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## 梅文解字前言: Rants and Salutes, Diatribes and Tributes 做地球上第二好的中文 GRE 填空书, 向麟渡兮老师致敬!

我编写《梅文解字》的起因很简单: 从备考到指导备考, 我经历了整个 GRE 流程, 但从未找到满意的 GRE 填空练习题集。

市面上流传的题集错漏百出, 误人子弟。答案多以讹传讹, 解析一知半解乃至全盘误解, 不胜枚举。不止解析, 题目错漏之多, 更是令人发指。亲手整理数百题后, 深感网络培训机构之浮躁。不少题目辗转流传多处, 经多位“名师”收编, 依然保留诸多错别字、错误的标点符号、语法错误, 丑陋不堪: term 打成 team, interest 打成 internet, conservation 打成 conversation, macroscopic 打成 microscopic, 不一而足, 更有甚者写出 in the last two hundreds years (难道你们连语法和拼写检查都不会用吗); 介词和标点更是经常不翼而飞。不少错误是粗心造成, 有些则是编者的无知使然, 比如在 stemmed from 前加 was, 纯属多此一举。总之, 大陆各个机构制作的填空资料中, 我没看到任何一份配得上负责二字。

哗众取宠的外行太多, 一针见血的专家太少。所谓“名师”纵使在教育培训界摸爬滚打多年, 依靠无聊的俏皮和低劣的营销混出点名堂, 终究难改外行本色: 随便解释两个单词、翻译两个句子, 大小错误比比皆是。这些“因为专注所以专业的名师”, 大多不是英语专业毕业生(当然科班出身英语也未必佳), 又缺乏勤查词典、逐字考证的细致和耐心, 凭着自己对单词的一知半解, 夸夸其谈误人子弟, 我实在佩服他们的勇气。

而热心网友的讨论也没好到哪里去。众多 GRE 论坛上的发言往往是七嘴八舌、盲人摸象, 自以为参透要害, 往往弄巧成拙, 且大言不惭地传播谬误。有些“大牛”根据错误答案牵强附会做一番解析, 反而帮了倒忙。因此, GRE 行业亟须真正懂行的人来做一些澄清和说明, 以去伪存真, 让广大考生少走弯路。本书在力所能及的范围之内, 对每道题都加以考证确认, 凡是能在 Google 查到出处的, 均跟原文做了比对核实, 以确保题目、答案无误。

几点说明:

(一) 因本人时间与精力皆有限, 1.0 版(2016.8)暂只收录 520 题, 后续版本会扩充完善。题目数量也许不及其他机构, 质量却有足够保证。有些开口即错的名师号称拥有“独家资料”千题, 并附有二十万字解析, 试问: 如果答案和解析都是错误的, 学生若

是日后在考场上碰到原题，到底是撞大运还是倒大霉？此外，很多机构的题库注水，接连出现重复的题目。每年赚得盆满钵满，到头来连去重的功夫都不肯花？学生做题本是为了仿真练习，如果接二连三碰上做过的题，模拟效果能好到哪去？

（二）本书只解读句意，不妄谈方法。有很多网络名师，开口闭口号称授人以渔，教会学生真正的解题方法，却在讲解题目的时候仅仅使用初学者看来神秘高深的“取反”敷衍了事。其他五花八门、名目繁多的独门秘法，更是数不胜数。

何况，那些连题目意思都经常没搞明白的老师，真的有资格传授“方法”吗？GRE 词汇题的解题方法，伟大的《麟渡兮填空》已经讲得不能更详细、清楚了，需要这些“名师”来自我发挥吗？不管是大的逻辑方向，还是小的解题技巧，麟渡兮均已做了透彻的解说和精妙的总结，轮得到这些“名师”来夸夸其谈吗？

在辅导学生的过程中，常常有人问“此处不是根据……取反吗？”学生深受其害，只知念符咒一般生搬硬套所谓窍门而不得要领，无法整体把握句意，实在遗憾！“取反”之类的窍门是理解句子意思之后总结出来的 **descriptive rule**，其作用主要在于事后解释而非事前指导。**prescriptive/normative rule** 应该是把握句意。

填空解题过程应如下：先通读一边题目，了解大意，（过程中要注意一些 **signposts** 如转折或递进词，但不要盲目套用“取反”等所谓规律），先不要看选项，根据句意推测选项里应该填什么词。有些时候运气好，选项里正好就有你脑海中的词，更多时候是等价或相近的词，极少数情况下或许找不到合适的词，这时候要回过头重新读一遍题目，想一想是不是自己把句子理解错了，有没有可能句子依照其他的逻辑。

对所有入门 GRE 填空的学生来说，麟渡兮是不二的选择。《梅文解字》适合对 GRE 填空有一定了解的同学。如果刚接触 GRE，请移步 <http://zdcgre.blogspot.com> 获取《麟渡兮填空》研读，待掌握其中的方法之后再用来用本书加以巩固训练。不管是内容还是排版，《麟渡兮填空》均已接近完美，实属不可多得精良材料。麟渡兮老师倾注的心血，令人赞叹。

麟渡兮填空虽好，但美中不足的是只采用官方公开发布的题目，在实战演练上不足，本书希望在这方面做个补充。

(三) 请勤查 M-W 之类的英英字典。本书虽然力求单词释义准确、译文通顺优美(许多地方采用了意译而非直译),但对于选项大多只根据语境做了简单的中文解释。这当然是偷懒的做法,有些单词有多个意思,这里只收录了最常见的或者符合题意的;也有些单词的含义不是只言片语说得清的,比如 **cynical** 这个词,准确而言应该是“认为人皆自私,因此怀疑别人动机的”。因为本人精力有限,没法像麟渡兮老师那样逐题逐词做详细的引用和评析,暂且采取了“愤世嫉俗的”这个比较常见但有失准确的翻译。有能力的同学,请务必参考《麟渡兮填空》、《麟渡兮字汇》,学会勤查字典,自主分析。

字神帝国的康老师和麟渡兮老师在编写资料的时候穿插许多词根词缀,以构词法助记,我相信这是稳扎稳打记忆单词的正道,因此在本书中也偶尔穿插一二。希望在这方面下更多功夫的同学可以参考 *Word Power Made Easy* 和 *Verbal Advantage* 二书。尤其是第二本,英语基础较好的同学准备 GRE 不必对着词表死记硬背,耐心吃透 *Verbal Advantage* 里的单词,再加以大量题目辅助练习,填空必不成问题。

本书每题题目与解析均手动录入,录入过程中上网检索原文并多方比较,因此可以说,本书 520 题绝无重复,且答案应无错误。当然,由于时间和精力所限,本书虽经反复校对,并已尽力减少错漏,想必疏忽仍在所难免,欢迎大家反馈、指正。As is often the case, the first step towards overcoming your mistakes is to admit them.

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Section 1

- In a production process that is complex and often unpredictable, roles that start out discretely defined may become quite \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. confused  
 B. perfunctory  
 C. independent  
 D. overt  
 E. exacting
- 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
- While people complain about their hectic lives and demanding schedules, one might be justified in suspecting that they are being somewhat (i) \_\_\_\_\_: compulsive busyness seems to be, for many, a source of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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

- The author argued that the field of sociology has been overly (i) \_\_\_\_\_, partly because, for many scholars, the edges of the social universe are defined by national borders. In this era of increasing globalization, however, sociology is presented with a historically distinct opportunity to transcend its former (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. narrow in scope	D. utilitarianism
B. susceptible to fads	E. parochialism
C. averse to empiricism	F. historicism

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

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

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

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

7. Although its director \_\_\_\_\_ that the movie uses a documentary approach in portraying the famous sit-down strike, in practice its characters are heavily fictionalized and fall into familiar Hollywood types.
- A. asserts
  - B. concedes
  - C. guarantees
  - D. disputes
  - E. grants
  - F. maintains
8. When studying the ancient Greek astronomers, Copernicus realized that despite the intrinsic beauty of many of their arguments, the ancients often made claims that \_\_\_\_\_ logic.
- A. refuted
  - B. questioned
  - C. influenced
  - D. swayed
  - E. defied
  - F. disregarded
9. For all the \_\_\_\_\_ the new CEO has received from the press recently, her staff have a decidedly less rosy view of her.
- A. encomiums
  - B. tributes
  - C. evaluations
  - D. critiques
  - E. attention
  - F. publicity
10. Coagulation factors are useful proteins whose simple names—many are known only by Roman numerals—\_\_\_\_\_ their importance and the specificity of their roles in the thinning and clotting of blood.
- A. nullify
  - B. obviate
  - C. mitigate
  - D. belie
  - E. mask
  - F. accentuate

Section 2

- Though the volume of radioactive waste produced by nuclear power plants is \_\_\_\_\_, the problem of how to dispose that waste is not: rather, it is of major importance.
  - unmanageable
  - troubling
  - significant
  - small
  - deceptive
- We often regard natural phenomena like rainfall as mysterious and unpredictable; although for short time spans and particular places they appear so, in fact on a truly global scale, nature has been a model of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - reliability
  - diversity
  - complexity
  - plasticity
  - discontinuity
- The national bank has been uncommonly powerful in comparison to its counterparts in other nations. It retains this potency partly because its control of the nation's banking system is (i) \_\_\_\_\_ governmental interference, and thus its actions remain largely (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. The uniquely human ability to rethink and revise our social arrangements is a weird blessing, allowing us to create systems that are as likely to \_\_\_\_\_ us as to liberate us.
- A. cheer
  - B. shackle
  - C. admonish
  - D. educate
  - E. stifle
  - F. enliven
8. Although field studies have linked inbreeding to declines among song sparrow populations, some researchers argue that, in nature, inbreeding proves \_\_\_\_\_ as a factor when compared with crushing blows from weather changes.
- A. hazardous
  - B. momentous
  - C. trivial
  - D. significant
  - E. precarious
  - F. inconsequential
9. Although the insistence on balancing spending against tax revenues has contributed to the economy's stagnation, unfortunately, the government does not seem likely to \_\_\_\_\_ this rigid policy.
- A. initiate
  - B. persist in
  - C. publicize
  - D. repudiate
  - E. continue
  - F. recant
10. Since it was committed to the idea of science as an international, politically neutral enterprise, the Royal Society of London refused to \_\_\_\_\_ members from enemy nations during world wars of the twentieth century.
- A. betray
  - B. expel
  - C. endorse
  - D. oust
  - E. sanction
  - F. condemn



## Section 3

1. Among the Meakambut people of Papua New Guinea, legends are associated with specific caves in the Sepik region, and these legends are \_\_\_\_\_: only the cave owner can share its secrets.  
 A. impenetrable  
 B. immutable  
 C. proprietary  
 D. didactic  
 E. self-perpetuating
2. It is a paradox of the Victorians that they were both \_\_\_\_\_ and, through their empire, cosmopolitan.  
 A. capricious  
 B. insular  
 C. mercenary  
 D. idealistic  
 E. intransigent
3. Despite the scathing precision with which she satirizes the lives of social aspirants and moneyed folk, the writer appears to (i) \_\_\_\_\_ being part of the world she presents as so (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Progressive and reactionary populist movements are not necessarily \_\_\_\_\_: each may, and usually does, possess features of the other.
- A. dichotomous
  - B. untenable
  - C. unsustainable
  - D. contradictory
  - E. subversive
  - F. efficacious
8. Flawed as it may be because it is conducted by subjective scientists, science itself has methods that help us \_\_\_\_\_ our biases and talk about objective reality with some validity.
- A. bypass
  - B. reduce
  - C. exacerbate
  - D. magnify
  - E. acknowledge
  - F. circumvent
9. In Japanese aesthetics, especially but not only in Noh, beauty contains the idea of \_\_\_\_\_: beauty must have an air of evanescence, the intimation of its own demise.
- A. transience
  - B. symmetry
  - C. decay
  - D. simplicity
  - E. balance
  - F. deterioration
10. Although one can adduce myriad of examples of ecosystem disruption by nonindigenous species, nevertheless most introduced species that survive in fact appear to have quite \_\_\_\_\_ effects on the ecosystem they have invaded.
- A. minimal
  - B. trifling
  - C. marked
  - D. conspicuous
  - E. intriguing
  - F. deleterious

## Section 4

- Apparently, advanced tortoises evolved multiple times: the high-domed shells and columnar, elephantine feet of current forms are specializations for terrestrial life that evolved \_\_\_\_\_ on each continent.
  - independently
  - interchangeably
  - paradoxically
  - simultaneously
  - symmetrically
- Instead of demonstrating the \_\_\_\_\_ of archaeological applications of electronic remote sensing, the pioneering study became, to some skeptics, an illustration of the imprudence of interpreting sites based on virtual archaeology.
  - ubiquity
  - limitation
  - promise
  - redundancy
  - complexity
- Given the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ that committees and the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ nature of its investigation, it would be unreasonable to gainsay the committee's conclusions at first glance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. The Chavez Pass archaeological site was initially interpreted as indicative of \_\_\_\_\_ society, since it was thought to have been at the center of a cluster of smaller, contemporary settlements that it presumably controlled.
- A. an expansionist
  - B. a hierarchical
  - C. an urban
  - D. a heterogeneous
  - E. a diverse
  - F. a stratified
8. Even if the story now seems a surprisingly innocuous overture to the author's later, more fully developed narrations, it \_\_\_\_\_ some of the key traits of those bleaker tales.
- A. avoids
  - B. belies
  - C. undercuts
  - D. anticipates
  - E. possesses
  - F. prefigures
9. In the absence of a surface gradient, the new laws of refraction and reflection are \_\_\_\_\_ the conventional law, so they represent more of an extension than a complete revolution.
- A. inferable from
  - B. entailed by
  - C. antithetical to
  - D. coincident with
  - E. antecedent to
  - F. oppositional to
10. While recognizing that recent reports of cyber warfare, phone-hacking scandals, and identity thefts have tended to accent the destructive connotation of the word, Sue Halpern maintains that "hacking" is such \_\_\_\_\_ term that its meaning nearly always derives from its context.
- A. a generic
  - B. an inclusive
  - C. a positive
  - D. a subjective
  - E. an affirmative
  - F. a technical

Section 5

1. A new television documentary focuses on one of the prime minister's defining contradiction, portraying her as a woman who cultivated an image of \_\_\_\_\_, but who liked to live grandly.
  - A. irascibility
  - B. abstemiousness
  - C. contentiousness
  - D. insouciance
  - E. surreptitiousness
2. In proto-scientific times (for example, in ancient Greece), claims about the physical world were often accepted as true if they were reasonable; experimental verification, if thought necessary at all, was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. utilitarian
  - B. perfunctory
  - C. egregious
  - D. empirical
  - E. inductive
3. The economic recovery was somewhat lopsided: (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in some of the industrial economies while (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ in others of them.

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

4. Scholarly works on detective stories often begin with (i) \_\_\_\_\_, suggesting that there is something vaguely wrong with adults who spend their time reading such fiction and certainly something (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ who devote energy to its analysis.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. chronologies	D. awry in
B. apologies	E. astute about
C. synopses	F. courageous about

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

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

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

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

7. Miller reminded his clients that labor relationships are inherently \_\_\_\_\_: the interests of business owners are diametrically opposed to those of employees.
- A. adversarial
  - B. exploitative
  - C. mercenary
  - D. antagonistic
  - E. variable
  - F. changeable
8. The recent exhibition on Dadaism is nothing if not \_\_\_\_\_, for the visual arts are currently awash in Dadaist gestures and gambits of one variety or another.
- A. sensational
  - B. timely
  - C. daunting
  - D. ill-advised
  - E. opportune
  - F. misguided
9. Even the cleverest use of time management techniques is powerless to \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of minutes in a person's life (over 52 million, optimistically assuming a life expectancy of 100 years), so people squeeze as much as they could into each one of them.
- A. justify
  - B. quantify
  - C. augment
  - D. enrich
  - E. measure
  - F. extend
10. One of the vocalists who auditioned for a leading part in the local production of *Sweeney Todd* seemed to prefer \_\_\_\_\_ to any attempt at producing a melody: a more unpleasant voice was hard to imagine.
- A. warbling
  - B. imitating
  - C. improvising
  - D. shrieking
  - E. crooning
  - F. caterwauling

## Section 6

- The space travels described in science fiction stories always used to be epic adventures, in comparison to which current journeys in space seem quite \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. mundane  
B. exciting  
C. dramatic  
D. risky  
E. heroic
- Medieval cathedrals still stand as marvels of architecture, but as far as modern science is concerned, medieval physics and chemistry are simply irrelevant, at best a dead end, at worst the very \_\_\_\_\_ of what science is supposed to be.  
A. exemplar  
B. glorification  
C. reflection  
D. dilution  
E. antithesis
- Although trains may use energy more (i) \_\_\_\_\_ than do automobiles, the latter move only when they contain at least one occupant, whereas railway carriages spend a considerable amount of time running up and down the tracks (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, or nearly so.

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

- Historian Barbara Alpern Engel's task in writing a book about women in Russia must have been a (i) \_\_\_\_\_ one, because the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the Russian empire's peoples meant that Russian women could never be treated as a homogeneous group.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. motivating	D. unity among
B. boring	E. disinterest in
C. daunting	F. diversity of

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

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

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

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

7. Even though women in the United States would not gain the rights to vote until 1920, throughout the nineteenth century many feminist goals were gradually \_\_\_\_\_, especially the rights of married women to control their own property.
- A. realized  
 B. abandoned  
 C. eroded  
 D. modified  
 E. revised  
 F. achieved
8. It is hardly \_\_\_\_\_ the committee calls for: rudimentary competence would be an improvement on the current chaos.
- A. accountability  
 B. disarray  
 C. unruliness  
 D. faultlessness  
 E. loyalty  
 F. perfection
9. Edited collections of scholarly essays generally tend to be somewhat uneven: they suffer from the \_\_\_\_\_ subject matter of the various essays, the lack of an overarching and consistent thesis, and the variable quantity of the contributions.
- A. intriguing  
 B. heterogeneous  
 C. comprehensive  
 D. disparate  
 E. mediocre  
 F. engaging
10. Films that critics have slumbered through rarely generate industry excitement, even though the critics' \_\_\_\_\_ reception may be less the fault of the movie than of its unfortunate time slot near a fatiguing film festival's conclusion.
- A. somnolent  
 B. impartial  
 C. lethargic  
 D. laconic  
 E. befuddled  
 F. evenhanded



Section 7

- The governor might conceivably find a genuine resolution to the budgetary dilemma, but she may be tempted to engage in a deception: a \_\_\_\_\_ exercise in fiscal prudence.
  - rigorous
  - sparkling
  - specious
  - blatant
  - convincing
- Without seeming unworldly, William James appeared wholly removed from the \_\_\_\_\_ of society, the conventionality of academe.
  - ethos
  - idealism
  - romance
  - paradoxes
  - commonplaces
- The great (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of most books that examine the American presidency is their ideological bias, but for the most part, this volume on the presidency maintains an impressive degree of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.
 

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

- The reclusive clergyman may have lived and died in melancholy, but this does not seem to have (i) \_\_\_\_\_ his genius in any way. On the contrary, we find ourselves wondering whether his genius was not (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ in some mysterious way by his mood.
 

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. influenced	D. served
B. hampered	E. controlled
C. triggered	F. identified

- In reviewing cases decided by lower courts, Supreme Court justices search for precedents to justify their arguments. Reliance on precedent (i) \_\_\_\_\_ judicial restraint: the precedent (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ a judge's ability to determine the outcome of a case in a way that he or she might choose if there were no precedent.
 

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. promotes	D. establishes
B. compromises	E. constrains
C. promulgates	F. prioritizes

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

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

7. Since some contemporary Western dieticians believe that the only function of food is to provide nourishment, these dieticians view an emphasis on the aesthetic dimension of the culinary arts as \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. unprecedented
  - B. unwarranted
  - C. illuminating
  - D. groundless
  - E. promising
  - F. novel
8. Harper Lee's narration in *To Kill a Mockingbird* is \_\_\_\_\_, mixing an adult's and a child's perspective according to no logic other than the immediate exigencies of the plot.
- A. a paradigm
  - B. a hodgepodge
  - C. a model
  - D. an innovation
  - E. a patchwork
  - F. an embarrassment
9. A clever form of diplomacy involves subtly inducing the other party to propose your preference so that your \_\_\_\_\_ their requests appears as the granting of concession.
- A. accession to
  - B. inattention to
  - C. subversion of
  - D. abnegation of
  - E. repudiation of
  - F. acquiescence of
10. The employee had a reputation for fractiousness, but his coworkers found him to be, on the contrary, quite \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. insightful
  - B. affable
  - C. sagacious
  - D. capable
  - E. easygoing
  - F. productive

Section 8

1. The idea of a “language instinct” may seem \_\_\_\_\_ to those who think of language as the zenith of the human intellect and of instincts as brute impulses.
- A. jarring
  - B. plausible
  - C. gratifying
  - D. inevitable
  - E. conciliatory

2. In contrast to such sparsely populated terrestrial habitats as desert and tundra, the oceans \_\_\_\_\_ with a seemingly endless array of creatures.
- A. teem
  - B. flow
  - C. evolve
  - D. roil
  - E. ebb

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

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

4. As he has matured as a scholar, Felmar has come to see the merit of qualification. His conclusions, which early in his career he (i) \_\_\_\_\_, are now often (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. stated as absolute	D. hedged
B. refused to reveal	E. simplified
C. backed up extensively	F. reiterated

5. Just because, as a photographer, Friedlander (i) \_\_\_\_\_ places that most people consider ugly does not mean that he is out to prove they are beautiful. Instead, his work suggests that the photographer simply cannot ignore so much of the built American landscape but is obliged to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ what we pass through day in and day out, regardless of (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. tends to avoid	D. document	G. authenticity
B. is harshly critical of	E. emulate	H. truthfulness
C. is interested in	F. discredit	I. aesthetics

6. Traditional Vietnamese culture has long promoted the idea of gender equality. Founding myths (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the equal division of labor in child care for mothers and fathers. As is often the case, however, theoretical commitments are (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ actual processes. In reality, gender-based (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ persists.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. obscure	D. incommensurate with	G. parity
B. celebrate	E. surpassed by	H. inclusiveness
C. countermand	F. inspired by	I. stratification

7. Culture, like speech, is primarily a human faculty, although both functions may exist in a more \_\_\_\_\_ form in lesser primates.
- A. indispensable
  - B. crucial
  - C. primitive
  - D. intelligible
  - E. recognizable
  - F. rudimentary
8. In mathematics, judgments about the validity of proofs are mediated by peer-reviewed journals. To ensure \_\_\_\_\_, reviewers are carefully chosen by journal editors, and the identity of scholars whose papers are under consideration are kept secret.
- A. timelessness
  - B. originality
  - C. fairness
  - D. comprehensiveness
  - E. objectivity
  - F. novelty
9. Jackie Wullschlager’s biography of Hans Christian Anderson \_\_\_\_\_ the insipid sweetness with which Anderson coated his life and reveals a vulnerable gingerbread man with a bitter almond where his heart should be.
- A. conjures up
  - B. imagines
  - C. strips away
  - D. overlooks
  - E. removes
  - F. ignores
10. While it is always clear that the author’s message is heartfelt, it is mostly buried by shortcomings of style, organization, and production, although the book does become more \_\_\_\_\_ toward the end.
- A. sincere
  - B. intelligible
  - C. orthodox
  - D. readable
  - E. frank
  - F. voluble

## Section 9

1. The subjects who were engaged in more difficult tasks \_\_\_\_\_ deterioration in their performance over time, and therefore the need to concentrate apparently enhances long-term efficiency.
- A. elicited  
B. anticipated  
C. noticed  
D. displayed  
E. evaded
2. The medical professor's thesis—hardly new, but rarely \_\_\_\_\_ by a faculty member of his distinction—is that patients are more than the sum of their symptoms and systems.
- A. discounted  
B. ignored  
C. subverted  
D. underestimated  
E. espoused
3. Contrary to those who fear the impact of invasive species on native plants, the biologist contends that the threat posed to biodiversity by nonnative species is often (i) \_\_\_\_\_. For instance, a study of garlic mustard, a nonnative plant now thriving in Minnesota's oak forests, found that garlic mustard abundance in forest plots was not (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the number of other plants species there.

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

4. Many of the towns that have voted to keep incinerators in the county's solid waste plan have done so not because they necessarily (i) \_\_\_\_\_ incinerators, but because they are (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ to narrow their waste-disposal options.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. question	D. willing
B. favor	E. eager
C. oppose	F. loath

5. Although movie critic Pauline Kael had a distaste for sycophancy, she also had a need for (i) \_\_\_\_\_, as a consequence of these competing feeling, she sent very (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ signals to friends and colleagues.

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

6. Within the culture as a whole, the natural sciences have been so successful that the word “scientific” is often used in \_\_\_\_\_ manner: it is often assumed that to call something “scientific” is to imply that its reliability has been \_\_\_\_\_ by methods whose results cannot reasonably be \_\_\_\_\_.

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

7. Scientists reported last month on a sign of relative solar \_\_\_\_\_: the solar wind, a rush of charged particles continually spewed from the Sun at a million miles an hour, had diminished to its lowest level in 50 years.
- A. quiescence  
B. turbulence  
C. isolation  
D. calm  
E. remoteness  
F. instability
8. Publicity surrounding celebrities’ donations to charity is often greeted with cynicism, but a study of celebrity donations shows that they do \_\_\_\_\_ other donations.
- A. preclude  
B. elicit  
C. allow  
D. draw  
E. bar  
F. replace
9. Aerial viewings of the gigantic stone horse attributed to the Native American Quechuan people fail to \_\_\_\_\_ the considerable artistry required to create the piece: the horse appears crudely constructed unless carefully examined from the ground.
- A. reveal  
B. justify  
C. manifest  
D. mitigate  
E. diminish  
F. undercut
10. The laboratory maze has grown ever less \_\_\_\_\_ since it was first invented. Instead of hoping to lose a rodent in a labyrinth, today’s scientists design mazes to elicit a few simple, easily measured behaviors.
- A. intricate  
B. extensive  
C. effective  
D. convoluted  
E. useful  
F. prevalent

Section 10

- The artist is known for making photographs that deal with politically charged subject matter, yet because her art is so evocative and open-minded, it would be wrong to characterize it as \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. polemical  
 B. edifying  
 C. unobservant  
 D. innovative  
 E. ambiguous
- Investors are grateful that the attorney general has stepped in to pursue inquiries into misfeasance in the financial markets, given that the regulators officially charged with policing the industry have been \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. diffident  
 B. meticulous  
 C. straightforward  
 D. implacable  
 E. tenacious
- The author of this travel guide (i) \_\_\_\_\_ to show his readers Cairo as it really is, but his information is not reliable: for example, his geography is (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, with one walking tour covering areas of the city that are twenty miles apart.

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

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

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

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

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

6. A certain amount of theoretical frenzy about comics today is (i) \_\_\_\_\_. After all, similar frenzies have been in other art forms in periods of their rapid development, for instance, the debates about painting that roiled Renaissance Italy. But such intellectual (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ rarely precedes creative glory. On the contrary, it commonly indicates that an artistic (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, having been made and recognized, is over, and that a process of increasingly strained emulation and diminishing returns has set in.

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

7. The researcher noted that microbes, although \_\_\_\_\_, make up far more of the living protoplasm on Earth than all humans, animals and plants combined.
- A. invisible
  - B. omnipresent
  - C. diminutive
  - D. ubiquitous
  - E. minuscule
  - F. ethereal
8. In matters of taste, the art patron and collector Peggy Guggenheim was \_\_\_\_\_: she was for the strangest, the most surprising, the most satisfying, the best, the unique.
- A. neophyte
  - B. novice
  - C. realist
  - D. extremist
  - E. pragmatist
  - F. zealot
9. 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
10. Benjamin Franklin's reputation is so much one of appearing scientific investigation with commonsense empiricism that it is somewhat startling to realize how \_\_\_\_\_ the great experiment's mentoring truly was.
- A. reasonable
  - B. speculative
  - C. pragmatic
  - D. conjectural
  - E. careless
  - F. judicious



Section 11

1. For the urban researcher, the long lives of ancient cities can provide ample chronological data, making up for the paucity stemming from relative \_\_\_\_\_ of most present-day cities.
  - A. complexity
  - B. formlessness
  - C. transparency
  - D. diversity
  - E. youthfulness
  
2. Even if he wants to serve again—and given his obvious love for the job, the assumption among insiders is that he is more likely to stay than go—there is at least \_\_\_\_\_ his serving another term.
  - A. impediment to
  - B. incentive for
  - C. precedent for
  - D. benefit in
  - E. rationale for
  
3. Nordhaus predict that in the future we will increasingly be (i) \_\_\_\_\_ ecological problems like global warming rather than (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ them. We may, for example, make some headway in limiting emissions that contribute to warming, but much of our work will be in adapting to ecological problems and alleviating their effects.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. managing	D. solving
B. analyzing	E. addressing
C. transcending	F. mitigating

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

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

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

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

6. Unlike most other serious journals, which drain money from their owners, the Review has long been (i) \_\_\_\_\_. But the formula is not without its imperfections, which have grown more pronounced in recent years. The publication has always been erudite and (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ but not always lively and readable. (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, accompanied by a certain aversion to risk taking, has pervaded its pages for a long time.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. lucrative	D. authoritative	G. An originality
B. realistic	E. animated	H. An impulsiveness
C. unesteemed	F. trendy	I. A staleness

7. Far from \_\_\_\_\_ innovations, as the patent system was designed to do, the patenting of concepts such as gene sequences give individuals and corporations a legal choice hold over ideas that should be useful to all.
- A. spurring
  - B. recognizing
  - C. codifying
  - D. acknowledging
  - E. fostering
  - F. cataloging
8. During the renaissance, the use of optical lenses, which were capable of projecting images onto black canvases, greatly aided artists by allowing them to accurately observe and depict the external world, in other words, these lenses were instrumental in conveying \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. idealism
  - B. optimism
  - C. ambition
  - D. realism
  - E. sanguinity
  - F. verisimilitude
9. The professor's habitual air of \_\_\_\_\_ was a misleading front, concealing amazing reserves of patience and a deep commitment to his students' learning.
- A. cordiality
  - B. irascibility
  - C. disorganization
  - D. conviviality
  - E. diffidence
  - F. exasperation
10. Advocates for workers' rights have adopted a new strategy, one that will require considerable ingenuity but if successful, could \_\_\_\_\_ a movement aimed at making labor rights an unassailable feature of American democracy.
- A. frustrate
  - B. galvanize
  - C. presume
  - D. affect
  - E. animate
  - F. thwart

Section 12

1. Barring the discovery of new letters, hidden diaries, or the like, fresh information about eminent people is hard to find because their lives have been so intensely \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. ridiculed  
 B. scrutinized  
 C. admired  
 D. embellished  
 E. underrated

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

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

3. Tagore had a sharply defined sense of the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of scientific inquiry. The fact that science dealt in statistics and numbers, that its logic was probabilistic, meant that the domain of moral questions (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ it: moral questions, for Tagore, required certainties, not probabilities.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. irrationality	D. guarded over
B. limits	E. lay outside
C. futility	F. was subject to

4. The modern iron suspension bridge dates from the early nineteenth century, but it did not have (i) \_\_\_\_\_ debut, many early suspension bridges were damaged, if not outright destroyed, by the wind. There were few (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, however, so the form (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (i)	Blank(i)
A. a propitious	D. obvious parallels	G. declined
B. a conspicuous	E. practical alternatives	H. inspired
C. an equivocal	F. unnoticed instances	I. persisted

5. The experimental theater company's members know that their performances (i) \_\_\_\_\_ an audience, that they were dense and unpredictable and not always easy to digest. But none of the techniques used would be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ anyone with an interest in music or films. Indeed, they would seem strange only to people who expected to see traditionally crafted plays. The actors therefore felt that theater critics' derisive commentary showed only that the critics (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ the company's work.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. made demands on	D. contemplated by	G. lambasted
B. had to command	E. alien to	H. exploited
C. were sure to please	F. intuitive for	I. misunderstood

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

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

7. One \_\_\_\_\_ is that so far, Web services have turned out to be much harder to deliver than their champions had hoped.
- A. hope
  - B. snag
  - C. prospect
  - D. hitch
  - E. upshot
  - F. reason
8. Asserting a need to preserve the \_\_\_\_\_ that became the hallmark of her predecessor’s tenure, the new director of federal monetary policy refused to subscribe to rigid or mechanistic rules in policy making.
- A. firmness
  - B. adaptability
  - C. unpredictability
  - D. autonomy
  - E. strictness
  - F. flexibility
9. Wilson is wont to emphasize the \_\_\_\_\_ of ants, how ants with full stomachs will regurgitate liquid food for those without, or how the old will fight so the young can survive.
- A. beneficence
  - B. altruism
  - C. unpredictability
  - D. intelligence
  - E. fecundity
  - F. fertility
10. At first, most of the famous fairy tales seem so implausible and so irrelevant to contemporary life that their \_\_\_\_\_ is hard to understand.
- A. universality
  - B. persistence
  - C. appeal
  - D. ephemerality
  - E. survival
  - F. transience

## Section 13

1. My grandma has a strong belief in all things \_\_\_\_\_: she insists, for example, that the house in which she lived as a child was haunted.
- A. clamorous  
B. invidious  
C. numinous  
D. empirical  
E. sonorous
2. Consolidating memory is not instantaneous or even \_\_\_\_\_: every memory must be encoded and moved from short-term to long-term storage, and some of these memories are, for whatever reason, more vividly imprinted than others.
- A. salutary  
B. deliberate  
C. sequential  
D. momentary  
E. inevitable
3. Many of the unusual behaviors attributed to crows—such as drinking coffee or presenting gifts to people who feed them—are based on (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and therefore fall into the category of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ rather than science.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. long-term observation	D. anecdote
B. controlled experiments	E. speculation
C. secondhand testimony	F. hypothesis

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

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

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

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

6. The new art museum's (i) \_\_\_\_\_ building augurs well for that ambitious institution because it speaks of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ contemporary architecture on the part of the board of directors that may (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ equal astuteness about contemporary art.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. nondescript	D. a discernment about	G. conceal
B. outstanding	E. a hostility toward	H. supplant
C. outdated	F. an intoxication by	I. promise

7. Members of the union's negotiating team insisted on several changes to the company's proposal before they would support it, making it clear that they would \_\_\_\_\_ no compromise.
- A. disclose
  - B. reject
  - C. brook
  - D. tolerate
  - E. repudiate
  - F. weigh
8. Excessive focus on what might have been can cause in us feelings of restlessness and regret, but some scientists are beginning to think that fancying an alternative reality might have \_\_\_\_\_ effects as well.
- A. subtle
  - B. adverse
  - C. restorative
  - D. pleasurable
  - E. unfavorable
  - F. tonic
9. Apparent flaws in the sculptor's work have not \_\_\_\_\_ its respectful reception by most modern critics.
- A. determined
  - B. controlled
  - C. undermined
  - D. prevented
  - E. overshadowed
  - F. precluded
10. Williamson had a fierce commitment to achieving an accord, spending enormous amount of time trying to forge a consensus out of an often \_\_\_\_\_ assembly.
- A. apathetic
  - B. fractious
  - C. restive
  - D. cynical
  - E. compliant
  - F. tractable

