

1. With the numerous opponents of the controversial new **taxation** measure in such a fury, anyone who publicly advocated the measure did not fail to meet with \_\_\_\_\_ usage.
- A. politic  
**B. severe**  
 C. sober  
 D. respectful  
 E. dejected
2. The paleontologist examined the problem afresh, believing that the accepted classification \_\_\_\_\_ the essential continuity of the **specimens** by making specious distinctions among them.
- A. disproved  
**B. belied**  
 C. conflated  
 D. divulged  
 E. relaxed
3. Invention was (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the work of the ancient Greek historians, whose writings were filled with long and often purely fictitious speeches by great historical figures. The animating force in historical writing was rhetoric rather than (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. Even well into the eighteenth century, not a few historians continued to understand themselves as artists, given a license to invent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. The identity of **hominid** remains found in a cave in the Altai Mountains was \_\_\_\_\_ until Paabo and his colleagues ended the speculation by showing that DNA sequences indicated the bones belonged to Neanderthals.

- A. extraneous
- B. conjectural**
- C. improbable
- D. demonstrable
- E. consistent

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. Although the biography never explicitly assesses what role the dynamic between Mr. Merrills parents might have played in the development of his personality, the author offers plenty of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. mystification
- B. elucidation
- C. speculation**
- D. reflection
- E. obfuscation
- F. conjecture**

1. Though humanitarian emergencies are frequent features of television news, such exposure seldom \_\_\_\_\_ the public, which rather seems resigned to a sense of impotency.

- A. paralyzes
- B. demoralizes
- C. assuages
- D. galvanizes
- E. exasperates

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

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

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

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

4. Mr. Billington, at times, can be a (i)\_\_\_\_\_. For instance, he deplores the Royal Shakespeare Company's eight-and-a-half hour version of Nicholas Nickleby, which many found (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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9. There is frequently a **protracted** time interval between the introduction of an innovative musical composition and its public acceptance: the concert-going public often **spurns** the \_\_\_\_\_ in favor of the familiar for a prolonged period.

- A. comprehensive
- B. intricate
- C. novel**
- D. original**
- E. intelligible
- F. complex

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

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

1. History teaches us that science is not \_\_\_\_\_ enterprise, indeed, it is quite the opposite, a **motley** assortment of tools designed to safeguard researchers against their own biases.
- A. an opportunistic  
B. an anomalous  
C. a haphazard  
D. a collective  
**E. a monolithic**
2. There is \_\_\_\_\_ in the directors most recent film that keeps the **melodramatic** possibilities **latent in** its script safely **at bay**.
- A. a mawkishness  
B. a predictability  
**C. an austerity**  
D. an ostentatiousness  
E. an emotiveness
3. Few studies have been published on **ground-squirrel dispersal**, and most of them have involved very small sample sizes, thus most statement regarding ground-squirrel dispersal must be considered \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. invaluable  
B. unexceptional  
C. inveterate  
D. routine  
**E. conjectural**
4. Since **fibromyalgias symptoms** can be (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and can (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ other disorder, and its diagnosis depends largely on patients descriptions rather than blood tests or biopsies, fibromyalgias cause and treatment have been the subject of much debate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. The concert halls suspended ceiling is two-inch-thick plaster that reflects low-frequency sound energy; similarly, all wall surfaces are angled and shaped to \_\_\_\_\_ sound from the stage throughout the audience area.

- A. diffuse
- B. amplify
- C. spread
- D. dampen
- E. eclipse
- F. deaden

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

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



1. The painters problem, like that of an author whose early literary masterpiece exhausts the themes it embodies, is how to \_\_\_\_\_ his first highly **acclaimed** efforts with works of comparable significance and presence.

- A. Combine
- B. illuminate
- C. realize**
- D. amend
- E. follow

2. Since many African farmers face a soil fertility problem, providing funding for fertilizer seems \_\_\_\_\_; closer examination of the data raises some troubling questions, however.

