ____ problems.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A enigmas in	D emotional
B belief in	E practical
C rigor in	F philosophical

Exercise 10

1. The state is a network of exchanged benefits and beliefs, ____ between rulers and citizens based on those laws and procedures that are ____ to the maintenance of community.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a compromise	D inimical
B an equivalence	E subsidiary
C a reciprocity	F conducive

2. In scientific inquiry, it becomes a matter of duty to expose a ____ hypothesis to every possible kind of ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A tentative	D correlation
B well-established	E approximation
C debatable	F examination

3. Freud derived psychoanalytic knowledge of childhood indirectly: he ____ childhood processes from adult ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A released	D memory
B reconstructed	E behavior
C incorporated	F anticipation

4. Clearly refuting sceptic, researchers have ____ not only that gravitational radiation exists but that it also does exactly what theory ____ it should do.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A assumed	D accepted
B demonstrated	E repudiated
C estimated	F predicted

5. A leading chemist believes that many scientists have difficulty with stereochemistry because much of the relevant nomenclature is____, in that it combines concepts that should be kept_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A imprecise	D interrelated
B specialized	E intact
C descriptive	F discrete

6. Many industries are so _____ by the impact of government sanctions, equipment failure, and foreign competition that they are beginning to rely on industrial psychologists to_____ what remains of employee morale.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A overruled	D determine
B beleaguered	E undermine
C encouraged	F salvage

Exercise 11

1. Experienced and proficient, Susan is a good, _____trumpeter, her music is often more satisfying than Carol's brilliant but _____ playing.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A mediocre	D inimitable
B amateur	E influential
C reliable	F erratic

2. Jones was unable to recognize the contradictions in his attitudes that were obvious to everyone else; even the hint of an untruth was _____ to him, but he _____ serious trouble by always cheating on his taxes.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A acceptable	D evaded
B repugnant	E treasured
C tempting	F courted

3. Numerous historical examples illustrate both the overriding influence that scientists' _____ have on their interpretation of data and the consequent _____ of their intellectual objectivity.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A prejudices	D impairment
B theories	E coloration
C instruments	F reinforcement

4. Wearing the latest fashions was exclusively the _____ of the wealthy until the 1850's, when mass production, aggressive entrepreneurs, and the availability of the sewing machine made them _____ the middle class.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A aspiration	D disagreeable to
B vexation	E superfluous for
C prerogative	F accessible to

5. Although supernovas are among the most _____ of cosmic events, these stellar explosions are often hard to _____, either because they are enormously far away or because they are dimmed by intervening dust and gas clouds.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A remote	D detect
B luminous	E foresee
C predictable	F disregard

6. The action and characters in a melodrama can be so immediately _____ that all observers can hiss the villain with an air of smug but enjoyable _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A spurned	D self-loathing
B classified	E self-skepticism
C plausible	F self-righteousness

Exercise 12

1. The theory of cosmic evolution states that the universe, having begun in a state of simplicity and _____, has _____ into great variety.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A equilibrium	D modulated
B homogeneity	E differentiated
C juxtaposition	F accelerated

2. The _____ with which the French aristocracy greeted the middle-class Rousseau was all the more _____ because he showed so little respect for them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A suspicion	D remarkable
B deference	E uncanny
C reserve	F deserved

3. My family often found others laughable, but I learned quite early to be _____ while people were present, laughing only later at what was funny and mocking what to us seemed _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A polite	D bizarre
B impatient	E unfortunate
C facetious	F enviable

4. In today's world, manufacturers' innovations are easily copied and thus differences between products are usually _____; advertisers, therefore, are forced to _____ these differences in order to suggest the uniqueness of their clients' products.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A crucial	D downplay
B slight	E reduce
C common	F exaggerate

5. Unfortunately, since courses in nutrition are often _____ medical school curriculums, a family physician is _____ to be an enlightening source of general information about diet.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A encountered among	D expected
B squeezed into	E unlikely
C neglected in	F intended

6. Even those siblings whose childhood was _____ familial feuding and intense rivalry for their parents' affection can nevertheless develop congenial and even _____ relationships with each other in their adult lives.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A dominated by	D competitive
B devoid of	E intimate
C indifferent to	F vitriolic

Exercise 13

1. Though dealers insist that professional art dealers can make money in the art market, even an _____ knowledge is not enough: the art world is so fickle that stock-market prices are _____ by comparison.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A amateur's	D booming
B investor's	E erratic
C insider's	F predictable

2. The insecticide proved _____; by killing the weak adults of a species, it assured that the strong ones would mate among themselves and produce offspring still more _____ to its effects.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A cruel	D hostile
B counterproductive	E vulnerable
C indispensable	F resistant

3. Prior to the work of Heckel, illustrations of fish were often beautiful but rarely _____; this fact, combined with the _____ nature of most nine-teenth-century taxonomic descriptions, often kept scientists from recognizing differences between species.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A impressive	D detailed
B traditional	E inexact
C precise	F sophisticated

4. One of archaeology's central dilemmas is how to reconstruct the _____ of complex ancient societies from meager and often _____ physical evidence.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A configurations	D irrefutable
B patterns	E equivocal
C intricacies	F flawless

5. In small farming communities, accident victims rarely sue or demand compensation: transforming a personal injury into a _____ someone else is viewed as an attempt to _____ responsibility for one's own actions.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A claim against	D assume
B conspiracy against	E elude
C boon for	F proclaim

6. The trick for Michael was to _____ his son an illusory orderliness; only alone at night, when the boy was asleep, could Michael _____ the chaos he kept hidden from his son.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A explore with	D acknowledge
B conjure for	E dissipate
C demystify for	F escape

Exercise 14

1. Literature is inevitably a _____ rather than _____ medium for the simple reason that writers interpose their own vision between the reader and reality.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A iridescent	D a neutral
B distorting	E an opaque
C transparent	F a drab

2. The widespread public shock at the news of the guilty verdict was caused partly by _____ news stories that had _____ acquittal.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A buried	D condemned
B impartial	E mentioned
C biased	F predicted

3. Although the young violinist's _____ performance with the orchestra demonstrated his technical competence, his uninspired style and lack of interpretive maturity labeled him as a novice musician rather than as a truly _____ performer.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A blundering	D conventional
B marginal	E inept
C steady	F accomplished

4. An obvious style, easily identified by some superficial quirk, is properly _____ as a mere mannerism, whereas a complex and subtle style _____ reduction to a formula.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A cultivated	D resists
B decried	E consists of
C prized	F demands

5. Ethologists are convinced that many animals survive through learning—but learning that is _____ their genetic programming, learning as thoroughly _____ as the most instinctive of behavioral responses.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A dictated by	D transient
B superseded by	E inventive
C incompatible with	F stereotyped

6. Despite many decades of research on the gasification of coal, the data accumulated are not directly _____ to environmental questions; thus a new program of research specifically addressing such questions is _____

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A analogous	D contradictory
B transferable	E warranted
C applicable	F unnecessary

Exercise 15

1. All _____ biological traits fall into one of two categories: those giving their possessors greater _____ the environment and those rendering them more independent of it.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A beneficial	D detachment from
B neutral	E control over
C noxious	F freedom from

2. Although strong legal remedies for nonpayment of child support are _____, the delay and expense associated with these remedies make it _____ to develop other options.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unpopular	D imperative
B available	E impractical
C nonexistent	F plausible

3. Manipulating laboratory tissue cultures with hormones is one thing; using hormones to treat human beings, however, is contingent on whether hormones that _____ in the laboratory can affect _____ organisms, and in predictable ways.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A fail	D esoteric
B work	E cellular
C reproduce	F whole