Section 14

- In the solar system, collisions involving cosmic object are among the most \_\_\_\_\_ processes shaping surfaces: images of many solar objects show a proliferation of impact craters formed throughout the past 4.5 billion years.
  - cataclysmic
  - pervasive
  - misleading
  - uncontrollable
  - random
- Many creative photographers were delighted to find in instant photography a mode that encouraged them to stop viewing photography as \_\_\_\_\_ and start viewing it as something they could handle with spontaneity, even derision.
  - sacrosanct
  - ephemeral
  - malleable
  - egalitarian
  - autonomous
- Recent scholarship has questioned the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of tropical forests around the world. Archaeologists have shown, for example, that the largest contiguous tract of what was thought to be virgin rain forest in the southern Amazon had been transformed into a cultural parkland before European contact, and many of the forest islands in West Africa's savanna forest transition zone are (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ as well.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. diversity	D. isolated
B. naturalness	E. endangered
C. sustainability	F. anthropogenic

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

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

- Mr. Stevens found that home schooling, far from representing (i) \_\_\_\_\_ philosophy, (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ some of the most widely accepted education ideas: that children should be treated as individuals, taught in small numbers, and given a measure of discretion over their own learning.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. a benign	D. overcomes
B. an orthodox	E. embodies
C. an anomalous	F. anticipates

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

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

7. Architects may be more extroverted and therefore the more \_\_\_\_\_ members of a bridge design team, but they are not always the most essential.
- A. indispensable
  - B. conscientious
  - C. reliable
  - D. visible
  - E. valuable
  - F. salient
8. Although scientific progress leads to constant revision of ideas, one observation that has remained \_\_\_\_\_ over the years is that there are a lot of insects in the world: some 950,000 species have been identified.
- A. robust
  - B. significant
  - C. strong
  - D. perplexing
  - E. confounding
  - F. obscure
9. Anne Carson's book *Nox* is, very deliberately, \_\_\_\_\_ literary object—the opposite of an e-reader, which is designed to vanish in your palm as you read on a train.
- A. an evanescent
  - B. a cumbersome
  - C. an immutable
  - D. an unwieldy
  - E. an ephemeral
  - F. a flexible
10. One of the peculiarities of humans is that we irrationally gravitate to the predictable and avoid risk, whatever the reason for this \_\_\_\_\_, it is hardly a sound basis for dealing with complex, long-term problems.
- A. eccentricity
  - B. predilection
  - C. vacillation
  - D. proclivity
  - E. wavering
  - F. cowardice



Section 15

- Some ethicists worry that a deeper understanding of the brain may be tantamount to \_\_\_\_\_: if we discover that free will is an illusion of neural circuitry, how will we hold people responsible for their actions?  
 A. vindication  
 B. proscription  
 C. ministration  
 D. valediction  
 E. exculpation
- The stories in Yiyun Li's recent collection are distinctive particularly for the strong contrast between their emotional intensity and their consistently \_\_\_\_\_ tone.  
 A. affable  
 B. ebullient  
 C. measured  
 D. irascible  
 E. overwrought
- To abolish the existence of nation-states is neither feasible nor desirable; for insofar as there are collective interests that transcend national boundaries, the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of nation-states must be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ to international institutions.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. sovereignty	D. subordinated
B. traditions	E. attributable
C. genealogy	F. analogous

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

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

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

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

7. Well organized and researched and including all significant discoveries and medical scientists, this history of Western medicine has justly been called \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. encyclopedic  
 B. long-winded  
 C. exhaustive  
 D. rambling  
 E. overbearing  
 F. indiscriminating
8. Science is arguably a very high-minded pursuit, but that is not to say that all of its practitioners are \_\_\_\_\_, as numerous articles alleging overly generous pharmaceutical industry payments to medical researchers have tried to show.
- A. conventional  
 B. clever  
 C. unimpeachable  
 D. ingenious  
 E. blameless  
 F. predictable
9. In a field of egotists, Bloomfield is \_\_\_\_\_, often praising her competitors and punctuating her correspondence with self-deprecating remarks.
- A. unassuming  
 B. complimentary  
 C. acerbic  
 D. ingenuous  
 E. cutting  
 F. modest
10. Because its previously \_\_\_\_\_ beliefs had become core tenets of mainstream politics, the activist group disbanded; with no more skeptics to persuade, its purpose had evaporated.
- A. arcane  
 B. seditious  
 C. quixotic  
 D. idealistic  
 E. popular  
 F. conventional

## Section 16

1. Politicians who invoke the founders of the United States in support of their views seem to imply that the founders consistently concurred in their own views when in reality they were a highly \_\_\_\_\_ group of thinkers.
- A. erudite  
B. innovative  
C. predictable  
D. contentious  
E. methodical
2. Of all her works, this play is the most dependent on the dramatic conventions of the author's day; it was both the least \_\_\_\_\_ of her plays and the most commercially successful.
- A. experimental  
B. popular  
C. formulaic  
D. lucrative  
E. contemporary
3. One way to predict the effects of global climate change on an ecosystem is to extrapolate current trend in global change factors into the future. A (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of this method is that its predictions (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ actual observation, but the method also makes the questionable assumption that the future will resemble the present.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. virtue	D. dispense with
B. drawback	E. derive from
C. peculiarity	F. improve upon

4. To pay for the extra spending under this international poverty plan, each American would have to contribute less than the cost of buying a premium cup of coffee once a week. But financial aid is not (i) \_\_\_\_\_, and even if the funding recommended here were to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the grandest objectives may well remain unfulfilled. Nonetheless, carefully targeted aid can reward responsible governments, (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ individual initiative, and alleviate suffering. Many will think that's worth a cup of coffee.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(ii)
A. an impediment	D. be insufficient	G. obviate
B. a panacea	E. recede	H. temper
C. a malady	F. materialize	I. encourage

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

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

6. Behavioral economists have come to believe that a (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of choices can be paralyzing as Schwartz pointed out in the recent book *The Paradox of Choice*. Studies of retirement plans show that the more investment choices a plan offers, the less likely people are to participate in it. It may follow, then, that a lack of flexibility in certain plans may actually be a (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. People reasonably (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ some advantages in exchange for peace of mind.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. surfeit	D. virtue	G. foresee
B. reduction	E. conundrum	H. forestall
C. stabilization	F. revelation	I. forgo

7. Despite the general \_\_\_\_\_ of Roman archaeological studies toward the major cities and their monuments, archaeology has contributed much to a better understanding of rural developments in Roman territory.
- A. openness  
 B. indifference  
 C. hostility  
 D. animus  
 E. bias  
 F. orientation
8. Explorers could not build each other's knowledge if they could not trust the records of previous explorers, thus exploration depended on the \_\_\_\_\_ of those who had gone before.
- A. collegiality  
 B. endurance  
 C. exactitude  
 D. meticulousness  
 E. eminence  
 F. tenacity
9. The potential reduction in water lost from the proposed reservoir from evaporation is \_\_\_\_\_ inconsequential: even the minimum projected reduction would save enough water to furnish the needs of a Denver-sized municipality.
- A. nearly  
 B. comparatively  
 C. scarcely  
 D. rarely  
 E. hardly  
 F. relatively
10. Joshua Gisemba Bagaka found that the pedagogical results of group projects and other engaged learning activities in Kenyan mathematics classroom were \_\_\_\_\_; such activities, then, may not be the best way of improving mathematics education.
- A. overstated  
 B. counterintuitive  
 C. mixed  
 D. discouraging  
 E. inconsistent  
 F. inexplicable

## Section 17

1. Though we live in an era of stunning scientific achievement, many otherwise educated people remain indifferent to or contemptuous of such achievement, even going so far as to \_\_\_\_\_ their ignorance of basic physics.
- A. decry  
B. condone  
C. remedy  
D. boast of  
E. downplay
2. Carmen's affection for her sister, though not \_\_\_\_\_, was plainly too great to permit a painless departure.
- A. unsteady  
B. ambivalent  
C. careless  
D. unbounded  
E. noticeable
3. A (i) \_\_\_\_\_ to disseminate the vast scientific knowledge of our time to nonscientists shows real (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the magnificent achievement humanity is capable of, like allowing a great work of art to mold in a warehouse.

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

4. Reviews written by music critic and composer Stephenson were hardly (i) \_\_\_\_\_: musicians who performed his music could count on sympathetic coverage, while those who ignored him were held to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ standards.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. disinterested	D. exacting
B. lucid	E. minimal
C. conventional	F. accepted

5. Although Thaler employs an innovative mode of analysis, his study offers yet another examination of quite (i) \_\_\_\_\_ ground—namely, the cultural ideology of Norwegian-American preservationist writers in the early twentieth century. The history, literature, and changing internal dynamics of the Norwegian subculture in America constitute a particularly well-studied area. Anyone familiar with the authoritative work of scholars in the field will (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ little in Thaler's study that is (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. unfamiliar	D. find	G. accurate
B. well-worked	E. understand	H. new
C. fruitful	F. reveal	I. recognizable

6. Laws protecting intellectual property are intended to stimulate creativity, yet some forms of creative work have never enjoyed legal protection—a situation that ought to be of great interest. If we see certain forms of creative endeavor (i) \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of uncontrolled copying, we might decide to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ intellectual property law. Conversely, if unprotected creative work (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ in the absence of legal rules against copying, we would do well to know how such flourishing is sustained.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. languishing	D. jettison	G. declines in originality
B. proliferating	E. extend	H. manages to thrive
C. diversifying	F. relax	I. openly invites imitation

7. The major \_\_\_\_\_ of much popular history is that it betrays no interest in making intellectual contributions to our understanding of an issue.
- A. characteristic
  - B. shortcoming
  - C. dilemma
  - D. quandary
  - E. ploy
  - F. fault
8. After rising continuously over the summer, commodity prices fell, leaving analyst wondering whether the downward trend is a turning point or merely a \_\_\_\_\_ before demand picks up in the winter months.
- A. spike
  - B. upsurge
  - C. harbinger
  - D. portent
  - E. lull
  - F. respite
9. Doris Kearns Goodwin’s elegant, incisive study of Lincoln \_\_\_\_\_ those whose knowledge of Lincoln is an amalgam of high school history and popular mythology as well as those who are experts.
- A. gratifies
  - B. entices
  - C. inspires
  - D. confuses
  - E. perplexes
  - F. pleases
10. Although in his new book he tends to repeat himself like a \_\_\_\_\_ uncle, McHughen makes a persuasive case for the safety of tinkering with genes to create new foods.
- A. taciturn
  - B. reserved
  - C. prototypical
  - D. cantankerous
  - E. loquacious
  - F. garrulous

## Section 18

1. If the study proves that bears are still endemic to the area, the proposal to introduce additional bears of the same species will probably face less opposition, since the plan would then involve \_\_\_\_\_ a historic population, not trying to build population from scratch.
- A. reclassifying  
B. augmenting  
C. forestalling  
D. publicizing  
E. winnowing

2. The (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of molecular oxygen on Earth-sized planets around other stars in the universe would not be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ sign of life: molecular oxygen can be a signature of photosynthesis (a biotic process) or merely of the rapid escape of water from the upper reaches of a planetary atmosphere (an abiotic process).

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. dearth	D. a controversial
B. presumption	E. an unambiguous
C. detection	F. a possible

3. So (i) \_\_\_\_\_ is the reputation of the city's police force for (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ that whenever a new police chief takes office, he or she routinely promises to clean up the force.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)
A. persistent	D. corruption
B. recent	E. efficiency
C. discouraging	F. inexperience

4. 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)
A. anachronistic	D. major
B. convoluted	E. fallacious
C. undogmatic	F. inessential

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

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

6. Now that photographic prints have become a popular field for collecting, auctions are becoming more (i) \_\_\_\_\_. It is not just the entry of new collectors into the field that is causing this intensification. Established collector's interests are also becoming more (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. Those who once concentrated on the work of either the nineteenth-century pioneers or the twentieth-century modernists are now keen to have (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ collections.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. competitive	D. fickle	G. comprehensive
B. tedious	E. wide-ranging	H. legitimate
C. exclusive	F. antiquarian	I. impressive

7. In a book that inclines to \_\_\_\_\_, an epilogue arguing that ballet is dead arrives simply as one more overstatement.
- A. pessimism
  - B. misinterpretation
  - C. imprecision
  - D. vagueness
  - E. exaggeration
  - F. hyperbole
8. Not only was this writer content to leave the reading public in the dark, she seems to have \_\_\_\_\_ the role of a trickster, seeding her works with apparent clues that led nowhere.
- A. rejected
  - B. disdained
  - C. relished
  - D. participated in
  - E. delighted in
  - F. developed
9. William Perkins, his \_\_\_\_\_ speaking style notwithstanding, has long been seen as the moderate face of his political party.
- A. fiery
  - B. genteel
  - C. bumbling
  - D. unremarkable
  - E. affable
  - F. impassioned
10. The political upheaval caught most people by surprise: despite the \_\_\_\_\_ warnings of some commentators, it had never seemed that imminent.
- A. stern
  - B. prescient
  - C. prophetic
  - D. indifferent
  - E. repeated
  - F. apathetic



## Section 19

1. Slight but \_\_\_\_\_ variation in the timing of the star's pulses led astronomers to deduce that it was being pulled backwards and forwards by three planets orbiting around it.  
 A. subtle  
 B. regular  
 C. undetectable  
 D. inconsequential  
 E. explicable
2. Blake's reputation for weakness is \_\_\_\_\_: almost all who have worked with him say he is a disciplined, intellectually formidable, and very tough politician.  
 A. specious  
 B. pervasive  
 C. irreversible  
 D. trivial  
 E. ambivalent
3. Unlike the elected branches of the United States government, where making personal connection with citizens is (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and almost (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ political efficacy, the United States Supreme Court continues to maintain that its members should communicate with the public almost exclusively through formal opinions—and even then through ceremonial rituals that date back to the nineteenth century.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. frowned upon	D. a requirement for
B. rampant	E. a detriment to
C. disregarded	F. an irrelevance to

4. Scientists said that cosmology was the field where the ratio of theory to data was (i) \_\_\_\_\_: there was an abundance of theories, but almost no data. Recently, however, that ratio has flipped. A huge and ever-increasing amount of data has (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ all theories but one.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. completely unknown	D. eliminated
B. nearly infinite	E. supported
C. always variable	F. clarified

5. While in their consideration of the unique way athletics and academics are combined in United States universities, Markovits and Rensmann do not (i) \_\_\_\_\_ Gumbrecht's 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

6. The historian of ancient science Otto Neugebauer concluded that Babylonian astronomical texts are (i) \_\_\_\_\_ because everything has been eliminated from the astronomy except observations and the mathematical consequences of an initial hypothesis about the fundamental character of the astronomical movements. This judgment cohered with the high level of mathematical theory, which (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ mathematical computation together with empirical observation as (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ of science and denied any role to speculative hypotheses of a strongly theoretical nature.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. questionable	D. repudiated	G. end result
B. scientific	E. admitted	H. necessary characteristics
C. limited	F. confounded	I. discredited path

7. Noise suppression in phones can play an important role in making cellphone networks more efficient, since when sounds that are \_\_\_\_\_ to the meaningful signals are transmitted, precious network bandwidth is wasted.
- A. unsuitable
  - B. detrimental
  - C. irrelevant
  - D. confined
  - E. limited
  - F. extraneous
8. The reconstruct known work is beautiful and also probably \_\_\_\_\_: it is the only Hebrew verse written by a woman.
- A. singular
  - B. unique
  - C. archaic
  - D. counterfeit
  - E. valuable
  - F. fake
9. Our mass media are much more fascinated by bad ideas or the failure of good ones than by successes: we drown in bad news—tales of how things went wrong—but we have only the most \_\_\_\_\_ discussion on how they might go right.
- A. incisive
  - B. tantalizing
  - C. trenchant
  - D. cursory
  - E. illusory
  - F. perfunctory
10. Much of the literature of railroad seeks someone to \_\_\_\_\_, and it is thus replete with encomiums on entrepreneurs and managers.
- A. indict
  - B. rehabilitate
  - C. exalt
  - D. valorize
  - E. emulate
  - F. excoriate

## Section 20

- Common and easily accessible resources (prey for predators or hosts for parasites) should be, all other things being equal, used frequently, yet in some environments apparently accessible and suitable resources remain \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. valuable  
B. unobtainable  
C. sustainable  
D. depleted  
E. unexploited
- Even though the authors repeatedly \_\_\_\_\_ their own shrewdness, they show a remarkable credulousness toward far-fetched ideas such as carbon-eating trees and cloud-making machinery.  
A. soft-pedal  
B. extol  
C. deprecate  
D. broaden  
E. compromise
- The author suggests that cinema archives should become more like museums, justifying their existence by selecting, grouping and commenting on important films. By thus (i) \_\_\_\_\_ films, archives would not only serve as repertoires but would provide (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ as well.

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

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

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

- The skin of the poison dart frog contains deadly poisons called batrachotoxins. But the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of the toxins has remained an enigma, as the frog does not (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ them. Now an analysis suggests that the melyrid beetle is the source. Collected beetle specimens all contained batrachotoxins, suggesting that these beetles are (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ by the frogs.

Blank(i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. effect	D. pressure	G. eaten
B. origin	E. produce	H. neutralized
C. purpose	F. suffer from	I. poisoned

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

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

7. The beauty of the scientific approach is that even when individual researchers do \_\_\_\_\_ bias or partiality, others can correct them using a framework of evidence on which everyone broadly agrees.
- overreact to
  - deviate from
  - succumb to
  - recoil from
  - yield to
  - shrink from
8. The initial, widely shared pessimism turned out to be \_\_\_\_\_, because it ignored the many things that could be done with the resources left behind.
- unintelligible
  - unfathomable
  - unfounded
  - unimaginative
  - unjustified
  - unimportant
9. Despite a tendency to be overtly \_\_\_\_\_, her poetry does not consist solely of pious sentiments: it often speaks the imagination and provides lively entertainment.
- preachy
  - querulous
  - insincere
  - sanctimonious
  - plaintive
  - disingenuous
10. Although it may seem as if more than a century of \_\_\_\_\_ has made the electrical grid an all-encompassing web connecting the whole of the continent, many vast and beautiful areas remain without power.
- refinement
  - expansion
  - ubiquity
  - augmentation
  - omnipresence
  - isolation

Section 21

- 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.
  - politic
  - severe
  - sober
  - respectful
  - dejected
- The paleontologist examined the problem afresh, believing that the accepted classification \_\_\_\_\_ the essential continuity of the specimens by making specious distinctions among them.
  - disproved
  - belied
  - conflated
  - divulged
  - relaxed
- Invention was (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the work of the ancient Greek historians, whose writings were filled with long and often purely fictitious speeches by great historical figures. The animating force in historical writing was rhetoric rather than (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. Even well into the eighteenth century, not a few historians continued to understand themselves as artists, given a license to invent.

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

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

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

- People love to talk about their commutes to and from work: those with an easy commute tend to (i) \_\_\_\_\_, while those who hate their commute think and speak of it as a core affliction, like a chronic illness. Once you raise the subject, the testimonies pour out, and, if your ears are tuned to it, you begin overhearing commute talk everywhere. People who are normally (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ may, when describing their commutes, be unexpectedly (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ divulging the intimate details of their lives.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(ii)
A. grumble	D. inattentive	G. candid in
B. commiserate	E. garrulous	H. economical in
C. gloat	F. circumspect	I. flustered about

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

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

7. 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 dictator's gleaming military uniform and imperial paraphernalia sharply contrast with the \_\_\_\_\_ fashion favored by most other contemporary political leaders.
- A. unostentatious
  - B. modest
  - C. august
  - D. majestic
  - E. formal
  - F. casual
9. Despite her rather \_\_\_\_\_ choices, Moreland was neither a rebellious spirit nor someone who saw herself as anything out of the ordinary.
- A. unconventional
  - B. impractical
  - C. quirky
  - D. flamboyant
  - E. successful
  - F. lucrative
10. His premiership, seemingly cast-iron a year ago, is now so vulnerable that even a good day at the office does no more than buy him a few weeks of \_\_\_\_\_ from rebels within his own party.
- A. controversy
  - B. reproach
  - C. respite
  - D. relief
  - E. blame
  - F. deference

## Section 22

1. In the last two hundred years, the practice of archaeology has changed greatly, from digging up ancient artifacts for use by wealthy individuals as art objects to analyzing the detritus of everyday life in the laboratory, and thus from \_\_\_\_\_ to data collection.
- A. supposition  
B. theorizing  
C. fact-finding  
D. treasure hunting  
E. scientific discovery
2. The identity of hominid remains found in a cave in the Altai Mountains was \_\_\_\_\_ until Paabo and his colleagues ended the speculation by showing that DNA sequences indicated the bones belonged to Neanderthals.
- A. extraneous  
B. conjectural  
C. improbable  
D. demonstrable  
E. consistent
3. The documentation of Earth's biodiversity is complicated by the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ taxonomists. Those experts in classifying species tend to be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ North America and Europe, whereas most of the undocumented biodiversity is likely in the tropics.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. If giant x-ray flares churn circumstellar disks enough to keep newborn planets, such as Earth once was, from spiraling into their suns, it would be an ironic twist on our conception of x-ray flares as \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. dangerous
  - B. predictable
  - C. ancient
  - D. ephemeral
  - E. perilous
  - F. foreseeable
8. Despite their cultural and social significance, rapid growth, and widespread appeal in China, video games—unlike traditional media—have received \_\_\_\_\_ attention from international communication researches.
- A. undue
  - B. scant
  - C. excessive
  - D. focused
  - E. limited
  - F. dwindling
9. Although Wynne claims to recognize that \_\_\_\_\_ evidence is available to make definitive statements, she offers them nonetheless, arriving at some sweeping generalizations.
- A. concrete
  - B. finite
  - C. insufficient
  - D. indirect
  - E. conclusive
  - F. meager
10. Although the biographer never explicitly assesses what role the dynamic between Mr. Merrill's parents might have played in the development of his personality, the author offers plenty of \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. mystification
  - B. elucidation
  - C. speculation
  - D. reflection
  - E. obfuscation
  - F. conjecture



## Section 23

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 conservation management is (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, as we have, in a sense, become nature, and the responsibilities that come with the role cannot be (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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

7. There are great \_\_\_\_\_ in countries' greenhouse gas emissions, especially in per capita terms: while the United States and China are similar in aggregate emissions, United States per capita emissions are a huge multiple of China's.
- A. distortions
  - B. disparities
  - C. fluctuations
  - D. advances
  - E. variances
  - F. vacillations
8. There is a revelation on almost every page of this book, and the author's prose is \_\_\_\_\_ in the best possible way: blunt, sweet, off-kilter, and often quite funny.
- A. eloquent
  - B. austere
  - C. somber
  - D. awkward
  - E. solemn
  - F. ungainly
9. There is frequently a protracted time interval between the introduction of an innovative musical composition and its public acceptance: the concert-going public often spurns the \_\_\_\_\_ in favor of the familiar for a prolonged period.
- A. comprehensive
  - B. intricate
  - C. novel
  - D. original
  - E. intelligible
  - F. complex
10. The concept of the Hellenistic period in ancient history has proved useful but also \_\_\_\_\_, with scholars disagreeing on the dates when the period began and ended.
- A. slippery
  - B. elusive
  - C. fruitless
  - D. deceptive
  - E. futile
  - F. compelling

Section 24

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 director's most recent film that keeps the melodramatic possibilities latent in its script safely at bay.
  - A. a mawkishness
  - B. a predictability
  - C. an austerity
  - D. an ostentatiousness
  - E. an emotiveness
  
3. Few studies have been published on ground-squirrel dispersal, and most of them have involved very small sample sizes, thus most statements regarding ground-squirrel dispersal must be considered \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. invaluable
  - B. unexceptional
  - C. inveterate
  - D. routine
  - E. conjectural
  
4. Since fibromyalgia's symptoms can be (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and can (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ other disorder, and its diagnosis depends largely on patients' descriptions rather than blood tests or biopsies, fibromyalgia's cause and treatment have been the subject of much debate.

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

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. atypical	D. preserve	G. elicits adversities
B. unavoidable	E. improvise	H. emerges victorious
C. insurmountable	F. shy 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 that 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 Ramachandran's 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 hall's 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

## Section 25

1. What once seemed a quixotic vision—the “Subway to the Sea,” connecting Union Station in downtown Los Angeles to the Pacific Ocean in Santa Monica—no longer seems quite so \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. impracticable  
B. prescient  
C. banal  
D. viable  
E. beneficial
2. Unlike some mammals—cows and sheep, for instance—that are notably \_\_\_\_\_, lions have a wide range of facial expressions.
- A. tractable  
B. impassive  
C. solitary  
D. social  
E. sluggish
3. The history of the region’s natural resources has been one of initial (i) \_\_\_\_\_ followed by (ii) \_\_\_\_\_; as such the region has over time gone from a resource-rich to a resource-dependent economy.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. disappointment	D. growing interdependence
B. abundance	E. draconian regulation
C. conservation	F. rapacious depletion

4. The author paints a rather dark picture of book publishing as a hidebound industry, one that is facing a profound change in its mode of production but is so (i) \_\_\_\_\_ its past as to be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities offered by technological change.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. alienated from	D. eager to exploit
B. emboldened by	E. unable to seize
C. encumbered by	F. forced to reconsider

5. Folmer’s book on Edith Wharton seems far removed from recent trends in literary criticism; this need not to be a fault, except that, in its title and introduction, the book (i) \_\_\_\_\_ to be conversant with contemporary discourse in the field, but in its actual analysis of Wharton’s work, it is marked by a very (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ approach.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. designs	D. old-fashioned
B. fails	E. timely
C. purports	F. arcane

6. Viewing people as “social atoms” that obey rather simple rules (which are not unlike the laws of physics), one may discover certain (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Take, for example, the way channels emerge when people move in crowds. In the midst of initially (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ movements, one person begins to follow another—in an effort to avoid collisions—and streams of movement emerge. As more people join in, there is greater pull on others to join the flow, and the particular channels become (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. apparent contradictions	D. inflexible	G. self-defeating
B. unproductive tendencies	E. straightforward	H. self-aggrandizing
C. lawlike regularities	F. chaotic	I. self-perpetuating

7. Few ideas are more \_\_\_\_\_ than the notion that cultures evolve in Darwin fashion: many academics have begun writing about cultural evolution, but few treat the underlying Darwinian logic with the care it deserves.
- A. abused
  - B. archaic
  - C. misused
  - D. outdated
  - E. divisive
  - F. derivative
8. Any notion of justice in the fortunes of artists is \_\_\_\_\_: works of equal value and quality produce quite different returns or no returns at all.
- A. baseless
  - B. cliché
  - C. untenable
  - D. insulting
  - E. condescending
  - F. idealistic
9. In a number of instances, investors hoping to tap into the region’s meteoric growth have instead faced problems ranging from unpredictable management practices to outright \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. malfeasance
  - B. incompetence
  - C. fraudulence
  - D. capriciousness
  - E. hysteria
  - F. impulsiveness
10. After many years of feeling \_\_\_\_\_ by his senior managers, Clark was becoming hopeful of advancement.
- A. vilified
  - B. stymied
  - C. hindered
  - D. aggrieved
  - E. circumvented
  - F. overlooked

## Section 26

- By pointing out the self-serving nature of the governor's motives for supporting the new health care policy, the columnist implied that the governor's idealistic-sounding explanation of her position on the issue was almost certainly \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. impractical  
B. derivative  
C. simplistic  
D. disingenuous  
E. ineffectual
- 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
- It would be naïve to treat remarks made in diaries or personal letters as giving especially candid access to historical truth or even as being expressions of the writer's true state of mind, since the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ for exaggeration and deception in those forms is virtually nonexistent. Diaries and letters are rarely sites for (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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

- 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

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

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

6. Fifty pages of footnotes, some of them presenting quite lengthy bibliographies, suggest that very few pertinent sources on the Black Arts movement in literature have (i) \_\_\_\_\_ Thompson's search; (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, the text makes it clear that the author's examination of these sources has been similarly (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. eluded	D. moreover	G. valuable
B. characterized	E. however	H. timely
C. motivated	F. consequently	I. exhaustive

7. A few decades ago the idea of animal morality would have been met with \_\_\_\_\_: however, recent research suggests that animals not only act altruistically but also have the capacity for empathy, forgiveness, trust, and reciprocity.
- A. derision
  - B. resentment
  - C. dismissal
  - D. conviction
  - E. ridicule
  - F. certainty
8. Agencies responsible for protecting natural resources too often issue permits allowing exploitation of those resources, a process that remains \_\_\_\_\_ given that agencies have become experts at masking their decisions in scientific terms.
- A. controversial
  - B. exacting
  - C. obscure
  - D. onerous
  - E. opaque
  - F. misleading
9. A priori mathematics, according to Galileo, does not \_\_\_\_\_ the need for observation, but mathematics does allow us to deduce unobservable properties and thus to penetrate further into the structure of nature than observation does.
- A. address
  - B. acknowledge
  - C. obviate
  - D. diminish
  - E. displace
  - F. appreciate
10. Readers looking for another condemnation of private equity firms should look elsewhere: this book is not \_\_\_\_\_ such firms.
- A. a rant against
  - B. a diatribe on
  - C. an exculpation of
  - D. a disquisition on
  - E. a vindication of
  - F. an argument about



## Section 27

1. To criticize a disaster film for being \_\_\_\_\_ is a bit silly, since people do not go to disaster movies to see an honest portrayal of reality.
- A. expensive  
B. harrowing  
C. derivative  
D. convoluted  
E. implausible
2. Though many avant-garde writers \_\_\_\_\_ traditional distinctions among literary categories, combining elements of biography and fiction, prose and poetry, this fusion of forms has been slow to catch on with publishers.
- A. flout  
B. presuppose  
C. exploit  
D. imitate  
E. illuminate
3. Despite the abundance and importance of maize, its biological origin has been a long-running mystery. The bright yellow, mouth-watering treat does not grow in the wild anywhere on planet, so its (i) \_\_\_\_\_ is not at all (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. utility	D. helpful
B. popularity	E. important
C. ancestry	F. obvious

4. If newspaper consumers are concerned about more than (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and prefer to read news that is consistent with their beliefs, then (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ is not a journalistic flaw, but, rather, a cultivated feature. In a competitive news market, producers can use slant to differentiate their products and stave off price competition.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. politics	D. bias
B. accuracy	E. sensationalism
C. expense	F. inconsistency

5. 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	D. dismiss	G. squander suspense
B. didacticism	E. applaud	H. sacrifice credibility
C. eclecticism	F. underestimate	I. deflate pretension

6. 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)
A. supplanted	D. a shared civic responsibility	G. absence
B. promulgated	E. an act of private charity	H. name
C. corroborated	F. a profit-oriented enterprise	I. mold

7. Although legislators on both sides of the issues have repeatedly \_\_\_\_\_ a desire to find a middle ground, until now no acceptable compromise has been achieved.
- A. discussed
  - B. proclaimed
  - C. professed
  - D. rejected
  - E. disowned
  - F. betrayed
8. Even before she went to art school, Veronica found the standard design categories \_\_\_\_\_: she didn't understand why designing buildings and designing tables should require different sensibilities.
- A. provocative
  - B. limiting
  - C. stimulating
  - D. confusing
  - E. confining
  - F. exhilarating
9. The author engages this issue from diverse perspectives, supports his arguments with many examples, and manages to avoid antagonizing others in dealing with a very \_\_\_\_\_ subject.
- A. contentious
  - B. pedestrian
  - C. controversial
  - D. perplexing
  - E. mundane
  - F. intriguing
10. To call Kermode the finest English critic of his generation would be a \_\_\_\_\_ compliment, since not many of its population are professionally engaged in literary criticism.
- A. sincere
  - B. backhanded
  - C. paltry
  - D. heartfelt
  - E. meager
  - F. plausible

## Section 28

1. The pupil had a reputation for obduracy, but the teacher found her to be, on the contrary, quite \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. zealous  
B. astute  
C. tractable  
D. efficient  
E. amusing
2. The maps in this volume are meant not as guides but as \_\_\_\_\_: they are designed to make the reader think anew about the city.
- A. adornments  
B. references  
C. truisms  
D. provocations  
E. valedictions
3. Proponents of international regulation of environmental issues have always struggled against scientific uncertainty and economic hostility, two obstacles which, from a political standpoint, often have been closely related, as economic hostilities toward environmental regulation for economic reasons have (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the considerable uncertainty underlying most environmental challenges to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ of environmental regulation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. resolved	D. exaggerate the efficacy
B. gainsaid	E. downplay the legitimacy
C. exploited	F. question the fallibility

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

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

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

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

6. With the emergence of scientific history-writing in the late nineteenth century, several authors sought to ignore the glowing myths surrounding George Washington and uncover the human being within, but their biographies were still (i) \_\_\_\_\_ enough that Washington remained a marbled and remote figure. Indeed, by the 1920s Washington had become such (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ personage that inevitably someone had to go to the other extreme and try to (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ the legend.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. ponderous	D. a deified	G. debunk
B. empirical	E. an ignored	H. aggrandize
C. laudatory	F. a misunderstood	I. reproduce

7. Even though the original settlement may not hold up, it at least proves that the deadlock can be broken and that a hitherto \_\_\_\_\_ party is ready to bargain.
- A. implacable
  - B. unyielding
  - C. impeccable
  - D. flawless
  - E. unqualified
  - F. capricious
8. The company is so old-fashioned and opposed to innovation that it can seem downright \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. antediluvian
  - B. flighty
  - C. archaic
  - D. chauvinistic
  - E. capricious
  - F. patronizing
9. Space is often referred to as the final frontier, as the only realm of which humankind has still to gain substantial understanding, yet the ocean is also another vast area about which out knowledge is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. erroneous
  - B. confusing
  - C. frustrating
  - D. rudimentary
  - E. delusive
  - F. sketchy
10. In sharp contrast to the novel's scenic realism and precise characterized figure is its persistent philosophical \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. naturalism
  - B. abstraction
  - C. generality
  - D. impartiality
  - E. sincerity
  - F. objectivity

## Section 29

- The Labrador duck is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ extinct birds: although there are a fair number of specimens, few have yielded reliable data and little is known about the species' breeding patterns.
  - anomalous
  - controversial
  - enigmatic
  - misrepresented
  - cherished
- Like her literary heroine, George Eliot, Barbara Kingsolver is an old-fashioned \_\_\_\_\_, deeply curious about all branches of human learning.
  - prodigy
  - polymath
  - tyro
  - amateur
  - philistine

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

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

- Pioneering medical research scientists' (i) \_\_\_\_\_ claims regarding the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ new researches make the public wonder why their own doctors are not dispensing miracles. There are forces, both external and internal, on scientists that almost require them to (iii) \_\_\_\_\_. Without money, there is no science. Researchers must constantly convince administrators who control tax dollars, investors, and individual donors that the work they are doing will make a difference.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. modest	D. serious constraints on	G. improvise
B. inflated	E. overblown interpretations of	H. oversell
C. fastidious	F. potential benefits of	I. generalize

- Galaxy Zoo set a standard for citizen-scientist participation projects. Zealous volunteers (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the project's organizers by classifying an entire catalog of galaxies years ahead of schedule. (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ by the (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ of the volunteers, the Galaxy Zoo team was inspired to pursue lines of research they had never even imagined.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. beguiled	D. Baffled	G. insouciance
B. forestalled	E. Buoyed	H. stoicism
C. astonished	F. Embarrassed	I. alacrity

6. Despite the occasional (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of their venues, the culture of corporate conferences is a deeply (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ one: each day consisted of nearly nine hours of continuous lectures and panels enlivened by pleasantries or anything that could be construed as a joke. The only (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ sensory deprivation of the sessions came from the handsome color slides favored by the corporate presenters.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. seclusion	D. sycophantic	G. allusion to
B. opulence	E. ascetic	H. ramification of
C. enormity	F. mercenary	I. respite from

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. Historically, the depletion of soil's nitrogen has been one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ problems faced by farmers: an essential nutrient, nitrogen is quickly leached from soil, and farmers have struggled to find ways to replenish it.
- A. capricious
  - B. ubiquitous
  - C. worrisome
  - D. stubborn
  - E. intractable
  - F. unpredictable
10. The town's air was consistently \_\_\_\_\_: depending on the breeze, one might be greeted with the sour effluvia of twenty breweries, choking fumes from the coal factory, or brackish smells from the nearby river.
- A. malodorous
  - B. toxic
  - C. redolent
  - D. benign
  - E. noisome
  - F. anodyne

## Section 30

1. One view of historicism holds that systems of belief prevalent during different periods in history are \_\_\_\_\_ and therefore cannot be understood except in their own term.
- A. discriminatory  
B. incommensurable  
C. anachronistic  
D. cosmopolitan  
E. objective
2. Neuroscientists are excited by technological progress that facilitates brain mapping, the most \_\_\_\_\_ of them comparing their growing abilities to tremendous advances that led to unimaginable success of the Human Genome Project.
- A. rigorous  
B. sanguine  
C. punctilious  
D. unorthodox  
E. sophisticated
3. At Cerro Portezuelo, the task of separating grinding tools from the larger collection of excavated stone objects was (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the ancient practice of recycling grinding tool fragments for building materials, hammer stones, and other purposes that (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ their original use.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. complicated by	D. complemented
B. important to	E. obscured
C. independent from	F. underscored

4. The genius of the scientific method is that it (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the dictum of Aristotle that the goal of science is knowledge of the ultimate cause of things. True science, we now know, advances human knowledge by (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ ultimate causes and focusing instead on the testing of empirical hypotheses.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. qualifies	D. ignoring
B. jettisons	E. predicting
C. affirms	F. confirming

5. Unquestionably, the particular forms that folly and cruelty take in Jane Austen's novels are (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the character's social milieu, which was also Austen's own; but to realize that one's society motivates people in unfortunate ways is not necessarily to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ it, for the alternatives, though different, might be no more (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. shaped by	D. expose	G. salutary
B. removed from	E. condemn	H. corrosive
C. unrecognizable in	F. rationalize	I. realistic

6. To label Hamilton a foreigner because he was born outside what later became the United States is to assume anachronistically the existence of the nation before the fact. It is true that Hamilton came to believe that he was a (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the United States, but his (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ stemmed not from his (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ but from his confrontation with American democracy, which he considered to be a disease afflicting the nation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. symbol of	D. alienation	G. ideology
B. stranger in	E. ambition	H. profession
C. citizen of	F. patriotism	I. birthplace

7. Some experts estimate that the recreational salmon fishery in British Columbia contributes more to the province's economy than the commercial salmon fishery does—a surprising statistic given the political and commercial \_\_\_\_\_ of the fishery in the province.
- A. naiveté
  - B. prominence
  - C. supremacy
  - D. ingenuousness
  - E. salience
  - F. resurgence
8. The jazz style called bebop was born and nurtured in New York City, and despite a \_\_\_\_\_ initial reception, it resonated three thousand miles away on the West Coast.
- A. wary
  - B. warm
  - C. confused
  - D. muddled
  - E. convivial
  - F. hostile
9. In 1884, Sewall and Dow agreed to join Roosevelt in the Dakota territory for reasons that appear to have been \_\_\_\_\_. Sewall later recalled that Roosevelt guaranteed them a share of anything made in his cattle business.
- A. pecuniary
  - B. straightforward
  - C. economic
  - D. selfless
  - E. quixotic
  - F. altruistic
10. Estimating demographic parameters in marine mammals is challenging, often requiring many years of data to achieve sufficient precision to \_\_\_\_\_ biologically meaningful change.
- A. effect
  - B. tolerate
  - C. discern
  - D. envisage
  - E. withstand
  - F. detect



## Section 31

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. The painter's 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
3. Shirky argues that the Internet (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the need for hierarchical structures and the sluggish organizations that (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ them: the Internet makes it possible to do things cheaply and efficiently on one's own.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. delineates	D. circumvent
B. obviates	E. perpetuate
C. redoubles	F. undervalue

4. The author clearly supports the causes he writes about, but he is more a narrator than (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Some say he should have included more (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, but he is wise to let the fact speak for themselves. They are complex enough to prompt many kinds of interpretation, and he would bog down the complicated tale if he tried to adjudicate all of their competing claims.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. a reporter	D. statistical data
B. an advocate	E. analysis of events
C. an adversary	F. detailed descriptions

5. 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 work's 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

6. While some commentators suggest that abstraction and complexity in scientific research are signs that a given direction is misguided, Lisa Randal, a professor of physics at Harvard, counters that these qualities instead reflect the success of human ingenuity in (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the increasingly (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ challenges that nature presents. They can, however, make it more (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ to communicate scientific developments, even to colleagues.