- A. **Imprudent**
- B. expensive
- C. unimpeachable**
- D. modern
- E. worrisome

3. In the years prior to the Civil War, Philadelphia's African American press encourage readers to be **vaccinated** against smallpox. This journalistic campaign was initially (i) \_\_\_\_\_ appealing to readers sense of communal duty, and became even more (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ once the war started, as smallpox outbreaks began to occur on Philadelphia's **outskirts**.

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

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

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

5. It remains a mystery how Theobroma cacao, which scholars believe originated in lowland Amazonia, was introduced to tropical Mesoamerica. It must have been a (i)\_\_\_\_\_ process: cacao trees do not easily sprout from seed, need years to mature, and grow only in humid lowland forest. Moreover, in a tropical climate, cacao **pods spoil** quickly, rendering their transport from lowland Amazonia to tropical Mesoamerica in a single journey by foot or canoe (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.clandestine	<b>D.unlikely</b>
<b>B.protracted</b>	E.redundant
C.spontaneous	F.expeditious

6. So (i)\_\_\_\_\_ is the reputation of the countrys police for corruption and other forms of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ that it has become a kind of tradition that every newly appointed police chief **pledges** to (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ the force.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
<b>A.</b> persisted	D.indolence	G.contradict
B.paralyzing	<b>E.</b> incompetence	<b>H.</b> reform
C.unfounded	F.criminality	I.reward

7. For decades, Pluto seemed to be the mysteriously \_\_\_\_\_ planet: it was first thought to be about as large as Earth, but, subsequently, measurements had it smaller and smaller.

- A. morphing
- B. appearing
- C. dwindling**
- D. orbiting
- E. contracting**
- F. emerging

8. Every illness is a story, and when Annies began it was characterized by the kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ details that mean nothing until seen in hindsight.

- A. salient
- B. unexceptional**
- C. conspicuous
- D. suggestive
- E. abundant
- F. nondescript**

9. Peoples decisions about **childbearing** depend on innumerable personal consideration and societal factors, yet even knowing this, **demographers** are often \_\_\_\_\_ : their projections of birth rates frequently turn out to be embarrassingly at odds with reality.

- A. sanguine
- B. flummoxed**
- C. inconsistent
- D. overconfident
- E. heartened
- F. confounded**

10. The brain has become, for many people, \_\_\_\_\_ the biological **machinations** of the self, and the self-knowledge promised by **neuroscience** has ignited a hunger to understand how new findings weigh in on age-old questions.

- A. tantamount** to
- B. synonymous** with
- C. implicated in
- D. divorced from
- E. detached from
- F. subservient to

1. In the nineteenth century, **geology** became so respected among middle-class Britons that the science came to be seen as \_\_\_\_\_ a **yardstick** by which other disciplines measured their scientific **rigor** and imaginative power.

- A. accessible
- B. derivative
- C. pragmatic
- D. empirical
- E. paradigmatic**

2. He defended the governments **equivocations** regarding the mysterious **contrail** as resulting not from \_\_\_\_\_ as critics say, but from a **benightedness** about its own doings that is almost inevitable, given the **multitudinous-**ness of its agencies.

- A. obtuseness
- B. mendacity**
- C. abnegation
- D. guilelessness
- E. trenchancy

3. Up to the 1970s, histories of science tended to be (i) \_\_\_\_\_ not least in their focus on discoveries and theories that could be read as anticipating later scientific orthodoxies, rather than on those deemed (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ in their own periods. Historians of science are now routinely far more sensitive on such scores.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
<b>A.anachronistic</b>	<b>D.major</b>
B.convoluted	E.fallacious
C.undogmatic	F.inessential

4. The **perennial** problem for critics of nineteenth-century novelist Charlotte Yonge is the relationship of her realism to her (i)\_\_\_\_\_. While admiring her complex psychological portraits and detailed descriptions of quotidian family life, readers since her own time have tended to fault her improbable manipulation of plot to teach a moral lesson. Indeed, many critics (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ her because of her willingness to (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ .

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A.pessimism	<b>D.dismiss</b>	<b>G.squander suspense</b>
<b>B.didacticism</b>	E.applaud	H.sacrifice credibility
C.eclecticism	F.underestimate	I.deflate pretension

5. Filler claims that after the social welfare programs of the 1960s, belief that the government has an obligation to provide decent housing for citizens who cannot afford it was (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States by the notion that providing suitable shelter for everyone should be (ii)\_\_\_\_\_. Thus today in the (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ of taxpayer-sponsored initiatives we have volunteer home-construction programs, honorable in intent but pitifully limited in scope.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
<b>A.supplanted</b>	D.a shared civic responsibility	G.absence
B.promulgated	<b>E.an act of private charity</b>	<b>H.name</b>
C.corroborated	F.a profit-oriented enterprise	I.mold

6. Persian prose writers from the second half of the twelfth century onward were characteristically (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the literary form of their works, a fact that some scholars have perceived as a derogation of those works content. It may be better interpreted as (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the development of an awareness of authorship, for the awareness of authorship (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ the awareness of form.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A. ambivalent about	D. a retreat from	G. evolves through
B. indifferent to	E. an indication of	H. extends beyond
C. preoccupied with	F. a justification for	I. holds back

7. Some have argued that naming scientific discoveries after the people who make them can \_\_\_\_\_ scientific progress, because the nomenclature lacks useful clarity, having no relationship to the underlying principles that govern nature.

- A. hamper
- B. abet
- C. instigate
- D. obscure
- E. nullify
- F. impede

8. In the wild, no other mammal \_\_\_\_\_ individuals from another species; badgers do not tend hares, deer do not nurture baby squirrels, lions do not care for giraffes.

- A. protects
- B. fosters
- C. aids
- D. cajoles
- E. adopts
- F. coaxes

9. Each of the countrys 26 sates and most of its more than 2,000 municipalities have their own police forces, \_\_\_\_\_ communication and making it difficult to establish a coordinated law-enforcement strategy.

- A. establishing
- B. impeding
- C. hampering
- D. launching
- E. obscuring
- F. preventing

10. Governments are often willing to pay the direct costs of preparing for emergencies that may never happen: they make room in their budgets to prepare for \_\_\_\_\_ but unlikely events.

- A. plausible
- B. anticipated
- C. dangerous
- D. conceivable
- E. foreseen
- F. unimaginable

1. Having regarded Marcus relationship to their boss as entirely \_\_\_\_\_ Jo was **flabbergasted** when Marcus publicly made clear his objections to some changes the boss was introducing.

- A. professional
- B. sycophantic**
- C. prosaic
- D. dissident
- E. collegial

2. One might expect someone of such \_\_\_\_\_ views to have a comparably **dour** personality, but people who have worked with her talk about how she uses her considerable charm to convince people that she is right.

- A. forbearing
- B. convoluted
- C. felicitous
- D. astringent**
- E. hyperbolic

3. **Harpers draw**, while (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States for years, has remained (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ in London, where the public greets virtually every work with unabashed enthusiasm.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
<b>A.in</b> eclipse	D.controversial
B.unrivalled	<b>E.unsurpassed</b>
C.unchanged	F.unexceptional

4. There are far too many (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in the report, such as incorrect date (albeit on (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ points), inconsistency between the text and related tables, and discrepancies between the citations and the references.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.unsupported generalizations	D.numerous
B.stylistic infelicities	<b>E.minor</b>
<b>C.little</b> errors	F.perplexing

5. Regardless of the **putative** decline of (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in contemporary culture, such (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ remains essential to civil **discourse**. It allows people to avoid embarrassing or **maligning** an adversary, and it serves as a form of irony that draws attention to a problem that can scarcely be exaggerated.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.partisanship	<b>D.restraint</b>
B.originality	E.inventiveness
<b>C.understatement</b>	F.objectivity

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

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

7. Experiments show that it is shockingly easy to elicit a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ among a group of strangers: just tell them they'll be working as a team, and they immediately start working as a team.