4. The idealized paintings of nature produced in the eighteenth century are evidence that the medieval _____ natural settings had been _____ and that the outdoors now could be enjoyed without trepidation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A fear of	D exorcised
B concerns about	E regained
C disinterest in	F confronted

5. Because of its lack of theaters, the city came, ironically, to be viewed as an _____ theater town, and that reputation led entrepreneurs to believe that it would be _____ to build new theaters there.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unprofitable	D difficult
B untapped	E risky
C unimpressed	F appropriate

6. Even though the general's carefully qualified public statement could hardly be _____, some people took _____ it.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A respected	D liberties with
B inoffensive	E exception to
C faulted	F interest in

Exercise 16

1. The _____ of gamblers' unsuccessful decision strategies is one _____ of the illusions built into games of chance in order to misguide players and take their money.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A distortion	D function
B maintenance	E accomplishment
C demonstration	F outcome

2. By idiosyncratically refusing to dismiss an insubordinate member of his staff, the manager not only _____ established policy, but he also _____ his heretofore good chances for promotion.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A instituted	D bettered
B contravened	E protected
C delimited	F jeopardized

3. It is _____ for a government to fail to do whatever it can to eliminate a totally _____ disease.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A irresponsible	D innocuous
B crucial	E preventable
C instinctive	F insignificant

4. Scientists who are on the cutting edge of research must often violate common sense and make seemingly _____ assumptions because existing theories simply do not _____ newly observed phenomena.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A absurd	D undermine
B opaque	E elucidate
C tarnished	F emulate

5. Nonviolent demonstrations often create such tensions that a community that has constantly refused to _____ its injustices is forced to correct them: the injustices can no longer be _____

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A acknowledge	D verified
B facilitate	E discussed
C tolerate	F ignored

6. Eric was frustrated because, although he was adept at making lies sound _____, when telling the truth, he _____ the power to make himself believed.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A plausible	D lacked
B impractical	E held
C deceptive	F acquired

Exercise 17

1. The architects of New York's early skyscrapers, hinting here at a twelfth-century cathedral, there at a fifteenth-century palace, sought to legitimize the city's social strivings by _____ a history the city did not truly _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A evoking	D desire
B preserving	E possess
C flouting	F deserve

2. In retrospect, Gordon's students appreciated her _____ assignments, realizing that such assignments were specifically designed to _____ original thought rather than to review the content of her course.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A didactic	D thwart
B conventional	E stimulate
C enigmatic	F ingrain

3. It is no accident that most people find Davis' book disturbing, for it is _____ to undermine a number of beliefs they have long _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A calculated	D denied
B flourished	E cherished
C eclectic	F anticipated

4. Although Harry Stack Sullivan is one of the most influential social scientists of this century, his ideas are now so _____ in our society that they seem almost _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A repetitious	D esoteric
B pristine	E banal
C obnoxious	F equivocal

5. Given the failure of independent laboratories to replicate the results of Dr. Johnson's experiment, only the most _____ supporters of her hypothesis would be foolish enough to claim that it had been adequately _____

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A vigilant	D verified
B partisan	E defined
C enlightened	F undermined

6. In their preface, the collection's editors plead that certain of the important articles they _____ were published too recently for inclusion, but in the case of many such articles, this _____ is not valid.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A omitted	D replacement
B revised	E excuse
C disparaged	F endorsement

Exercise 18

1. In sharp contrast to the intense _____ of the young republic, with its utopian faith in democracy and hopes for eternal human progress, recent developments suggest a mood of almost unrelieved _____

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A idealism	D ambition
B individualism	E cynicism
C assertiveness	F egalitarianism

2. Any population increase beyond a certain level necessitates greater _____ vegetable foods; thus, the ability of a society to choose meat over cereals always arises, in part, from _____ the number of people.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A recourse to	D replenishing
B attention to	E limiting
C exporting of	F varying

3. Whereas biologists must maintain a _____ attitude toward the subjects of their research, social scientists must, paradoxically, combine personal involvement and scholarly _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A scrupulous	D detachment
B disinterested	E abandon
C passive	F passion

4. Unlike the easily studied neutral and ionized _____ that compose the primary disk of the Milky Way itself, the components of the _____ surrounding our galaxy have proved more resistant to study.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A materials	D fluctuations
B calculations	E region
C figments	F problems

5. Their _____ was expressed in quotidian behavior: they worshipped regularly, _____ all the regenerative processes of nature respect, and even awe.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A selflessness	D refusing
B piety	E according
C serenity	F exacerbating

6. The techniques now available to livestock breeders will continue to be _____, but will probably be _____ by new ones under development.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A refined	D preserved
B inconvenient	E supplemented
C used	F uprooted

Exercise 19

1. The chances that a species will _____ are reduced if any vital function is restricted to a single kind of organ; _____ by itself possesses an enormous survival advantage.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A persist	D size
B expire	E redundancy
C degenerate	F symmetry

2. Read's apology to Heflin was not exactly abject and did little to ____ their decades-long quarrel, which had been as ____ as the academic etiquette of scholarly journals permitted.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A resolve	D sporadic
B encourage	E courteous
C blur	F acrimonious

3. While not _____ the colorfully obvious forms of life that are found in a tropical rain forest, the desert is _____ to a surprisingly large number of species.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A teeming with	D detrimental
B confronted with	E host
C mimicked by	F hostile

4. Poe's _____ reviews of contemporary fiction, which often find great merit in otherwise _____ literary gems, must make us respect his critical judgment in addition to his well-known literary talent.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A petulant	D completed
B insightful	E acclaimed
C enthusiastic	F unappreciated

5. Actual events in the history of life on Earth are accidental in that any outcome embodies just one _____ among millions; yet each outcome can be _____ interpreted.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A possibility	D uniquely
B fact	E rationally
C relationship	F randomly

6. Having sufficient income of her own constituted for Alice _____ independence that made possible a degree of _____ in her emotional life as well.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a material	D extravagance
B a profound	E uncertainty
C a psychological	F security

Exercise 20

1. Doreen justifiably felt she deserved recognition for the fact that the research institute had been _____ a position of preeminence, since it was she who had _____ the transformation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A reduced to	D directed
B returned to	E imagined
C maintained in	F observed

2. Experienced employers recognize that business students who can _____ different points of view are ultimately more effective as managers than are the brilliant and original students who _____ dogmatically to their own formulations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A assimilate	D revert
B discredit	E adhere
C impose	F relinquish

3. Some paleontologists debate whether the diversity of species has _____ since the Cambrian period, or whether imperfections in the fossil record only suggest greater diversity today, while in actuality there has been either _____ or decreased diversity.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A change	D stasis
B declined	E escalation
C increased	F discontinuity

4. The _____ costumes of Renaissance Italy, with their gold and silver embroidery and figured brocades, were the antithesis of Spanish _____, with its dark muted colors, plain short capes, and high collars edged with small ruffs.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unpretentious	D sobriety
B sumptuous	E obliqueness
C austere	F informality

5. Marison was a scientist of unusual _____ and imagination who had startling success in _____ new and fundamental principles well in advance of their general recognition.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A insight	D coordinating
B restiveness	E discerning
C aggression	F dispelling

6. In scientific studies, supporting evidence is much more satisfying to report than are discredited hypotheses, but, in fact, the _____ of errors is more likely to be _____ than is the establishment of probable truth.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A detection	D ignored
B refinement	E conditional
C formulation	F feasible

Exercise 21

1. The pungent verbal give-and-take among the characters makes the novel _____ reading, and this very _____ suggests to me that some of the opinions voiced may be the author's.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A disturbing	D flatness
B lively	E spiritedness
C tedious	F frivolousness