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

7. Each of the country's 26 states 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
8. Communicating articulately is typically regarded as an aggressive, persuasive talent, but it can also be protective: it allows a certain \_\_\_\_\_ closeness, conveying proximity while actually maintaining distance.
- A. feigned
  - B. secretive
  - C. dubious
  - D. subtle
  - E. false
  - F. furtive
9. Tompkinson's prior donations to the university, while very generous, failed to \_\_\_\_\_ the magnitude of her latest gift.
- A. compensate for
  - B. portend
  - C. clarify
  - D. predict
  - E. offset
  - F. undermine
10. The union states its position polemically; its leaders say they are fighting to save good jobs while \_\_\_\_\_ corporations replace full-time workers with part-time ones in order to cut down on both wages and benefits.
- A. precarious
  - B. enterprising
  - C. rapacious
  - D. troubled
  - E. influential
  - F. avaricious

## Section 32

1. The artist's career was remarkable partly because it was so \_\_\_\_\_: she died, with only a few paintings to her credit, while still in her twenties.
- A. felicitous  
B. prolific  
C. enduring  
D. conventional  
E. abbreviated
2. Paintings created in India during the Mughal dynasty were \_\_\_\_\_ in ambition but ornamental in presentation: in one direction they have an affinity with newspaper photographs, while in the other they have the intricacy of jewels.
- A. metaphorical  
B. documentary  
C. aesthetic  
D. sectarian  
E. baroque
3. The irony of digital networking is that it can produce more (i) \_\_\_\_\_ than did the geographical confinement it supposedly transcended. As human interactions become (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ physical location, people are less likely to have regular dealings with others who do not share the same values and outlooks.

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

4. The controversy about Alexander the Great's personality derives from the fact that our sources are (i) \_\_\_\_\_, all eyewitness accounts having perished. What remains is, at best, (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ (one history, for instance, is based largely on the now-lost memoirs of Alexander's alleged half-brother, Ptolemy) and at worst, highly unreliable.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. outdated	D. secondhand
B. inadequate	E. repetitious
C. abstruse	F. deceptive

5. Gravitational waves—ripples in the geometry of space-time—are analogous to electromagnetic waves. The challenge in trying to observe these waves directly is that they are extremely weak. To make waves large enough to be (i) \_\_\_\_\_, the most (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ events in the universe are required: supernova explosions, the formation of black holes, or the collision of stars. Even so, the effects are (iii) \_\_\_\_\_. The geometry changes so little that a distance of several kilometers changes by less than the diameter of a proton.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. detectable	D. obvious	G. masked
B. usable	E. subtle	H. disastrous
C. explicable	F. violent	I. minuscule

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

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. operate outside of	D. active	G. report
B. tend to facilitate	E. random	H. maintain
C. may not alter	F. rote	I. condone

7. Writing about advances in climate science is often problematic, in part because the material is so \_\_\_\_\_: climate science is the study of shifting, interrelated, and sometimes paradoxical patterns.
- A. disheartening
  - B. pedestrian
  - C. complicated
  - D. depressing
  - E. knotty
  - F. mundane
8. Contrary to certain recent analyses that paint a dire portrait of soil loss from farmland, a new study of surveying data reaching back to the 1930s shows that erosion rates have been steadily \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. intensifying
  - B. waning
  - C. accelerating
  - D. worsening
  - E. declining
  - F. deteriorating
9. The performer can be \_\_\_\_\_ in his comedy, but he is fundamentally a bighearted person who displays a core sweetness even at his most manic.
- A. inflammatory
  - B. pedestrian
  - C. gloomy
  - D. uninspired
  - E. puerile
  - F. provocative
10. There are many insights in the essays collected in *Observations on Modernity*, but they are embedded in a dense English translation of a dense German original that may make many of them \_\_\_\_\_ to most readers.
- A. vapid
  - B. inaccessible
  - C. sagacious
  - D. banal
  - E. distressing
  - F. opaque

Section 33

- The province has long claimed to be just another developing region, even as its economy \_\_\_\_\_ those of other regions and threatens to eclipse the rest of the country combined.
  - parallels
  - bolsters
  - corroborates
  - outstrips
  - engages
- Discussions of impending water shortages are often couched in apocalyptic rhetoric, yet even if the language is somewhat \_\_\_\_\_, the basic message is sound: water is indeed scarce and growing scarcer.
  - abstract
  - complacent
  - ambiguous
  - unfamiliar
  - overblown

- The description of humans as having an internal clock is not a (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Or rather, it is—you do not have a tiny watch in your cerebellum—but it also refers to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, a specialized bundle of cells that regulates cyclical processes.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. euphemism	D. an elusive psychological phenomenon
B. cliché	E. a standard literary trope
C. metaphor	F. a real biological feature

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Individuals, governments, and companies show ample ability to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves by setting goals based on current conditions and then blindly following them even when those conditions change drastically.
- A. hamstring  
B. reinvent  
C. promote  
D. revitalize  
E. impair  
F. invigorate
8. Creativity is no longer seen as \_\_\_\_\_ inspiration leading to a poem or a painting, it has come to be thought of as something permeating the whole of a person's life.
- A. a mundane  
B. a momentary  
C. an illusory  
D. an evanescent  
E. a metaphoric  
F. a prosaic
9. In establishing that the dust she had observed constitutes two percent of the mass in the quadrant, the astronomer showed that the dust's extreme visual prominence \_\_\_\_\_ its relatively minor contribution to the total mass of the region.
- A. belies  
B. masks  
C. highlights  
D. nullifies  
E. disproves  
F. accentuates
10. Changes made to ecosystem in order to achieve a goal, such as food production or flood control, often \_\_\_\_\_ significant unforeseen trade-offs between other important products and service the ecosystems provide.
- A. predict  
B. delay  
C. foretell  
D. obscure  
E. yield  
F. engender

## Section 34

1. The science community's perennial lament over inadequate budgets has come to seem increasingly \_\_\_\_\_, because government support for science and engineering has never been greater.
- A. vital  
B. hopeless  
C. poignant  
D. condescending  
E. disingenuous
2. Despite the neighborhood's lingering reputation for \_\_\_\_\_, it has in fact become increasingly varied in its architecture and demographics.
- A. boisterousness  
B. unpretentiousness  
C. idiosyncrasy  
D. accessibility  
E. homogeneity
3. The meandering journey across the soundscape of the Internet can be (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Listening to music in this medium often generates anxiety fulfillment: no sooner has one experience begun than the thought of what else is out there intrudes. Putting an old-fashioned disk and letting it play to the end restores a measure of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. liberating	D. choice
B. taxing	E. boredom
C. educational	F. sanity

4. Many scholars have argued that the United States Supreme Court usually (i) \_\_\_\_\_ public opinion in its decisions because it fears that it will (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ if it does not; when it does depart from public opinion, it whips up political maelstroms.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. comments on	D. lose public support
B. hews to	E. mitigate public anger
C. overrides	F. create public indifference

5. In a review of 17 studies from 2008, Trudeau and Shephard concluded that reserving up to an hour a day for (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in school curricula does not (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ academic achievement. In fact, they noted that more exercise often (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ school performance, despite the time it took away from reading, writing and arithmetic.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. physical activity	D. contribute to	G. diminished
B. leisure time	E. detract from	H. augmented
C. open study	F. correlate with	I. counteracted

6. Anna Gavalda's fiction is appealing largely because of her writing styles, which is certainly (i) \_\_\_\_\_. It is heavy on dialogue (and light on embellishment), features very short sections (of often only a few sentences) in rapid succession, and in general favors an unadorned directness. Not surprisingly, this style works better in the short-story form than the novel, and the story collection *I Wish Someone Were Waiting for Me Somewhere* (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ her attempt to (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ it in a novel, as in, for example, *Someone I Loved*.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. annoying	D. is thought to precede	G. undermine
B. distinctive	E. fails in comparison with	H. sustain
C. convoluted	F. impresses considerably more than	I. reject

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. Because movie studios, under pressure to generate international sales, have favored big-budget pictures with fantasy plots, the representation of everyday domestic life has largely been \_\_\_\_\_ other media, such as television and literature.
- A. left to
  - B. ceded to
  - C. ascribed to
  - D. attributed to
  - E. substituted for
  - F. replaced with
9. The life of a secret agent is dangerous enough, but the life of a double agent is infinitely more \_\_\_\_\_: a single slip can send an agent crashing to destruction.
- A. arduous
  - B. precarious
  - C. clandestine
  - D. perilous
  - E. covert
  - F. exhilarating
10. Natural aging causes nerves to die off and muscles to weaken, but regular exercise enlarges muscle fibers and can \_\_\_\_\_ the decline by increasing the strength of the muscle you have left.
- A. speed up
  - B. stave off
  - C. forestall
  - D. facilitate
  - E. assist
  - F. exploit



## Section 35

1. Reading chunks of Shapiro's 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. scattershot  
B. esoteric  
C. corrosive  
D. finicky  
E. indiscreet
2. Some novelists immodestly idealize and exaggerate the significance of their work, but others, \_\_\_\_\_ to exalt the role of the writer, question a transcendent view of the art.
- A. averring  
B. declining  
C. seeking  
D. feigning  
E. avowing
3. In the years prior to the Civil War, Philadelphia's African American press encouraged 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)
A. hortatory	D. controversial
B. ineffective	E. urgent
C. widespread	F. inopportune

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

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

5. 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	E. high-minded purpose
C. disingenuous	F. gripping suspense

6. Inuit print making is more (i) \_\_\_\_\_ than carving in that it does not have substantial historical precedents, although there are (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ incised carvings on bone or antler, facial tattoo marks, or inlay skin work on clothing, mitts and footwear. Carving materials such as stone, bone, antler, wood, and ivory were (iii) \_\_\_\_\_, but paper and drawing tools were unknown until introduced by early explorers and missionaries.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. traditional	D. affinities with	G. available locally
B. prestigious	E. objections to	H. rarely used
C. anomalous	F. regulations about	I. virtually interchangeable

7. Scientists should hope the faults of their theories will be \_\_\_\_\_ their peers since the refutation of one hypothesis can free its originator to develop a better one.
- A. discerned by
  - B. disregarded by
  - C. discovered by
  - D. ignored by
  - E. opaque to
  - F. inspiring to
8. Though Edmund certainly had a dignified bearing and made a great first impression, those who became acquainted with him soon realized he had an essentially \_\_\_\_\_ nature.
- A. pugnacious
  - B. deliberate
  - C. punctilious
  - D. courteous
  - E. complacent
  - F. truculent
9. Circulatory systems on organisms originated in widely separated epochs, according to the fossil record, and under a broad range of circumstances, the myriad forms they take attest to that \_\_\_\_\_ of origin.
- A. mysteriousness
  - B. randomness
  - C. ambiguity
  - D. heterogeneity
  - E. indeterminacy
  - F. diversity
10. Compared to their predecessors, who were more nationalist than feminist in political orientation, Roman women activists of the younger generation are more inclined to \_\_\_\_\_ women's rights, often creating organizations focused primarily on women's issues.
- A. expand
  - B. de-emphasize
  - C. champion
  - D. idealize
  - E. downplay
  - F. defend

## Section 36

1. That Seiberg and Witten lack celebrity can be explained by the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of their pursuit: the mathematical exploration of four-dimensional space.  
 A. pedestrian  
 B. esoteric  
 C. compelling  
 D. global  
 E. univocal
2. In modern times, friendship has become a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship: a form of connection in terms of which all are understood and against which all are measured.  
 A. conciliatory  
 B. mercenary  
 C. paradigmatic  
 D. contentious  
 E. supplementary
3. The era's examples of \_\_\_\_\_ that are cited by the author can be balanced in part by certain examples of dissent during the same period.  
 A. diversity  
 B. authoritarianism  
 C. forbearance  
 D. volatility  
 E. lucidity
4. The politician's record while in office, though (i) \_\_\_\_\_, hardly accounts for her high standard three decades later—a standing all the more (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ because of continuing assaults on her reputation during those years.

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

5. For many years, Americans have had a love affair with ferryboats. Ferries are said to relieve our frayed nerves after we've stewed in bumper-to-bumper traffic, and conventional wisdom also says ferries (i) \_\_\_\_\_ congestion and air pollution by getting us out of our cars. Unfortunately, this (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ notion recently has (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ several West Coast mayors, who have in consequence eagerly pursued the implementation of ferry service in their cities.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. contribute to	D. provocative	G. captivated
B. reduce	E. misguided	H. confused
C. cover up	F. cynical	I. outraged

6. For Plato, the art of music was so (i) \_\_\_\_\_ moral and political reality that any alteration to music system would necessarily require a corresponding political shift. But two and a half millennia later, when classical music is generally seen merely as a lifestyle accessory, Plato's conception seems (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. To be sure, there are still people who consider classical music to be of (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ cultural importance, but few of them are able to articulate this convincingly.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. rarely identified with	D. apt	G. marginal
B. tenuously connected to	E. absurd	H. profound
C. firmly anchored in	F. disingenuous	I. uncertain

7. 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. usual
  - F. dominant
8. 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
9. *Shifting Fortunes* takes a conventional approach to American union history by simply explaining the reasons behind union growth and decline in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries: it is a chronologically and thematically \_\_\_\_\_ study and nothing more.
- A. complicated
  - B. confined
  - C. multifarious
  - D. onerous
  - E. circumscribed
  - F. taxing
10. Titan, Saturn's largest moon, looks surprisingly \_\_\_\_\_, even though it is a cold, dimly lit world made from unknown materials.
- A. habitable
  - B. familiar
  - C. forbidding
  - D. placid
  - E. daunting
  - F. recognizable

## Section 37

1. Scientists have argued not only that the chains of atoms called ladder compounds have \_\_\_\_\_ theoretical interest but also that studies of such systems can lead to important practical applications.
- A. limited  
B. dubious  
C. superfluous  
D. unidimensional  
E. intrinsic
2. The physical layout of the laboratory, although well adapted to the research being pursued when it was built, was not \_\_\_\_\_, making a thorough redesign necessary before a proposed new experimental program could be undertaken.
- A. compromised  
B. imprecise  
C. convoluted  
D. ubiquitous  
E. plastic
3. Although the vast weight of evidence supports the contention that the products of agricultural biotechnology are environmentally (i) \_\_\_\_\_, many people still find them (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ unsettling.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. destructive	D. retroactively
B. sound	E. innocuously
C. intriguing	F. intrinsically

4. World demand for oil had been intensified, but it slackened because China's surge in oil consumption had (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Moreover, high oil prices had themselves started to act as a short-term (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the global economy, thus further dampening demand.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. spread	D. spur to
B. commenced	E. drag on
C. slowed	F. panacea for

5. Although she admitted that her airport expansion plan had recently collapsed, the governor (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the significance of the failure, pointing out that competing economic development proposals are now more (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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

6. It is possible for humans to go 40 or more hours without sleep and still be able to (i) \_\_\_\_\_ information acquired at the beginning of the sleepless period. Thus, when we are considering a role for sleep in human memory consolidation, we are referring to a possible role in the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ encoding of information and optimizing of recall, not a (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ of sleep for recalling events of the prior day.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. legitimize	D. longer-term	G. requirement
B. augment	E. acute	H. surplus
C. disgorge	F. qualitative	I. facet

7. Not only is the advent of bookless or largely bookless libraries too large and powerful a change to be \_\_\_\_\_, it also offers too many real advantages for it to be considered a tragedy.
- A. understood  
B. averted  
C. foreseen  
D. forestalled  
E. endured  
F. anticipated
8. Although men still dominate the ranks of full professors in the field of astronomy, the increasing numbers of younger women in the field could \_\_\_\_\_ a change in its gender mix.
- A. require  
B. alleviate  
C. block  
D. presage  
E. portend  
F. hinder
9. 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
10. An apparent paradox led the scientists to pursue their present line of research. They were struck by the fact that a single mathematic formula can be used to describe physical phenomena that appear to be so \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. rudimentary  
B. interdependent  
C. interrelated  
D. complex  
E. heterogeneous  
F. dissimilar

## Section 38

1. The students' \_\_\_\_\_ nature was in sharp contrast to the imperturbable disposition of their teacher.  
 A. volatile  
 B. duplicitous  
 C. apathetic  
 D. cunning  
 E. blithe
2. Because people expect theater directors to be authoritarians, many were surprised that Clark was so \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. histrionic  
 B. megalomaniacal  
 C. egalitarian  
 D. indolent  
 E. charismatic
3. Although the political science professor's paper is quite (i) \_\_\_\_\_ about the government's problem, suggesting that they are part of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ a process, the prognosis for the government is, on the contrary, actually quite auspicious.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. straightforward	D. degenerative
B. circuitous	E. comprehensive
C. pessimistic	F. spontaneous

4. 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	D. unlikely
B. protracted	E. redundant
C. spontaneous	F. expeditious

5. In adolescence, (i) \_\_\_\_\_ interactions are crucial in forging a self-identity. To be sure, this process often plays out in (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ as a means of defining and shoring up the sense of self. Kids will seek out like-minded companions, and spurn others who seem different. But when kept within reasonable bounds, this in-group (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ generally evolves into a more mature friendship pattern.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. adult	D. cliquish social behavior	G. alienation
B. wide-ranging	E. dramatic changes in personality	H. clustering
C. peer	F. heightened sociability	I. competition

6. The (i) \_\_\_\_\_ quality of much contemporary drawing may be attributable to the use of photography as a drawing shortcut. Photography (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ modern arts, but when it is used as a tracing tool in order to (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ the difficulties of achieving correct proportion, the resulting art often feels static and lifeless.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. inert	D. frequently enervated	G. augment
B. jubilant	E. wonderfully enriched	H. foreground
C. sensuous	F. inevitably circumscribed	I. circumvent

7. 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
8. Even though his opponent is trying to portray him as a wild-eyed radical, voters will likely reject this charge because it does not \_\_\_\_\_ his moderate political record.
- A. defer to  
 B. conform to  
 C. accede to  
 D. argue with  
 E. meddle with  
 F. square with
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the approval process for new drugs suggests that incentives to promote more expeditious decision making may be necessary.
- A. pecuniary  
 B. commercial  
 C. arbitrary  
 D. sluggish  
 E. capricious  
 F. dilatory
10. The critic claims that, contrary to its reputation for \_\_\_\_\_, the novelist's prose is full of opaque language games.
- A. scrupulousness  
 B. simplicity  
 C. mendacity  
 D. artlessness  
 E. polish  
 F. meticulousness



## Section 39

1. 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
2. Many readers today consider the moral sentiments expressed in the ancient writers' work to be quite vapid, and in the seventeenth century they were similarly regarded as \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. jejune  
B. didactic  
C. dogmatic  
D. tendentious  
E. arcane
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 administration's belief that students should take no part in running the university.

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

4. The school system's modest plan for curriculum improvements has (i) \_\_\_\_\_ local educators: some call it (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ effort, while others say it is a pragmatic approach given the complexity of the task.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. surprised	D. genuine
B. impressed	E. halfhearted
C. divided	F. practical

5. 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)
A. sketchy	D. cavalier
B. exculpatory	E. deceptive
C. flippant	F. thorough

6. Some climatologists dismiss as (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the debate among geophysicists over the role of carbon dioxide in global climate change across many millions of years. These climatologists say the evidence of a tie between carbon dioxide and planetary warming over the last few centuries is so (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ that any longer-term evidence against such a link must somehow be (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. unavoidable	D. unlikely	G. tainted
B. irrelevant	E. controversial	H. accommodated
C. undecidable	F. compelling	I. reinforced

7. As a way of \_\_\_\_\_ the negative impacts of overdependence on a single export product—crude oil—the Nigerian government passed legislation in 1999 that was intended to revitalize the moribund solid minerals sector.
- A. assuming  
B. checking  
C. disguising  
D. stemming  
E. downplaying  
F. shouldering
8. Although the essayist’s arguments did not \_\_\_\_\_ her most perceptive readers, the extreme subtlety of the points she made explains why she was misinterpreted by most critics of her day.
- A. convince  
B. confound  
C. entertain  
D. persuade  
E. perplex  
F. enlighten
9. Citing the corruption and intrigue that pervaded politics in the city, my colleague \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper’s trove of journalism prizes, declaring that finding great stories in the city must be effortless.
- A. slighted  
B. ignored  
C. lauded  
D. disparaged  
E. confounded  
F. commended
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

## Section 40

1. 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
2. She constantly \_\_\_\_\_ herself for not living up to her own ideals—for not working hard enough or not having motives that were pure enough.
- A. exalted  
B. coddled  
C. excoriated  
D. mollified  
E. deluded
3. In her works, she (i) \_\_\_\_\_ confidence. She gets excessively (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ to authorities, even when rejecting their views.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. inspires	D. pugnacious
B. exudes	E. deferential
C. lacks	F. condescending

4. Making loans and fighting poverty are normally two of the least glamorous pursuits around, but remarkably enough put the two together, and you have an economic innovation that has become not just (i) \_\_\_\_\_ but downright (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. popular	D. chic
B. pointless	E. unfathomable
C. dangerous	F. sensible

5. Convinced of the gravity of her poetry, Voigt must have found the reviews of her most recent collection (i) \_\_\_\_\_ reading: one amused reviewer thought that it was unrecognizable as poetry but decidedly (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. tempting	D. inspiring
B. depressing	E. irritating
C. thrilling	F. diverting

6. The historian's narrative of the dynasty's decline is (i) \_\_\_\_\_, because though there is nothing (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the account, large parts of it rely on (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. diffuse	D. psychologically penetrating in	G. plagiarism
B. reasonable	E. inherently implausible about	H. conjecture
C. questionable	F. fully documented in	I. pretense

7. The first images of Jupiter's moon Callisto show bright regions of material, as if older and darker ice had slid downhill and exposed the \_\_\_\_\_ ice underneath.

- A. ancient
- B. murky
- C. compact
- D. pristine
- E. grimy
- F. unblemished

8. Mortoris is dour and \_\_\_\_\_, seemingly incapable of smiling, let alone laughing.

- A. mirthful
- B. jovial
- C. intelligent
- D. tepid
- E. lugubrious
- F. gloomy

9. When the atmosphere over the city is at its best, it is peculiarly \_\_\_\_\_, and this clarity seems to distill the very special beauty of the place.

- A. limpid
- B. acute
- C. calm
- D. sharp
- E. pellucid
- F. tranquil

10. The book brings together many valuable reports on conservation projects, but with less variety than might have been wished: nearly half the contributors are from the same state, and consequently, the case studies are similarly \_\_\_\_\_ geographically.

- A. rudimentary
- B. interdependent
- C. interrelated
- D. complex
- E. heterogeneous
- F. dissimilar

## Section 41

1. Motivation is the hardest of all managerial tasks, and it is \_\_\_\_\_ to expect a single memo, no matter how well crafted, to have much effect on the staff's attitude.
- A. ingenious  
B. reasonable  
C. fanciful  
D. scrupulous  
E. radical

2. This is neither praise nor criticism, neither a compliment nor \_\_\_\_\_, just an observation.
- A. an exposition  
B. an elucidation  
C. an animadversion  
D. a culmination  
E. a divination

3. Memoirs are inherently (i) \_\_\_\_\_, but Larry McMurtry's 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. wistful	E. ungracious
C. self-serving	F. valedictory

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Some kinds of deadly bacteria, including those that cause tetanus, tuberculosis, and botulism, remain \_\_\_\_\_ until something triggers their insidious activity.
- A. harmless
  - B. innocuous
  - C. anomalous
  - D. aberrant
  - E. efficacious
  - F. undetectable
8. The author takes issue with the ideological blinders that have distorted much migration research, especially \_\_\_\_\_ modernization theorists and others for their untested assumptions of an immobile preindustrial past.
- A. undermining
  - B. citing
  - C. castigating
  - D. chastising
  - E. endorsing
  - F. commending
9. Despite the \_\_\_\_\_ of medical information available through e-mail, the Internet, and mobile devices, not many patients are taking advantage of the potential of electronic communications for health-related needs.
- A. wealth
  - B. complexity
  - C. intricacy
  - D. profusion
  - E. resurgence
  - F. overload
10. While normal floods resulting from usual monsoon rainfall are \_\_\_\_\_ the growth of crops, recently there has been an increase in the frequency of high-intensity floods that do not have such welcome effects.
- A. conducive to
  - B. hindered by
  - C. devastating for
  - D. deleterious to
  - E. essential for
  - F. indispensable to

## Section 42

- The theory that the 1908 Tunguska event was the explosion of a cosmic body in the sky over Siberia is \_\_\_\_\_: no one has yet found fragments of the subject or any impact craters in the affected region.
  - long-standing
  - indisputable
  - plausible
  - uncontested
  - unproven
- Physicists' opinions diverge on whether the unexpected phenomena that can occur in systems more complex than individual particles represent new physical principles, or whether the principles involved are \_\_\_\_\_, in that they rely, albeit in an extremely complicated way, on known physical principles.
  - extraneous
  - inexpressible
  - derivative
  - heterogeneous
  - uncorrelated

- It can be (i) \_\_\_\_\_ to read Margaret Fuller's travel writing, as she produced accounts of her travel that (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ conventions of bourgeois travel narrative, often capitulating to the most well-worn clichés of the genre at precisely the moments when she sought most energetically to cast them off in favor of some new, more passionate mode of discernment.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. frustrating	D. challenged
B. enlightening	E. conformed to
C. exciting	F. established

- The prime minister's spokesman faces a difficult task in defending his boss from what he sees as the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of a decidedly prejudiced press. To make his defense effectively he will certainly have to give specific examples of the media coverage he finds so (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. overwrought panegyrics	D. objectionable
B. lowly calumnies	E. confusing
C. justified fulminations	F. unexciting

- When the Agriculture Department (i) \_\_\_\_\_ its new dietary guidelines, it laid down a challenge: Eat better, smarter, and healthier or else. The "or else" included a long list of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ that (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ the developed world, from heart disease and osteoporosis to diabetes.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A. made public	D. intangibles	G. assuage
B. debunked	E. misconceptions	H. plague
C. refused to consider	F. maladies	I. ignore

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

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

7. The controversial social analysis that Moynihan offered in the 1960s is now generally recognized as having been prescient; in fact, it has been the \_\_\_\_\_ upon which much of our discussion of social pathology must base.
- concession
  - bedrock
  - imperative
  - compromise
  - foundation
  - vision
8. All Shaker furniture implies \_\_\_\_\_ humanism in design: the Shakers made objects that look like objects, following a nonhuman law of design and rejecting the unconscious self-flattery inherent in making anthropomorphic objects.
- a rejection of
  - a liberation from
  - a belief in
  - an affinity for
  - an attraction to
  - a misunderstanding of
9. The difficulty of reforming electoral politics is not lack of the right tools but the need to put them into the hands of impartial agents: the goal should be to build capacity while \_\_\_\_\_.
- expediting
  - constraining
  - facilitating
  - deterring
  - exacerbating
  - lamenting
10. That guild of experts have always appraised the economic stimulation plan as bootless, while the advocates of the policy do not take their \_\_\_\_\_ evaluation for granted.
- tendentious
  - meticulous
  - detracting
  - indifferent
  - ubiquitous
  - deprecatory



## Section 43

1. The title of her final and unfinished film, *Escape*, was \_\_\_\_\_: indeed, while shooting it she was preoccupied with thoughts of desertion.  
 A. quixotic  
 B. apt  
 C. misleading  
 D. inconsequential  
 E. uncharacteristic
2. Nylenna's study showed that errors in scientific manuscripts submitted for publication often escape reviewers' notice. Her results were not \_\_\_\_\_: when Godlee conducted a study of the same phenomenon, her findings were similar.  
 A. credible  
 B. unwelcome  
 C. anomalous  
 D. quantifiable  
 E. consequential
3. Computers have become adept in rarefied domains once thought to be uniquely human. However, they simultaneously have (i) \_\_\_\_\_ certain tasks basic to human experience, including spatial orientation and object recognition, and in so doing, have shown us how (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ such fundamental skills truly are.

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

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

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

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

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

6. Conventionally, the ultimate measure of a scientific work's 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	H. disputed
C. leads to	F. constitutes	I. touted

7. Baker was struck by the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ she saw at the renowned medical facility; for all their experience, the physicians could not seem to agree on the correct diagnosis for any given patient.
- A. discordance
  - B. contention
  - C. quackery
  - D. nepotism
  - E. indecision
  - F. cronyism
8. The ambassador's critical remarks seemed to be less a product of \_\_\_\_\_ and more the careless utterances of a fatigued or undisciplined individual.
- A. integrity
  - B. optimism
  - C. purposefulness
  - D. design
  - E. confidence
  - F. caution
9. The cat known to researchers as M-120—beefy, audacious, and apparently smart enough to spot a free lunch—is perhaps the world's least \_\_\_\_\_ lynx: the scientists catch him several times a year.
- A. intelligent
  - B. evasive
  - C. fearless
  - D. furtive
  - E. elusive
  - F. intrepid
10. The preliminary analysis being, on the whole, reassuring, its confirmation would \_\_\_\_\_ concerns about the dangers of project.
- A. explain
  - B. deflate
  - C. rationalize
  - D. soothe
  - E. reflect
  - F. hide

## Section 44

1. As people learn things throughout the day, connections between neurons get strengthened. But during sleep all synapses are weakened, so tenuous connections are \_\_\_\_\_ altogether and only the strongest bonds could remain.
- A. reinforced  
B. reproduced  
C. replaced  
D. stimulated  
E. severed
2. Holston characterized a colonial situation as an aggregation of activities and a conjunction of outcomes that, though \_\_\_\_\_ and at times coordinated, were usually diffuse, disorganized, and even contradictory.
- A. dubious  
B. chaotic  
C. harmonious  
D. linked  
E. imputed
3. Despite that dispute between the sisters lasted all summer, Megan remained (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and Lauren was equally (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

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

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

6. Firebaugh and Beck contend that economic development improves the overall well-being of people within developing countries. However, other scholars emphasize the (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of this view, empirically demonstrating that while economic development does in fact contribute to the well-being of the population of developing countries, the magnitude of development's positive effects on well-being has (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. In other words, these scholars suggest that (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ economic development and human well-being has taken place in developing countries.

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

7. Reversing a decade-long trend toward global \_\_\_\_\_, earth's surface has become brighter since 1990, scientists are reporting.
- A. warming
  - B. cooling
  - C. diffusion
  - D. dimming
  - E. darkening
  - F. heating
8. It is hardly \_\_\_\_\_ for today's film to try to blur the boundaries between the moral and the immoral. Hollywood has been doing that since at least the 1960s.
- A. entertaining
  - B. original
  - C. novel
  - D. pertinent
  - E. relevant
  - F. insightful
9. 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
10. The book captures the \_\_\_\_\_ of several politicians who spoke publicly of old-time virtues in order to mask their private vices.
- A. probity
  - B. dissemblance
  - C. opportunism
  - D. rectitude
  - E. ingenuousness
  - F. duplicity

## Section 45

1. He was so \_\_\_\_\_ during the filming of the movie that crew members nicknamed him “The Angriest Man in the World.”
- A. loquacious  
B. irascible  
C. perfidious  
D. sanguine  
E. voracious
2. In an ironic twist, the recent \_\_\_\_\_ of the reductive observational methods that have enabled science to progress for four centuries may turn out to be science’s biggest step forward.
- A. introduction  
B. validation  
C. acceptance  
D. standardization  
E. questioning
3. The benefits offered by information technology do not (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the need for individual reasoning; for example, Internet users should not allow the reasoning process to be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the mere accumulation of raw data.