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

8. The book aims to illuminate how science has changed the meaning of nothingness from \_\_\_\_\_ philosophical concept to something we can almost put under a microscope.

- A. a tangible
- B. a palpable
- C. a nebulous**
- D. a nettlesome
- E. an incontrovertible
- F. a vague**

9. Although there is an incredible diversity of microbes across the body of each individual, the fact that specific body sites tend to host a few specific bacteria indicates that the body's microflora are not \_\_\_\_\_ distributed.

- A. haphazardly**
- B. uniformly
- C. effectively
- D. heterogeneously
- E. functionally
- F. randomly**

10. What they see in Jimenez is the one candidate capable of **decisive** leadership, in stark contrast to Diaz, whose team in office has been **marred** by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. defensiveness
- B. corruption
- C. irresolution**
- D. vacillation**
- E. belligerence
- F. pugnacity

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

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

2. Some species camouflage patterns may be \_\_\_\_\_, granting those species a higher chance of survival in a heterogeneous environment.

- A. plastic
- B. subtle
- C. singular
- D. consistent
- E. imitable

3. The physical (i) \_\_\_\_\_ seen in the remains of soldiers who fought in the fifteenth-century battle of Towton is unsurprising, given the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ origins of the men who took the battlefield that day.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.decay	D.disparate
B.strength	E.unknown
C.diversity	F.controversial

4. Even if the merits of the proposal are (i) \_\_\_\_\_, faculty members may be reluctant to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, given their fear of offending the group that champions it.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.unparalleled	D.demur
B.dubious	E.approve
C.obvious	F.acquiesce

5. Many historians of the ancient world are wary of sounding (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Write so much as a sentence and the temptation is immediately to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ it. Even in cases when the sources for a given event are (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, uncertainties and discrepancies crop up everywhere.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A.fusty	D.recapitulate	G.consistent
B.anachronistic	E.forswear	H.plentiful
C.dogmatic	F.qualify	I.biased

6. His idea to make money by building a **drone** that could fly from the West Coast to Hawaii while continuously sending back low-altitude weather data is a characteristically (i) \_\_\_\_\_ project. The (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ of good storm-intensity forecasts has huge economic costs, but filling that need wont automatically generate big profits because the economic benefits are (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ .

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
<b>A.</b> quixotic	D. ubiquity	G. almost inevitable
B. mercenary	<b>E.</b> accuracy	H. hard to envision
C. resourceful	F. dearth	<b>I.</b> so widely <b>diffused</b>

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

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

8. **Typefaces**, in one sense, are just like styles of **shoes**: they \_\_\_\_\_ because different people have different tastes and identities and because both creators and users value **novelty** for its own sake.

- A. bemuse
- B. converge
- C.** proliferate
- D.** abound
- E. evolve
- F. coincide

9. Its a sign of John Dramani Mahamas maturity as a writer that he is willing to consider his countrys future so \_\_\_\_\_ : his memoir is appealingly honest, given to clear-eyed assessments rather than exaggerated accounts of achievements.

- A. cheerfully
- B. dispassionately
- C.** insightfully
- D. evocatively
- E.** analytically
- F. blithely

10. In its few decades of existence, the field of technology assessment has **undergone** large changes: its original high **ambitions** to **predict** consequences of technology have been \_\_\_\_\_ if not discarded.

- A. deferred
- B. subverted
- C. abandoned
- D. relinquished
- E.** tempered
- F.** modulated



1. Baker set a new standard for explaining difficult art in language the public could understand; consequently, her books remain exemplars of \_\_\_\_\_ in art-historical analysis.

- A. fashion
- B. rigor
- C. lucidity
- D. erudition
- E. grandiosity

2. The monitoring is not \_\_\_\_\_ : on the contrary, the defendant and his or her attorney are required to be given notice of the governments listening activities.