2. Because many of the minerals found on the ocean floor are still _____ on land, where mining is relatively inexpensive, mining the ocean floor has yet to become a _____ enterprise.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A scarce	D marginal
B unidentified	E profitable
C copious	F subsidized

3. The Gibsons were little given to _____ in any form; not one of them was afraid of _____, of being and seeming unlike their neighbors.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A conformism	D mediocrity
B excellence	E singularity
C humility	F absurdity

4. Carruthers' latest literary criticism _____ her reputation for trenchant commentary; despite its intriguing title and the fulsome praise on its dust jacket, it is nothing more than a collection of _____

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A belies	D judgments
B advances	E aphorisms
C reinforces	F platitudes

5. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A opposed	D wisdom
B loyal	E disadvantage
C indifferent	F harm

6. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A deficient	D muddling
B appalling	E ambidextrous
C adequate	F inept

Exercise 22

1. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A identifying	D enlarged
B undermining	E confined
C vitiating	F broadened

2. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A utilize	D baffling
B envision	E controversial
C reproduce	F momentous

3. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A intriguing	D a compelling
B unremitting	E an identical
C encouraging	F a mundane

4. 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 ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A cardinal	D essentials
B humdrum	E outcomes
C redundant	F trivialities

5. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A forgotten	D superfluous
B ingrained	E absent
C comparable	F apparent

6. 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 ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A resolved	D inopportune
B struggled	E apropos
C declined	F warranted

Exercise 23

1. One theory about intelligence sees ____ as the logical structure underlying thinking and insists that since animals are mute, they must be ____ as well.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A behavior	D mindless
B language	E inactive
C heredity	F cooperative

2. The President reached a decision only after lengthy _____, painstakingly weighing the _____ opinions expressed by cabinet members.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A deliberation	D unanimous
B relegation	E arbitrary
C confrontation	F divergent

3. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A excluded from	D steer
B embedded in	E reciprocate
C deviated from	F confront

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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A self-assured	D disciplined
B impulsive	E sanguine
C verbose	F haughty

5. Schlesinger has recently assumed a conciliatory attitude that is not ____ by his colleagues, who continue to ____ compromise.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A eschewed	D refine
B questioned	E disparage
C commended	F fabricate

6. Though ____ to some degree, telling a small lie sometimes enables one to avoid ____ another's feelings.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A attractive	D considering
B necessary	E mollifying
C regrettable	F harming

Exercise 24

1. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A haphazardly	D disregarding
B sagaciously	E deploying
C selectively	F emphasizing

2. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A accessibility	D appending
B exhaustiveness	E upgrading
C imprecision	F omitting

3. Far from being _____, Pat was always _____ to appear acquiescent.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unctuous	D loath
B ignoble	E eager
C brazen	F concerned

4. Because the monkeys under study are _____ the presence of human beings, they typically _____ human observers and go about their business.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A habituated to	D seek
B ambivalent about	E welcome
C inhibited by	F disregard

5. 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 ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A ambiguous	D irrefutable
B puzzling	E fragmentary
C sketchy	F authoritative

6 Professional photographers generally regard inadvertent surrealism in a photograph as a curse rather than a blessing; magazine photographers, in particular, consider themselves _____ to the extent that they can _____ its presence in their photographs.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inadequate	D enhance
B fortunate	E demonstrate
C unconventional	F minimize

Exercise 25

1. Agronomists are increasingly worried about "desertification," the phenomenon that is turning many of the world's____ fields and pastures into____ wastelands, unable to support the people living on them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A fertile	D saturated
B arid	E blooming
C poorest	F barren

2. Old beliefs die hard: even when jobs became____, the long-standing fear that unemployment could return at a moment's notice____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A plentiful	D persisted
B protected	E changed
C vacant	F subsided

3. Intellectual____ and flight from boredom have caused him to rush pell-mell into situations that less____ spirits might hesitate to approach.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A restlessness	D lethargic
B resilience	E versatile
C tranquility	F adventurous

4. Science advances in____ spiral in that each new conceptual scheme____ that phenomena explained by its predecessors and adds to those explanations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a widening	D decries
B an anomalous	E vitiates
C a repetitive	F embraces

5. Politeness is not a____attribute of human behavior, but rather a central virtue, one whose very existence is increasingly being ____by the faddish requirement to "speak one's mind."

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A superficial	D threatened
B pervasive	E installed
C precious	F affected

6. Because it is____to____all the business costs related to employee discontent, an accurate estimate of the magnitude of these costs is not easily calculated.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A difficult	D overlook
B improper	E measure
C necessary	F justify

Exercise 26

1. How could words, confined as they individually are to certain___meanings specified in a dictionary, eventually come, when combined in groups, to create obscurity and actually to prevent thought from being___?

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A indefinite	D meaningless
B archaic	E classified
C precise	F communicable

2. The author of this book___overlooks or minimizes some of the problems and shortcomings in otherwise highly successful foreign industries in order to___the points on which they excel and on which we might try to emulate them.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A accidentally	D emphasize
B purposely	E counterbalance
C cleverly	F compound

3. Crosby's colleagues have never learned, at least not in time to avoid embarrassing themselves, that her occasional___air of befuddlement___a display of her formidable intelligence.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A acute	D dominates
B genuine	E precludes
C bogus	F presages

4. Ever prey to vagrant impulses that impelled him to___his talents on a host of unworthy projects, his very___nonetheless enhanced his reputation, for the sheer energy of his extravagance dazzled observers.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A isolate	D selectiveness
B squander	E affability
C implicate	F dissipation

5. To list Reilly's achievements in a fragmentary way is____, for it distracts our attention from the____themes of her work.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A misleading	D disparate
B pragmatic	E integrating
C inevitable	F unsettling

6. That many of the important laws of science were discovered during experiments designed to____other phenomena suggests that experimental results are the____of inevitable natural forces rather than of planning.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A disprove	D predecessors
B alter	E adjuncts
C illuminate	F consequence

Exercise 27

1. The availability of oxygen is an essential____for animal life, while carbon dioxide is equally____for plant life.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A duplication	D necessary
B condition	E optional
C luxury	F harmful

2. Prudery actually draws attention to the vice it is supposed to____; the very act that forbids speech or prohibits sight____what is hidden.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A monitor	D distorts
B repress	E conceals
C divulge	F dramatizes

3. While some see in practical jokes a wish for mastery in miniature over a world that seems very____, others believe that the jokes' purpose is to disrupt, by reducing all transactions to____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A dubious	D symmetry
B harmonious	E chaos
C unruly	F uniformity

4. Aspartame, a new artificial sugar substitute, is only____replacement for saccharin because, unlike saccharin, it breaks down and loses its sweetening characteristics at high temperatures, making it____for baking.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a significant	D excellent
B an apparent	E versatile
C a partial	F unsuitable

5. It was not only the___of geologists that___earlier development of the revolutionary idea that the Earth's continents were moving plates; classical physicists, who could not then explain the mechanism, had declared continental movement impossible.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A indecisiveness	D mandated
B radicalism	E hastened
C conservatism	F hindered

6. Aalto, like other modernists, believed that form follows function; consequently, his furniture designs asserted the___of human needs, and the furniture's form was___human use.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A rationale	D relegated to
B primacy	E determined by
C variability	F reflected in

Exercise 28

1 Borrowing a copyrighted book from a library amounts to a form of theft____by entrenched custom: the copyright owner's property, the book, is used repeatedly without____for such use.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A anticipated	D application
B sanctioned	E compensation
C provoked	F adjustment