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

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

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

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

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

6. To read Joanna Scott is to admire the work of a (i) \_\_\_\_\_. From sentence to story, she narrates with great skill and (ii) \_\_\_\_\_, so that the reader soon relaxes in the assurance that a hint or a brushstroke delivered in Chapter 1 will be (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ before the novel comes to an end.

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

7. In the northeastern United States, beaver populations had been critically reduced or even \_\_\_\_\_ in large areas at the end of the nineteenth century; as a result, several states instituted prohibitions on beaver trapping.
- A. diminished
  - B. extirpated
  - C. eliminated
  - D. devalued
  - E. weakened
  - F. underrated
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of ophthalmology as a field in the United States from 1820 to 1850 is evident in the opening of at least five eye hospitals during this period, offering new venues for ophthalmic treatment and experimentation.
- A. sophistication
  - B. retrenchment
  - C. burgeoning
  - D. resurgence
  - E. curtailment
  - F. expansion
9. Three of the nation's largest airlines could be operating under bankruptcy protection in coming weeks, analysts say, the latest sign of the industry's \_\_\_\_\_ as it lurches through a historic transformation.
- A. upheaval
  - B. exorbitance
  - C. affluence
  - D. peril
  - E. convulsion
  - F. opulence
10. The media have constantly disparaged the governor's competence and have found a public only too eager to applaud their \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. assiduousness
  - B. stupefaction
  - C. mockery
  - D. incredulity
  - E. certitude
  - F. derision

## Section 46

1. The modest but functional new wing finally give the museum the \_\_\_\_\_ to serve its visitors properly, including multiple entrances to eliminate the lines that used to snake around the building.
- A. visibility  
B. wherewithal  
C. reputation  
D. solemnity  
E. panache
2. 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. Collecting such fragments of contemporary popular culture as postcards, newspaper clippings, and wallpaper patterns, Susan Hiller transforms these seemingly (i) \_\_\_\_\_ artifacts into objective (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ by making them the centerpieces in her compositions.

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

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

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

5. The usual (i) \_\_\_\_\_ spending public monies on scientific projects is that such projects have the potential to make our lives healthier, safer, and more productive. However, the fact that science—even “pure” science—can strengthen democracy and promote public participation in the political process is hardly ever (ii) \_\_\_\_\_. It should be. Scientific literacy (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ democracy, and this is an important ancillary benefit of the promotion of science.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. argument against	D. denied	G. stifles
B. rationale for	E. mentioned	H. energizes
C. precedent for	F. gainsaid	I. disregards

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

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

7. Given that the department director was such a feeble contributor, sitting silently at important policy meetings and usually deferring to low-level aides, it was surprising that he had such a reputation for \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. magnanimity  
B. perspicacity  
C. impartiality  
D. detachment  
E. benevolence  
F. discernment
8. Readers have long considered *Lawd Today!*, Richard Wright's first written and last published novel, \_\_\_\_\_; the novel simply seems inconsistent with the image of what a Wright text should do or be.
- A. an artifact  
B. a prototype  
C. an anomaly  
D. a mainstay  
E. an aberration  
F. a model
9. The book aims to illuminate how science has changed the meaning of nothingness from \_\_\_\_\_ philosophical concept to something we can almost put under a microscope.
- A. a tangible  
B. a palpable  
C. a nebulous  
D. a nettlesome  
E. an incontrovertible  
F. a vague
10. For decades, Pluto seemed to be the mysteriously \_\_\_\_\_ planet: it was first thought to be about as large as Earth, but subsequent measurements had it smaller and smaller.
- A. morphing  
B. appearing  
C. dwindling  
D. orbiting  
E. contracting  
F. emerging



## Section 47

1. The film was a \_\_\_\_\_: its elements were assembled more or less haphazardly from a dozen different sources.  
 A. burlesque  
 B. satire  
 C. pastiche  
 D. chronicle  
 E. parody
2. While early biographies of Florence Nightingale tended to be quite \_\_\_\_\_, Lytton Strachey's irreverent 1918 essay about her ushered in a new era, making it acceptable, even fashionable, to criticize her.  
 A. unsympathetic  
 B. sycophantic  
 C. unsentimental  
 D. censorious  
 E. pedantic
3. The 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. In a federally governed country, a regional government can function as a (i) \_\_\_\_\_ for the entire nation—a setting in which new ideas under consideration for national implementation are (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ without having to involve the country as a whole.

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

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

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

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

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

7. The Great Lakes wolf is a \_\_\_\_\_, stumping scientists as to whether it is a subspecies of the gray wolf or a distinct species.
- prototype
  - riddle
  - paragon
  - model
  - legend
  - conundrum
8. Every illness is a story, and when Annie's began it was characterized by the kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ details that mean nothing until seen in hindsight.
- salient
  - unexceptional
  - conspicuous
  - suggestive
  - abundant
  - nondescript
9. Although its gray text blocks and black-and-white illustrations give it a sober mien, this one-step resource can take the place of a dozen less \_\_\_\_\_ texts.
- exhaustive
  - interesting
  - appealing
  - original
  - educational
  - comprehensive
10. In noting that critical and popular opinions about Li's art coincided, Chuang \_\_\_\_\_ the existence of an exception to her general theory of art criticism, which posits that critics' views do not intersect with those of the general public.
- asserted
  - conceded
  - acknowledged
  - doubted
  - pondered
  - questioned

## Section 48

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. In his youth, the naturalist and artist John James Audubon was given to \_\_\_\_\_ glamorous tales about himself: he falsely claimed to have studied under a renowned French painter and hinted that he was the heir apparent to the French throne.
- A. disavowing  
B. understanding  
C. constraining  
D. obfuscating  
E. concocting
3. 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

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

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

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

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

6. The research on otters' environmental requirements is surprisingly (i) \_\_\_\_\_. One reason for this has to do with the estimation of how much they use different areas. Doing so may be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ in some kinds of terrain, such as Shetland where the Eurasian otters are active in daytime and have clear individual markings. There it is possible to identify the individuals over stretches of coast of a few kilometers and to see what kinds of coast they use. However, the field conditions are (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. straightforward	D. quite problematic	G. routine
B. controversial	E. relatively simple	H. deceptive
C. difficult	F. largely unnecessary	I. exceptional

7. Taking to the mountains to escape the chaos occasioned by the collapse of the ruling dynasty, artists looked to nature for \_\_\_\_\_ and a serenity not evident in human society.
- A. an order
  - B. a stability
  - C. a fragility
  - D. a decadence
  - E. an interaction
  - F. a degeneracy
8. People's 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
9. An abundance of nutrient-rich pollution in estuaries causes algae to \_\_\_\_\_, much as houseplants grow better when their soil contains added fertilizer.
- A. abound
  - B. proliferate
  - C. stagnate
  - D. coalesce
  - E. collect
  - F. diversify
10. The nation's robust economic performance could be \_\_\_\_\_ by the persistent flaws in its economic institutions and structure that are the result of half-finished and misguided government policies.
- A. neutralized
  - B. concealed
  - C. undermined
  - D. impaired
  - E. obscured
  - F. outstripped

## Section 49

1. Parker's model of human reflects a \_\_\_\_\_ outlook, in stark contrast to the generally pessimistic analyses of her colleagues in the economics department.
- A. prescient  
B. circumspect  
C. technical  
D. magisterial  
E. sanguine
2. One baffling aspect of the novel is its capacity to generate emotional power from a plot that lacks the most elementary \_\_\_\_\_: readers must accept not an occasional coincidence, but a continuous stream of them.
- A. synergy  
B. continuity  
C. naiveté  
D. premise  
E. credibility
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 biofuel's 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. Although it is not uncommon for journalists to portray political inexperience on the part of public officials as an (i) \_\_\_\_\_, it was nevertheless surprising when members of the press treated the new senator's obvious (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ as an extraordinary virtue.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. advantage	D. nonchalance
B. impediment	E. acumen
C. exception	F. naiveté

5. Research into butterfly could have (i) \_\_\_\_\_ implications, since knowledge of their optical and thermal properties may be (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ controlling the behavior of computer chips, which likewise consist of finely structured thin film.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. ecological	D. tantamount to
B. aesthetic	E. germane to
C. technological	F. advanced by

6. 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

7. The physics graveyard is strewn with the skeletons of failed theories, unexplained effects, and anomalous particles that briefly \_\_\_\_\_ the research spotlight, then rapidly fade from view.
- A. douse  
B. intensify  
C. perpetuate  
D. capture  
E. extinguish  
F. secure
8. Walden, Church, Nussbaum and Wills have written very different books—Wills and Nussbaum range both farther and deeper—but each, striving for \_\_\_\_\_, wants to save us from the errors of partisans and zealots.
- A. concision  
B. evenhandedness  
C. frankness  
D. trustworthiness  
E. succinctness  
F. impartiality
9. The action in Zadie Smith's 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
10. The current \_\_\_\_\_ of repackaged music under Miles Davis' name might prompt any reasonable person to conclude that the recording vault has been plundered bare.
- A. glut  
B. revival  
C. hodgepodge  
D. surfeit  
E. modicum  
F. dearth

## Section 50

1. The monitoring is not \_\_\_\_\_: on the contrary, the defendant and his or her attorney are required to be given notice of the government's listening activities.
- A. obtrusive  
B. circumspect  
C. surreptitious  
D. adroit  
E. meticulous
2. 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

3. He was a leader about whom the country's people felt (i) \_\_\_\_\_, both (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ and reviling him.

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

4. In this single volume, Kenny aims to survey for the general reader all of ancient philosophy; understandably, space in such a book is (i) \_\_\_\_\_, and he is not to be faulted for minor omissions. However, Kenny would have added significantly to his book's value had he more effectively (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ the influence of ancient philosophy on the subsequent tradition. As it is, newcomers to the subject will have little (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ the afterlife enjoyed by ancient philosophy in the period 1600-1750.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. at a premium	D. overlooked	G. sense of
B. hard to fill	E. signaled	H. devotion to
C. taken for granted	F. prevented	I. aversion to

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

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

6. 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 won't automatically generate big profits because the economic benefits are (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

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

7. For those of us who have been intoxicated by the power and potential of mathematics, the mystery isn't why that fascination developed but why it isn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. advantageous
  - B. discounted
  - C. prevalent
  - D. undervalued
  - E. celebrated
  - F. widespread
8. In ways large and small, millions of people are taking active steps to \_\_\_\_\_ the medical mainstream, whether by taking herbal remedies for disease or by placing their hopes for a cure in alternative treatment.
- A. augment
  - B. sidestep
  - C. support
  - D. vilify
  - E. circumvent
  - F. endorse
9. Her attempts to wrest fiction free from traditional constraints like plot and character were never entirely popular with readers; nonetheless, her fiction has had \_\_\_\_\_ influence on critical theory, novel, cinema, and even psychology.
- A. a studied
  - B. a negligible
  - C. a decisive
  - D. an unmistakable
  - E. an insignificant
  - F. a restorative
10. The territory's 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 from its stunning rise to prosperity.
- A. opprobrium
  - B. vituperation
  - C. attention
  - D. dismissal
  - E. approbation
  - F. adulation



Section 51

1. Having regarded Marcus's 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. Harper's 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)
A. in eclipse	D. controversial
B. unrivaled	E. unsurpassed
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	E. minor
C. little 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	D. restraint
B. originality	E. inventiveness
C. understatement	F. objectivity

6. The limitations of human attention cause us to miss much of what goes on around us. The real problem here is that we are often (i) \_\_\_\_\_ these limitations: we think that we see the world as it really is, but our ostensibly reliable visual experience (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ striking mental (iii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii):
A. impatient with	D. belies	G. feats
B. unaware of	E. unifies	H. images
C. distracted by	F. dispels	I. lapses

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. In Schaller's contradictory introduction to the book, she alternately applauds and \_\_\_\_\_ humankind's role in animal conservation.
- A. authorizes
  - B. endorses
  - C. denounces
  - D. discloses
  - E. relates
  - F. lambasts
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 term in office has been marred by \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. defensiveness
  - B. corruption
  - C. irresolution
  - D. vacillation
  - E. belligerence
  - F. pugnacity

## Section 52

1. Anthropologist Jane Goodall was \_\_\_\_\_ in her determination to anthropomorphize the animals she observed with such empathy, and so resisted her editor's attempts to recast her descriptions in more dispassionate language.
- A. fickle  
B. stalwart  
C. solicitous  
D. pretentious  
E. whimsical
2. Contrary to its reputation for \_\_\_\_\_, the 1950s was exceptionally rich in trenchant and far-reaching social criticism.
- A. keenness  
B. inclusiveness  
C. complacency  
D. integrity  
E. productivity
3. Interest in creating handheld computers is fueled by the desire to shrink the size of the electronic circuitry and to create exceptionally small mechanical systems. At this scale, however, physical (i) \_\_\_\_\_ poses unique challenges. Machining, positioning, and assembling parts by hand are easy at macroscopic scales but at minute scales they are far from (ii) \_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. deterioration	D. subtle
B. manipulation	E. inflexible
C. durability	F. routine

4. She knew well, from experience with hundreds of hired crew members on her boats, how (i) \_\_\_\_\_ attitudes can be: how one negative influence can impel an otherwise (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ member of a crew to quit.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. insipid	D. untested
B. infectious	E. captious
C. innocuous	F. contented

5. Although Uruk in southern Mesopotamia has been (i) \_\_\_\_\_ as being both the first city and the model for later ones, at least two sites in northern Mesopotamia have yielded clear evidence of urbanization long before the existing evidence from Uruk, and other discoveries indicate that some of the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ early urbanism were invented not in southern Mesopotamia but in the north. These findings have led some archaeologists to (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ a serious reconsideration about when and where the first cities arose.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. established	D. defining features of	G. evaluate
B. contested	E. derivative aspects of	H. ignore
C. presented	F. traditional theories about	I. propose

6. Women in the mining towns of the American West were strictly stereotyped into neat categories of public and private, good and bad, but the 100 intrepid female prospectors in Zanjani's book managed to (i) \_\_\_\_\_ those categories. In addition to providing documentation that demolishes the all-male version of prospecting, Zanjani uses the examples of her female loners to (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ some of the (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ generalizations about Euro-American women as uniformly nurturant and sociable pioneers.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. inhabit	D. puncture	G. accurate
B. reveal	E. invent	H. facile
C. confound	F. perpetuate	I. unknown

7. 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
8. Researchers have recorded around 60 separate behaviors for worker honeybees, a number that seems to \_\_\_\_\_ the achievements of many mammals: even the versatile bottlenose dolphin only performs about twice the number a worker honeybee manages.
- A. approximate  
B. eclipse  
C. reflect  
D. compound  
E. outdo  
F. echo
9. People enjoy listening to the governor's inspiring speeches, and his eloquence lulls his adversaries into underestimating his \_\_\_\_\_, the tempered steel beneath the sleek suits.
- A. tenacity  
B. resolve  
C. resourcefulness  
D. kindness  
E. compassion  
F. frankness
10. We do not always use words in accordance with their dictionary definitions, for meaning often fluctuates with context: that does not mean, however, that we are completely \_\_\_\_\_ in how we use language.
- A. rote  
B. unconstrained  
C. irrational  
D. unpredictable  
E. free  
F. methodical

Section 1

1. A

【解析】often unpredictable 提示前后有出入，所以此前区别明确(discretely defined)的会变得含混不清(confused)。

- B. perfunctory 敷衍了事的
- C. independent 独立的
- D. overt 公开、显见的
- E. exacting 艰巨、要求严格的

2. B

【解析】尽管此作家以其……样的风格久负盛名，她的影响远不止于一些令人难忘的俏皮话(quips)。因此空格处的内容应是俏皮话同义或相关的东西，droll 古怪有趣的。

- A. pensive 沉思忧伤的
- C. stoic 坚忍克己的
- D. fastidious 挑剔讲究、一丝不苟的
- E. congenial 合群、宜人的

3. AD

【解析】尽管人们嘴上总是抱怨他们繁忙的生活和累人的日程，他们也许心口不一(disingenuous, 不诚实的): 对很多人来说，忙得不可开交似乎是一件值得骄傲的事。

- B. guarded 谨慎、提防的
- C. dilatory 拖拉的
- E. despair 绝望
- F. irritation 恼怒

4. AE

【解析】前后两个空应为近义或相关的词，标记: however 负 + transcend 负。作者认为社会学界此前视野过于狭小了(narrow in scope)，部分是因为对很多学者而言，社会的边缘由疆域边际(national borders)所界定。全球化的时代情况发生转变，社会学有机会超越(transcend)此前的狭隘观念(parochialism)。

- B. susceptible to fads 易受潮流影响
- C. averse to empiricism 排斥实证主义
- D. utilitarianism 功利主义
- F. historicism 历史决定论

5. BE

【解析】读者们起初可能作者行文漫无目的(aimless)的特点，但是渐入佳境之后他们就会开始欣赏这种散漫不着边际的叙述(discursion = digression)。

- A. flippancy 轻浮
- C. tendentiousness 偏见、倾向性
- D. subtlety 微妙之处
- F. exhaustiveness 详尽彻底

## 6. A E I

【解析】那些把 Clark 的顺从(compliance)当做谄媚奉迎(obsequiousness)的人是误会(misconstrue)他了：他表面上默许顺从(acquiescence)，实际上憎恶(detestation)别人对他颐指气使(exercise authority over...)。他偶尔暗中破坏他们的重要计划，可以反映这点。

- B. condemn 谴责
- C. respect 尊重、敬仰
- D. cynicism 愤世嫉俗
- F. intractability 倔强顽固、难对付
- G. veneration 崇敬 (great respect, = reverence)
- H. justification 辩护、解释

## 7. A F

【解析】尽管这部电影的导演坚称(assert, maintain)他采取的是纪录片的手法来还原那场著名的罢工事件，实际上主角们都经过相当的虚拟加工，已落入熟悉的好莱坞俗套。

- B. concede 让步、坦承
- C. guarantee 承诺、保证
- D. dispute 质疑、争论
- E. grant 批准、同意

## 8. E F

【解析】尽管(despite)古希腊天文学家的观点“看上去很美”，哥白尼发现它们其实是不合(defy:违背, disregard:不顾、无视)逻辑的。

- A. refute 反驳(=rebut); 否认(=deny) 另外，refute 的主语一般是人
- B. question 质疑
- C. influence 影响
- D. sway 影响、动摇

## 9. A B

【解析】尽管(for all...)新任 CEO 近来从媒体处获得了不少……，她手下的员工对她的看法远没那么乐观美好(decidedly less rosy view)。因此前面空格需要填表示好评的正面词汇，即盛赞(encomiums)和颂词(tributes)。另外表示赞誉的词还有 eulogy 和 panegyric，不过 eulogy 和 tribute 多用于死者葬礼上的悼词。

- C. evaluation 评估
- D. critique 评论
- E. attention 关注
- F. publicity 曝光、公开报道

## 10. D E

【解析】这些蛋白质名字简单无奇，这掩盖(belie, mask)了他们重要而独特的作用。

- A. nullify 抵消、使无效
- B. obviate 排除、使得不必(=eliminate, preclude) 通常后跟 the need to
- C. mitigate 减轻、缓和
- F. accentuate 强调、使突出

注：belie 可算是 GRE 最常考的几大单词之一，务必掌握。简单而言就表示表里不一(=mask)，既可以是“金玉其外败絮其中”这样的，也可以是“大智若愚”这样的。进一步，这个词还可以宽泛地表示两事物不符、矛盾、相抵触(=contradict, disprove, negate)。

## Section 2

## 1. D

【解析】尽管放射性废料的数量(volume)……, 如何处理它们这个问题却非如此。相反, 这个问题非常重要。由此可见, 空格处应填 trivial/small 等表示微小不足道的词。

- A. unmanageable 难处理的 B. troubling 令人担忧的  
C. significant 重大、显著的 E. deceptive 虚假、误导人的

## 2. A

【解析】我们通常认为自然现象是神秘难预测的; 而尽管从特定时空来说是这样的, 从全球的范围来看, 它倒是……的典型。不难看出, 空格处应填 unpredictable 的反义词, 即 reliable, 稳定可靠的。

- B. diversity 多样性 C. complexity 复杂性  
D. plasticity 可塑性 E. discontinuity 间断

## 3. A E

【解析】该国的国家银行与其他国家的不同, 权力出奇的大。它之所以坐拥这样的大权, 是因为它对国家银行体系的管理……于政府的干预, 因此它的行动大体……。第一空应填免于控制/干扰之类的词, 即 unencumbered by。第二空应填自主决定、自由支配的, 即 discretionary。

- B. replete with 被……充满、富于  
C. hindered by 被……所阻碍  
D. compulsory 强制性的  
F. bureaucratic 官僚主义的

## 4. B D

【解析】这篇文章讨论的内容在此前已经被……, 而由于当前被忽视的内容仍然未得探究, 这篇文章没什么……。第一空应填细致研究(scrutinize), 第二空为启示(revelations)。注意第一空容易误选 A: 这篇文章探讨的内容此前被回避(skirt), 而这篇文章也没什么创见。逻辑上显然 B 更通顺: 此前已有诸多笔墨讨论这篇文章涉及的内容, 而此前研究的空白本文也并未填补。

- C. counter 反驳; 制止、抵消  
E. distortion 歪曲、扭曲  
F. conclusions 结论

## 5. C D H

【解析】慈母鲸(Maiacetus inuus) 是一种适应于(adapted to)海上生活的陆生动物。一方面, 有化石中的胚胎显示出典型的陆生动物特征, 并且说明这种生物在岸上产仔。而另一方面, 慈母鲸又很可能在水中(in the water)度过大量时间, 它巨大的牙齿适合捕获鱼类, 而鳍足又肯定太笨拙, 不便于(clumsy for)岸上行走。

- A. resistant to 抵抗 B. removed from 从……中所移除、隔绝  
C. fleeing from predators 从捕食者手下逃窜 F. protecting its young 保护其幼崽  
G. incompatible with 与……互斥、不相容 \*此题容易错选 G, 但慈母鲸归根结底还是陆生动物, 因此其特征只是使陆地行走不便, 而不可能完全不适合陆地行走。  
I. strengthened by 被……所加强

**6. CDH**

【解析】就算熟知普希金生平的读者也会为比尼恩写的这本传记中生动展现的……所……。普希金的日常通信被截查，活动被……，沙皇监视普希金的措施还迫使他必须提交所有的手稿供审查。不难发现，这段主要讲的是缺乏创作自由，第三空为监视(monitor)。沙皇对创作的扼制束缚到了令人窒息的地步(suffocating lack of creative freedom)，此中细节令即使熟稔普希金生平的读者也大为震惊(struck by)。

A. attracted to 被……吸引

B. confused by 被……困惑

E. concern for contemporary society 对当代社会的关照

F. underlying sense of historical change 历史变迁的隐约伏笔

G. ignore 忽视

I. commend 赞扬；推崇

**7. BE**

【解析】人类塑造社会结构的能力带来的结果喜忧参半(a weird blessing)，创作出的制度，既能解放(liberate)我们，也能束缚(shackle)、压抑(stifle)我们。

A. cheer 鼓舞

C. admonish 力劝、告诫

D. educate 教育

F. enliven 使……更有趣、有生气

**8. CF**

【解析】尽管有研究发现近亲繁殖与歌雀数量减少有关，另一些研究者指出，近亲繁殖的影响，与气象变化带来的重创相比，其实微不足道(trivial, inconsequential)。

A. hazardous 危险、有害的

B. momentous 重大的

D. significant 重大、显著的

E. precarious 不稳定、危险的

**9. DF**

【解析】尽管政府的举措已经导致了经济停滞(stagnation)，不幸的是，政府并没有要……这套死板政策的意思。应填修改或废除之意的词，即否认驳斥(repudiate)和公开放弃(recant)。

A. initiate 发起、创始

B. persist in 坚持

C. publicize 公开宣传

E. continue 继续

**10. BD**

【解析】伦敦皇家学会一直以来把科学研究视作国际的、政治上中立的事业，因此在二十世纪世界大战的时候拒绝驱逐(expel, oust)来自敌国的学会成员。

A. betray 出卖、背叛；泄露

C. endorse 赞同、支持

E. sanction 批准、准许 \*sanction 作名词时，既可以表示许可，也可以表示制裁、惩罚

D. condemn 谴责



## Section 3

## 1. C

【解析】只有洞穴主人可以了解传说的个中奥秘：这些传说是专有的(proprietary)。

- A. impenetrable 无法通过的；无法理解的
- B. immutable 无法改变的
- D. didactic 教导的；(贬)爱说教、好为人师的
- E. self-perpetuating 自我延续的

## 2. B

【解析】维多利亚时期的人们很矛盾：既……，又胸怀全球(cosmopolitan)。空格处应填表示狭隘的词，即 insular，GRE 常考的近义词还有 parochial, provincial。

- A. capricious 任性、变化无常的 C. mercenary 唯利是图的
- D. idealistic 理想主义的 E. intransigent 顽固、不妥协的

## 3. B E

【解析】尽管这位作家无情(scathing)地嘲讽那些功利和富有的人，她（其实心口不一）自己生活在这样“难以忍受(insufferable)”的世界里，倒似乎乐(relish)在其中。

- A. abhor 憎恶
- C. evoke 引起、唤起
- D. unattainable 难以达到的
- F. enchanting 迷人的

## 4. B E

【解析】时尚设计师无视主流传统，这样的当代潮流与之前相比，其实只是程度(intensity)更深罢了，之前的设计师也有过类似的反传统(iconoclastic)的念头，只不过程度远不如今。

- A. subversiveness 颠覆性
- C. culpability 罪责
- D. indiscriminate 随意、不加区分的 \*注意这个词是形容词
- F. temperate 温和的

## 5. A E

【解析】此题第一空基本无异议，把一些工作交给自动化程序去做，即分工委派(delegate)。而第二空争议较多，有人认为是 F 程序的高妙精巧(sophistication)，也有人选择 E 程序的风靡流行(popularity)。笔者倾向于 E 这个答案：助记技术功能丰富、应用广泛，使得人们将越来越多的任务委托程序完成，且看电子贺卡制作软件多么流行吧！<sup>1</sup>

- B. ascribe 归于（后面总是跟 to） C. liken 将……比作（后面总是跟 to）
- D. controversy over 关于……的争议

<sup>1</sup> 出题者在改编此题的过程中，加入的有效提示信号过少，难以找到明确清楚的对应，AE 和 AF 都言之有理但都缺乏确凿的根据，尚无定论。经查证，原文应为 Slate 网站上的一篇文章。原文该段落也未有明确的提示信息，但最后一句 It is hard not to see these options as altering, perhaps even diminishing, the meaning of rituals, especially when so many of us have already developed a Pavlovian response to prompts. 原文主要讲的是这类技术的应用广泛，深入影响了人们生活，而不是在讨论技术本身如何高超。提出这点，仅供读者参考。原文链接如下：

[http://www.slate.com/articles/health\\_and\\_science/future\\_tense/2012/02/memory\\_enhancement\\_technology\\_and\\_a\\_future\\_without\\_forgetting\\_.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/health_and_science/future_tense/2012/02/memory_enhancement_technology_and_a_future_without_forgetting_.html)

## 6. BEI

【解析】生物学家将人类的成功与人类的社交能力(sociability)挂钩，他们认为这样的联系很自然，持这样的观点并无不安(have little compunction about)。确实，很多生物学家认为这样的特质，即合作(cooperate)的能力，正是人类取得今日成就的根本原因。

- A. consensus regarding 关于……的共识
- C. justification for ……的理由/辩解
- D. resilience 韧性、适应能力
- F. uniqueness 独特性
- G. reflect 显示; (+on something) 思考
- H communicate 交流

## 7. AD

【解析】进步和反动的民粹运动并不是截然对立的(dichotomous, contradictory = mutually exclusive)，两者时常具备一些共同的特质。

- B. untenable 难以维持的、站不住脚的
- C. unsustainable 无法持续的
- E. subversive 颠覆性的
- F. efficacious 有效的

## 8. AF

【解析】尽管科学家带有主观色彩，使得科学研究难免缺陷，但科学有许多手段让我们能够避免(bypass, circumvent = avoid, dodge, sidestep)主观偏见，接近客观现实。

- B. reduce 减少
- C. exacerbate 加剧、使恶化
- D. magnify 放大、加剧
- E. acknowledge 承认；感谢、致意

## 9. CF

【解析】在日本的审美观念中，美包含了衰亡(decay, deterioration)的含义：美必须有转瞬即逝的感觉(an air of evanescence)，暗示其灭亡(demise)。

- A. transience 转瞬即逝 \*这个词跟 evanescence 是 perfect match，可惜没有其他同义选项
- B. symmetry 对称；相仿
- D. simplicity 简单质朴
- E. balance 平衡

## 10. AB

【解析】尽管有大量的案例表明外来(nonindigenous)物种会打乱生态系统，大部分被引入的物种（即外来物种）对它们侵入的生态系统影响其实微不足道(minimal, trifling = trivial, inconsequential, insignificant, immaterial, irrelevant, negligible)。

- C. marked (=noticeable) 明显的
- D. conspicuous 明显的、引人注意的
- E. intriguing 非常有趣、引人入胜的
- F. deleterious 有害的

## Section 4

## 1. A

【解析】乌龟显然经历了多次进化：高高隆起的贝壳以及象足般柱状脚，是陆生动物在每个大陆上独立(independently)进化出来的特征。

B. interchangeably (=equal, alike, synonymous) 可以互换的

C. paradoxically 自相矛盾地、吊诡地

D. simultaneously 同时地、不约而同地

E. symmetrically 对称地

## 2. C

【解析】这项开创性的研究不仅没有展现电子遥感在考古应用中的……，反而给质疑者们提供了例证，说明用虚拟技术来分析考古现场是不明智(imprudence)的。因此第一空应该填一个积极的正面词，即希望、前景(promise)。

A. ubiquity 普遍存在 B. limitation 局限

D. redundancy 冗余 E. complexity 复杂

## 3. A F

【解析】鉴于这个委员会的……以及该调查……的特点，一口否决他们的结论是不合理的。因此前两空要填正面积极的词汇，说明这个调查的优点。因此是杰出的名声(sterling reputation)和详尽充分(exhaustive)。

B. lack of funding for 欠缺资金

C. ad hoc existence 临时组建

D. superficial 粗浅的

E. spontaneous 自发的

## 4. A E

【解析】尽管许多专业的书评家认为评论应该是……的，近来的趋势却是写……的评论，这种现象部分是基于“分享个人细节能使评论家脱颖而出”这个错误观念。根据后半句不难发现第二空应该是告解、坦陈隐私的(confessional)，进一步推出第一空应取反义，即匿名的 anonymous。

B. evenhanded 公正、不偏不倚的

C. spirited 生气勃勃的、坚定顽强的

D. scathing 严厉尖刻的

F. superficial 粗略肤浅的

## 5. B E G

【解析】科学论文在描述研究的时候，经常歪曲、不实报道(misrepresent)实际发生的事。各种误解、走过的弯路、和犯下的错误，都不会在最后的文字记述中出现，因为传播科学进展的时候效率(efficiency)相当重要，如果对发生的所有事情做详尽的历时叙述(a comprehensive historical account)，效率就折损了。

A. amplify 放大、加强 C. particularize 详细说明、列举

D. transparency 透明度 F. exhaustiveness 详尽彻底

H. a purely quantitative analysis 纯粹定量的分析

I. an overly superficial discussion 过于粗浅的讨论

**6. BFG**

【解析】明确不含糊的文本可以让读者快速地……，但是模棱两可的文本也有多种解释这一吸引人的……，每种解释都同样地……，没有哪种被认作唯一正确。因此第一空填理解(comprehend)，第二空填吸引/诱惑(allure)，第三空填合理站得住脚的(valid)。

A. misunderstand 误解 C. complicate 使复杂；使（病情）恶化

D. stigma 耻辱 E. blemish 瑕疵、污点

H. frank 坦诚直率的 I. inveterate 根深蒂固、积习难改的

**7. BF**

【解析】起初，Chavez Pass 考古遗址被认为有……社会的迹象，因为当初人们认为，它位于一群更小的同时期的定居点中央，想必控制着这些定居点。从控制可以看出有等级(hierarchical)和层次(stratified)。

A. expansionist 向外扩张的 C. urban 城镇的

D. heterogeneous 各种各样、组成各异的 E. diverse 各种各样、形形色色的

此题易错选 DE，虽然 DE 作为近义词很贴近，但原文中并未展现定居点的丰富多样，而 at the center 和 control 两处强调了轻重等级。

**8. DF**

【解析】尽管现在看来，这个故事与该作家后期更加阴郁的故事相比，是难得的轻松无害的小序曲(a surprisingly innocuous overture)，其实其中已预示(anticipate, prefigure)了一些后期作品的主要特征。

A. avoid 回避

B. belie 与……不符

C. undercut 削弱 (=undermine)

E. possess 具有

**9. AB**

【解析】这里的 law 并非律法，而是物理学上关于折射(refraction)和反射(reflection)的定律。新的定律……传统的定律，并非彻底的颠覆(a complete revolution)而更像是一个延伸扩展(extension)。因此选继承、被包含之类的词，即可从……推断出(inferable from)和包括在……内(entailed by)。

C. antithetical to 与……相反、对立

D. coincident with 与……同时发生、存在

E. antecedent to 在……之前

F. oppositional to 与……相反、对立

**10. AB**

【解析】Sue Halpern 认为，“hacking”一词……，以致于它的含义几乎总要视语境而定。因此空格处该填表示宽泛、笼统的词，即一般、通用的(generic)和广阔、并包的(inclusive)。

C. positive 积极正面的

D. subjective 主观的

E. affirmative 肯定、赞成的

F. technical 技术、专业的

## Section 5

## 1. B

【解析】新的电视纪录片着眼于首相身上最显著的矛盾(defining contradiction): 据该片描述, 首相树立了一个……的形象, 然而她实际上过着豪奢(grand)的生活。空格处应该填表示节俭、克制之类的词, 因此是节制有度(abstemiousness)。

- A. irascibility 易怒、暴脾气 (=fractiousness, petulance)
- C. contentiousness 要强、好争吵 (contentious = quarrelsome, argumentative, pugnacious)
- D. insouciance 无忧无虑、漫不经心 (=nonchalance)
- E. surreptitiousness 秘密、悄悄的行动 (=stealth, secrecy)

## 2. B

【解析】在古希腊这样的科学发展早期, 关于客观世界的主张通常只要听上去合理就被当做真理了。就算有人认为有必要进行实验验证, 也都敷衍了事(perfunctory)。

- A. utilitarian 实用/功利主义的
- C. egregious 极其严重/糟糕的
- D. empirical 实证的
- E. inductive 归纳的

## 3. B D

【解析】经济恢复有点失衡(lopsided): 在有些工业经济体中很微弱 feeble), 而在其他经济体中很强劲(robust)。

- A. unexpected 出乎预料的
- C. swift 迅速
- E. turbulent 动荡、混乱的
- F. predictable 可预料的

\*此题易错选 AF, 然而原文 lopsided 只可以形容恢复程度轻重的差别, 并非可否预料。

## 4. B D

【解析】关于侦探小说的学术作品开篇通常要做一番辩解(apology), 似乎成年人花时间去阅读侦探小说有什么罪过, 至于那些花大把精力研究侦探小说的人, 更无疑是哪里不正常(awry)了。