- A. obtrusive
- B. circumspect
- C. surreptitious
- D. adroit
- E. meticulous

3. There has been great enthusiasm in the United States for reducing fossil fuel dependence by increasing production of biofuels from crops such as corn and switchgrass, but this (i) \_\_\_\_\_ about biofuels potential should be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ by a realistic appraisal of the costs and challenges of biofuel production.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.forbearance	D.tempered
B.exuberance	E.delineated
C.obduracy	F.exacerbated

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

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

5. He was a leader about whom the countrys people felt (i) \_\_\_\_\_ both (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ and reviling him.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.ambivalent	D.ignoring
B.complacent	E.understanding
C.indifferent	F.adulating

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Church, Nussbaum, Waldman, and Wills have written very different books –Nussbaum and Wills range both farther and deeper—but each one of the four **strives for** \_\_\_\_\_ wanting to save us from the errors of **partisans** and zealots.

- A. concision
- B.** evenhandedness
- C. frankness
- D. trustworthiness
- E. succinctness
- F.** impartiality

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

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

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

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

2. There are no \_\_\_\_\_ criteria of excellence in art: works that once were ignored or even reviled now fetch millions of dollars at auction, while those that were most highly praised in their day now languish in storage.

- A. subjective
- B. dubious
- C. transitory
- D. immutable**
- E. uncontroversial

3. The students seeking undergraduate representation on the board of **trustees** viewed the **impasse** in their negotiations with the administration as (i)\_\_\_\_\_ since it promised to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the administrations belief that students should take no part in running the university.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.fortunate	<b>D.undermine</b>
<b>B.inevitable</b>	E.fuel
C.unprecedented	F.distort

4. The report is **admittedly** (i)\_\_\_\_\_ : it is intended to suggest new lines of research rather than to deal with the subject in a (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ manner.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
<b>A.sketchy</b>	D.cavalier
B.exculpatory	E.deceptive
C.flippant	<b>F.thorough</b>

5. **Memoirs** are **inherently** (i)\_\_\_\_\_ , but Larry McMurtrys volume of **reminiscences** about his life with books—not as a novelist but as a reader and bookstore owner—is especially (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ : nearly every page sounds a note of **farewell** to an age of books that he sees as passing.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.unreliable	D.whimsical
<b>B.wistful</b>	E.ungracious
C.self-serving	<b>F.valedictory</b>

6. **Conventionally**, the ultimate measure of a scientific works **validity** is how broadly and confidently its conclusions become accepted in the relevant field, which **in turn** (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the **extent** to which its findings are replicated and extended. However, establishing such validity, especially for a novel experimental finding, can take years, and what (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ replication or **extension** may be (iii)\_\_\_\_\_ for some time.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A.derives from	D.justifies	G.evident
B.works against	E.impugns	<b>H.disputed</b>
<b>C.leads to</b>	<b>F.constitutes</b>	I.touted

7. The action in Zadie Smiths novel On Beauty is mediated by an **unabashedly** \_\_\_\_\_ narrator who does not hesitate to inform us, as once upon a time the narrators of novels were wont to do, how we behave in general and how society usually works.

- A. knowing
- B. obtrusive**
- C. conspicuous**
- D. antiquated
- E. mysterious
- F. secretive

8. The baseball players performance during last nights game was impressive, although not \_\_\_\_\_ ; others have performed similar **feats**.

- A. decisive
- B. unexampled**
- C. significant
- D. novel**
- E. outstanding
- F. spectacular

9. The **territorys** tradition of simple and low taxes, combined with a comparatively **easygoing** government, has earned it the \_\_\_\_\_ of its citizens and is widely seen as a main reason fro its **stunning** rise to prosperity.

- A. opprobrium
- B. vituperation
- C. attention
- D. dismissal
- E. approbation**
- F. adulation**

10. Blakes reputation for weakness is \_\_\_\_\_ : almost all who have worked with him say he is a **disciplined**, intellectually **formidable**, and very **tough** politician.