2 Darwin's method did not really____the idea of race as an important conceptual category; even the much more central idea of species was little more than a theoretical_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A require	D convenience
B exclude	E practice
C emulate	F validation

3 That dealers____enough to nurture a young modern painter's career rather than plunder it exist is not impossible, but the public's____appetite for modern art makes such dealers less and less likely.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A chivalrous	D quirky
B patient	E insatiable
C reckless	F finicky

4 In the absence of any____caused by danger, hardship, or even cultural difference, most utopian communities deteriorate into____but enervating backwaters.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A amelioration	D frantic
B decimation	E intrusive
C stimulation	F placid

5 As Juanita argued, this new code of conduct is laughable; its principles are either____, offering no wisdom but the obvious, or are so devoid of specific advice as to make almost any action_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A irresolute	D redundant
B platitudinous	E justifiable
C labyrinthine	F unacceptable

6 Although in eighteenth-century England an active cultural life accompanied the beginnings of middle-class consumerism, the____of literacy was____with the rise of such consumerism in the different areas of the country.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A repudiation	D reconciled
B renewal	E compatible
C degree	F uncorrelated

Exercise 29

1. In the early twentieth century, the discovery of radium____the popular imagination; not only was its discoverer, Marie Curie, idolized, but its market value____that of the rarest gemstone.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A taxed	D sank to
B enflamed	E exceeded
C escaped	F correlate

2. Business forecasts usually prove reasonably accurate when the assumption that the future will be much like the past is____; in times of major____in the business environment, however, forecasts can be dangerously wrong.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A contradicted	D surges
B entertained	E improvements
C satisfied	F shifts

3. Job failure means being fired from a job, being asked to resign, or leaving____to protect yourself because you had very strong evidence that one of the first two was____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A voluntarily	D impending
B understandably	E significant
C eventually	F intentional

4. French folktales almost always take place within the basic____that correspond to the____setting of peasant life: on the one hand, the household and village and on the other, the open road.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A frameworks	D hierarchical
B chronologies	E dual
C narratives	F ambivalent

5. The startling finding that variations in the rate of the Earth's rotation depend to an___degree on the weather has necessitated a complete___of the world's time-keeping methods.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unexpected	D overhaul
B anticipated	E rejection
C unobservable	F acceptance

6. A___acceptance of contemporary forms of social behavior has misled a few into believing that values in conflict with the present age are for all practical purposes___.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A complacent	D reliable
B cautious	E trenchant
C plaintive	F superseded

Exercise 30

1. Since many casual smokers develop lungcancer and many___smokers do not, scientists believe that individuals differ in their___the cancer-causing agents known to be present in cigarette smoke.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A heavy	D susceptibility to
B light	E concern about
C occasional	F proximity to

2. The current penchant for___a product by denigrating a rival, named in the advertisement by brand name, seems somewhat___: suppose the consumer remembers only the rival's name?

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A criticizing	D foolhardy
B touting	E insipid
C sapping	F gullible

3. His imperturbability in the face of evidence indicating his deliberate fraud failed to reassure supporters of his essential___; instead, it suggested a talent for___that they had never suspected.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A culpability	D intrigue
B remorse	E loquacity
C probity	F guile

4. Although providing wild chimpanzees with food makes them less___and easier to study, it is also known to___their normal social patterns.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A shy	D reinforce
B poised	E disrupt
C accessible	F reconcile

5. There is something____about the way the building of monasteries proliferated in eighteenth-century Bavaria, while in the rest of the Western world religious ardor was____and church building was consequently declining.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A immutable	D coalescing
B incongruous	E diminishing
C momentous	F diversifying

6 Neither the ideas of philosophers nor the practices of ordinary people can, by themselves, ____reality; what in fact changes reality and kindles revolution is the____of the two.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A constitute	D divergence
B transform	E interplay
C preserve	F intervention

Exercise 31

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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A enigmatic	D incorporate
B imaginative	E differentiate
C conventional	F belie

2. Even though the folktales Partout 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 aspiration of popular television documentaries.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A ignoring	D increased
B whetting	E transformed
C slaking	F moderated

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 insects that, by pollinating chestnut tree, allow chestnuts to develop.

- (A) reformers
- (B) discoveries
- (C) casualties
- (D) critics
- (E) beneficiaries

Exercise 32

1. The scientist found it puzzling that his theory encountered____despite widespread agreement that it was_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A respect	D simplistic
B opposition	E indisputable
C acceptance	F unfathomable

2. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A decreases	D rainstorm
B stabilizes	E drought
C rises	F thaw

3. 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 _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A disseminate	D evidence
B document	E facts
C disprove	F conjecture

4. 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_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A little	D affable
B heated	E businesslike
C frustrating	F contentious

5. 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

6. 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

Exercise 33

1. 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) preciousity
- (C) symbolism
- (D) buffoonery
- (E) melodrama

2. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a valuable	D aggrandized
B a troubled	E pleased
C a mixed	F alienated

3. 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

4. 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 require an enormous effort.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A eagerly	D pertinent
B widely	E pellucid
C little	F turgid

5. Although based on an actual event, the film lacks____: the director shuffles events, simplifies the tangle of relationships, and ____ documentary truth for dramatic power.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A verisimilitude	D sacrifices
B conviction	E embraces
C imagination	F utilizes

6. The profits that the corporation earns from the exclusive-supplier agreements with the universities are____, because the terms of agreements that are inclined to protect the universities' interests are generally____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A declining	D enforced
B unclear	E ignored
C surprising	F scrutinized

Exercise 34

1. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A concede	D demanding
B underestimate	E manageable
C complete	F unusual

2. 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

3. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A expanded	D compensated for
B pruned	E exaggerated
C elaborated	F pointed up

4. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A eschewing	D question
B implementing	E document
C understanding	F reap

5. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A reminiscent of	D eased
B faithful to	E introduced
C at odds with	F repeal

6. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A quackery	D panacea
B sincerity	E critique
C expertise	F prescription

Exercise 35

1. Even by the company's own standards of ____, its early years were extremely ____: it manufactured as many as three million appliances a month during that three-year period.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A efficiency	D inauspicious
B profitability	E disappointing
C ethics	F productive

2. In the nineteenth century, composers exhibiting ____ skill found themselves ____ as writers by periodicals that afforded them an opportunity to earn money and to make their views about music known.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A financial	D out of favor
B limited	E in demand
C literary	F censured

3. Writers typically do not ____ the great visual artists of their own generation: for Courbet, considered by many to be the greatest painter of Baudelaire's time, the poet offered ____ praise.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A evaluate	D unstinting
B recognize	E scant
C utilize	F extravagant

4. A common misconception is that linguists are concerned only with the origin and development of languages, but these topics, though they constitute an important part of linguistics, do not ____ the subject.

- (A) frame
- (B) transcend
- (C) convey
- (D) exhaust
- (E) illuminate

5. Traditional Navajo concepts of government are ____; decisions are arrived at through consensus rather than ____ by a single authority.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A aristocratic	D censured
B egalitarian	E dictated
C hierarchical	F speculated

6. The architecture critic perceived as ironic the fact that one of the first buildings to deviate from the Modernist architecture on the campus was designed by an architectural firm renowned for its ____ of that aesthetic.

- (A) scorn
- (B) anticipation
- (C) mastery
- (D) avoidance
- (E) renunciation

Exercise 36

1. Of all the professor's various mentors, Carabelli was clearly the most ____, since it was he who fundamentally shaped the professor's now highly regarded research approach.