- A. chronology 年代顺序; 年表
- C. synopsis 大纲、概要
- E. astute 机敏、精明
- F. courageous 勇敢无畏

## 5. A E

【解析】由于二战时特殊的时势, 英国的商人们发现他们处于一种被动防守(defensive)的地位, 不得不接受政府经常干预, 也不得不默许谈判中工会强化的(enhanced)角色。

- B. dominant 主导的、占支配地位的
- C. customary 风俗的、惯有的
- D. traditional 传统的
- F. diminished 削弱的

**6. ADI**

【解析】德国叙尔特岛上的居民为骨折到肝脏疾病（此处 **complaint = disorder**，疾病）的每种疾病(**malady**)都提供了各样的治疗手段。当地的泥、海水、温泉都被德国的医疗系统认定为有益健康的(**healthful**)，而这样的治疗也得到了资助(**fund**)。

- B. indiscretion 轻率；不慎的言行
- C. prognosis （对病情的）预后、预断
- E. suspect 可疑的 (adj. = questionable, suspicious)
- F. innocuous 无害的
- G. doubt 怀疑 H. deny 否认

**7. AD**

【解析】劳工关系无可避免地(即内在固有地)是……的：老板和雇员的利益是截然 (**diametrically**, 后多跟 **opposed/opposite to**)对立的。因此需要填表示敌对的词 **adversarial, antagonistic**。

- B. exploitative 剥削榨取的
- C. mercenary 唯利是图的
- E. variable 多变的
- F. changeable 多变的

**8. BE**

【解析】最近这场达达主义艺术展应景(**timely, opportune**)得很：当下各种视觉艺术中遍布着达达主义的姿态和风格手法。

- A. sensational 轰动的；绝妙的
- C. daunting 艰巨得吓人的
- D. ill-advised 不明智的
- F. misguided 错误的

**9. CF**

【解析】即使最精明的时间管理手段，也无法增加延长(**augment, extend**)人们的生命，所以人们想尽办法过好每分每秒，物尽其用。

- A. justify 解释、证明
- B. quantify 量化
- D. enrich 充实、丰富 \*此题或许易错选 D 项，但原文强调的是量，而非质
- E. measure 测量

**10. DF**

【解析】根据最后一句“简直想象不出更难听的声音了”，所以前文应该是消极负面的词。有位来试唱的歌手似乎偏爱尖叫(**shriek**)和猫叫般的刺耳号叫(**caterwaul**)。

- A. warble 高声婉转地唱（像鸟啭鸣一样）
- B. imitate 模仿
- C. improvise 即兴发挥
- E. croon 柔情地低声哼唱（像 Frank Sinatra 那样）

\*提醒读者注意，此题网络流传的题目与答案均有问题。流行版本的题目最后一句把 **unpleasant** 误作 **pleasant**，答案误为 **AE**，这种思路站不住脚。

## Section 6

## 1. A

【解析】科幻小说里描绘的空间旅行通常是史诗般卓绝的经历，而相比之下，当今的星际旅行显得平淡乏味(mundane)。

- B. exciting 激动人心的
- C. dramatic 急剧变化的；激动人心的
- D. risky 冒险的
- E. heroic 英勇无畏的

## 2. E

【解析】中世纪教堂尚能算是建筑上的奇迹，但就科学而言，中世纪的物理和化学基本上无足轻重(irrelevant)，顶多算是条绝路(dead end)，往坏了说就是科学的反面(antithesis)。

- A. exemplar 表率、楷模
- B. glorification 赞美、颂扬
- C. reflection 反映；深思
- D. dilution 稀释；降低、削弱

## 3. B D

【解析】尽管火车比汽车使用能源更加……，汽车只有在有人的时候才运行，而火车大部分时间都在……。不难发现，这句话讲的是能源利用效率，先处理第二空，与汽车有人相对的是火车空(vacant)跑，所以能源利用率低，而因为 although 的转折关系推断前面一空应该是说火车能源利用效率高(efficient)。

- A. lavish 奢侈的；慷慨大方的
- C. routine 常规、例行的
- E. unimpeded 不受阻碍的
- F. overloaded 过载的

## 4. C F

【解析】女历史学家写作关于俄罗斯女性的书，想必是一件……的任务，因为俄罗斯帝国民众的……意味着俄罗斯女性不可能被当做一整个完全相同的群体。先处理第二空，取 homogeneous 相反的多样(diversity)，然后这样复杂的局面使得著书成为一件艰巨(daunting)的任务。

- A. motivating 鼓舞人心的
- B. boring 无聊的
- D. unity among 团结
- E. disinterest in 客观公正

## 5. A E I

【解析】有传闻说马可波罗从中国发现了意面，将其引入了西方。这经久不息的传说要成立，则意大利 1295 年马可波罗远行归来之前必须(require = necessitate, demand, entail, 包含、有赖于……以成立)对意面一无所知。而这很容易被驳斥(debunk)，只需指出此前(predates that event)意大利对意面已有所提及(reference)的事例即可。

- B. demonstrate 证明；显露 C. symbolize 象征、代表
- D. augment 增大、加强 F. trace 查找；追溯；描绘、记述
- G. praise its virtues 赞扬其优点 H. can be authenticated 可以被验证的

**6. CEH**

【解析】好书跟烂书都很好评价，赞扬和批评(censure = criticism)都可轻松写就。而对于良莠参半(a muddle of virtues and vices)的书，书评家的任务就更加困难艰巨(demanding)了：书评家需要从作者无用、乏味繁琐的评述(observation)中筛选(sift)出那些有用、引人深思的。

- A. ambivalence 含糊、模棱两可
- B. compliment 赞扬
- D. evident 明显的
- F. manageable 足以应付的
- G. supplanted by 被……所取代 (supplant = replace)
- I. overshadowed by 因……而显得逊色

**7. AF**

【解析】尽管美国女性直到 1920 年才获得选举权，在十九世纪，许多女权目标都逐渐达成(realize, achieve = fulfill, accomplish)，特别是已婚女性的财产权。

- B. abandon 废弃
- C. erode 腐蚀；削弱、损害
- D. modify 调整、改造
- E. revise 改变；修订

**8. DF**

【解析】委员会需要(call for = need)的远非……：基本的胜任/称职(competence)就已经算是对当前混乱局面的一大改进了。所以空格处填的应该比较高的要求或者目标，即完美无缺(faultlessness, perfection)。

- A. accountability 负责
- B. disarray 混乱 (=disorder, confusion, chaos)
- C. unruliness 难管教、驾驭
- E. loyalty 忠实

**9. BD**

【解析】学术文章的修订选集通常是不平衡的：受制于不同文章的……内容，缺乏统领一贯的主题(lack of an overarching and consistent thesis)，以及各类稿件不一的数量。空格处应填表示差异的词，即混杂的(heterogeneous)和各自相异的(disparate)。

- A. intriguing 有趣、引人入胜的
- C. comprehensive 详尽的；综合的
- E. mediocre 平庸的
- F. engaging 引人入胜的

**10. AC**

【解析】那些影评家昏睡(slumber)着看完的电影基本上激不起业界的热情(industry excitement)，尽管影评家昏昏欲睡(somnolent)、无精打采(lethargic)的反应其实未必是电影的错，而应归咎于不幸的时机：电影安排在电影节快结束时播放，而众人已筋疲力尽。

- B. impartial 公正、不偏不倚的
- D. laconic 简明扼要的
- E. befuddled 迷惑、糊涂的
- F. evenhanded 公正、不偏不倚的



## Section 7

## 1. C

【解析】这位州长本可以真正解决(genuine resolution)财政难题,但她可能只想卖弄诡计,虚(specious)晃一招充数。

A. rigorous 细致的; 严格的

B. sparkling 闪亮的; 妙趣横生、才情洋溢的

D. blatant 公然的、明目张胆的

E. convincing 令人信服的

\*specious 貌似正确(实则错误、站不住脚)的 属于 GRE 常考词汇,近义词有 misleading, deceptive, false, fallacious, spurious 等

## 2. E

【解析】William James 虽完全脱离社会和学术的世俗常规(commonplace = conventionality, routine), 倒没显得不谙世故、不近人情(unworldly)。

A. ethos (某团体或社会集体的)精神特质, 道德意识

B. idealism 理想主义

C. romance 浪漫

D. paradox 矛盾; 悖论

## 3. B F

【解析】研究美国总统制的文献大多受制(limitation)于它们各自的意识形态偏见, 但总的来说, 此书秉持了难能可贵的客观中立(an impressive degree of objectivity)。

A. contribution 贡献 C. paradox 矛盾; 悖论

D. certainty 确定、确信

E. fluency 流畅、流利

## 4. B D

【解析】隐居的牧师或许一辈子生活得阴郁凄苦(melancholy), 但这丝毫没有阻碍(hamper)他的天才, 正相反, 我们不禁怀疑, 他的才能是不是隐约地得益于(be served by)他这种情绪。

A. influence 影响

C. trigger 激发

E. control 控制

F. identify 确认; 发现

\*这题网上有流行答案为 B E, control 逻辑上讲不通, 与 hamper 不构成对立。

## 5. A E

【解析】在重审低级法院判决的时候, 最高法院法官们在此前的判例中寻找依据以支持他们的观点。对于先前判例的依赖促进(promote)了司法克制: 先例限制(constrain)了法官自行裁决的能力。

B. compromise 违背、放弃(原则), 在……方面妥协

C. promulgate 传播; 颁布(新法律)

D. establish 建立; 确定、证实

F. prioritize 优先考虑、处理

**6. C E H**

【解析】ESA 在某些领域取得的成就没法照搬：这些成就造成了错误观念(fostered the misconception)，让人们误以为在其他场合应用这条法律也能重现同样的效果(duplicate that record)，其实这些场合缺乏一些有利的条件，这些条件并不适用(pertain)。

- A. quell the conviction 打消看法 quell = put an end to; conviction = strong opinion or belief
- B. presage the uncertainty 预示不确定性
- D. mitigate 减轻、缓解
- F. elucidate 阐明
- G. vary 有别；变化
- I. diminish 减少、减小

**7. B D**

【解析】当代的一些西方饮食学家认为，食物的唯一功能便是提供营养，所以他们认为强调食物的美感(aesthetic)是不必要(unwarranted)和无根据(groundless)的。

- A. unprecedented 前所未有的
- C. illuminating 富于启发的
- E. promising 前景可观的
- F. novel 新颖的

**8. B E**

【解析】《杀死一只知更鸟》混杂了成人和儿童的视角，叙述编排完全根据情节发展。跟混杂对应的是大杂烩(hodgepodge)和拼凑作品(patchwork)。

- A. paradigm 模型、范例
- C. model 模型、范例
- D. innovation 创新
- F. embarrassment 窘迫难堪；为难处境

**9. A F**

【解析】人际手腕(diplomacy)玩得好的，可以引诱对方提出你本就偏爱的东西，然后假装让步妥协，同意接受(accession, acquiescence)。

- B. inattention 疏忽、漫不经心
- C. subversion 颠覆、暗中破坏
- D. abnegation 自制克己；拒绝、放弃
- E. repudiation 拒绝；驳斥

**10. B E**

【解析】尽管这位员工有爱争执(fractiousness)的恶名，他的同事倒发现事实恰恰相反，他其实友善(affable)随和(easygoing)、易于相处。

- A. insightful 领悟深刻、富有见地的 (=perceptive)
- C. sagacious 聪慧睿智、精明练达的 (=wise)
- D. capable 称职能干的
- F. productive 富有成效的

## Section 8

## 1. A

【解析】有些人觉得语言是人类智力的顶峰，而本能不过是低级原始的冲动罢了，所以“语言本能”这个搭配可能会让他们感到不搭调(jarring)。

jarring: 刺耳的、不和谐的 (=harsh, strident) 引申为 incongruous in a striking or shocking way (=discordant, dissonant, inharmonious)。

B. plausible 可信、看上去合理的 C. gratifying 令人满意的

D. inevitable 不可避免的 E. conciliatory 调解的

## 2. A

【解析】与沙漠和冻原之类动物分布稀疏的陆上栖息地不同，海洋中遍布(teem with, 固定搭配 = be full of)着各种生物，似乎无穷无尽。

B. flow 流动 C. evolve 进化

D. roil 搅浑；使烦恼不安

E. ebb 退潮 (固定短语 the ebb and flow: 涨落起伏、盛衰消长)

## 3. AD

【解析】在十八世纪的英国，写作剧本使得女性更加强大自主(empower)。哪怕因为使用化名(use of a pseudonym)，作家们没法收获个人声誉，她们的作品还是使得她们可以向公众展示自己的想法，也给她们提供了赚钱营生的可能。

B. overextend 过度做某事

C. impress 打动、留下深刻印象

E. lack of a producer 缺乏制作人

F. poor remuneration 微薄的报酬 remuneration = payment, compensation

## 4. AD

【解析】随着 Felmar 逐渐成为一名成熟的学者，他开始意识到局限(qualification)、保留意见的重要性。(即话不能说太满太绝对)他此前声称绝对属实(state as absolute)的结论，现在总是闪烁其词(hedge)，有所保留。

\*hedge 即多处下注，金融里的“对冲”。泛指把鸡蛋放到多个篮子里，求稳妥保险、避免损失的做法。

B. refuse to reveal 拒绝揭示

C. back up extensively 广泛地证实、支持

E. simplify 简化

F. reiterate 重申

## 5. CDI

【解析】Friedlander 对一般人觉得丑陋的地方感兴趣(is interested in)，但他并非力图证明它们有多美。他的作品只说明，他身为摄影家，对美国此类的大量建筑没法视而不见，感觉有义务(be obliged to = be obligated/compelled to)要如实记录(document)我们日常经历的场所，而不管它们是美是丑(aesthetics)。

A. tend to avoid 易于回避

B. be harshly critical of 对……很挑剔、评价很差

E. emulate 效仿 F. discredit 损坏声誉

G. authenticity 真实可靠 H. truthfulness 真实

## 6. B D I

【解析】越南传统文化长期以来便提倡性别平等。其起源神话中就曾颂扬(celebrate)父母平等分工照顾幼儿。不过说得容易做的难,行动与理念不相称(be incommensurate with),实际上,基于性别的阶层等级(stratification)持续存在。

A. obscure 掩盖;使……变得难以理解

C. countermand 撤销(命令)

E. surpassed by 被……超过

F. inspired by 受……启发

G. parity 平等 \*par 这个词根=equal 固定搭配 be on a par with...: 与……不相上下

H. inclusiveness 兼容并包

## 7. C F

【解析】文化跟语言一样,主要是人类才具有的能力(faculty),当然,两者在低级点的灵长类(lesser primates)中也存在,不过比较基本(rudimentary)、原始(primitive)。

A. indispensable 不可或缺的

B. crucial 至关重要的

D. intelligible 易懂的

E. recognizable 容易分辨的

## 8. C E

【解析】为了保证客观(objectivity)公正(fairness),论文评审经过精心挑选,而作者身份也被隐去。

A. timelessness 长存永恒

B. originality 创见

D. comprehensiveness 详尽彻底

F. novelty 新颖

## 9. C E

【解析】安徒生的传记去除(strip away = remove)了安徒生用来包装其生活的甜腻,而显露出他内心杏仁般的苦涩。

A. conjure up 唤起(回忆、联想等)

B. imagine 设想

D. overlook 忽略

F. ignore 忽略、无视

## 10. A E

【解析】作者的旨意都是打心底里(heartfelt)发出的(即真情实感),尽管这点一直很清楚,但被此书风格、结构、制作等各方面的不足所掩埋了。不过话又说回来了,此书快要完结的时候,确实变得由衷(sincere)、坦率(frunk)不少。

B. intelligible 易懂的

C. orthodox 传统、正统的

D. readable 容易读的

F. voluble 健谈的

## Section 9

## 1. E

【解析】久而久之，从事更复杂任务的人发挥上……减损，由此可见，对专注的要求显然提高了长期的效率。复杂的任务才需要专注，而效率提高意味着发挥保持高水平，所以空格处应该填避免(evade)。

- A. elicit 引起
- B. anticipate 预见；期盼；先于……
- C. notice 注意
- D. display 显示

## 2. E

【解析】这位医学教授的观点尽管算不上新颖，但在像他这般地位(distinction)卓越的同事中，少有支持(espouse = adopt, embrace, champion)的。

- A. discount 忽视、低估 (= dismiss)
- B. ignore 忽略
- C. subvert 颠覆、暗中破坏
- D. underestimate 低估

## 3. C E

【解析】与那些担忧外来物种影响本地植物的人不同，这位生物学家认为，外来生物带来的生态多样性，其所造成的危害通常是被人夸张(exaggerated)、言过其实了。比如，对 garlic mustard 的研究就发现其丰富的数量与其他植物的数量并无关系(not related)。

- A. subtle 细微的
- B. uniform 统一的
- D. consistent with 与……一致、相符
- F. sustained by 因……而持续

\* 这题第一空 A 细微似乎也说得通，只能说 exaggerated 呼应前面的 fear 可能更贴切吧。

## 4. B F

【解析】许多投票支持保留垃圾焚化炉的城镇，并不是真心喜爱(favor)焚化炉，只是不乐意(be loath to)限制他们处理垃圾的选择。

\* 固定搭配 be loath to do something 不乐意做 与憎恶(loathe)要区分：loathe something

- A. question 质疑
- C. oppose 反对
- D. be willing to 乐意
- E. be eager to 热切、渴求

## 5. B F

【解析】尽管影评家 Pauline Kael 不齿于阿谀奉承，但她又想要别人景仰(obedience)尊敬她。由于这两者间的矛盾，她对朋友和同事总是释放暧昧复杂的信号(mixed signals)。mixed signals 即意味暧昧模糊，让人捉摸不透。英语中 mixed 经常跟名词搭配：mixed feelings/emotions 百感交集 mixed reaction/reviews 褒贬不一

- A. solitude 独处 C. clarity 清晰明确
- D. direct 直截了当 E. subtle 微妙的

**6. CFI**

【解析】自然科学取得了巨大成功,以至于人们说“科学的”的时候,多带着崇敬(honorific)之意:许多人认为,管什么东西叫“科学的”,就是说它已经被确认(establish = ascertain)可靠了,结论不容辩驳(dispute)。

- A. ironic 讽刺的
- B. literal 字面的
- D. malign 诽谤、中伤 (= slander) \*malign 也可做形容词,与 benign 相对,表示有害的
- E. challenge 挑战; 质疑
- G. exaggerate 夸张
- H. anticipate 预期; 先于……

**7. AD**

【解析】太阳风活动减弱到了五十年来的最低程度,因此是一段平静(quiescence, calm)的时期。

- B. turbulence 动荡
- C. isolation 隔离
- E. remoteness 遥远; 差异; 冷漠
- F. instability 无常、不稳定

**8. BD**

【解析】明星捐款,通常被愤世嫉俗的人所怀疑(作秀等),但有研究表明,明星捐款确实能带动(elicit, draw)他人捐款。

- A. preclude 阻止、排除 (= prevent)
- C. allow 容许
- E. bar 禁止
- F. replace 取代

**9. AC**

【解析】从空中看巨大的石马像没法展现(reveal, manifest)其中蕴含的高超技艺(artistry):除非在地面上细细观察,石马看上去粗制滥造(crudely constructed)。

- B. justify 证明、维护辩解
- D. mitigate 减轻、缓解
- E. diminish 减少、减小
- F. undercut 削弱 (= undermine)

**10. AD**

【解析】实验用的迷宫自发明以来,变得越来越……。今天的科学家们并不是想用它迷惑(lose)小老鼠,而是想用它来引发一些简单、容易测量的行为。由简单可知,前文应该是说迷宫设计越来越不复杂(intricate, convoluted = complicated, elaborate)

- B. extensive 大量的、广泛的
- C. effective 有效的
- E. useful 有用的
- F. prevalent 普遍盛行的

## Section 10

## 1. A

【解析】这位艺术家以拍摄政治色彩浓郁(politically charged)的题材著称。但是她的作品又是如此引人回忆(evocative)、开放随意,以致于将其认作好生争端(polemical)是不对的。

B. edifying 启迪人心的 C. unobservant 迟钝、不善观察的

D. innovative 新颖的 E. ambiguous 含糊的

polemical = disputatious 爱争辩(喜欢批评)的

\* ... charged 是英语中常见的用法 另如 emotionally charged 情感色彩浓郁、充满情绪的

## 2. A

【解析】投资者们很庆幸首席检察官能插手,对金融市场内的渎职枉法(misfeasance)进行调查,因为此前负责监管该行业的管理者太过羞怯(diffident),束手束脚。

B. meticulous 谨慎、一丝不苟的

C. straightforward 简单的;直截了当的

D. implacable 不能改变、不愿变通的(= unforgiving, unsparing, inexorable)

E. tenacious 坚毅、顽强的

## 3. C D

【解析】这本旅游指南的作者自称(purport)如实展现了开罗,实际上他的话靠不住:比如,他对地理环境的描绘飘忽不定(erratic):里面提到一个步行的游览计划,包括的区域间隔却足足有二十英里。

A. design 设计 B. forbear 克制、忍耐(= refrain, abstain)

E. erudite 博学的 F. extensive 大量的;广泛的

## 4. A E

【解析】博物馆近来引人入胜的建筑展现了全球的十一项工程,这些工程虽然预算有限(modest budgets),但都收获了巨大的……影响。此次展览是该博物馆建筑与设计分部的一次……,过去他们着重建筑的艺术价值,而轻视了建筑在现实生活中的影响。

首先解决第二空,提到过去如何如何,说明先进有所改变,从虚的艺术转移到实的现实,所以是理念态度的转变(a shift in philosophy)。由于强调的是 real-world 现实世界,不难推测出第一空应为社会(social)影响。

B. aesthetic 审美的 C. critical 评论性的

D. an emphasis on theory 强调理论 F. a rejection of pragmatism 拒绝实用主义

## 5. B D I

【解析】由于儿童们经常耽于幻想,人们容易觉得诚实对于幼儿来说,是种……的品质,但其实撒谎才是更……的技能。一个要撒谎的小孩,必须首先能分辨出真相,发挥智力设计出真相之外的另一种现实,然后以此说服别人。因此,撒谎……认知发展和社交技能,而这些诚实都是做不到的。

整段在讲撒谎是更高级的行为,所以第三空是要求(demand),前两空是填相近的表示高级(advanced)或者需要努力练就(acquired)的词。

A. instinctive 本能的 C. conscious 有意识的、刻意的

E. practical 实际的;切实可行的 F. mundane 平凡单调的

G. undermine 削弱、损害 H. forgo 放弃

**6. A F I**

【解析】对于漫画的一定理论狂热是可以理解(*understandable*)的。毕竟此前其他艺术形式在快速发展的过程中，也经历过同样的狂热，比如文艺复兴时期意大利的绘画艺术。但是这样的热情(*arousal*)很少激发灿烂的创作热潮。相反，这种热情一般意味着艺术突破(*breakthrough*)一旦取得就告终了，此后只剩下日益勉强、收效甚微的拙劣模仿。

- B. *unprecedented* 前所未有的
- C. *perplexing* 令人不解的
- D. *torpor* 迟钝、懒散 (= *lethargy*)
- E. *conservatism* 守旧
- G. *pitfall* 隐患
- H. *tradition* 传统

**7. C E**

【解析】研究者发现微生物尽管……，在地球上所有原生质中占有的比例(*make up = compose, constitute*)，远超所有人类和动植物的总和。与如此大的数量相对比的，自然是微小(*diminutive, minuscule = tiny, minute*)。

- A. *invisible* 不可见的
- B. *omnipresent* 无处不在的
- D. *ubiquitous* 无处不在的
- F. *ethereal* 优雅飘逸的；超凡的

**8. D F**

【解析】就品味而言，艺术收藏家 *Peggy Guggenheim* 是极端(*extremist*)、狂热(*zealot*)的：她喜欢的是那些最奇怪的、最惊人的、最令人满意的、最好的，独特的艺术作品。

- A. *neophyte* 新手、菜鸟
- B. *novice* 新手、菜鸟
- C. *realist* 务实的人
- E. *pragmatist* 务实的人

**9. A B**

【解析】因纽特人采用复杂的雕刻来改进……的物品，比如鱼叉叉头和其他工具。显然这些工具是实用(*utilitarian, functional*)的。

- C. *domestic* 国内的；家庭内部的
- D. *decorative* 装饰性的
- E. *manufactured* 人造的
- F. *ornamental* 装饰性的

**10. B D**

【解析】富兰克林凭借常识经验做实证科学研究的名声太盛，以至于当人们发现他的实验设计充满猜测(*speculative*)与假想(*conjectural*)的时候，难免吃惊。

- A. *reasonable* 合理的
- C. *pragmatic* 务实的
- E. *careless* 粗心的
- F. *judicious* 审慎明智的



## Section 11

## 1. E

【解析】对于研究城市的学者来说，古代城镇的悠久历史能提供大量的史料，弥补了现今大多数城市因相对……而导致的资料缺乏(paucity)。

悠久历史提供大量资料，相反地，年轻(youthfulness)短暂的历史导致积淀不足。

- A. complexity 复杂 B. formlessness 无形  
C. transparency 透明；公开 D. diversity 丰富多样

## 2. A

【解析】这句话理解起来可能有点困难，主句结构为：Even if he wants to..., there is at least... his serving another term. 中间插入的 the assumption is that he is more likely to stay than go 是补充说明，加强了前面他继续任职的理由。整句的意思即尽管他自己想继续干下去，知情者也认为他更可能留下而不是离去，他想要继续下一任期还是没那么轻松，至少有点阻碍(impediment)。

- B. incentive for 激励、动力 C. precedent for 先例  
D. benefit in 好处、助益 E. rationale for 理由、依据

## 3. AD

【解析】Nordhaus 预计，今后我们会愈发……全球变暖一类的生态问题，而不是……它们。比如说，我们在减排方面也许会取得一些进展(make headway)，但我们的主要工作会是适应生态问题，减轻它们的危害。

这段话是说我们只能治标，从表面上应付(manage)生态问题，而不能彻底解决(solving)。

- B. analyze 分析 C. transcend 超越  
E. address 处理、应付 F. mitigate 减轻、缓解

## 4. BF

【解析】Tanaka 被认为是……的领导，与此前的 Williamson 大不一样，后者任期因其……而蒙上阴影(mar)。

因此两个空需要填两个相反的特征，唯一符合的只有果决(decisive)和犹豫摇摆(vacillation)。

- A. compassionate 怜悯同情的  
C. nepotistic 任人唯亲的  
D. grandstanding 作秀  
E. partisanship 偏护、倾向

## 5. CF

【解析】可能是由于 Lee 擅长综合(synthesize)各领域正在兴起(emergent)的研究潮流，她的理论似乎绝妙地展现了她同时代的人脑海里已在孕育(half-formulated)的想法。

\*这句话其实略带讽刺，委婉地说 Lee 的理论没有创见。

- A. supersede 取代  
B. irrelevant 不相干的；无足轻重的  
D. discredited 名声扫地的；受到质疑的  
E. well established 得到公认的；久享声誉的

**6. ADI**

【解析】不像其他赔钱(drain money from their owners)的严肃期刊, the Review 一直以来都是盈利(lucrative)的。但是其模式也非完美,近年来问题尤其凸显。这份刊物一直是博学而权威(authoritative)的,但不总是轻松易读的。长期以来其文章的风格都是呆滞死板(staleness),缺乏冒险精神。

B. realistic 现实的

C. unesteemed 不受尊重的 \*此单词生搬硬造,词频极低,可忽略不计

E. animated 生气勃勃的

F. trendy 时髦的

G. originality 创意

H. impulsiveness 冲动、鲁莽

**7. AE**

【解析】专利制度设计之初,是为了激发(spur, foster)创新,然而它的实际作用却与之背道而驰。对基因测序之类概念进行专利保护,使得个人或公司机构可以合法地垄断本应服务于大众的东西。

逻辑:创新需要借鉴前人的成果,而专利制度使得一些信息无法共享,所以阻碍了创新。

B. recognize 辨认;承认;赞赏

C. codify 编纂

D. acknowledge 承认;致谢

F. catalog 为……编目

**8. DF**

【解析】文艺复兴期间,光学镜片使人们得以将图片投射(project)到空白画布上,这给艺术家们提供了极大帮助,他们得以准确地观察和描绘外部世界。换句话说,这些镜片对于转达……至关重要。

真实地反映外部世界,即现实主义(realism)和逼真(verisimilitude)。

\* verisimilitude: very (= true) + simili (= like)

A. idealism 理想主义

B. optimism 乐观

C. ambition 野心、抱负

E. sanguinity 乐观;气色好

**9. BF**

【解析】这位教授惯常的……风格只是表面假象(misleading front),实际上他极具耐心(amazing reserves of patience),对学生的学业也很负责。

空格处需要填负面词汇,即暴躁易怒(irascibility)和恼怒(exasperation)。

A. cordiality 亲切友好 C. disorganization 杂乱无章

D. conviviality 热情友好 E. diffidence 羞怯

**10. BE**

【解析】工人权益的倡导者们采用了新的策略,实行起来需要极大的智谋(considerable ingenuity),但一旦成功,将会激发(galvanize, animate)一场运动,大大巩固劳工的权益。

A. frustrate 阻挠、挫败 C. presume 设想、假定

D. affect 影响;假装 F. thwart 阻挠

## Section 12

## 1. B

【解析】除了新披露的信件和日记之外，关于伟人难发现什么新的信息，因为他们的生活早已被人仔仔细细地检视(scrutinize)、研究过了。

- A. ridicule 讥笑、讽刺
- C. admire 欣赏、仰慕
- D. embellish 装饰；添油加醋
- E. underrate 低估

## 2. C F

【解析】刚学会走路的儿童实际上是最讨人喜欢的舞者。他们舞动时散发出的喜悦，是如此纯净、充分、富有感染力(contagious)。

\* make: 可以成为

You'll make an excellent teacher 你会成为一名出色的老师 / 你是做老师的好料子

- A. skilled 熟练的
- B. inattentive 走神、漫不经心的
- D. futile 徒劳无功的
- E. irrelevant 不相关的；无足轻重的

## 3. B E

【解析】Tagore 深知科学研究的局限(limits)。科学跟数据和数字打交道，所以它的思维方式强调概率，而道德问题则不在其探讨范围之内(lay outside)。对 Tagore 来说，道德问题要求确切的说法，而非拿不准的概率。

- A. irrationality 无理 C. futility 徒劳
- D. guarded over 守护 F. was subject to 取决于；服从于

## 4. A E I

【解析】现代的铁吊桥历史源于十九世纪初期，不过其开端可不顺利(propitious =favorable, auspicious)，很多早期的吊桥经历风吹，重者损毁，轻者损坏。不过后人做了一些实用的改进(practical alternatives)，所以这种建筑形式就保存(persist)下来了。

\* 此处的 alternative 即备选、替代方案，选用别的设计取代有问题的设计，即改进

- B. conspicuous 明显、醒目的 C. equivocal 闪烁其词、模棱两可的
- D. obvious parallels 明显的相似 F. unnoticed instances 未经察觉的事例
- G. decline 下降、衰退 H. inspire 激励、启发

## 5. A E I

【解析】这家实验戏剧公司的人清楚，他们的演出难懂，情节发展也难预测，对观众来说是不小的考验(made demands on)。但是其中包含的技艺，对于对音乐或电影有兴趣的观众来说，必不陌生(alien to)。确实，这些戏剧只会让那些本想看传统戏剧的人觉得奇怪。因此，演员们觉得剧评家们的冷嘲热讽(derisive)，只说明他们根本没看懂(misunderstood)罢了。

- B. had to command 需要控制 C. were sure to please 必能取悦
- D. contemplated by 被……所考虑 F. intuitive for 对……来说易如反掌（有如直觉）
- G. lambaste 猛烈抨击 H. exploit 利用；剥削

**6. C E H**

【解析】连环漫画里的角色们为他们的“反传统小生活”的渺小(triviality)而苦恼，尤其是世界上惨剧时刻都在发生。但经漫画作者描绘，他们的生活打动(resonate)人心而不显渺小琐碎(inconsequential)。这里发生的一切都是真实的：出生、死亡、领养、外遇、分手、承诺、庆典、同性婚姻，这些都非小事。

- A. unpredictability 变幻莫测 B. arduousness 艰难困苦  
D. stagnate 停滞 F. compete 争夺、较量  
G. outlandish 奇异、古怪的 I. intangible 难以形容的；无形的

**7. B D**

【解析】网络服务不如其鼓吹者希望的那样容易履行兑现，这是当下的一个麻烦、障碍(snag, hitch)。

- A. hope 希望、信念  
C. prospect 希望、前景  
E. upshot 结局 (= outcome)  
F. reason 理由

**8. B F**

【解析】联邦货币政策的主管拒绝服从(subscribe to)政策制定过程中刻板机械的规矩，她借此表明有必要维持其前任任期内的特征性(hallmark)的灵活弹性(adaptability, flexibility)。

- A. firmness 坚定  
C. unpredictability 变幻莫测  
D. autonomy 自决、自主  
E. strictness 严格

**9. A B**

【解析】Wilson 习惯于强调蚂蚁的行善(beneficence)和利他(altruism)的特点：吃饱了的蚂蚁会将食物反刍，喂给那些没吃饱的，老蚂蚁会奋斗，使得年幼的蚂蚁得以生存。

\* 固定搭配 be wont to = be accustomed to 习惯于

- C. unpredictability 变幻莫测  
D. intelligence 聪明才智  
E. fecundity 多产  
F. fertility 富饶多产

**10. B E**

【解析】乍看之下，著名的童话故事都如此不合情理(implausible)，与现代社会相去甚远(irrelevant)，它们是如何流传至今(persistence, survival)的，让人难以理解。

- A universality 普遍  
C appeal 吸引；呼吁；上诉  
D ephemerality 短暂、转瞬即逝  
F transience 短暂、转瞬即逝

\* GRE 常考表示短暂的词：ephemeral, transient, evanescent, fugitive, transitory, fleeting

## Section 13

## 1. C

【解析】祖母笃信神秘、超自然(numinous)的东西，比如她坚称她小时候住的房子闹鬼。

- A. clamorous 吵闹喧哗的 (= noisy) B. invidious 令人不快的、惹人反感的  
D. empirical 实证的 E. sonorous (声音) 浑厚、洪亮的

## 2. E

【解析】记忆的巩固(consolidate)留存不是即刻发生的，更谈不上必然(inevitable)：每条记忆都必须先被编码，然后从短期记忆中转移到长期记忆，而有些记忆就是莫名地比其他记忆更生动。

- A. salutary 有益的 (形容教训等) B. deliberate 故意的  
C. sequential 顺序的 D. momentary 片刻的、短暂的

## 3. CD

【解析】大多数跟乌鸦有关的奇异行为 (比如喝咖啡或者给主人送礼物) 都基于……，因此应该算是……而不是科学。

两个空应该有近似的含义并且与严谨扎实的科学相对，即二手证言(secondhand testimony)和道听途说的传闻(anecdote)。虽然第二空的 speculation 也可以和科学相对，但与前空无关。

- A. long-term observation 长期观察 B. controlled experiments 精心控制的实验  
E. speculation 猜测、推断 F. hypothesis 假设、猜想

## 4. CEI

【解析】把电影制片人视作电影产业中的恶魔，这种想法经久不息(enduring)。但根据 Tim Adler 出版的新书 The Producers，这种想法并不属实(grounded in reality)。他在书中驳斥了所谓的“风格导演神话”，即把导演认作艺术的唯一来源而其他人全都是逐利之徒(profitmonger)的看法。他的书以制片而非导演为中心，将其形容为电影拍摄和制作过程中的主要创作源泉。