- A. irreversible
- B. pervasive
- C. specious**
- D. rife
- E. exaggerated
- F. unfounded**

1. The often-cited parallels between human communities and insect colonies are \_\_\_\_\_ : the cooperation found among social insects is essentially due to the insects genetic ties, while humans often collaborate with non-relatives.

- A. superficial
- B. obvious
- C. hackneyed
- D. contradictory
- E. uncanny

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

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

3. While in their consideration of the unique way athletics and academics are combined in United States universities, Markovits and Rensmann do not (i)\_\_\_\_\_ Gumbrechts idealizing vision of the compatibility of college athletics with the intellectual missions of institutions of higher learning, neither do they regard college athletics as (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ : they believe that big-time sports have a rightful place in university life.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.fully endorse	D.indispensable
B.intentionally recapitulate	E.venal
C.entirely misconstrue	F.profitable

4. In science education, it is important to differentiate between inaccurate ideas that are conceptually (i)\_\_\_\_\_ and understandings that are inaccurate, and yet can (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ learning of more sophisticated understandings. The former are simply wrong, the latter can be seen as incomplete, overly simplistic, or tied to only a few limited contexts.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A.unproductive	D.foster
B.distinct	E.resemble
C.unproblematic	F.delay

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Discussions of impending water shortages are often couched in **apocalyptic** rhetoric, yet if the language is somewhat \_\_\_\_\_, the basic message is sound: water is indeed scarce and growing scarcer.

- A. abstract
- B. complacent
- C. ambiguous**
- D. unfamiliar
- E. overblown

2. Reading **chunks** of Shapiros **verse** in one sitting, it must be said, exposes the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of his writing: scads of poems are too **glancing** to strike a nerve, scarcely worth a second reading.

- A. jejune**
- B. esoteric
- C. corrosive
- D. finicky
- E. indiscreet

3. While the writer was best know for her much-ballyhooed \_\_\_\_\_, her impact reacher far beyond memorable **quips**.

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

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

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

5. Regardless of the putative decline of (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in contemporary culture, such (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ remains essential to civil discourse. It allows people to avoid embarrassing or maligning an adversary, and it serves as a form of irony that draws attention to a problem that can scarcely be exaggerated.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
<b>A.understatement</b>	D.inventiveness
B.originality	E.objectivity
C.partisanship	<b>F.restraint</b>

6. Much of the newspapers readership found it hard to (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the **allegations** of **venality** laid against the **superintendent**, since these readers were still (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the **superintendents** reputation for (iii) \_\_\_\_\_. The superintendents subsequent **vindication** will have come as no surprise to them.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A.ignore	<b>D.swayed</b> by	G.grouchiness
<b>B.credit</b>	E.unaware of	<b>H.probity</b>
C.dismiss	F.learning about	I.creativity

7. Since the data we have analyzed are so \_\_\_\_\_, it would be **hazardous** to draw a definite conclusion.

- A. copious
- B. overwhelming
- C. abundant
- D. meager
- E. paltry**
- F. uncertain**

8. Appearing in the midst of so many equivocal comments, this unambiguous statement, whatever its intrinsic merit, **plainly** stands out as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. anomalous
- B. arcane**
- C. irrelevant
- D. superfluous
- E. unusual
- F. esoteric**

9. As a way of \_\_\_\_\_ the negative impacts of **overdependence** on a single export product –crude oil–the Nigerian government passed legislation in 1999 intended to **revitalize** the moribund solid **minerals** sector.

- A. assuming
- B. checking**
- C. disguising
- D. stemming**
- E. downplaying
- F. shouldering

10. Although the claim that no one knows what dark matter is remains \_\_\_\_\_ some scientists dispute the parallel assertion that dark matter has not been detected.

- A. contentious
- B. sound**
- C. questionable
- D. unassailable**
- E. unverifiable
- F. prominent