- (A) circumspect
- (B) influential
- (C) exacting
- (D) idealistic
- (E) unethical

2. Some believe that the tradition of holding elections on Tuesday was established to restrict voting to truly serious voters, but in fact ____ was the original idea behind Tuesday voting, since Tuesday in rural communities was when people were most likely to be in town.

- (A) elitism
- (B) convenience
- (C) apathy
- (D) favoritism
- (E) partisanship

3. Although the politician was basically conservative in her views, she was not ____: her positions on certain issues could even be called ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A radical	D progressive
B moderate	E hidebound
C reactionary	F cautious

4. Cultural change is seldom truly ____: successive periods overlap, progress is ____, and within a prevailing climate of opinion there can be innumerable variations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A straight forward	D dramatic
B complex	E manifest
C visible	F ragged

5. The science of astronomy was begun by amateurs and today remains dependent on their contributions, which are incisive by virtue of being ____ by a prior assumption that often vitiates the work of professional research scientists.

- (A) characterized
- (B) unencumbered
- (C) supported
- (D) contradicted
- (E) inspired

6. In many cities mass-transit delays occur so frequently that patrons have finally become ____ them and have simply adjusted their schedules accordingly.

- (A) committed to
- (B) cognizant of
- (C) enraged by
- (D) desirous of
- (E) inured to

Exercise 37

1. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A preclude	D disinterested
B encourage	E partisan
C admit	F pragmatic

2. Some theories of why election results in democracies sometimes seem perverse rest on the idea that there is an intrinsic ____ in human behavior; in contrast, other explanations posits that people act logically, ____ their interests and behaving accordingly.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A selfishness	D calculating
B ratiocination	E thwarting
C irrationality	F ignoring

3. The book's account of the governors' term in office is too uniformly ____ to be persuasive: it overlooks her many accomplishments and ____ her failures.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A rosy	D downplays
B harsh	E exaggerates
C encomiastic	F enumerates

4. An epistolary novel, composed of fictitious correspondence between its characters, may seem ____ to the contemporary reader who writes few letters and who may doubt that anyone could have such incessant recourse to the pen.

- (A) injudicious
- (B) iniquitous
- (C) unrealistic
- (D) insensate
- (E) superfluous

5. Chavez' account of her supervisors' ____ decision making belies the agency's image as little more than ____ bureaucracy.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A ill-informed	D a timorous
B systematic	E a methodical
C headlong	F a hierarchical

6. Although many genuine friendships are entered into only out of pure goodwill ____ with selfish considerations, many real ____ accrue to those who enter into such relations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A fraught	D deficits
B unmixed	E consequences
C confused	F advantages

Exercise 38

1. During the speeches preliminary to the ship's launching, its designer's expression was pensive and his stare distant; doubtless, he was ____ the ceremony and was anxious to get on with the launch.

- (A) rearranging
- (B) inspecting
- (C) unsure of
- (D) preoccupied with
- (E) impatient with

2. Although not all the women in the group identified themselves as feminists, their lives ____ their shared belief that men and women were equal and that the accomplishments, not the gender, of an individual mattered.

- (A) challenged
- (B) demonstrated
- (C) conflated
- (D) undermined
- (E) contradicted

3. Traditional Chinese culture opposed music performed solely for entertainment; accordingly, China's musical entertainers were, in the past, ____ a low social status.

- (A) exempt from
- (B) relegated to
- (C) privy to
- (D) honored with
- (E) scornful of

4. Although the diverse local idioms of English in England are not as strong as they once were, their ____ has been ____: television and radio are not the homogenizing forces that they were once thought to be.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A meaning	D underrated
B importance	E exaggerated
C variety	F misconstrued

5. Some suggest that students who are granted privileges receive them because their teachers wish to make the students ____; more probably, causality flows in the opposite direction, in that teachers are likely to grant privileges to diligent students.

- (A) excitable
- (B) independent
- (C) malleable
- (D) grateful
- (E) conscientious

6. This writer of fiction believed that the novelist should not ____ the narrative, and that such inconspicuousness on the part of the author would preserve the illusion of reality.

- (A) preconceive
- (B) minimize
- (C) hasten
- (D) agonize over
- (E) obtrude into

Exercise 39

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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A boredom	D conversant with
B knowledge	E excited by
C love	F experienced with

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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A commonly	D entertain
B scarcely	E ridicule
C unique	F balk 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 novel 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A recovery	D established
B synthesis	E condoned
C genesis	F rejected

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

Exercise 40

1. 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

2. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A morbid	D eschew
B tranquil	E rival
C languid	F emanate

3. 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.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A empathetic	D cultivation of
B reserved	E disdain for
C charismatic	F admiration

4. Tuberculosis has long been ____ and ____ disease: for thousands of years, it has continued to afflict humankind without regard for sex, class, occupation, or race.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a relentless	D selective
B an unpredictable	E egalitarian
C a sporadic	F capricious

5. 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

6. 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

Exercise 41

1. Initially a defender of democratic rule, the president ironically soon began to employ the very dictatorial powers that he had once ____.
- (A) supported
(B) condemned
(C) created
(D) advocated
(E) recognized
2. The artist was quite ____ : he not only painted portraits and illustrated books but also designed furniture and monuments.
- (A) unsophisticated
(B) conventional
(C) temperamental
(D) exacting
(E) versatile
3. Because of the likelihood that her new colleague would not approve of her political opinions, the reporter briefly considered remaining quiet, then quickly resolved that she would not ____ her personal views merely for the sake of ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A suppress	D concord
B advertise	E debate
C misrepresent	F posterity

4. The feminist poet's extremely explicit and witty diatribes against social convention were so thoroughly ____ other writers that her idiosyncratic brand of rebellion eventually became the convention of her time.
- (A) inimical to
(B) alien to
(C) emulated by
(D) resented by
(E) misunderstood by

5. Although sermons retained their ____ in religious life during most of twentieth century, they are gradually ____ that central places as churches devote more energy to social activities.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A marginality	D occupying
B preeminence	E losing
C negligence	F preempting

6. The same environmental process that long ago caused the original degradation of the forest ecosystem are acting as ____ its rehabilitation; scientists therefore intend to try to ____ these processes in order to prevent future damage to the ecosystem.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A barriers to	D counter
B precursors to	E facilitate
C signals of	F exacerbate

Exercise 42

1. The noisy begging of a brood of baby birds is a ____ to biologists: why would any helpless, immature organism do something that seems so likely to endanger it by ____ predators.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A conundrum	D attracting
B signal	E outwitting
C given	F repelling

2. While still____, Juvenal's later satires____ a change of tone and some touches of human kindness, as though he had found some consolation at last.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A pessimistic	D avoid
B hopeful	E show
C embittered	F undermine

3. Upon realizing that the indicators of a stressful situation can be extremely____, the psychologist reconsidered his claim that a reliable way to reduce stress is to recognize stressful situations and then avoid them.

- (A) acute
- (B) subtle
- (C) well-documented
- (D) exaggerated
- (E) persistent

4. The chief flaw of the work is that it dwells too long on matters that are____ to its main subject, leaving____ space for treatment of the heart of the topic.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A germane	D scant
B integral	E equivalent
C ancillary	F compensatory

5. The____ activity that usually accompanies annual conventions of professional scholars is in ill keeping with the ____ and order befitting earnest intellectual endeavor.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A frivolous	D dilettantism
B erudite	E gravity
C cerebral	F levity

6. Contrary to the new manager's draconian reputation, most of the work rules and procedures she implemented were relatively ____ .