\* prove = turn out to be 时间证明、事实证明

\* ...monger 贩卖、传播……的人：rumor-monger, gloom-monger 传播谣言/散布悲观论调的人

- A. accurate 准确的 B. hypocritical 伪善的；假惺惺的  
D. visionary 先知、有远见的人 F. innocent 涉世不深的人  
G. financial 财务的 H. inertial 惯性的

## 5. BDI

【解析】这位候选人……的评论是蓄意为之。他长期以来被人批评极端激进，所以他明白如果他想克服这些批评，展现自己为一位……的领袖，则必须尽可能地表现得……。因此三个空都应该填与极端激进、好生争执相反的词：即平淡无味(platitudinous)、无恶意的(innocuous)以及和解调停的(conciliatory)。

- A. opprobrious 责难、抨击的  
C. pugnacious 好斗、爱争执的 \*pugnis 词根即 fist 爱挥舞拳头即好斗 pugilist 拳击手  
E. truculent 好斗、寻衅的 F. supercilious 高傲的  
G. polarizing 使意见分化的 H. cautious 谨慎的

**6. B D I**

【解析】新艺术博物馆出色(outstanding)的建筑预示着其雄心，因为它反映出董事会对当代建筑的敏锐眼光(discernment)，这也预示(promise)着他们对于当代艺术的眼光同样敏锐。

- A. nondescript 平凡无奇的
- C. outdated 过时、陈旧的
- E. hostility toward 对……的敌意
- F. intoxication by 沉迷于……
- G. conceal 掩盖
- H. supplant 取代

**7. C D**

【解析】工会谈判团队的成员在接受公司的提议方案之前，坚持要进行几处修改，表明不容(brook, tolerate)妥协的态度。

- A. disclose 揭露
- B. reject 拒绝、驳斥
- E. repudiate 拒绝、驳斥
- F. weigh 权衡、斟酌

**8. C F**

【解析】总是想什么事情本可发生，这会让我们烦躁或悔恨。但是有科学家开始认为，对另一种现实世界的幻想，可能也有些……的作用。

空格处应该填积极正面、有好处的词，即有助健康恢复的(restorative, tonic)。tonic water, 汤力汽水，最早是做药物使用的。pleasurable 虽然也为正面，但无匹配的近义词。

- A. subtle 细微的
- B. adverse 不利、有害的
- D. pleasurable 令人愉快的
- E. unfavorable 不利的

**9. C E**

【解析】这位雕刻家作品中明显的缺陷，并未减损(undermine, overshadow)其在多数现代批评家心中的声誉，即瑕不掩瑜的意思。

- A. determine 决定；查明
- B. control 控制
- D. prevent 避免
- F. preclude 禁止、排除

**10. B C**

【解析】Williamson 致力于取得全体一致(accord)，花了大把时间，希望在一个总是充满分歧、难以驾驭(fractious, restive)的议会中达成共识(consensus)。

- A. apathetic 冷漠的
- D. cynical 愤世嫉俗的
- E. compliant 顺从的
- F. tractable 容易驾驭的

## Section 14

## 1. B

【解析】太阳系中，塑造天体表面最常见(pervasive)的过程是天体间的碰撞。许多太阳系天体的图像表明，过去四十五亿年间，一直有大量的撞击坑产生。

- A. cataclysmic 灾变、动乱的
- C. misleading 误导人的
- D. uncontrollable 无法控制的
- E. random 随机、随便的

## 2. A

【解析】创意摄影师们欣喜地从即时摄影中发现这样一种艺术模式，使他们不再将摄影视作神圣的(sacrosanct)而是可以自由发挥，甚至是可以嘲笑(亵玩)的。

- B. ephemeral 短暂的
- C. malleable 可塑的
- D. egalitarian 人人平等的
- E. autonomous 自治、自主的

## 3. B F

【解析】近来学者质疑了全球热带森林的自然性(naturalness)，考古学家们就发现，男亚马逊此前被认为世界上最大片的连续原始雨林，实际上在欧洲人涉足之前就已经被人为改变，而西非稀树草原过渡区的森林岛，许多也是人为产生的(anthropogenic)。

- A. diversity 丰富多样
- C. sustainability 可持续
- D. isolated 偏僻的；孤立隔绝的
- E. endangered 濒危的

## 4. C E

【解析】研究发现，在评估他人的时候，许多人不由自主地会把能力和热情视作……：当他们把一个人看作极有能力的，他们会断定此人必定……。

能力和热情可能有两种联系：能力越强越热情，或者能力越强越冷漠，如果是前者，即第一空填能力与热情互相助长(mutually reinforcing)，则后第二空需要填表示热情的词，而选项中没有。因此只能是第二种解读，即能力越强越冷漠(unfeeling)，两者负相关(inversely related)。

- A. equally important 同等重要
- D. ambitious 雄心勃勃的
- F. disingenuous 不诚实的

## 5. C E

【解析】在家教育远非一种反常的(anomalous)观念，其中体现(embody)了一些广为接受的教育理念：儿童应该被当做个体处理、进行小班教育以及具有一定自主权。

- A. benign 和善的；良性的
- B. orthodox 主流、传统的
- D. overcome 克服、解决
- F. anticipate 预计；先于……

**6. B D G**

【解析】多数卷尾猴的纷争涉及大量(a rich repertoire)的姿势与声音信号，以至于研究者们很难理清(tease apart)个别信号的含义。许多信号的含义又随着情景发生变化，更加剧(augment)了这一问题(problem)。

- A. precise 准确的
- C. straightforward 直截了当的
- E. opportunity 机会
- F. oversight 监管；疏忽、失察 (= omission)
- H. ameliorate 改善
- I. anticipate 预计；先于……

**7. D F**

【解析】建筑家们更外向健谈，因此可能是桥梁设计团队中更醒目突出(visible, salient)的，但他们远非最重要的成员。

- A. indispensable 不可或缺的
- B. conscientious 勤勉认真、一丝不苟的
- C. reliable 可靠的
- E. valuable 宝贵的

**8. A C**

【解析】尽管科学进展经常修正人们原有的观念，一个观察(看法)一直以来都很强有力(robust, strong)：地球上有很多种类的昆虫。

- B. significant 显著的；重大的
- D. perplexing 令人困惑的
- E. confounding 令人困惑、惊讶的
- F. obscure 鲜为人知的；费解的

**9. B D**

【解析】Anne Carson 的 Nox 一书，故意做成一件笨重的(cumbersome, unwieldy)的物品：与面积比手掌还小的轻巧电子阅读器正相反。

- A. evanescent 短暂、转瞬即逝的
- C. immutable 无法改变的
- E. ephemeral 短暂、转瞬即逝的
- F. flexible 灵活、可变通的

**10. B D**

【解析】人类的一大癖好(peculiarity)就是非理性地倾向(gravitate to)可预测的事物而避免冒险。不管这种倾向(predilection, proclivity)的原因为何，对于处理复杂、长期的问题来说，这可不是个好办法。

\* 这题虽然 A 选项 eccentricity 也很合适，但并无近义的其它选项，所以排除。

- A eccentricity 怪癖 (= peculiarity)
- C vacillation 犹豫、摇摆
- E wavering 犹豫、摇摆
- F cowardice 怯懦



## Section 15

## 1. E

【解析】有些伦理学家担心，对大脑的深入认识可能等同于开脱(exculpation)：如果我们发现自由意志只不过是神经网络产生的幻觉，我们又怎么能让人们对他们的行为负责呢？

- A. vindication 证实；证明……无罪
- B. proscription 禁止
- C. ministration 帮助；服侍
- D. valediction 告别演说

## 2. C

【解析】李翊云新作中的故事独具一格，因为它们情感色彩浓郁，但语气平和(measured)，两者落差强烈。

- A. affable 和蔼可亲的
- B. ebullient 热情洋溢、兴致勃勃的
- D. irascible 暴躁易怒的
- E. overwrought 紧张过度的 (= distraught)

## 3. AD

【解析】废除民族国家，既不可行，也无好处：只要有超越国家界限的集体利益，民族国家的主权(sovcreignty)必须屈从(subordinate)于国际组织。

- B. tradition 传统
- C. genealogy 家谱、系谱
- E. attributable 可归因于……
- F. analogous 类似的

## 4. CE

【解析】此事告诉我们，英国公众不愿他们的君主政体效仿(emulate)北欧诸国经现代化的同类政体，而珍视不合时代潮流(anachronistic)的复古体制。

\* 此题线索在于 modernized, rather than...modernized 即不愿现代化，希望保留传统

- A. commend 赞扬
- B. discount 低估；忽视
- D. egalitarian 人人平等的
- F. regal 帝王的

## 5. BE

【解析】他绝不是冲动莽撞(impetuous)之人，他谨慎得很，所以忍着(forbear)暂(for the present)不表白。

\* be nothing if not... 非常…… 据考证，此题改编自 Henry James 小说 *The Portrait of a Lady* 中的一句。原句为 He was never precipitate, he was nothing if not discreet. 换用的两个同义词 precipitate 鲁莽草率，discreet 小心谨慎，均属 GRE 常见词汇，值得掌握。

- A. chivalrous (男士)彬彬有礼的
- C. thoughtful 深思的；周到的
- D. boorish 粗野的
- F. spontaneous 自发的

**6. A E G**

【解析】尽管十九世纪，各国的政治事件并非独立无关的(unconnected)，它们之间的联系与今日相比，浅薄(superficial)许多。如今各国相互依赖程度高很多，闭关锁国(isolationism)不再可能。

- B. trivial 微小、琐碎的
- C. simultaneous 同时的
- D. conditional 有条件的
- F. transparent 透明、公开的
- H. resilience 韧性、复原能力
- I. idealism 理想主义

**7. A C**

【解析】这本西方医药史著作，结构编排得当，研究充分，包括了所有重大的发现和医学家，因此这本书称作博览(encyclopedic)详尽(exhaustive)当之无愧。

- B. long-winded 冗长啰嗦的
- D. rambling 冗长的
- E. overbearing 专横的
- F. indiscriminating 不加区别的

**8. C E**

【解析】科学可谓高尚(high-minded)的追求，但这不表明其实践者都是清白无可挑剔(unimpeachable, blameless)的，正如许多文章所展示的那样，这些文章指控医学研究者收了医药公司巨额的财款。

- A. conventional 传统的
- B. clever 聪明的
- D. ingenious 精明、巧妙的
- F. predictable 可预测的；老掉乏味、意料之中的

**9. A F**

【解析】在一群自大的人中，Bloomfield 显得谦虚(unassuming, modest)，她经常称赞她的竞争对手，她的通信中也常有自谦(self-deprecating)之词。

- B. complimentary 赞美的；免费的
- C. acerbic 尖刻的
- D. ingenuous 纯朴的
- E. cutting 尖刻的

**10. C D**

【解析】这个政治活动团体解散了，因为他们此前不切实际(quixotic)、理想主义(idealistic)的信条已被主流政治接受、吸纳为核心部分：没有质疑者需要他们说服了，他们也就失去了存在的意义。

- A. arcane 艰深晦涩的
- B. seditious 煽动的 (inflammatory, subversive)
- E. popular 流行的
- F. conventional 传统的

## Section 16

## 1. D

【解析】引用美国国父来支持自己观点的政治家们，通常表示国父们一致赞同他们的意见，其实国父们自己都是一群意见各不一致、争论不休(contentious)的思想家。

- A. erudite 博学的
- B. innovative 创新的
- C. predictable 可预测的；老套乏味的
- E. methodical 有条理的

## 2. A

【解析】在她的所有作品中，这部剧作是最遵循其时代剧作规范的，既是最缺乏实验性(experimental)的，也是商业上最成功的。

- B. popular 流行的
- C. formulaic 公式化、老套的
- D. lucrative 利润丰厚的
- E. contemporary 当代的；同时代的

## 3. A E

【解析】预测全球气候变化对生态系统影响的一个办法，是根据现在的气候变化趋势，来推断(extrapolate)未来的气候变化。这种办法的好处(virtue)是它的推测源于(derive from)真实的观测，但是它也假设未来会跟当下相似，这点值得商榷。

- B. drawback 缺陷
- C. peculiarity 古怪；癖好
- D. dispense with 免去 (= do away with)
- E. improve upon 超过、做得比……更好

## 4. B F I

【解析】财政援助不是万灵药(panacea)，即使援助资金最后实现成真(materialize)，那些最宏大的目标可能还是没法完成。尽管如此，针对明确的援助可以奖励负责的政府，鼓励个人积极主动(initiative)，减轻苦难。

- A. impediment 障碍
- C. malady 疾病
- D. be insufficient 不足
- E. recede 消失远去；减弱
- G. obviate 排除、打消
- H. temper 使温和

## 5. C E H

【解析】中国大型食肉动物面临的主要威胁，是中国快速增长的人口。越来越多旨在控制人口增速的政策得以实施。尽管如此，中国幅员辽阔，许多地区与世隔绝，(政策鞭长莫及)，许多食肉动物存活区域人口仍能不受限制地增长(can grow unchecked)。来自人类的这一压迫已使华南虎面临灭顶(doom)之灾。

- A. modify 修正、改进
- B. deemphasize 弱化
- D. could start to decline 可以开始减少
- F. have stabilized 趋于稳定
- G. celebrate 庆祝；赞扬
- I. bypass 避开 (= avoid, evade)

**6. ADI**

【解析】行为经济学家们开始相信，过多(surfeit)的选择会使人们思维瘫痪、无法进行决策。Schwartz 新书里提到养老方案的例子，提供越多投资选择的方案，人们选的越少。因此，特定方案选择有限，缺乏变通的余地，可能反而是好事(virtue)。人们合理地放弃(forgo)了一些好处，求得心安省事。

- B. reduction 减少
- C. stabilization 稳定
- E. conundrum 谜团
- F. revelation 启示
- G. foresee 预见
- H. forestall 阻止

**7. EF**

【解析】尽管对罗马的考古研究通常偏向(bias, orientation)、侧重于大型的城镇与遗迹，考古学还是做出了许多贡献，加深了人们对于罗马境内乡村发展的了解。

- A. openness 开放
- B. indifference 冷漠、无动于衷
- C. hostility 敌意
- D. animus 敌意

**8. CD**

【解析】探险家如果无法相信彼此此前的记录，则不能互相增长知识，因此探险有赖于前人的严谨(meticulousness)精细(exactitude)。

- A. collegiality 合作
- B. endurance 耐力
- E. eminence 杰出
- F. tenacity 顽强

**9. CE**

【解析】若能减少水库中由于蒸发带来的蓄水损失，其影响远非(scarcely, hardly)微不足道，即使按最低的预期节水量算，也足以供应丹佛这么大的市县用水。

- A. nearly 几乎
- B. comparatively 相对地
- D. rarely 罕见、少有
- F. relatively 相对地

**10. CE**

【解析】肯尼亚数学教学的实验，如小组项目和其他的学习活动，其结果良莠参差(mixed, inconsistent)。因此，这些活动或许不是改进数学教育的最好办法。

- A. overstated 夸大的
- B. counterintuitive 有违直觉的
- D. discouraging 令人失望、泄气的
- F. inexplicable 费解的

## Section 17

## 1. D

【解析】尽管我们身处科学突飞猛进的时代，许多教育良好的人却对科学的进展漠不关心甚至不屑一顾，还有的竟然以对基本物理概念的无知为荣(boast of)。

- A. decry (公开) 谴责、批评
- B. condone 宽恕、容忍
- C. remedy 补救、纠正
- E. downplay 贬低、对……轻描淡写

## 2. D

【解析】Carmen 对于她姐妹的关爱，尽管算不上无穷无尽(unbounded)，但也明显(plainly)足以使其尝受离别之苦。

- A. unsteady 不稳的
- B. ambivalent 矛盾的、模糊不明确的
- C. careless 漫不经心的
- E. noticeable 明显的

## 3. B D

【解析】未能(failure)向普通人传播广阔的科学知识，反映了人类对科学这一卓越成就的无动于衷(indifference)，就好像任由一件艺术珍品在仓库里腐烂一样。

- A. triumph 成功
- C. diffusion 传播、扩散
- E. enthusiasm for 对……的热情
- F. glory of ……的荣耀、骄傲

## 4. A D

【解析】Stephenson 写的评论不够公正无私(disinterested)：演奏过他本人创作音乐的音乐家们就等着(count on)他说好话(sympathetic coverage)吧，那些忽视了他的，则被他以严苛(exacting)的标准对待。

- B. lucid 清楚易懂的
- C. conventional 主流传统的
- E. minimal 极小的
- F. accepted 广为接受的

## 5. B D H

【解析】尽管 Thaler 采取的研究模式新颖，他研究的主题实际上前人已经充分研究(well-worked)过了。熟悉该领域权威著作的人，在 Thaler 的研究里应该发现(find)不了新(new)的东西。

- A. unfamiliar 陌生、不熟悉的
- C. fruitful 富有成效的
- E. understand 理解
- F. reveal 揭示
- G. accurate 准确的
- I. recognizable 易于识别的

**6. A E H**

【解析】保护知识产权的法律旨在激发创造，然而有些创作形式从未得到法律保障，这是值得注意的现象。如果因为不受限制的复制，某些创作行为衰弱(languish)了，我们会决定扩充(extend)知识产权法律。相反，如果不受保护的创作也能存活下来并蓬勃发展(manage to thrive)，我们应当了解这种兴盛势头是何以保持下去的。

- B. proliferate 激增、涌现
- C. diversify 多样化
- D. jettison 抛弃
- F. relax 放宽
- G. decline in originality 创意衰退
- I. openly invite imitation 引起效仿

**7. B F**

【解析】流行(通俗)史学的一大缺陷(shortcoming, fault)，在于它毫无兴趣做智识上的贡献，提升人们对某主题的理解。(即批评通俗史学肤浅、流于表面。)

- A. characteristic 特征
- C. dilemma 窘境、两难境地
- D. quandary 窘境、两难境地
- E. ploy 策略、计谋
- \* betray = show

**8. E F**

【解析】商品价格自暑期持续上涨之后开始下跌，使得分析人士好奇，此次下跌趋势究竟是转折点，还是冬季需求增强前的一段平静间歇(lull, respite)罢了。

- A. spike 激增、急剧上升
- B. upsurge 激增、急剧上升
- C. harbinger (尤指不好的)预兆、兆头
- D. portent 激增、急剧上升

**9. A F**

【解析】Doris Kearns Goodwin 对林肯典雅又深刻的研究雅俗共赏，既能满足(gratify, please)那些对林肯了解比较粗浅(只是高中历史学和传闻轶事的大杂烩)的人，也能满足那些对林肯了解深入的专家。

- B. entice 引诱
- C. inspire 激励、鼓舞
- D. confuse 迷惑
- E. perplex 迷惑

**10. E F**

【解析】尽管 McHughen 在新书中唠唠叨叨，翻来覆去说着同样的话，像个喋喋不休(loquacious, garrulous)的大叔，他确实令人信服地阐明了转基因新型食物的安全问题。

- A. taciturn 沉默寡言的
- B. reserved 沉默寡言的
- C. prototypical 典型的
- D. cantankerous 脾气差、性情暴躁的

## Section 18

## 1. B

【解析】如果研究表明此区域仍普遍存在熊，那么引进更多同类熊的提议就不会面临那么多反对，因为这样一来，计划就变成了加强、扩充(augment)史上已有的熊类族群，而非从头再建一个新的族群。

- A. reclassify 重新分类
- C. forestall 阻止
- D. publicize 宣传、传播
- E. winnow 筛选

## 2. C E

【解析】在地球同等大小的行星上探测(detection)到的分子氧，并不是生命存在的确凿(unambiguous)迹象：分子氧可以是生物过程的特征，也可能只是非生物过程的结果。

- A. dearth 缺乏
- B. presumption 假定
- D. controversial 有争议的
- F. possible 可能的

## 3. A D

【解析】该城市的警察队伍贪腐(corruption)臭名如此持久(persistent)，以至于每有新的警察长官上任，总要例行承诺整顿警察队伍。

- B. recent 新近的 C. discouraging 令人泄气的
- E. efficiency 效率 F. inexperience 缺乏经验

## 4. A D

【解析】直到1970年代，科学史都往往不合时宜(anachronistic)，尤其(not least = notably, in particular)体现于它们侧重那些未来可能成为科学界主流正统的发现和学说，而非在它们当时重大(major)的研究成果。

- B. convoluted 复杂的
- C. undogmatic 非教条的
- E. fallacious 谬误的
- F. inessential 无关紧要的

## 5. A F G

【解析】如果你想在某研究领域做出新颖的贡献(a novel contribution)，你就必须先掌握先前学者在该领域的论述。但同时，你又得小心成见(received opinion)所有的压迫性影响(oppressive influence)，它很可能在一个萌芽中的想法得以发展前，就将其制止(quash)、扼杀了。

- B. depiction of 对……的描绘
- C. attack upon 对……的攻击
- D. temptation to reject 驳斥……的欲望
- E. fundamental wisdom of 基本的观念
- H. embrace 接受、采纳
- I. inspire 激励

**6. A E G**

【解析】现在摄影作品已经成为收藏的热门对象，拍卖也变得更加竞争激烈(competitive)了。这一紧张程度，不仅是新入门的收藏家造成的。老收藏家们的兴趣也变得更加广泛(wide-ranging)了。原来专注于十九世纪先锋派或者二十世纪现代派作品的收藏家们，现在都想做更加综合全面(comprehensive)的收藏。

- B. tedious 单调乏味的
- C. exclusive 独家、专有的
- D. fickle 变化无常的 (= capricious, mercurial, volatile)
- F. antiquarian (尤指书籍) 古文物(收藏、研究)的
- H. legitimate 合法、合理的
- I. impressive 出色、令人难忘的

**7. E F**

【解析】此书倾向于夸张(exaggeration, hyperbole)，所以后记中声称芭蕾已死也就不足为奇，只是又一个夸张说法(overstatement)罢了。

- A. pessimism 悲观
- B. misinterpretation 误解、曲解
- C. imprecision 模糊、有失准确
- D. vagueness 模糊

**8. C E**

【解析】作者不仅乐于(content to)置读者于暗处摸不着头脑，她似乎还享受(relish, delight in)这种骗子的角色，在作品中埋下许多明显但无果的线索。

- A. reject 拒绝、排斥
- B. disdain 蔑视、鄙弃
- D. participate in 参与
- F. develop 发展

**9. A F**

【解析】尽管 William Perkins 讲话风格激情四溢(fiery, impassioned)，他一直以来都担当其政党中温和的一面。

- B. genteel 斯文、彬彬有礼的
- C. bumbling 粗心大意、笨手笨脚的
- D. unremarkable 平凡无奇的
- E. affable 友善可亲的

**10. B C**

【解析】这场政治动荡来得突然，多数人都猝不及防：尽管有些评论员此前已发出有先见之明(prescient, prophetic)的警示，从没人觉得它已经这么迫在眉睫。

- A. stern 严厉、严峻的
- D. indifferent 冷漠、无动于衷的
- E. repeated 再三的
- F. apathetic 冷漠、无动于衷的



## Section 19

## 1. B

【解析】这颗星的脉冲轻微而有规律(regular)地波动，天文学家们据此推理，这是它被三颗绕其旋转的行星来回牵引所致。

- A. subtle 细微的
- C. undetectable 难以察觉的
- D. inconsequential 微不足道的
- E. explicable 可以解释的

## 2. A

【解析】Blake 软弱的名声是错误(specious)的：几乎所有跟他共事过的人，都说他是位有原则，聪明绝顶，又非常强硬的政治家。

- B. pervasive 遍布四处的
- C. irreversible 不可逆转的
- D. trivial 琐碎、微不足道的
- E. ambivalent 模棱两可、矛盾模糊的

## 3. B D

【解析】美国政府的民选部门，跟公民建立私人间的联系很普遍(rampant)，甚至成了政策效力的必要条件(requirement)。而美国最高法院则与之不同，与公众保持距离，只用正式的途径进行沟通。

- A. frowned upon 被反对/鄙夷
- C. disregarded 被忽视的
- E. a detriment to 对……的损害
- F. an irrelevance to 对……来说无关紧要

## 4. B D

【解析】科学家们长期以来都认为宇宙学理论太多，数据资料太少，两者间比例似乎无穷(nearly infinite)。但最近这比例被倒置了，大量数据出现并仍在不断增长，推翻(eliminate)了几乎所有理论，只剩一家。

- A. completely unknown 完全未知
- C. always variable 总在变化
- E. support 支持
- F. clarify 阐明

## 5. A E

【解析】尽管 Markovits 和 Rensmann 并未完全支持 (fully endorse) Gumbrecht 对大学体育理想化的赞美，他们也未走向另一个极端：将大学体育视作一项贪赃枉法、唯利是图(venal)的事业。他们认为大学体育有必要存在。

\*这句话结构也许乍一看比较复杂，其核心为 While M and R do not ... G's idealizing vision, neither do they ...

- B. intentionally recapitulate 故意重申
- C. entirely misconstrue 完全误解
- D. indispensable 至关重要、不可或缺的
- F. profitable 有利可图的

## 6. B E H

【解析】Otto Neugebauer 认为，巴比伦的天文学文本是科学(scientific)的，因为其中只保留了实际观测和数学推演。这一判断与其数学理论的高深水平相一致。巴比伦人仅认可(admit)数学验算和实证观察作为科学的必要特征(necessary characteristics)，摒弃了过于理论化的猜测假想。

- A. questionable 可疑的
- C. limited 有限的
- D. repudiate 拒绝；驳斥
- F. confound 使困惑/惊讶
- G. end result 结果
- I. discredited path 被质疑的路径

## 7. C F

【解析】要使手机网络更高效，手机降噪很重要，如果无关紧要(irrelevant, extraneous)的声音得以传播，宝贵的网络带宽就浪费了。

- A. unsuitable 不合适的
- B. detrimental 有害的
- D. confined 有限的
- E. limited 有限的

## 8. A B

【解析】这作品独特(singular, unique)：可能是唯一由女性创作的希伯来语诗文。

- C. archaic 过时、陈旧的
- D. counterfeit 伪造的
- E. valuable 珍贵的
- F. fake 伪造的

## 9. D F

【解析】大众传媒总是对负面新闻更感兴趣，我们沉浸于种种负面新闻，对正面的讨论却总是粗略敷衍(cursory, perfunctory)、一笔带过。

- A. incisive 尖锐、切中要害的
- B. tantalizing 诱人、撩人的
- C. trenchant 尖锐、犀利的
- E. illusory 虚幻的

## 10. C D

【解析】关于铁路的文献资料，许多都寻求个体加以颂扬(exalt, valorize)，因此其间充斥着(be replete with)对于企业家和管理者的褒奖(encomium)。

- A. indict 控告
- B. rehabilitate 使(病人)恢复(健康)
- E. emulate 效仿
- F. excoriate 痛斥

## Section 20

## 1. E

【解析】寻常而且易于获得的资源（比如捕食者的猎物，寄生生物的寄主）应该被频繁利用。但在有些环境下，明显可获得的合适资源却未被利用(unexploited)。

- A. valuable 宝贵的
- B. unobtainable 得不到的
- C. sustainable 可持续的
- D. depleted 耗尽的

## 2. B

【解析】尽管作者再三赞颂(extol)自己的精明，他们对于牵强离奇的想法却轻信得很(a remarkable credulousness)。

- A. soft-pedal 淡化、低调处理 (= play down)
- C. deprecate 反对、批评
- D. broaden 拓宽
- E. compromise 放弃、牺牲

## 3. C E

【解析】作者认为，影院的收集存档，应该跟博物馆一样，对重要作品进行甄选、归类和评论。通过这样阐释(interpret)电影，存档就不仅仅是收藏全集，也能提供教育(education)作用。

- A. improve 改善
- B. restore 修复
- D. conservation 保护
- F. income 收入

## 4. C E

【解析】对于 *A Summer of Hummingbirds* 这部文风轻巧(gossamer)的作品(contrivance)来说，“论辩”可能是过于强力(robust)的词汇了。此书行文似乎在有意模仿(emulation)其主角蜂鸟，在多个主题和历史节点间穿梭跳跃，全凭作者的心绪无常(whims)。

\* 这本书行文比较松散随意，不似正经的论辩文那样系统有力。

- A. archaic 古老、陈旧的
- B. imprecise 不准确的
- D. repudiation 弃绝
- F. misrepresentation 错误展现

## 5. B E G

【解析】箭毒蛙皮肤里有种剧毒的毒素，但因为箭毒蛙本身并不产生(produce)这种毒素，所以其来源(origin)一直是个谜。现在有研究发现 melyrid beetle 这种甲虫可能是其来源，所有收集的该甲虫样本均携带该毒素，说明这些甲虫被箭毒蛙所食用(eaten)。

- A. effect 影响 C. purpose 目的
- D. pressure 施压、强迫
- F. suffer from 受苦于……
- H. neutralized 被……中和
- I. poisoned 被……毒害

**6. B E I**

【解析】当一个新的科学范式出现的时候，支持(affirm)该范式的研究就容易主导科学文献：被选取发表的论文倾向于有正面(\*与之前 affirm 相对应)结果的那些。但一旦这一新范式根深蒂固(has become entrenched)、成为主流之后，学者们又往反方向开始努力了：现在那些挑战(undermine, 作“批评、减损”理解)刚被人所广为接受(has become the established view)的范式的研究结果，被认为更有发表的价值。

- A. tweak 调整、改动 (= modify)
- C. controvert 驳斥、反驳
- D. is initially articulated 被最先提出
- F. is about to be attacked 即将遭受攻击
- G. bolster 增强、改进
- H. circumvent 回避

**7. C E**

【解析】科学之美，在于尽管个别研究者可能屈服于(succumb to, yield to)主观偏见，其他人可以用举证的方式加以纠正，这样的模式大家基本接受。

- A. overreact to 对……反应过激
- B. deviate from 偏离、违背……
- D. recoil from 从……退缩
- F. shrink from 从……退缩

**8. C E**

【解析】最早普遍的悲观论调，事后证实是没有根据(unfounded, unjustified = groundless, baseless)，因为它忽略了许多利用已有资源本可做成的事。

- A. unintelligible 难以理解的
- B. unfathomable 难以理解的
- D. unimaginative 平淡乏味、无创意的
- F. unimportant 不重要的

**9. A D**

【解析】尽管她的诗有过于伪善(sanctimonious)说教(preachy)的特点，倒也不全是寄托虔诚的情感，时常发散出想象力，也兼具轻松娱乐。

- B. querulous 爱抱怨、发牢骚的
- C. insincere 不真诚、虚伪的
- E. plaintive 哀怨的
- F. disingenuous 不真诚的

**10. B D**

【解析】尽管一个多世纪的扩张(expansion, augmentation)，让电网似乎成了连接整片大陆、无所不包的网络，其实还是有很多美丽的区域至今未通上电。

- A. refinement 改善
- C. ubiquity 无处不在
- E. omnipresence 无处不在
- F. isolation 隔绝、孤立

## Section 21

## 1. B

【解析】这项有争议的税收政策，其反对者众多而且非常愤怒(in such a fury)，所以任何公开支持这项政策的人，都难免受到措辞严厉(severe)的批评和攻击。

\* usage 此处作“言辞、语言”解：the way in which words and phrases are actually used

- A. politic 谨慎、明智的 (= prudent)
- C. sober 清醒的；朴素的
- D. respectful 恭敬的
- E. dejected 沮丧的 (= despondent)

## 2. B

【解析】古生物学家重新研究了这一问题，认为之前广为接受的分类法对样本做了很多似是而非的区分，掩盖(belie)它们之间的连贯性。

- A. disprove 证伪、证明错误
- C. conflate 混合
- D. divulge 泄露（机密）
- E. relax 放松

## 3. B E

【解析】古希腊史学著作的一大标志(hallmark)便是发明创造，其间充斥着虚构的名人长篇大论。史学写作强调优美的修辞(rhetoric)而非扎实的证据(evidence)。直到十八世纪晚期，不少(not a few = many)史学家仍然把自己看作有权发明创作的艺术家的。

- A. discouraged in 在……中不受提倡、被打压
- C. exceptional in 在……方面卓绝
- D. eloquence 言辞流利
- F. imagination 想象

## 4. C E

【解析】学者们赞叹莎士比亚作品中展现出来的博学(erudition)，他生活的时代书本相对稀缺(scarce)，因此他能有这样广博的学问尤其难能可贵。

- A. meticulousness 一丝不苟、谨慎讲究
- B. humor 幽默风趣
- D. edifying 教诲的、启迪的
- F. inexpensive 便宜

## 5. C F G

【解析】人们喜欢谈论通勤(上下班往返)，那些上下班轻松的人容易洋洋得意(gloat)，而讨厌上下班的人将其看作一大折磨，有如慢性疾病。一旦你提起上下班这个话题，周围人便各抒己见，习惯了之后，似乎无处不在谈这件事。那些平常比较小心谨慎(circumspect)、不愿意吐露心迹的人，一旦谈到上下班可能会一反常态打开话匣子，坦诚(candid)地交代其许多私密的生活细节。

- A. grumble 嘟囔、发牢骚 B. commiserate 同情、怜悯
- D. inattentive 漫不经心的 E. garrulous 喋喋不休的
- H. economical in (措辞) 简洁 I. flustered about 因……紧张慌乱

**6. B D G**

【解析】经济从萧条恢复期间，就业机会增长之慢史无前例。造成萧条的条件也很反常、罕见(atypical)。股市暴跌，商业投资重挫。之后持续不断的丑闻披露，也打击(weaken)了公众对公司运营的信心。然而，虽然有以上这些对增长的强劲阻力，萧条倒出人意料之轻微(mild)。

- A. heartening 振奋人心的
- C. ambiguous 模棱两可、意味含糊的
- E. illuminate 照亮；阐明、解释
- F. consolidate 加强、巩固
- H. stimulant 刺激因素
- I. concomitant 伴随的、同时发生的事物

**7. B D**

【解析】普通感冒的疗法这么难找(elusive)，寻找过程已经成了徒劳无功(futility, pointlessness)的象征。

- A. danger 危险
- C. unease 不安
- E. sloth 懒惰
- F. apathy 冷漠

**8. A B**

【解析】独裁者光彩夺目(gleaming)的军装制服和豪奢的皇室用品，跟同代的其他政治领袖低调(unostentatious, modest)简朴的风格大相径庭。

- C. august 威严雄伟的
- D. majestic 威严雄伟的
- E. formal 正式庄重的
- F. casual 随便的

**9. A C**

【解析】尽管她行事古怪(quirky)、与众不同(unconventional)，Moreland 不是叛逆的人，也没觉得自己不同常人。

- B. impractical 不切实际的
- D. flamboyant 艳丽的；炫耀、卖弄的
- E. successful 成功的
- F. lucrative 利润丰厚的

**10. C D**

【解析】他的首相任职，一年前还是坚不可摧(cast-iron)，现在却已危在旦夕，即使碰上一两天好日子，也只不过是帮他争取一段暂缓的喘息时期(respite, relief)。

- A. controversy 争议
- B. reproach 责备、批评
- E. blame 责怪
- F. deference 尊重、遵从

## Section 22

## 1. D

【解析】过去两百年间，考古学的研究手段大有变化，从挖掘古代富人使用的工艺品，转为在实验室里分析日常生活的残留物(detritus)，即从寻宝(treasure hunting)转为数据收集。

- A. supposition 推断
- B. theorizing 推测、猜想
- C. fact-finding 寻找事实
- E. scientific discovery 科学发现

## 2. B

【解析】关于阿尔泰山脉洞穴中人类遗迹的身份，一直以来只是猜测(conjectural)。直到 Paabo 和同事使用 DNA 测序的手段，表明残留的骨头属于尼安德特人，才终结了此前的猜测(speculation)。