- (A) innocuous
- (B) punctilious
- (C) onerous
- (D) transparent
- (E) uncomplicated

Exercise 43

1. In the 1950's, the country's inhabitants were ____: most of them knew very little about foreign countries.

- (A) partisan
- (B) erudite
- (C) insular
- (D) cosmopolitan
- (E) imperturbable

2. 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

3. The (i)_____ 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 (ii)_____ for time to erode.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A unadorned	D inalienable
B harmonious	E exigent
C multifaceted	F extraneous

4. The (i)_____ of data about condors leaves many questions unanswered and brings a plea from ornithologists that the birds deserve a more (ii)_____ examination.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A paucity	D disingenuous
B plethora	E cursory
C accuracy	F exhaustive

5. New technologies often begin by (i) _____ 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 (ii) _____ their processes. In that sense, many of today's computer networks are still in the steam age. Their full potential remains unrealized.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A uprooting	D transmitted to
B dismissing	E consolidated around
C mimicking	F incorporated into

6. 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 (i) _____, but the most (ii) _____ of these paintings (iii) _____ all doubts.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A partiality	D problematic	G exculpate
B credulity	E successful	H assuage
C ambivalence	F disparaged	I whet

7. A restaurant's menu is generally reflected in its decor; 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. According to some political analysts, the candidate's occasionally rambling response to questions suggest that he has been out of circulation for a while and his debating skills need to be _____.

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

Exercise 44

1. Many find it strange that her writing is thought to be tortuous; her recent essays, although longer than most of her earlier essays, are extremely ____.

- (A) painstaking
- (B) tedious
- (C) insightful
- (D) sophisticated
- (E) clear

2. 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

3. 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 (i) _____ 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 (ii) _____ ritual.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A primed for	D an arcane
B opaque to	E a laudable
C essential for	F a painstaking

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A indefatigable	D disregard for
B fastidious	E partiality toward
C defiant	F unpretentiousness about

5. Having displayed his art collection in a vast modernist white space in (i)____ 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 (ii)____ about the new location: the building's design is bureaucratic baroque, (iii)____ style that is as declamatory as a task-force report and as self-regarding as a campaign speech.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A a decadent	D atavistic	G an ascetic
B a claustrophobic	E spare	H a grandiose
C an unprepossessing	F pretentious	I an understated

6. That the President manages the economy is an assumption (i)____ 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 (ii)____ 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 (iii)____. Unfortunately, modern political campaigns are fought on the untenable premise that Presidents can deliberately produce precise economic results.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A peripheral to	D justifiably personified in	G usually long-lasting
B central to	E erroneously attributed to	H regrettably unnoticeable
C at odds with	F occasionally associated with	I largely unpredictable

7. Linguistic science confirms what experienced users of ASL—American Sign Language—have always implicitly known: ASL is a grammatically ____ language, as capable of expressing a full range of syntactic relations as any natural spoken language.

- (A) complete
- (B) economical
- (C) redundant
- (D) spare
- (E) unique
- (F) unlimited

8. In medieval philosophy every physical phenomenon is presumed to have some determinate cause, leaving no place for ____ in the explanation of particular events.

- (A) happenstance
- (B) chance
- (C) error
- (D) experience
- (E) context
- (F) miscalculation

9. 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

10. 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

Exercise 45

1. given how (i)_____ the shortcomings of the standard economic model are in its portrayal of human behavior, the failure of many economists to respond to them is astonishing. They continue to fill the journals with yet more proofs of yet more (ii)_____ theorem. Others, by contrast, accept the criticisms as a challenge, seeking to expand the basic model to embrace a wider range of things people do.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A overlooked	D comprehensive
B occasional	E improbable
C patent	F pervasive

2. A newly published, laudatory biography of George Bernard Shaw fails, like others before it, to capture the essence of his personality: the more he is (i)_____, the more his true self seems to (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A discussed	D disappear
B disparaged	E emerge
C disregarded	F coalesce

3. 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 (i) _____ the victor's triumph as the result of some spurious advantage, the victors being truly inferior where it counts. Often the winners (ii) _____ this interpretation, worrying about the culture or moral costs of their triumph and so giving some credence to the loser's story.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A construe	D take issue with
B anoint	E disregard
C acknowledge	F collude in

4. The question of (i)_____ in photography has lately become nontrivial, prices for vintage prints(those make by a photographer soon after he or she made the negative) so drastically (ii) _____ in the 1990s that one of these photographs might fetch a hundred times as much as a nonvintage print of the same image. It was perhaps only a matter of time before someone took advantage of the (iii)_____ to peddle newly created “vintage”prints for profit.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A forgery	D ballooned	G discrepancy
B influence	E weakened	H ambiguity
C style	F varied	I duplicity

5. In the long run, high-technology communications cannot _____ more traditional face-to-face family togetherness, in Aspinall’s view.

- (A) ameliorate
- (B) compromise
- (C) supersede
- (D) approximate
- (E) enervate
- (F) supplant

6. The macromolecule RNA is common to all living beings, and DNA, which is found in all organisms except some bacteria, is almost_____.

- (A) comprehensive
- (B) fundamental
- (C) inclusive
- (D) universal
- (E) significant
- (F) ubiquitous

7. Even in this business, where_____is part of everyday life, a talent of lying is not something usually found on one’s resume.

- (A) aspiration
- (B) mendacity
- (C) prevarication
- (D) insensitivity
- (E) baseness
- (F) avarice

Exercise 46

1. In the current research program, new varieties of apple trees are evaluated under different agricultural_____for tree size, bloom density, fruit size, adaptability to various soils, and resistance to pests and disease.

- (A) circumscription
- (B) regulations
- (C) conditions
- (D) auspices
- (E) configurations

2. stories are a haunted genre; hardly(i)_____kind of story, the ghost story is almost the paradigm of the form, and (ii)_____ was undoubtedly one effect that Poe had in mind when he wrote about how stories work.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a debased	D pessimism
B a normative	E goosebumps
C a meticulous	F curiosity

3. the playwright's approach is(i)_____ in that her works(ii)_____ the theatrical devices normally used to create drama on the stage.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A pedestrian	D jettison
B startling	E experiment with
C celebrated	F distill

4. I've long anticipated this retrospective of the artist's work, hoping it would make (i)_____ judgments about him possible, but greater familiarity with his paintings highlights their inherent (ii)_____ and actually makes one's assessment(iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A modish	D gloom	G similarly equivocal
B settled	E ambiguity	H less sanguine
C detached	F delicacy	I more cynical

5. Higher energy prices would have many (i)_____ effects on society as a whole. Besides encouraging consumers to be more (ii)_____ in their use of gasoline, they would encourage the development of renewable alternative energy sources that are not (iii)_____ at current prices.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A pernicious	D aggressive	G unstable
B counterintuitive	E predictable	H adaptable
C salubrious	F sparing	I viable

6. But they pay little attention to the opposite and more treacherous failing: false certainty, refusing to confess their mistakes and implicitly claiming(i) _____,thereby embarrassing the nation and undermining the Constitution, which established various mechanisms of self-correction on the premise that even the wisest men are sometimes wrong and need, precisely when they find it most (ii)_____, the benefit of (iii)_____process.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A infallibility	D discomfiting	G an adaptable
B immunity	E expedient	H a remedial
C impartiality	F imminent	I an injudicious

7. Once White stepped down from a political platform, where his daring,_____speeches provoked baying applause from audiences, he was courteous and considerate even to politicians he had just slandered in the speech.

- (A) florid
- (B) defamatory
- (C) calumnious
- (D) inveigling
- (E) timorous
- (F) diffident

8. clearly the government faced a dilemma: it could hardly____ trials, especially in the absence of irrefutable evidence, but it also would not welcome, in the midst of war, the scandal that would arise if trials were avoided.