\* speculation/speculative 和 conjecture/conjectural 是 GRE 很常考的一组近义词

- A. extraneous 无关的 (= irrelevant, immaterial, superfluous)
- C. improbable 离奇的
- D. demonstrable 明显的 (= evident, manifest)
- E. consistent 一致的；持续的

## 3. A D

【解析】地球上生物多样性的记录问题，因为分类学家的分布不均(uneven distribution)而变得更加严重。物种分类的专家们倾向扎堆于(be clustered in)北美和欧洲，而实际上未被记录的生物多样性多存在于热带地区。

- B. theoretical commitments of 献身于理论
- C. professional rivalries among 专业竞争
- E. oblivious to 未察觉 (= not aware of)
- F. exported from 从……输出

## 4. C F

【解析】长久以来，经济观点总被政治目的利用(exploit)。经济学家们兜售各自的理论，希望借此赢得声名和仕途。而政治家们也鼓吹(promote)经济教条，作为社会问题的解决之道。

- A. undermine by 被……削弱、减损
- B. inspired by 被……激励、鼓舞
- D. reject 拒绝、排斥
- E. ignore 忽视

## 5. C E H

【解析】电脑使检索信息变得非常简单。用这样有针对性的方式做研究，令人感到强大不受约束(empowering)。现在无需听从(surrender to)书本组织的逻辑，只需带着问题检索，便可以精准地搜集真正想要的信息。

- A. disorienting 使人迷惑、晕头转向的
- B. humbling 使人谦逊、自感渺小的
- D. disregard 无视
- F. imitate 模仿
- G. begin to discern the author's intent 开始察觉作者的用意
- I. evaluate the book on its own terms 就此书自身的情况评价它

**6. CEI**

【解析】关于山的形成和气候有两种对立的理论，要么认为造山运动导致(cause)了全球变冷，要么认为正好相反。前一种理论认为通过山和气候之间的互动反馈(feedback between)，造山运动使地球冷却。比如，高山冰川易于自我维持(self-perpetuating)：一旦形成，它们便增加地面的反射率，降低气温，利于结冰。

- A. supersede 取代 (= replace)
- B. halt 阻止、停止
- D. disparity between ……之间的差异
- F. complexity of ……的复杂
- G. unpredictable 难以预测的
- H. static 静止的

**7. AE**

【解析】X光可以搅浑(churn)星周盘，保护刚形成的行星免于撞击它们的恒星。这样来看倒是颇具讽刺意味的反转，我们平时多把X光当作危险(dangerous, perilous)的。

- B. predictable 可预见的
- C. ancient 古老的
- D. ephemeral 短暂、转瞬即逝的
- F. foreseeable 可预见的

**8. BE**

【解析】尽管电子游戏具有重大文化与社会意义，增长迅速，在中国光具吸引力，它们在国际通讯研究上还只收到有限的(scant, limited)关注，比不上传统的媒体。

- A. undue 过分的
- C. excessive 过分的
- D. focused 集中、目的明确的
- F. dwindling 日益减少的

**9. CF**

【解析】尽管Wynne承认证据不足(insufficient, meager)，无法得出确切的结论，她还是提供了这些结论，做了一些笼统概化(sweeping generalizations)。

- A. concrete 确凿的；具体的
- B. finite 有限的
- D. indirect 间接的
- E. conclusive 确凿的

**10. CF**

【解析】尽管这位传记作家从未明确说明Merrill父母间的关系对他性格养成起了什么样的作用，他做了很多猜测(speculation, conjecture)。

- A. mystification 神秘化、使人困惑
- B. elucidation 阐明、解释
- D. reflection 反映；深思
- E. obfuscation 混淆、使人困惑



## Section 23

## 1. D

【解析】尽管人道主义危机屡见于电视新闻，这样的报道倒很少激励(galvanize)公众行动，公众似乎已经习惯于无能为力(impotency)。

- A. paralyze 使瘫痪、无法正常运作
- B. demoralize 使沮丧泄气
- C. assuage 缓和、平息
- E. exasperate 激怒 (= infuriate)

## 2. B

【解析】天文学最早是由业余爱好者开创的，现在也依赖他们的贡献。业余爱好者们免于(unencumbered by)专业研究人员的成见(a priori assumptions)束缚，可以有敏锐独到的见解。

- A. characterize 是……的特征；描绘、刻画
- C. support 支持
- D. contradict 驳斥；矛盾
- E. inspire 激励、鼓舞

## 3. B E

【解析】新研究发现在水生环境中，除草剂阿特拉津在高度稀释的情况下比浓度更高的情况下更能杀灭(kill)成长中的两栖动物。尽管此发现听上去有违直觉，它跟过去的研究结果一致，其他化合制剂也是在微量(trace concentration)的时候更具杀伤力。

- A. supplant 取代 (= replace)
- C. circumvent 回避 (= avoid, evade, sidestep, dodge)
- \* circum-环绕，vent 走。绕着走，即回避。
- D. unanticipated given 鉴于……，始料不及
- F. undiminished by 未因……而减损

## 4. A F

【解析】Billington 先生有时爱唱反调(naysayer)。比如他批评皇家莎士比亚剧团八个半小时的《尼古拉斯·尼克贝》，而许多人觉得这部剧引人入胜(absorbing)。

- B. pushover 好说话、耳根软的人
- C. braggart 自夸、吹牛的人
- D. perplexing 使人困惑的
- E. unpredictable 变幻莫测、难以预料的

## 5. A E

【解析】除了本传记中个别章节对传主缺点严厉的批评(too harshly judged)，作者对传主的处理还是审慎明智的(judicious)。

- B. analyzed in depth 深入分析
- C. frankly acknowledged 坦然承认
- D. erudite 博学的
- F. acrimonious (言辞)尖刻、激烈的

**6. C E G**

【解析】鉴于人类人口众多，需求巨大，即使现在常见的(now common)物种将来也可能濒危。如果我们想避免众多生物的灭顶之灾，对自然就不能坐视不理。保护措施应当强制(obligatory)履行，我们肩负的责任也不能丢弃(jettison)。

- A. exotic 奇异、异国风情的
- B. vulnerable 脆弱的
- D. ineffective 无效的
- F. promising 有希望、有前途的
- H. assume 假定；承担（责任）
- I. contrive 策划、设计 (= devise)

**7. B E**

【解析】国与国之间温室气体排放量，大有差异(disparity, variance)，尤其是人均排放量：尽管美中两国排放总量相近，美国人均排放量是中国的好几倍。

- A. distortion 扭曲
- C. fluctuation 波动
- D. advance 进展
- F. vacillation 犹豫、摇摆

**8. D F**

【解析】这本书几乎每页都令人耳目一新，作者行文也是笨拙(awkward, ungainly)得恰到好处：唐突、温柔、奇特古怪(off-kilter)、常常令人发噱。

\* off-kilter: 1. not completely straight or correctly balanced (= awry) 2. unusual in a strange or interesting way (= offbeat, zany)

- A. eloquent 能言善辩的
- B. austere 朴素的；严厉的；克制、苦行的
- C. somber 阴郁的；严肃的
- E. solemn 严肃庄重的

**9. C D**

【解析】新颖的音乐创作要被公众接受，常常要经历较长的时间：喜欢去听音乐会的公众长期鄙弃(spurn)新颖原创(novel, original)的音乐，而偏爱他们此前熟悉的。

- A. comprehensive 综合、全面的
- B. intricate 错综复杂的
- E. intelligible 易懂的
- F. complex 复杂的

**10. A B**

【解析】“希腊化时期”这一概念虽然有用，但不容易把握(slippery, elusive)，学者们对这段时期的起止时间仍有分歧。

- C. fruitless 无果、徒劳的
- D. deceptive 欺骗、误导的
- E. futile 无果、徒劳的
- F. compelling 令人信服的；引人入胜的

## Section 24

## 1. E

【解析】科学不是庞大单一(monolithic)的事业，正相反，科学是一堆五花八门的工具，帮助研究者们免受各自偏见的影响。

- A. opportunistic 投机、见风转舵的
- B. anomalous 异常的
- C. haphazard 杂乱、无计划的
- D. collective 集体的

## 2. C

【解析】这位导演最新的电影，呈现出克制庄重(austerity)，控制住了剧本中潜伏的戏剧化的夸张演绎。

\* austerity = seriousness, solemnity, gravity

- A. mawkishness 多愁善感 B. predictability 可预测
- D. ostentatiousness 卖弄招摇 E. emotiveness 感性

## 3. E

【解析】关于地松鼠的传播，此前少有发表的研究，而其中大多又只涉及很小的研究样本，因此大多数关于地松鼠传播的结论想必是猜想性质(conjectural)的。

- A. invaluable 非常宝贵的
- B. unexceptional 平淡无奇的 (= unremarkable, ordinary)
- C. inveterate 根深蒂固的 (= ingrained, entrenched)
- D. routine 日常、例行的

## 4. A D

【解析】纤维肌痛的症状广泛(wide-ranging)而且跟其他疾病的症状相似(mimic = imitate)，它的诊断主要依靠患者的描述而非验血或者活体检查。因此纤维肌痛的病因和治疗手段仍有不少争议。

- B. distinctive 独特的
- C. debilitating 使虚弱的 (debilitate = weaken, enfeeble, enervate)
- E. illuminate 照亮；阐明
- F. preclude 阻止、排除

## 5. B F H

【解析】许多童话故事叙述复杂，讲的其实就是美梦成真。它们教导读者，生活中面对诸多困苦的挣扎是难免的(unavoidable = inevitable)，生而为人的必经之路。如果有人不退缩(shy away)，坚韧地面对始料不及且不公正的困难，他将克服所有挫折，作为胜者存活下来(emerge victorious)。

- A. atypical 反常的 C. insurmountable 无法逾越、难以克服的
- D. preserve 保护、贮存
- E. improvise 即兴表演
- G. elicit adversities 引发困境
- I. evade achievements 回避成就

**6. CEI**

【解析】作者认为首饰钻石既昂贵(expensive)又没用(useless), 说明了两点: 要么它们的买主太有钱, 可以花费在没有实际功用(serve no practical purpose)的商品上; 要么他们的买主太想炫耀财富, 以至于宁可负债也要卖弄。

- A. flawless 完美无缺的 (= perfect, impeccable)
- B. fungible 可替代的
- D. durable 耐用、持久的
- F. irreplaceable 不可替代的
- G. may appreciate in value 可能增值
- H. reflect the buyers' connoisseurship 反映买家的品味、鉴赏力

**7. AF**

【解析】Ramachandran 认为, 对大脑的大胆猜想, 哪怕没有根据(unfounded, baseless), 也是完全可以接受的; Ramachandran 经常说, 科学因大胆的猜想而繁荣。

- B. premature 过早的; 草率、仓促的
- C. controversial 有争议的
- D. verifiable 可验证的
- E. testable 可验证的

**8. EF**

【解析】为了发展新的曲目, 音乐界正在考虑此前默默无闻(anonymous, obscure)的创作者。

- A. idle 空闲的; 懒散的
- B. thwarted 受挫的
- C. celebrated 著名的
- D. renowned 著名的

**9. AC**

【解析】这个音乐厅悬挂的天花板是两英尺厚的石膏板, 可以反射低频的声音。所有墙壁也都被设计成特定的角度和形状, 以使舞台上的声音传遍(diffuse, spread)整个观众区。

- B. amplify 放大、增强
- D. dampen 打湿; 抑制、减轻
- E. eclipse 使逊色、使相形见绌 (= outshine, overshadow)
- F. deaden 减轻、缓和

**10. CF**

【解析】尽管对此科学理论, 许多质疑者们炒冷饭, 重复利用(recycle, rehash)此前早就被证伪的批评, 仍有一些质疑者确实言之有理。

- A. overlook 忽视
- B. revise 修改
- D. utilize 利用
- E. neglect 忽视

## Section 25

## 1. A

【解析】Subway to the Sea 这条地铁线路，原来看上去理想主义、异想天开(quixotic)，现在看上去没那么不切实际(impracticable)了。

- B. prescient 先知的
- C. banal 平淡乏味的
- D. viable 可行的
- E. beneficial 有利的

## 2. B

【解析】狮子面部表情丰富，跟其他像牛或羊一类神情冷淡(impassive)的哺乳动物不同。

- A. tractable 容易控制、驾驭的
- C. solitary 孤单的；喜欢独处的
- D. social 社会的
- E. sluggish 迟缓的

## 3. B F

【解析】这个地区的资源经历了从最初富足(abundance)到后来贪婪耗竭(rapacious depletion)的过程，这个地区的经济慢慢从资源丰富变成了资源依赖。

- A. disappointment 失望沮丧
- C. conservation 保护
- D. growing interdependence 日益增强的相互依赖
- E. draconian regulation 严酷残忍的规定

## 4. C E

【解析】作者把图书出版行业描绘成守旧迂腐(hidebound)的，该行业正面临制造模式的重大变革(profound change)，但深受过去牵绊拖累(encumbered by)，以致无法把握(unable to seize)科技变革带来的机会。

- A. alienated from 与……疏远、格格不入
- B. emboldened by 为……所鼓舞
- D. eager to exploit 热切于利用
- F. forced to reconsider 被迫重新考虑

## 5. C D

【解析】Folmer 这本关于伊迪丝·华顿的书，看上去与晚近文学批评潮流格格不入。这本身倒算不上毛病，可是这书在标题和前言中都自称(purport)熟稔(be conversant with)该领域的当代论述，而实际上它分析华顿作品的时候，采取的是非常过时(old-fashioned)的方式。

- A. design 设计
- B. fail 未能
- E. timely 及时的
- F. arcane 深奥、晦涩的

## 6. CFI

【解析】如果把人看作遵守简单规则的“社会原子”，就会发现一些如遵守自然定律般规整的现象(lawlike regularities)，比如人群行进中队伍的形成。一开始杂乱无章(chaotic)的行进中，一个人为了避免碰撞，开始跟随另一个，然后行进的人流就开始出现了。随着越来越多人加入，整个队伍对外人的吸引力更强，这些队伍就变得可以自我维持(self-perpetuating)了。

- A. apparent contradictions 明显的矛盾
- B. unproductive tendencies 无果的趋势
- D. inflexible 僵化死板的
- E. straightforward 直截了当的
- G. self-defeating 事与愿违、适得其反的
- H. self-aggrandizing 自我吹捧

## 7. AC

【解析】达尔文进化论式的文化进化，是最被滥用(abused, misused)的几个概念：很多学者开始论述文化进化，但是少有真正小心处理其内在逻辑的。

- B. archaic 古旧过时的
- D. outdated 古旧过时的
- E. divisive 导致分裂的
- F. derivative 衍生的；无创意的

## 8. AC

【解析】艺术家命运公平这说法站不住脚(baseless, untenable)：同样价值和质量的作品，可能带来完全不同的回馈，甚至可能毫无回报。

- B. cliché 陈词滥调
- D. insulting 侮辱的
- E. condescending 居高临下的
- F. idealistic 理想主义、不切实际的

## 9. AC

【解析】试图利用(tap into)飞速增长的本地经济的投资者们，遇上了始料不及的问题，小到捉摸不定的管理方式，大到彻头彻尾的欺诈枉法(malfesance, fraudulence)。

- B. incompetence 不称职、不胜任
- D. capriciousness 变幻不定
- E. hysteria 歇斯底里、情绪狂暴
- F. impulsiveness 冲动鲁莽

## 10. BC

【解析】在被上司牵绊阻碍(stymie, hinder)多年之后，Clark 终于有了晋升的希望。

- A. vilify 诽谤、诋毁、中伤 (= malign)
- D. aggrieve 折磨、使痛苦 (= distress)
- E. circumvent 回避 (= sidestep, dodge)
- F. overlook 忽视

## Section 26

## 1. D

【解析】专栏作家指出女州长支持新的医保政策，其动机是自利(self-serving)的，所以她对其立场所做理想主义的解释，无疑是虚假、不真诚(disingenuous)的。

- A. impractical 不切实际的
- B. derivative 衍生的；无创意的
- C. simplistic 过于简单的
- E. ineffectual 无能的；无效的

## 2. E

【解析】十九世纪的时候，地质学被中产阶级的英国人深深敬仰，以致成了学科的典范(paradigmatic)，其他学科都要以其为标准来衡量自己的严谨程度和想象力。

- A. accessible 易于获得的；易懂的
- B. derivative 衍生的；无创意的
- C. pragmatic 务实的
- D. empirical 实证的

## 3. B F

【解析】把日记和书信中的记叙当做史实的真实记录或者作者真实的内心流露，这种做法未免幼稚。在日记和书信中夸张或欺骗，几乎毫无(virtually nonexistent)惩罚(penalty)。日记和书信很少是作者客观公正思考(balanced reflection)的地方。

- A. motivation 动力、动机
- C. tendency 倾向
- D. premeditated manipulation 有预谋的操纵
- E. childish theatrics 孩子气的夸张行为

## 4. A D

【解析】在科学教育中，有必要区分两种错误，一种是理念上毫无建树(unproductive)的错误观念，另一种虽然失之准确，但是能激发(foster)更加深入的理解。前者单纯是谬误，而后者可以看做只是尚未完成、过于简单或者适用范围过于狭小。

- B. distinct 清晰明确的；截然不同的
- C. unproblematic 无问题的
- E. resemble 像、与……类似
- F. delay 延迟、耽搁

## 5. A E

【解析】任何关于美国实验音乐的叙述(account)，要是忽视(neglect)了黑人主导的比波普和自由爵士运动，那就成问题(problematic)了，因为这种音乐可以说是二战之后几十年内最具影响力的黑人实验音乐流派。

- B. exaggerate 夸张
- C. reinterpret 重新诠释
- D. underappreciate 低估
- F. self-serving 自利的

**6. ADI**

【解析】整整五十页脚注，其中不少呈现长篇的参考文献，显示出关于文学黑人艺术运动的切题资料，少有逃过(elude)Thompson 搜索的。不仅如此(moreover)，正文也显示作者对于这些资料的考察也是同样详尽(exhaustive)的。

- B. characterize 是……的特征
- C. motivate 激励、鼓动
- E. however 然而
- F. consequently 因此
- G. valuable 宝贵的
- H. timely 及时的

**7. AE**

【解析】几十年前，关于动物道德的说法难免被人嘲笑(derision, ridicule)。然而，最近的研究表明，动物不仅有利他之举，还有同感、原谅、信任和互惠的能力。

- B. resentment 愤恨
- C. dismissal 解雇、开除；否定、轻视、不予考虑
- D. conviction 坚定的信念；判罪
- F. certainty 确信

**8. CE**

【解析】负责保护自然资源的机构太容易颁发许可批准对资源的利用了，这一过程朦胧模糊(obscure, opaque)，尤其鉴于这些机构在用科学语言包装他们决策方面已成专家。

- A. controversial 有争议的
- B. exacting (工作、任务) 艰巨、要求严格的
- D. onerous (工作、任务) 艰巨、繁重的
- F. misleading 误导的

**9. CE**

【解析】伽利略认为，数学推演并未排除(obviate, displace)实际观测的必要。虽然数学确实使得我们可以推断那些无法观测的特性，帮助我们更深入地了解自然的结构。

- A. address 处理(问题)
- B. acknowledge 承认
- D. diminish 缩减
- F. appreciate 感激；领会、理解；增加

**10. AB**

【解析】如果读者想看对私人股权公司的又一鞭挞(condemnation)，可就得另寻他书了：此书不是对此类公司的攻击斥责(rant, diatribe)。

- C. an exculpation of 为……脱罪
- D. a disquisition on 关于……的长篇报告
- E. a vindication of 证明……的清白
- F. an argument about 关于……的论辩



## Section 27

## 1. E

【解析】批评灾难片不真实可信(implausible)有点傻，因为人们去看灾难片，可不是去看现实的如实描绘。

- A. expensive 昂贵的
- B. harrowing 可怕的；使人难过的 (= distressing, upsetting)
- \* 注意 harrow 与 hallow, hollow 等易混词的区分
- C. derivative 衍生的；无创意的
- D. convoluted 复杂的 (= complicated)

## 2. A

【解析】尽管许多先锋作家藐视(flout)对文学类型的传统区分，结合传记和小说的元素，散文和诗歌的元素，这种混合形式没能激起出版商的兴趣。

- B. presuppose 预先假定
- C. exploit 利用
- D. imitate 模仿
- E. illuminate 照亮；阐明

## 3. C F

【解析】尽管玉米产量丰富，地位重要，它的生物起源一直是个谜。它从不在野外生长，因此它的起源(ancestry 祖先，引申为前代、起源)不甚明确(obvious)。

- A. utility 功效 B. popularity 流行
- D. helpful 有用 E. important 重要

## 4. B D

【解析】如果报纸读者关注的不仅是准确度(accuracy)，而想要读跟他们观念一致的新闻，那么偏见(bias)就不再是新闻缺陷，而是故意养成的特性。在竞争激烈的新闻市场，制作商可以用倾向(slant)将它们的产品与他人区分开来，抵御价格竞争<sup>2</sup>。

- A. politics 政治
- C. expense 花费
- E. sensationalism (新闻报道的)耸人听闻、哗众取宠
- F. inconsistency 不一致

## 5. B D H

【解析】在 Charlotte Youge 的批评者看来，一大挥之不去的问题是她的作品的现实性和说教(didacticism)之间的关系。尽管读者欣赏其复杂的心理描绘和对日常家庭生活的细致描述，他们还是批评她操纵离奇的情节以达到说教的目的。确实，许多批评家对她不屑一提(dismiss)，因为她宁可牺牲故事的可信度。

- A. pessimism 悲观论调 C. eclecticism 兼收并蓄
- E. applaud 赞许 F. underestimate 低估
- G. squander suspense 播撒(广为制造)悬念
- I. deflate pretension 打击装模作样

<sup>2</sup>这题出得不够严谨，最后引入了 *stave off price competition*，导致第一空容易误选 C。经查证，原文为 *accuracy*，权威答案。另外主观偏见与客观事实是 GRE 常见的一组矛盾话题，这里的价格因素只是一笔带过。原文链接如下：  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/05/19/business/media/another-view-of-news-bias-as-selling-point.html>

**6. A E G**

【解析】1960年代的社会福利项目之后，“政府有义务为无家可归的民众提供良好住宿”这一观念在美国逐渐被取代(supplant)了，人们转而认为为每个人提供合适的住所，应是私人的慈善之举(an act of private charity)，即不应由政府出手包揽。因此今天在没有(absence)纳税人资助措施的情况下，我们只有志愿建房项目，用心虽好，可惜范围有限。

- B. promulgate 传播
- C. corroborate 证实
- D. a shared civic responsibility 公民共同的责任
- F. a profit-oriented enterprise 一项逐利的事业
- H. in the name of 以……的名义
- I. in the mold of 按……的类型/风格

**7. B C**

【解析】尽管两派立法者都多次公开表示(proclaim, profess)要和解，至今仍未达成可接受的妥协方案。

- A. discuss 商讨
  - D. reject 拒绝
  - E. disown 与……断绝关系、划清界限
  - F. betray 显露
- \* betray 做“显露”意思时，多为被动、无意的，而且显露的通常是不愿示人的东西。

**8. B E**

【解析】Veronica 还没念艺术学校的时候，就已经觉得标准的设计类型过于局限(limiting, confining)。她不理解为什么设计建筑和设计桌子，需要不同的艺术感受能力。

- A. provocative 煽动、挑衅的
- C. stimulating 趣味盎然的；使人兴奋的
- D. confusing 令人困惑的
- F. exhilarating 令人激动的

**9. A C**

【解析】作者从多个角度来看待这个问题，使用了许多例证来支持他的观点，在处理这个非常敏感、有争议(contentious, controversial)的话题时避免引起敌对(antagonizing)。

- B. pedestrian 平淡乏味的
- D. perplexing 令人困惑的
- E. mundane 平淡乏味的
- F. intriguing 有趣、迷人的

**10. C E**

【解析】称 Kermode 为其时代最优秀的评论家，不过是微小(paltry, meager)的赞誉罢了：当时并无多少人专业从事文学批评，因此取得这头衔也不是什么难事。

- A. sincere 真诚的
- B. backhanded 拐弯抹角、有言外之意的
- D. heartfelt 真诚的
- F. plausible 可信的

## Section 28

## 1. C

【解析】这学生出了名的倔强(obduracy)，而老师却发现她正相反，实际很好说话，易于管教(tractable)。

- A. zealous 狂热的
- B. astute 机敏的
- D. efficient 高效的
- E. amusing 好笑的

## 2. D

【解析】本书里的地图不是想做权威的向导，而是想激起(provocation)读者思考：它们使读者可以重新思考这座城市。

- A. adornment 装饰
- B. reference 参考
- C. truism 老生常谈
- E. valediction 告别辞

## 3. C E

【解析】环保管控常受两方面的阻力：科学上的不确定性和经济上的敌意。这两者紧密联系，出于经济目的的反对常常利用(exploit)科学上的不确定性，来弱化环保管控的合理性(downplay the legitimacy)。

- A. resolve 下决心；解决（问题）
- B. gainsay 否认、反对
- D. exaggerate the efficacy 夸大……的功效
- F. question the fallibility 质疑……的不可靠（即认为……可靠）

## 4. B D

【解析】把她的学术作品看作晦涩深奥(arcane)，有失准确。尽管她有关词源的论述确实难懂(esoteric)，她从中取得的结论没什么令人费解(obscure)的地方。

- A. derivative 衍生的；无创意的
- C. careless 粗心的；无忧无虑的
- E. controversial 有争议的
- F. innovative 创新的

## 5. B E

【解析】此书算不上详尽全面，但很有挑拨(provocative)、激发的作用：它只是提示、而非终结讨论(settle)。

- A. definitive 最终确定的、最权威可靠的
- C. timely 及时的
- D. stipulate 规定、指明 (= specify)
- F. disseminate 散布、传播

## 6. CDG

【解析】随着十九世纪晚期科学的史学写作兴起，好几位作家尝试忽略对乔治·华盛顿大加溢美的传说，想挖掘出其背后真实的人物。但是他们写的传记仍然多有褒奖(laudatory)，华盛顿仍然久居神坛。到1920年代，华盛顿成为一个被神化(deified)、拔高的角色，以至于难免有人要走另一个极端，尝试戳穿(debunk)这些传说。

- A. ponderous 笨拙迟缓的；严肃呆板的
- B. empirical 实证的
- E. ignored 被忽视的
- F. misunderstood 被误解的
- H. aggrandize 夸大、吹捧（声名、地位、影响力等）
- I. reproduce 复制

## 7. AB

【解析】尽管最初的和解未能奏效，它起码显示僵局是可以打破的，此前决意不愿和解退让(implacable, unyielding)的政党是愿意谈判协商的。

- C. impeccable 完美无瑕、无可指摘的
- D. flawless 完美无瑕、无可指摘的
- E. unqualified 不合格的；完全的、无所保留的
- F. capricious 变幻无常的

## 8. AC

【解析】这家公司如此老式、反对创新，看上去完全是老式过时(antediluvian, archaic)的。

- B. flighty 反复无常的
- D. chauvinistic 沙文主义（本国至上）的；大男子主义（本性别至上）的
- E. capricious 变幻无常的
- F. patronizing 自命不凡、屈尊俯就的

## 9. DF

【解析】通产宇宙被描述为学术的最后边缘，我们人类最后一块知之甚少的领域。然而海洋也是这样一块广阔的领域，我们对其了解十分粗浅(rudimentary, sketchy)。

- A. erroneous 错误的
- B. confusing 令人困惑的
- C. frustrating 令人沮丧、懊恼的
- E. delusive 虚假、不真实的 (= deceptive)

## 10. BC

【解析】此书对风景的描绘十分现实，对形象的刻画也很精准，与此截然相反的是其哲学层面一贯的抽象(abstraction)笼统(generality)。

- A. naturalism 自然主义
- D. impartiality 公正无私
- E. sincerity 坦白真诚
- F. objectivity 客观公正

## Section 29

## 1. C

【解析】拉布拉多鸭是最神秘(enigmatic)的灭绝鸟类之一，尽管有不少的标本，没多少提供可靠的数据，人们对该物种的繁育模式知之甚少。

- A. anomalous 异常的 B. controversial 有争议的  
D. misrepresented 被歪曲的 E. cherished 被珍视、爱护的

## 2. B

【解析】跟她的文学偶像乔治·艾略特一样，Barbara Kingsolver 也是个古典的博学家(polymath)，对人类学习的方方面面都深感兴趣。

- A. prodigy 神童  
C. tyro 新手 (= novice)  
D. amateur 业余爱好者  
E. philistine 文化艺术修养低、庸俗的人

## 3. B F

【解析】人们经常通过饮水机边上的隐秘(surreptitious)交谈来抒发工作场合的郁闷。其实如果他们能对他们的问题不那么保密(clandestine)，进行更开放(open)的对话，他们的愤懑将得以更好解决。

- A. vexatious 令人恼火的  
C. opportunistic 投机、见风使舵的  
D. equitable 公正合理的 (= fair)  
E. sincere 真诚的

## 4. B F H

【解析】前沿医学研究者们对其研究可能功效(potential benefits)夸张(inflated)的说法，让公众怀疑他们的医生是否在配发奇迹般的神药。多股压力迫使科学家过分吹嘘(oversell)他们的研究。没有钱就谈不上科学，为了得到资助，科学家必须想办法说服他人，使他们相信自己的研究是有意义的。

- A. modest 谦虚的；不大的  
C. fastidious 严谨、讲究的  
D. serious constraints on 对……严格的限制  
E. overblown interpretations of 对……过分的诠释  
G. improvise 即兴发挥  
I. generalize 概括归纳

## 5. C E I

【解析】星系动物园为公众与科学家合作科研项目树立了楷模。狂热的志愿者们很快就大量星系分类完成，比计划足足提前了好几年，使活动发起者们都大吃一惊(astonish)。被志愿者们的欣然乐意(alacrity)所鼓舞(buoy)，星系动物园团队开始从事他们此前根本未曾想象过的研究。

- A. beguile 吸引；哄骗 B. forestall 预先阻止  
D. baffle 使困惑 F. embarrass 使尴尬难堪  
G. insouciance 无忧无虑  
H. stoicism 坚忍

**6. BEI**

【解析】尽管它们的场地偶尔富丽堂皇(*opulence*), 公司会议的风格是很清苦单调(*ascetic*)的, 每天要经历九小时的连续讲座和小组讨论, 中间只穿插着寒暄客套和一些勉强的笑话。会议中唯一缓解此般感官匮乏的, 便是演讲者们钟爱的精美幻灯片了。

- A. seclusion 隐居
- C. enormity (问题、罪恶的) 严重性
- D. sycophantic 阿谀奉承的
- F. mercenary 唯利是图的
- G. allusion to 对……的影射、暗指
- H. ramification of ……的后果

**7. AF**

【解析】有人认为, 按发现者命名科学发现, 或许会阻碍(*hamper, impede*)科学进展, 因为这样的命名法(*nomenclature*)与自然的科学原理无关, 让人看到名字不知所云。

- B. abet 唆使、煽动
- C. instigate 唆使、煽动
- D. obscure 使模糊、费解
- E. nullify 废止、抵消

**8. BE**

【解析】自然界中, 没有其他哺乳动物会代为抚育(*foster, adopt*)其他物种的个体: 獾不会照顾野兔, 鹿不会养护小松鼠, 狮子也不会抚育长颈鹿。

- A. protect 保护
- C. aid 援助
- D. cajole 哄骗
- F. coax 哄骗

**9. DE**

【解析】一直以来, 土壤里氮流失一直是农民们挥之不去(*stubborn, intractable*)的难题。氮是必要的养分, 很容易从土壤中被滤掉, 农民们苦于寻找重新补充氮的方法。

- A. capricious 变幻莫测的
- B. ubiquitous 无处不在的
- C. worrisome 令人担忧的
- F. unpredictable 变幻莫测的

**10. AE**

【解析】这城里空气一直恶臭难闻(*malodorous, noisome*): 根据风向不同, 你可能闻到二十所啤酒厂的酸臭气, 煤炭厂令人窒息的烟气, 或者附近河里传来的咸臭味。

- B. toxic 有毒的
- C. redolent (+ with) 散发出强烈……气味的; (+ of) 令人想起……的
- D. benign 良性的; 慈祥善良的
- F. anodyne 温和、不得罪人的

## Section 30

## 1. B

【解析】有种历史决定论认为，不同时期流行的观念无法比较(incommensurable)，因此只能在各自情境下理解。

- A. discriminatory 歧视、区别对待的
- C. anachronistic 时间错乱的；过时的
- D. cosmopolitan 世界性、全球性的
- E. objective 客观的

## 2. B

【解析】神经科学家们兴奋于绘制大脑图谱技术的进展，其中最乐观(sanguine)的人把这些进展与那些推动人类基因组计划这一伟大成就的进展相比。

- A. rigorous 细致缜密的；严酷严厉的
- C. punctilious 一丝不苟的
- D. unorthodox 非传统的
- E. sophisticated 先进、精巧的

## 3. A E

【解析】区分碾磨工具与其他挖掘出的石器这一任务变得更加困难复杂(complicated)，因为古人回收碾磨工具的残缺部件用于他用，模糊、掩盖(obscure)了其本来的作用。

- B. important to 对……重要
- C. independent from 独立于……、不受……影响
- D. complement 补足
- F. underscore 强调

## 4. B D

【解析】科学方法之巧，在于废弃(jettison)了亚里士多德的高见，他认为科学的目标应该是认识事物最终起因。我们现在知道，真正的科学丰富人类知识，不在意(ignore)最终的起因，而在于检验基于实证的假说。

- A. qualify 限定、修正；使合格
- C. affirm 证实、确认
- E. predict 预言
- F. confirm 证明、确认

## 5. A E G

【解析】简·奥斯汀小说中愚蠢与残忍的特定形式，无疑是主人公（也是奥斯汀本人）的社会背景所塑造的。当然，意识到自己的社会阶层使人往悲惨的方向发展，倒不一定是谴责(condemn)它，因为其它的社会阶层尽管不同，也未必好(salutary)到哪去。

- B. removed from 脱离……
- C. unrecognizable in 难以辨认
- D. expose 揭露
- F. rationalize 为……解释、辩解
- H. corrosive 腐蚀的；有害的
- I. realistic 现实的

**6. B D I**

【解析】美国开国元勋汉密尔顿确实自认为是美国的异乡人(stranger)，但是他的疏离感(alienation)不是源于其出生地(birthplace)，而是源于他与美式民主的矛盾，他认为美式民主是困扰全国的恶疾。

- A. symbol of ……的标志、象征
- C. citizen of ……的公民
- E. ambition 野心、抱负
- F. patriotism 爱国精神
- G. ideology 思想体系、意识形态
- H. profession 职业

**7. B E**

【解析】有专家预计，不列颠哥伦比亚的休闲鲑鱼渔业对该省经济的贡献，比商用鲑鱼渔业的贡献还要大。这个数据惊人，因为该省渔业在政治和商业上均有显著的重要意义(prominence, salience)。

- A. naiveté 幼稚、天真质朴
- C. supremacy 至高无上
- \* 此题易误选 C 虽然同样表示重要、地位高，supremacy 程度过深，且无“显著”含义
- D. ingenuousness 天真质朴
- F. resurgence 复兴

**8. C D**

【解析】比波普这一爵士音乐风格起源于纽约，尽管起初反响平平、评价好坏参半(confused, muddled)，在遥远的西海岸却激起共鸣。

- A. wary 谨慎、警惕的
- B. warm 热烈的
- E. convivial 欢快友好的
- F. hostile 敌对的

**9. A C**

【解析】1884年，Sewall 和 Dow 同意支持老罗斯福，其动机可能是出于经济利益(pecuniary, economic)：Sewall 后来回忆说，老罗斯福答应他们，他牧牛生意只要赚钱，就会给他们分成。