- (A) be keen on
- (B) be inclined to
- (C) arrange
- (D) dispense with
- (E) turn its back on
- (F) credit

9. the hodgepodge nature of local and federal law enforcement and the changing but often still inadequate regulations governing the credit industry make identity theft a particularly _____ crime.

- (A) unobjectionable
- (B) viable
- (C) dubious
- (D) innocuous
- (E) uncontrollable
- (F) intractable

10. Economic competition among nations may lead to new forms of economic protectionism that hearken back to the mercantilism of an earlier age: there are signs today that such protectionism is indeed _____ .

- (A) evanescent
- (B) resurgent
- (C) recrudescence
- (D) transitory
- (E) controversial
- (F) inimical

Exercise 47

1. Unlike other creatures, who are shaped largely by their immediate environment, human beings are products of a culture accumulated over centuries, yet one that is constantly being _____ by massive infusions of new information from everywhere.

- (A) unconfirmed
- (B) upheld
- (C) transformed
- (D) mechanized
- (E) superseded

2. Scientists are not the only persons who examine the world about them by the use of rational processes, although they sometimes (i)_____ this impression by extending the definition of "scientist" to include anyone who is (ii)_____ in his or her investigational practices.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A conceal	D intuitive
B create	E haphazard
C undermine	F logical

3. Critics charge that the regulatory agency, having never defined what constitutes an untenable risk, has grown (i)_____ outside influences on that issue: several experts have (ii)_____ it recently for allowing one power plant to delay an inspection for more than six weeks despite compelling safety concerns.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A susceptible to	D complimented
B unaware of	E panned
C irritated at	F overlooked

4. Colleagues describe Padgett as both forthright and reticent, humble and (i)_____, good-natured and (ii)_____. And in her behavior as a businesswoman, Padgett herself does little to (iii)_____ these contradictions. She says she is proemployee but is avowedly antiunion. She calls herself procustomer but acknowledges that she runs a store with higher profit margins and prices than almost any other grocer.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A diffident	D prickly	G dispel
B eccentric	E solicitous	H fulfill
C arrogant	F phlegmatic	I accentuate

5. Room acoustics design criteria are determined according to the room's intended use. Music, for example, is best (i)_____ in spaces that are reverberant, a condition that generally makes speech less (ii)_____. Acoustics suitable for both speech and music can sometimes be created in the same space, although the result is never perfect, each having to be (iii)_____ to some extent.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A controlled	D abrasive	G compromised
B appreciated	E intelligible	H eliminated
C employed	F ubiquitous	I considered

6. Since becoming commissioner, Mr. Vincent has snapped at the heels of the dominant firms in European industry more _____ than his smoother predecessors and has consequently acquired many more enemies.

- (A) sporadically
- (B) irascibly
- (C) persistently
- (D) pugnaciously
- (E) fitfully
- (F) judiciously

7. The vegetation at Stone Mountain, the best known of the large rock masses known as monadnocks, is far from _____, having been decimated by the hiking traffic.

- (A) blighted
- (B) endangered
- (C) picturesque
- (D) pristine
- (E) undisturbed
- (F) vulnerable

Exercise 48

1. James Boswell's *Life of Samuel Johnson* is generally thought to have established Boswell as the first great modern biographer; yet the claim of ____ could be made for Johnson himself as author of a *Life of Richard Savage*.

- (A) partisanship
- (B) omniscience
- (C) precedence
- (D) opportunism
- (E) perseverance

2. Most spacecraft are still at little risk of collision with space debris during their operational lifetimes, but given the numbers of new satellites launched each year, the orbital environment in the future is likely to be less ____.

- (A) crowded
- (B) invulnerable
- (C) protected
- (D) polluted
- (E) benign

3. The unironic representation of objects from everyday life is ____ serious American art of the twentieth century: "high" artist ceded the straightforward depiction of the ____ to illustrators, advertisers, and packaging designers.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A missing from	D beautiful
B valued in	E commonplace
C crucial to	F complex

4. Television promotes ____ of emotion in viewer through an unnatural evocation, every five minutes, of different and ____ feelings.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A a withdrawal	D incompatible
B an obscuring	E sympathetic
C a discontinuity	F interminable

5. While the cerulean warbler's status may be particularly (i)____, it is just one of the many species of migrant birds whose numbers have been (ii)____ for years. Increasingly, biologists investigating the causes of these (iii)____ are focusing on habitat loss in the Tropics, where the birds spend the winter.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A precarious	D underreported	G pairings
B secure	E falling	H migrations
C representative	F copious	I declines

6. The recent publication of the painter Rober Motherwell's subsistential body of writing, as well as writings by fellow Expressionist Barnett Newman, (i)____ Ann Gibson's assertion that the Abstract Expressionists were reluctant to (ii)____ issues of artistic meaning in their work and suggests that this supposed reticence was perhaps more artistic (iii)____ than historical fact.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A substantiates	D forgo	G conscience
B undermines	E articulate	H focus
C overlooks	F conceal	I posturing

7. The spy's repeated bungling was, above all else, ____ those who wished to thwart her efforts, since it was so unpredictable as to obscure any pattern that might otherwise lead to capture.

- (A) an obstacle to
- (B) a signal to
- (C) a hindrance to
- (D) an indication for
- (E) a snare for
- (F) a boon to

8. Female video artists' rise to prominence over the past 30 years has ____ the ascent of video as an art form: it is only within the past three decades that video art has attained its current, respected status.

- (A) matched
- (B) politicized
- (C) paralleled
- (D) obviated
- (E) accelerated
- (F) forestalled

9. Although the film is rightly judged imperfect by most of today's critics, the films being created today are___it, since its release in 1940 provoked sufficient critical discussion to enhance the intellectual respectability of cinema considerably.

- (A) beholden to
- (B) indebted to
- (C) derivative of
- (D) based on
- (E) distinguishable from
- (F) biased against

10. The detective's conviction that there were few inept crimes in her district led her to impute some degree of____to every suspect she studied.

- (A) deceit
- (B) acumen
- (C) duplicity
- (D) shrewdness
- (E) evasiveness
- (F) equivocation

Exercise 49

1. The epidemiologist was worried: despite____signs of danger, few countries or companies had taken the possibility of a pandemic seriously, and there was little interest in developing a vaccine.

- (A) erroneous
- (B) mounting
- (C) token
- (D) inconclusive
- (E) residual

2. The author presents the life of Zane Grey with____unusual in a biographer:he is not even convinced that Grey was a good writer.

- (A) a zeal
- (B) a deftness
- (C) a detachment
- (D) an eloquence
- (E) an imaginativeness

3. The current____of format in electronic scholarly publication will not last beyond the point when amateur burnout occurs and amateurs are replaced by traditional publishing companies: in an effort to reduce costs through economies of scale, publishing firms tend toward____in the format of their electronic publication projects.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A diversity	D homogeneity
B monotony	E sophistication
C refinement	F extremes

4. Because we assume the____ of natural design, nature can often____us:as the Wright brothers noted, the birds initially misled them in almost every particular,but their Flyer eventually succeeded by being the least avian of the early flying machines.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A quirkiness	D galvanize
B preeminence	E befriend
C maladroitness	F beguile

5. If one could don magic spectacles—with lenses that make the murky depths of the ocean become transparent—and look back several centuries to an age before widespread abuse of the oceans began, even the most (i)____observer would quickly discover that fish were formerly much more abundant. Likewise, many now-depleted species of marine mammals would appear (ii)____. But without such special glasses, the differences between past and present oceans are indeed hard to (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A casual	D threatened	G ignore
B prescient	E plentiful	H discern
C clearheaded	F unfamiliar	I dismiss

6. This book's strengths are the author's breadth of knowledge and the blending of ideas and findings from many disciplines, including history, the arts and the sciences. Ideas from diverse perspectives are (i)____to provide a historical and cross-cultural understanding. But a weakness of the book is its (ii)____: sometimes there are leaps from one domain to another that (iii)_____the reader's ability to synthesize a coherent view of our current understanding of this subject.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A hyperbolized	D organization	G exaggerate
B interwoven	E intensity	H oversimplify
C reversed	F uniformity	I undercut

7. Alkan steadfastly refused to____her responsibilities as an author:for her an author had to be fearless and committed,and she was always both.

- (A) undertake
- (B) shirk
- (C) disclose
- (D) reveal
- (E) rationalize
- (F) neglect

8. If emissions of heat-trapping gases continue to accumulate in the atmosphere at the current rate, Earth could experience global transformations, and while some of these changes might be __, many could be downright disruptive.

- (A) catastrophic
- (B) calamitous
- (C) intolerable
- (D) irremediable
- (E) modest
- (F) unremarkable

9. It may be that most of this film footage was shown somewhere, but the documentary is designed to make audiences feel that this footage has never been seen, or that, having been seen, it was deliberately ____.

- (A) censored
- (B) imitated
- (C) suppressed
- (D) underscored
- (E) counterfeited
- (F) misrepresented

10. Philby secretly loathed the host of the party that he was attending, but it seemed ____ to say so publicly.

- (A) recondite
- (B) tactless
- (C) clever
- (D) malign
- (E) deft
- (F) impolitic

Exercise 50

1. The book's seemingly casually written, conversational style masks ___ structure.

- (A) a loosely organized
- (B) a somewhat rambling
- (C) an overly diffuse
- (D) a shrewdly crafted
- (E) an unconventionally informal

2. This filmmaker is not outspoken on political matters: her films are known for their aesthetic qualities rather than for their ___ ones.

- (A) polemical
- (B) cinematic
- (C) narrative
- (D) commercial
- (E) dramatic

3. Though somewhat less ___ than previous chapters and suffering from a minor rash of academic jargon, the final chapter of the book is nonetheless ___ laypeople.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A arcane	D largely ignored by
B coherent	E accessible to
C subjective	F impenetrable to

4. Although he has long had a reputation for ___, his behavior toward his coworkers has always been ___, suggesting he may not be as insolent as people generally think.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A inscrutability	D brazen
B venality	E courteous
C impudence	F predictable

5. There is nothing that (i)____scientists more than having an old problem in their field solved by someone from outside. If you doubt this (ii)____, just think about the (iii)____reaction of paleontologists to the hypothesis of Luis Alvarez—a physicist—and Walter Alvarez—a geologist—that the extinction of the dinosaurs was caused by the impact of a large meteor on the surface of the planet.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A amazes	D exposition	G contemptuous
B pleases	E objugation	H indifferent
C nettles	F observation	I insincere

6. Historical research makes two somewhat antithetical truths that sounded (i)____come to seem profound: knowledge of the past comes entirely from written documents,giving written words great (ii)____, and the more material you uncover, the more (iii)____your subject becomes.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A deep	D consequence	G elusive
B portentous	E antiquity	H contemporary
C banal	F simultaneity	I circumstantial

7. The slower-learning monkeys searched ____but unintelligently:although they worked closely together,they checked only the most obvious hiding places.

- (A) competitively
- (B) impulsively
- (C) cooperatively
- (D) deviously
- (E) craftily
- (F) harmoniously

8. The report's most significant weakness is its assumption that the phenomenon under study is____, when in reality it is limited to a specific geographic area.

- (A) unusual
- (B) exceptional
- (C) ubiquitous
- (D) absolute
- (E) universal
- (F) restricted

9. By about eight, children's phonetic capacities are fully developed but still____; thus children at that age can learn to speak a new language with a native speaker's accent.

- (A) plastic
- (B) vestigial
- (C) inarticulate
- (D) unformed
- (E) nascent
- (F) malleable

10. Each member of the journalistic pair served as____the other: each refrained from publishing a given piece if the other doubted that it was ready to be printed.

- (A) a check on
- (B) an advocate for
- (C) an impediment to
- (D) a brake on
- (E) an apologist for
- (F) an intermediary for

Exercise 51

1. Burke is often on slippery ground when it comes to her primary sources; especially ____ is the mode by which she gathered her oral evidence.

- (A) crucial
- (B) passable
- (C) dubious
- (D) laudable
- (E) ingenious

2. Although grandiose urban railroad stations are often viewed as glorious monuments to their cities, they in fact ____ the cities by enabling the migration of city dwellers to the suburbs.

- (A) invigorate
- (B) enlarge
- (C) enfeeble
- (D) delineate
- (E) overshadow

3. The Parisian Ecole des Beaux-Arts (school of Fine Arts) was ____ many nineteenth- and twentieth-century artists, so that by 1930 the associated term “academic art” had become a ____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A influential among	D pejorative
B ridiculed by	E conundrum
C attended by	F misnomer

4. Moore was (i) ____ ill at ease. His (ii) ____ had always been a distinguishing feature. It was what made him a good con artist and a good informant. He was one of those men who accepted dares with an easygoing smile and did outrageous things with (iii) ____ that made him successful in the dangerous world in which he operated. But just now he was not feeling very sure of himself.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A uncharacteristically	D disquietude	G an obvious clumsiness
B predictably	E magnanimity	H a sophisticated fearlessness
C naturally	F aplomb	I a wary vigilance

5. The journalism professor's first lecture tackled (i)____itself, challenging the journalistic trope that an article has to represent all sides—no matter how marginal—equally. Instead, the professor argued that this impulse to (ii)____even obviously (iii)____views in order to furnish opposing perspectives is harmful to basic accuracy.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A marketability	D approve	G controversial
B objectivity	E present	H fringe
C partisanship	F denigrate	I straightforward

6. An esteemed literary critic, Mr. Wood has put together a (i)____volume about literary technique, his playful exuberance (ii)____the dry, jargon-strewn tradition of academic criticism. Mr. Wood can't claim to be (iii) ____; he has restricted himself to citations available in his personal library. Nor does he attempt to be methodical, as chapters proceed in higgledy-piggledy fashion. But few books novel writing provide such insights into the craft.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A deft	D wonderfully at odds with	G entertaining
B pretentious	E heavily influenced by	H accessible
C comprehensive	F largely superseded by	I thorough

7. That the book's argument was____became clear as soon as reviews appeared: there were holes, and reviewers delighted in pointing them out.

- (A) wanting
- (B) convoluted
- (C) unintelligible
- (D) penetrating
- (E) flawed
- (F) complex

8. Some researchers worry that if there is a causal relationship between warming tropical sea surface temperatures and the marked increase in Atlantic hurricane activity since the early 1990s, this connection could____larger changes.

- (A) presage
- (B) exacerbate
- (C) obscure
- (D) avert
- (E) portend
- (F) forestall

9. The dog's appearance of___became increasingly irritating,his whines became more wheedling,his manner more imploring.

- (A) supplication
- (B) gratification
- (C) insolence
- (D) entreaty
- (E) willfulness
- (F) contentment

10. The demands of___notwithstanding,a page or two in Dahl's recent book on democracy that considered what public-choice economics has to say about "democratic failure"—or at least a clear signpost to that literature—would have been very well spent.

- (A) clarity
- (B) brevity
- (C) comprehensiveness
- (D) economy
- (E) cogency
- (F) thoroughness

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