- B. straightforward 直截了当的
- D. selfless 无私的
- E. quixotic 理想主义、不切实际的
- F. altruistic 利他的、无私的

**10. C F**

【解析】测定海洋生物的群体局限因素不容易，通常需要多年的数据收集，才能观测(discern, detect)到有生物学意义的改变。

- A. effect 引起
- B. tolerate 容忍
- D. envisage 设想
- E. withstand 经受



## Section 31

## 1. A

【解析】常被谈论的人类社群与昆虫社群之间的相似对应，其实是肤浅(superficial)流于表面的。昆虫之间的合作多由亲缘关系所决定，而人类却常常与非亲属合作。

- B. obvious 明显的
- C. hackneyed 陈腐、老生常谈的
- D. contradictory 自相矛盾的
- E. uncanny 不可思议的

## 2. E

【解析】这位画家的问题跟江郎才尽的作家相似：如何能拿出同样水准的作品，跟得上(follow)之前广受赞誉的杰作(efforts: something produced by exertion or trying)。

- A. combine 结合
- B. illuminate 照亮、阐明
- C. realize 意识到；实现
- D. amend 修正、修订

## 3. B E

【解析】Shirky 认为，互联网去除(obviate)了等级制的结构和维持(perpetuate)这类结构的迟缓臃肿组织机构的必要：互联网使得人们可以各自廉价而高效地办事。

- A. delineate 详细的描述、标明
- C. redouble 加倍（努力）
- D. circumvent 回避
- F. undervalue 轻视、低估

## 4. B E

【解析】作者明显支持他所写的事业，但是他更倾向于做客观的描述者而非主观的支持者(advocate)。有人说他应该在书中多加一些对事件的分析(analysis of events)，但他很聪明，让事实说话。

- A. reporter 记者、报道者
- C. adversary 敌手、对手
- D. statistical data 数据资料
- F. detailed descriptions 细致的描绘

## 5. C E G

【解析】十二世纪后半叶以来的波斯散文作家，对他们作品的文学形式尤其执着(preoccupied with)。有些学者认为这减损了他们作品的内容。实际上，不妨将其看成作者观念觉醒的标志(an indication of)，因为作者观念要经由对作品形式的观念演化(evolve through)而来。

- A. ambivalent about 对……态度模糊不清
- B. indifferent to 对……无动于衷
- D. a retreat from 从……退缩
- F. a justification for 对……的辩解
- H. extend beyond 超出……
- I. hold back 阻挡、妨碍

**6. B D G**

【解析】尽管有些评论家认为，科学研究中的抽象与复杂是某研究方向错误的标志。Lisa Randal 反驳这种观点，认为抽象与复杂反映了人类智力的胜利，足以应付(meet)自然界日益困难(difficult)的挑战。当然，抽象与复杂确实使传播科学进展变得更困难(challenging)，即使对同行来说也是如此。

- A. create 创造
- C. eschew 回避
- E. conspicuous 显眼的
- F. pragmatic 务实的
- H. unproductive 无果的
- I. advantageous 有利的

**7. B C**

【解析】该国大大小小的州县，都有各自的警察队伍，妨碍(impede, hamper)了交流沟通，使得一致、有组织的执法变得困难。

- A. establish 建立
- D. launch 发起
- E. obscure 使模糊、费解
- F. prevent 阻止

**8. A E**

【解析】流利的口才通常被视作雄辩、带有攻击性的才能，实际上它也起保护作用：它假装(feigned, false)亲近，表面上表示亲密，实际上保持距离。

- B. secretive 隐秘、偷偷摸摸的 (= surreptitious, clandestine)
- C. dubious 可疑的
- D. subtle 微妙的；含蓄、隐晦的
- F. furtive 隐秘、偷偷摸摸的 (= surreptitious, clandestine)

**9. B D**

【解析】Tompkinson 此前对该大学的捐赠虽然已算慷慨，但未能预示(portend, predict)最近这次巨额的捐赠。(金额巨大，众人始料未及。)

- A. compensate for 弥补
- C. clarify 阐明
- E. offset 弥补、抵消
- F. undermine 削弱、减损

**10. C F**

【解析】工会强硬地声明了其立场：其领导声称他们正为保护就业岗位而奋斗，而贪婪(rapacious, avaricious)的公司正用临时工取代正式工，以此削减工资和福利的支出。

- A. precarious 不稳、危险的
- B. enterprising 有事业心、进取心的
- D. troubled 忧虑、烦恼的；坎坷的
- E. influential 有影响力的

## Section 32

## 1. E

【解析】这位艺术家的生涯非凡，部分是由于其过于短暂(abbreviated)：她在二十几岁的时候早逝，名下只有几幅作品。

- A. felicitous 恰当、贴切的
- B. prolific (作品)多产的
- C. enduring 持久的
- D. conventional 传统、常规的

## 2. B

【解析】莫卧儿王朝内印度出产的画作，既纪实(documentary)，又有装饰性。一方面跟报纸上的新闻摄影相似，另一方面又如珠宝般精心雕琢。

- A. metaphorical 隐喻的
- C. aesthetic 审美的
- D. sectarian (宗教)教派的
- E. baroque 巴洛克风格(气势雄伟、装饰华丽)的

## 3. A E

【解析】数字网络的一大讽刺在于，它本应超越地域界限，没想到制造了更多的狭隘思想(provincialism)。人们交流互动更少依赖(less contingent on)地理方位，于是就(可以自由选择互动的对象而)更少与非同类人打交道。

- B. diversity 差异、多样
- C. materialism 物质主义
- D. more determined by 更取决于……
- F. less insensitive to 对……更敏感

## 4. B D

【解析】关于亚历山大大帝个性的争议，源于相关资料匮乏(inadequate)，所有目击者的记叙全都遗失了。剩下的史料，最好的也只是二手、间接的(secondhand)，最差的就完全不可靠了。

- A. outdated 过时的
- C. abstruse 深奥难懂的(= obscure, esoteric, arcane)
- E. repetitious 重复的
- F. deceptive 误导、欺骗的

## 5. A F I

【解析】引力波很微弱，所以观测起来很困难。要使得引力波足够大到可以观测(detectable)，必须要有最剧烈(violent)的宇宙活动才行：比如说超新星爆炸、黑洞形成、星体碰撞等。尽管如此，它们的影响还是非常微小(minuscule)的。

- B. usable 可利用的
- C. explicable 可以解释说明的
- D. obvious 明显的
- E. subtle 微妙的；委婉、含蓄的
- G. masked 被掩盖的
- H. disastrous 灾难性的

**6. A D G**

【解析】文化潜移默化。它对人们观念的塑造，是在有意识的认知和控制之外运行的(operate outside of)。换句话说，文化取向不需要主动(active)参与即可形成。文化对心理的深入影响，个体都无从汇报(report)。

- B. tend to facilitate 易于促进
- C. may not alter 可能不改变
- E. random 随机的
- F. rote 反反复复机械式的
- H. maintain 维持
- I. condone 宽恕

**7. C E**

【解析】关于气候科学进展的写作通常成问题，因为这个主题太复杂(complicated, knotty)了：气候科学研究的是不断变化、相互关联、偶尔还自相矛盾的模式。

- A. disheartening 令人气馁的
- B. pedestrian 平淡乏味的
- D. depressing 令人沮丧的
- F. mundane 平淡乏味的

**8. B E**

【解析】与近来分析指出土壤损失严重的分析不同，一份研究了 1930 年代以来数据的新调查表明土壤侵蚀率正稳步下降(wane, decline)。

- A. intensify 加强
- C. accelerate 加快
- D. worsen 恶化
- F. deteriorate 恶化

**9. A F**

【解析】这位表演家在他的戏剧中可能言辞激烈、挑拨煽动(inflammatory, provocative)，实际上是个大度的人，即使在最狂躁的时候也显出内心的温柔。

- B. pedestrian 平淡乏味的
- C. gloomy 阴森幽暗的；阴郁、令人沮丧的
- D. uninspired (形容作品) 平凡乏味、无创意的
- E. puerile 幼稚愚蠢、孩子气的

**10. B F**

【解析】*Observations on Modernity* 这本文集富有启迪，但它是由难懂的德语原文经难懂的英语翻译而来，可能会让多数读者觉得晦涩难懂(inaccessible, opaque)。

- A. vapid 平淡乏味的
- C. sagacious 聪慧睿智、精明练达的
- D. banal 陈腐、平淡乏味的
- E. distressing 令人痛苦的

## Section 33

## 1. D

【解析】该省一直哭穷，其实它的经济远超其他地区，甚至快要比该国其他地区全加起来还要好了。

- A. parallel 与……相似、类同
- B. bolster 加强
- C. corroborate 证实
- E. engage 吸引；(+ in) 参与

## 2. E

【解析】关于即将到来的水源短缺的讨论，多危言耸听、带有末世论(apocalyptic)的腔调。不过就算这类言论口吻夸张(overblown)，它的基本要义还是合理的：水资源确实稀少，而且日益短缺。

- A. abstract 抽象的
- B. complacent 自得、自满的
- C. ambiguous 模棱两可的
- D. unfamiliar 陌生的

## 3. C F

【解析】人体体内有个时钟的说法不是隐喻(metaphor)。或者这样说吧，它的确是个抽象的比喻说法：你的小脑内确实没有小钟表。但同时，它指的又是真实存在的生物特征(real biological feature)：一组专门调控周期过程的细胞。

- A. euphemism 委婉说法
- B. cliché 陈词滥调
- D. elusive psychological phenomenon 难以解释的心理学现象
- E. standard literary trope 标准的文学比喻

## 4. A D

【解析】有些政治家们承认首相为了连任而做的一些事情不道德(unethical)、不光彩，但他们又觉得若要在政府内继续改革，少量的花招、诡计(skullduggery)是合理的。

- B. impractical 不切实际的
- C. quixotic 异想天开、不切实际的
- E. indolence 懒惰
- F. incivility 粗鲁无礼

## 5. B D H

【解析】该报的许多读者对该长官的贪污指控难以置信(credit)，他们还深受其正直(probity)名声的影响(sway)。因此之后该长官被证明是清白的，他们也毫不惊讶。

- A. ignore 忽视
- C. dismiss 摒弃、否定、拒绝考虑
- E. unaware of 未察觉
- F. learning about 了解、获知
- G. grouchiness 脾气坏、好抱怨
- I. creativity 创意、创造力

**6. ADI**

【解析】十八世纪出现重大科学理念革新，人们开始意识到缓慢而不可阻挡的地质演变过程，其实遵循着物理和化学的基本定律。事后看来这很明显(obvious)，但是该理念意味着遥远过去的地质演变一定也遵循(follow)同样的自然定律，这对十八和十九世纪的地质学家们来说，无疑是革命性(revolutionary)的。

- B. significant 重大的
- C. controversial 有争议的
- E. precede 先于
- F. entail 牵涉、须要 (= require)
- G. evident to 在……看来明显
- H. overlooked by 被……忽视

**7. AE**

【解析】个人、政府与公司在自设障碍(hamstring, impair)方面都很有能耐，他们根据现在的情况设定计划，哪怕情况有变依旧盲目地遵循之前的计划。

- B. reinvent 重塑、改头换面
- C. promote 促进、推动
- D. revitalize 振兴、使恢复活力 (= revive)
- F. invigorate 振兴、使恢复活力 (= revitalize, rejuvenate)

**8. BD**

【解析】创意不再被视作吟诗作画的片刻(momentary, evanescent)灵光闪现，现在人们认为创意是贯穿人的一生的。

- A. mundane 单调乏味的
- C. illusory 虚幻的
- E. metaphoric 隐喻（象征）性的
- F. prosaic 平庸乏味的

**9. AB**

【解析】这位天文学家证实她观测到的微尘只占总质量的百分之二，以此说明微尘视觉上引人注目，掩盖了它其实轻微(belie, mask)的质量。

- C. highlight 突出、强调
- D. nullify 抵消、废止、使无效
- E. disprove 反驳、证伪
- F. accentuate 突出、强调

**10. EF**

【解析】出于生产粮食或者控制洪涝这样特定目的对生态系统进行的改造，通常会引发(yield, engender)始料未及的重大后果。

- A. predict 预测
- B. delay 推迟
- C. foretell 预言
- D. obscure 掩盖；使费解

## Section 34

## 1. E

【解析】科学界常年抱怨预算不足，这种说辞越来越显得虚伪(disingenuous)了：政府对科学和工程研究的资助力度空前。

- A. vital 至关重要、必不可少的
- B. hopeless 无望的
- C. poignant 悲惨、酸楚的
- D. condescending 居高临下、屈尊俯就的

## 2. E

【解析】尽管该区域久有成分单一、同质(homogeneity)的名声，实际上它在建筑和人口组成方面已变得越来越多样。

- A. boisterousness 喧闹
- B. unpretentiousness 朴实无华、不事张扬
- C. idiosyncrasy 习性、癖好
- D. accessibility 易于获得/理解/相处

## 3. B F

【解析】网上蜿蜒曲折的音乐之路也许累人(taxing)。在网络上听歌通常引发焦虑：刚点开一首歌播放，心里却马上想还有什么歌可以听。放一张老式碟片任其播放到底，倒能使心境归于安宁(sanity)。

- A. liberating 令人解放的
- C. educational 有教育意义的
- D. choice 选择
- E. boredom 无聊、厌倦

## 4. B D

【解析】许多学者指出美国最高法院判决时经常顺从(hew to = conform/adhere to)民意，是担心如果不这么做的話会失去公众支持(lose public support)。当它真的背离大众旨意的时候，会掀起政界轩然大波。

- A. comment on 评论
- C. override 否决、推翻；凌驾
- E. mitigate public anger 缓解众怒
- F. create public indifference 使公众陷于冷漠

## 5. A E H

【解析】Trudeau 和 Shephard 回顾了多项调查之后指出，每天从课程教学中抽一个小时出来体育锻炼(physical activity)，并不会损害(detract from)学业。他们发现锻炼尽管从阅读、写作以及算数等训练中挪走了时间，反倒会增进(augment)学业发挥。

- B. leisure time 空闲时间
- C. open study 开放学习
- D. contribute to 有助于
- F. correlate with 与……相关
- G. diminish 减损
- I. counteract 抵消

**6. BFH**

【解析】Anna Gavalda 的小说之所以吸引人，主要是因为她的独特(distinctive)的文风。她的小说多对话少修饰，短小的片段紧密连接，总体上朴实无华，直截了当。这样的风格更适合短篇小说而非长篇小说。因此她的长篇小说（诸如 *Someone I Loved*）想维持(sustain)这番文风，读者反响平平，而她的小说集 *I Wish Someone Were Waiting for Me Somewhere* 更令读者激赏(impresses considerably more than)。

- A. annoying 讨厌的
- C. convoluted 错综复杂的
- D. is thought to precede 被认为先于……
- E. fails in comparison with 与……相比逊色
- G. undermine 减损、削弱
- I. reject 拒斥

**7. DE**

【解析】我们目前分析的数据太少(meager, paltry)，因此要草率得出一个确切结论是危险的。

- A. copious 充裕丰富的
- B. overwhelming 巨大、压倒性的
- C. abundant 充裕丰富的
- F. uncertain 不确定的

**8. AB**

【解析】电影公司为了影片卖座，青睐幻想题材巨制，因此对日常生活的展现就留给(left to, ceded to)电视和文学之类的其他媒体完成。

- C. ascribed to 归（疚）于
- D. attributed to 归（疚）于
- E. substituted for 替代……
- F. replaced with 被……替代

\* 介词很重要，务必注意区分。substitute A with B 和 substitute A for B 意思完全相反，前者同 replace，即用 B 替代 A，而后者是用 A 替代 B。

**9. BD**

【解析】身为间谍已经够危险了，双面间谍更是异常危险(precarious, perilous)：双面间谍哪怕犯一个小小的差错(slip)，都会粉身碎骨。

- A. arduous 艰难的
- C. clandestine 秘密的 (= furtive, surreptitious, stealthy)
- E. covert 秘密的
- F. exhilarating 令人激动的

**10. BC**

【解析】自然衰老杀死神经、弱化肌肉，但是规律锻炼可以增强肌肉纤维，抵抗(stave off, forestall)衰退。

- A. speed up 加速
- D. facilitate 促进
- E. assist 辅助
- F. exploit 利用



## Section 35

## 1. A

【解析】一次性读大量 Shapiro 诗作，会发现他写作杂乱无章(scattershot)：大量的诗篇草草掠过，难以拨动心弦，根本不值再读一遍。<sup>3</sup>

- B. esoteric 深奥难懂的 C. corrosive 腐蚀性、有害的  
D. finicky 挑剔、讲究的 E. indiscreet 不谨慎的

## 2. B

【解析】有些小说家毫不谦虚地吹捧自己的作品如何重要，但是其他小说家拒绝(decline)拔高小说家的地位，质疑这种把自己作品视作超凡卓越的做法。

- A. aver 断言、坚称 (= assert, declare)  
C. seek 寻求  
D. feign 假装  
E. avow 宣称、公开声明

## 3. A E

【解析】美国内战之前，费城的黑人媒体就鼓励读者接种天花疫苗。最早这项新闻运动是劝导性(hortatory)的，诉诸读者公义，后来随着战争爆发，天花开始在费城郊区出现之后，该运动就变得愈发迫切(urgent)了。

- B. ineffective 无效的  
C. widespread 普遍、广泛的  
D. controversial 有争议的  
F. inopportune 不合时宜的

## 4. C E

【解析】这位社会学家以同样的热情(fervor)对待所有呈现在他面前的问题，这样不加区分(indiscriminate)的态度，有好处也有缺点。

\* 前后两空对应：fervor = energy, attending with equal = indiscriminate

- A. skepticism 怀疑态度  
B. lethargy 无精打采  
D. hybrid 混合的  
F. conciliatory 和解调停的

## 5. C E

【解析】十九世纪悬疑小说的标志性特征是作者的改革宏图，他们宣称要揭露经济不公，展现城市生活肮脏龌龊的一面。实际上，这样的政治主张通常是虚假(disingenuous)的，只不过是给骇人听闻的惊悚小说披上旨意高尚(high-minded purpose)的外衣罢了。

- A. authentic 真实的  
B. complicated 复杂的  
D. escapist appeal 逃避现实的诱惑  
F. gripping suspense 扣人心弦的悬念

<sup>3</sup> 此题网上流行版本 A 选项为 jejune，单调、枯燥乏味的。在这里似乎说不通，经查，Shapiro 的诗歌文法欠佳，但是热情(gusto)洋溢，想必不致乏味。原文地址如下：<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/03/12/books/review/city-boy.html>

**6. CDG**

【解析】因纽特人的版画比他们的雕刻艺术更不同寻常(anomalous), 因为版画并没有大量先例, 尽管它与骨头或鹿角上的雕刻、面部文身、以及衣物上的镶嵌都各有类似(affinities with)。此外, 各类雕刻用料都是当地现有的(available locally), 而纸和绘画工具在外人引入前不为人知。

- A. traditional 传统的
- B. prestigious 享有盛名、威望的
- E. objections to 反对……
- F. regulations about 管理……
- H. rarely used 鲜被使用
- I. virtually interchangeable 几乎等价、可以互换

**7. AC**

【解析】科学家们应该希望他们理论中的错误被同行发现(discern, discover), 因为他们错误的假说被推翻之后才能卸下束缚, 开始构思更好的假说。

- B. disregarded by 被……忽视
- D. ignored by 被……忽视
- E. opaque to 令……难懂
- F. inspiring to 启发、激励……

**8. AF**

【解析】尽管 Edmund 风度翩翩(dignified bearing), 给人的第一印象很好, 熟悉他的人很快发现他其实好斗、爱争执(pugnacious, truculent)。

- B. deliberate 故意的; 沉着、从容的
- C. punctilious 一丝不苟的
- D. courteous 礼貌谦恭的
- E. complacent 自得意满的

**9. DF**

【解析】根据化石记载, 机体内的循环系统产生年代间隔甚远, 产生环境也大不相同, 它们各异的性状可以佐证其来源多端(heterogeneity, diversity)。

- A. mysteriousness 神秘难懂
- B. randomness 随意
- C. ambiguity 模棱两可
- E. indeterminacy 难以确定

**10. CF**

【解析】新生代罗马女性政治活动家与她们前辈不同, 前辈们在政治取向上更偏重国家而非女权, 而她们更捍卫(champion, defend)女性权利, 常建立专门处理女性议题的组织。

- A. expand 增大、扩展
- B. de-emphasize 淡化
- D. idealize 将……理想化
- E. downplay 轻看、淡化

## Section 36

## 1. B

【解析】Seiberg 和 Witten 没有名气是因为他们研究的东西过于深奥(esoteric): 四维空间的数学探索。

- A. pedestrian 平淡无奇的
- C. compelling 引人入胜的; 令人信服的
- D. global 全面、整体的
- E. univocal 意义单一、明确的

## 2. C

【解析】现代友谊已成了各类关系的典范(paradigmatic): 万事根据它来理解、以它为标准衡量。

- A. conciliatory 和解、调停的
- B. mercenary 唯利是图的
- D. contentious 有争议的
- E. supplementary 补充、附加的

## 3. B

【解析】这位作者援引的该时代高压威权政治(authoritarianism)的案例, 或被同时期异见(dissent)的案例所平衡、抵消。

- A. diversity 多样
- C. forbearance 宽容忍耐
- D. volatility 多变
- E. lucidity 清楚易懂

## 4. B D

【解析】尽管这位政治家任内作为令人钦佩(admirable), 这倒不是她三十年后得以树立高标的原因。三十年间一直有人对她口诛笔伐, 最后还能取得这样的成就尤其不俗(unusual)、难得。

- A. bewildering 令人困惑的
- C. unappreciated 无人赏识的
- E. regrettable 令人遗憾的
- F. persistent 持续的

## 5. B E G

【解析】许多年来, 美国人对渡船情有独钟。渡船据说可以舒缓我们因车流密布而紧张的神经, 一般人也认为渡船可以减轻(reduce)拥堵和空气污染。可惜, 此类错误(misguided)的想法近来吸引(captivate)了几位西海岸的市长, 他们迫不及待地要在各自城市内推广渡船服务。

- A. contribute to 有助于
- C. cover up 掩饰、隐瞒
- D. provocative 煽动、挑衅的
- F. cynical 愤世嫉俗的
- H. confuse 迷惑
- I. outrage 激怒

## 6. C E H

【解析】对柏拉图而言，音乐艺术与政治如此紧密相连(**firmly anchored in**)，对音乐体系的任何改动都意味着政治格局的变迁。两千五百多年后，古典音乐沦为生活中微小的附属品，柏拉图的观点显得荒谬离奇(**absurd**)了。诚然，还有人觉得古典音乐具有深厚(**profound**)文化意义，但是他们中少有令人信服的论证。

- A. rarely identified with 罕被认为与……等同、关系紧密
- B. tenuously connected to 与……联系微弱
- D. apt 恰当的
- F. disingenuous 虚假不实的
- G. marginal 边缘的；微不足道的
- I. uncertain 不确定的

## 7. A B

【解析】本书不是所有植物都罗列了起源、分布和生活环境，如果能对每种植物都做上述说明，读者将更清楚地理解本地(**endemic, native**)与外来物种的差异。

- C. seasonal 季节性的
- D. rare 罕见的
- E. usual 平常的
- F. dominant 首要的

## 8. B E

【解析】尽管 1970 年代中期，核能似乎蓄势待发，准备在能源界大展手脚，其实它的光鲜的声名已经开始衰退(**wane, ebb**)了。

\* **ebb and flow, wax and wane** 潮涨潮落、月圆月缺均属常见搭配

- A. evaluation 评估
- C. defense 防卫；辩护
- D. undermining 减损
- F. vindication 证明清白

## 9. B E

【解析】*Shifting Fortunes* 一书对美国工会历史采取了传统的研究方法，只简单地揭示了十九二十世纪工会消长的原因，它不管从历时上还是主题上都很有局限(**confined, circumscribed**)。

- A. complicated 复杂的
- C. multifarious 各式各样的
- D. onerous 艰巨累人的 (from *onus, oner-* ‘**burden.**’ *exonerate*: 宣布无罪、免除责任)
- F. taxing 艰巨累人的

## 10. B F

【解析】土星最大的卫星泰坦尽管昏暗低温，由未知的材料组成，看上去倒很熟悉、易于辨识(**familiar, recognizable**)。

- A. habitable 适合居住的
- C. forbidding 令人生畏的
- D. placid 平静温和的
- E. daunting 令人生畏的

## Section 37

## 1. E

【解析】科学家们认为梯形化合物不仅有其自身内在(intrinsic)的理论价值，还有重大的应用价值。

- A. limited 有限的
- B. dubious 可疑的
- C. superfluous 多余的
- D. unidimensional 片面、肤浅的

## 2. E

【解析】该实验室的物理架构尽管适应它建造之初的研究，难以变通(plastic)，因此要进行新的试验项目，就得彻头彻尾地重新设计。

- A. compromised 减损、打折扣的
- B. imprecise 不精确的
- C. convoluted 错综复杂的
- D. ubiquitous 无处不在的

## 3. B F

【解析】尽管大量证据表明农业生物技术产品对于环境来说是合理可靠(sound)的。还是有很多人觉得它们本质上难免(intrinsically)令人不安。

- A. destructive 破坏性的
- C. intriguing 有趣的
- D. retroactively 事后追溯地
- E. innocuously 无害地

## 4. C E

【解析】全球石油需求曾一度上涨但又回落，因为中国剧增的能源消费减缓(slow)了。此外，过高的石油价格自身也短期(drag on)拖累了全球经济，因此进一步抑制需求。

- A. spread 散布
- B. commence 开始
- D. spur to 对……的刺激
- F. panacea for 对……（问题）的万能药

## 5. A D

【解析】这位州长尽管承认其机场扩建计划最近泡汤，对此次失败还是轻描淡写(minimize)，声称其他的经济发展提议更加脆弱不定(tenuous)。

- B. tout
- C. acknowledge
- E. complicated 复杂的
- F. important 重要的

**6. CDG**

【解析】人可以四十多个小时不睡却仍能回报、吐露(disgorge)出这段时间开始时所获取的信息。因此当我们谈睡眠对记忆巩固的作用时,我们指的是对信息的长期(longer-term)编码储存和回忆优化,并不是说必须(requirement)要睡一觉才能想起前一天发生的事。

- A. legitimize 合法化、美化
- B. augment 加强
- E. acute 敏锐的;急性的
- F. qualitative 定性的
- H. surplus 剩余
- I. facet 方面

**7. BD**

【解析】无纸化图书馆这一巨大变革,不仅声势浩大已无法逆转(avert, forestall),其实也为那些反对它的人提供了许多便利。

- A. understand 理解
- C. foresee 预料、预见
- E. endure 经受;持续
- F. anticipate 预料;先于 (= precede)

**8. DE**

【解析】尽管男性仍然占据天文学教授的主流,该领域与日俱增的年轻女教授预示(presage, portend)着今后的性别比例将会发生变化。

- A. require 需要
- B. alleviate 减轻、缓和
- C. block 妨碍
- F. hinder 妨碍

**9. BD**

【解析】身为评论家,Nelson 以其低调谦虚(humility, modesty)著称:她并不直接下定论,而是愿意在众人面前思考、讨论。

- A. generosity 慷慨
- C. integrity 诚实正直
- E. eloquence 言辞流利
- F. rhetoric 花言巧语

**10. EF**

【解析】这些科学家们发现一个明显的矛盾:他们惊讶于一个数学公式竟可以解释如此多样各异(heterogeneous, dissimilar)的物理现象。

- A. rudimentary 基本、初步原始的
- B. interdependent 相互依赖的
- C. interrelated 相互关联、影响的
- D. complex 复杂的

## Section 38

## 1. A

【解析】这群学生们复杂多变(volatile)的性情与他们老师的从容镇定大相径庭。

- B. duplicitous 欺诈的 (= deceitful)
- C. apathetic 冷漠、无动于衷的
- D. cunning 狡猾诡诈的
- E. blithe 无忧无虑、漫不经心的

## 2. C

【解析】人们以为戏剧导演都是威严独断的，所以当 they 发现 Clark 这么主张平等(egalitarian)时十分惊讶。

- A. histrionic 装腔作势的
- B. megalomaniacal 权力熏心的
- D. indolent 懒惰的
- E. charismatic 魅力超凡的

## 3. C D

【解析】尽管这位政治教授的论文对政府的问题持悲观(pessimistic)看法，认为它们正逐渐恶化，对政府的展望(prognosis)倒相反，颇为吉利(auspicious)。

- A. straightforward 直截了当的
- B. circuitous 迂回曲折的
- E. comprehensive 综合全面的
- F. spontaneous 自发的

## 4. B D

【解析】学者们认为可可起源于亚马逊低地，它是如何被引入中美洲的至今还是个谜。一定是个缓慢(protracted)艰难的过程，可可树不容易发芽，需要很多年才能壮大，只生长于潮湿的低地森林。此外，热带气候下可可荚果很快就腐烂了，因此不太可能(unlikely)被人一次性从亚马逊低地运输到热带中美洲。

- A. clandestine 秘密的
- C. spontaneous 自发的
- E. redundant 冗余的
- F. expeditious 迅速而有效的

## 5. C D H

【解析】青春期，同辈间(peer)的交流互动对自我身份的形成很关键。诚然，这一过程经常引发拉帮结派的社交行为(cliquish social behavior)。但只要保持在合理的范围内，这种集体内的团聚(clustering)会发展出更成熟的友谊。

- A. adult 成人的
- B. wide-ranging 广泛的
- E. dramatic changes in personality 性格巨变
- F. heightened sociability 更近人情
- G. alienation 疏离
- I. competition 竞争

### 6. A E I

【解析】许多当代绘画呆板无趣(*inert*)，或许是因为摄影被用作绘画捷径。摄影大大充实了(*wonderfully enrich*)现代艺术，但当它被用作描摹的工具以此来回避(*circumvent*)绘画比例失衡这一困难时，产生的画作通常都如死水一滩了无生气。

- B. *jubilant* 喜气洋洋的
- C. *sensuous* 愉悦感官的；性感的
- D. *frequently enervate* 频繁弱化 \* 注意 *enervate* 跟 *energize* 区分
- F. *inevitably circumscribe* 难免限制
- G. *augment* 加强
- H. *foreground* 强调、突出

### 7. A E

【解析】在诸多模棱两可的评论中出现，这番明确的观点不论其内在价值如何，都引起异类(*anomalous, unusual*)脱颖而出。

- B. *arcane* 晦涩难懂的
- C. *irrelevant* 无关的；微不足道的
- D. *superfluous* 多余的
- F. *esoteric* 深奥难懂的

### 8. B F

【解析】尽管他的对手常把他描绘作狂烈的极端分子(*wild-eyed radical*)，选民们不会理睬这种斥责，因为这与他此前温和的政治经历不符(*does not conform to/square with*)。

- A. *defer to* 听从、遵从
- C. *accede to* 同意
- D. *argue with* 否认、不同意
- E. *meddle with* 干涉

### 9. D F

【解析】新药物迟缓拖拉(*sluggish, dilatory*)的审批过程使得有必要提倡更加迅速有效的决策(*more expeditious decision making*)。

- A. *pecuniary* 金钱的
- B. *commercial* 商业的
- C. *arbitrary* 任意的
- E. *capricious* 任意随性、反复无常的

### 10. B D

【解析】这位评论家认为，与小说家盛传的简朴平易(*simplicity, artlessness*)文风相反，其文字常做模糊费解的文字游戏。

- A. *scrupulousness* 仔细讲究、一丝不苟
- C. *mendacity* 虚假欺诈
- E. *polish* 优美精致
- F. *meticulousness* 仔细讲究、一丝不苟



## Section 39

## 1. C

【解析】由于许多非洲农民面临土地缺肥的麻烦，资助他们肥料似乎是无可指摘(unimpeachable)的。然而对数据仔细研究就会发现这样做有一些严重的问题。

- A. imprudent 不明智的
- B. expensive 昂贵的
- D. modern 现代的
- E. worrisome 令人担心的

## 2. A

【解析】许多当代的读者觉得古代作家的感情颇为平淡无聊(vapid)，在十七世纪的时候它们其实也同样被看作乏味无趣(jejune)。

- B. didactic 说教、好为人师的
- C. dogmatic 武断、教条的
- D. tendentious 带偏见、有倾向的
- E. arcane 晦涩难懂的

## 3. B D

【解析】争取本科生跻身理事会的学生把他们与管理层的谈判僵局看作是无可避免(inevitable)的：管理层认为学生不应该参与大学管理，学生们的争取明显会损害(undermine)这样的观念。

- A. fortunate 幸运的
- C. unprecedented 史无前例的
- E. fuel 刺激
- F. distort 歪曲

## 4. C E

【解析】学校小规模课改计划分化(divide)了当地教师们：有些人觉得这根本是敷衍了事(halfhearted)，也有些人认为课改任务过于复杂，这样做倒比较实际可行。

- A. surprise 使惊讶
- B. impress 打动
- D. genuine 真实的
- F. practical 切实可行的

## 5. A F

【解析】诚然，这份报告是粗略(sketchy)的，它只试图启发新的研究思路，并未打算彻底(thorough)地考察这一主题。

- B. exculpatory 开脱的
- C. flippant 轻浮的
- D. cavalier 漫不经心、满不在乎的
- E. deceptive 欺诈的

**6. BFG**

【解析】地球物理学家们争论二氧化碳长期以来在全球气候变化中发挥的作用，有些气候学家认为这样的争论无关宏旨(irrelevant)、不值一提。这些气候学家称表明二氧化碳与全球变暖之间联系的证据足以令人信服(compelling)，任何反对这点的长期证据肯定是哪里有问题(tainted)的。

- A. unavoidable 无法避免的
- C. undecidable 无法解决的
- D. unlikely 不太可能的
- E. controversial 有争议的
- H. accommodated 被迎合、迁就顺应的
- I. reinforced 被加强的

**7. BD**

【解析】尼日利亚政府为了遏制(check, stem = arrest, stop)过于依赖原油这单一出口商品的不良影响，于1999年出台法令，希望重振行将灭亡的固体矿产业。

- A. assume 假定；接手；呈现出
- C. disguise 假装
- E. downplay 弱化、轻描淡写
- F. shoulder 承担

**8. BE**

【解析】尽管这位作家的观点并没有困惑(confound, perplex)她眼力最好的读者，她的观点还是非常微妙，以至于被她同时代的多数评论家所误解。

- A. convince 说服
- C. entertain 娱乐；招待
- D. persuade 说服
- F. enlighten 启迪

**9. AD**

【解析】我同事举出该城政坛遍布腐败与阴谋(intrigue)的例子，贬低(slight, disparage)这份报纸众多(trove)的新闻奖项，说在这城市里发现大新闻肯定是轻而易举的。

- B. ignore 忽视
- C. laud 赞扬
- E. confound 困惑；驳倒、证明……有错
- F. commend 赞扬

**10. BD**

【解析】尽管确实(sound, unassailable)没人知道暗物质究竟是什么，科学家们反对另一种言过其实的说法，即暗物质未被探测到。

- A. contentious 有争议的
- C. questionable 可疑的
- E. unverifiable 无法验证的
- F. prominent 著名、杰出的

Section 40

1. D

【解析】艺术鉴赏没有确立不变(immutable)的标准：原先被人忽视甚至批评的作品现在在拍卖会上拍出高价，而原来被盛赞的作品现在却遭雪藏。

- A. subjective 主观的
- B. dubious 可疑的
- C. transitory 片刻、短暂的
- E. uncontroversial 无争议的

2. C

【解析】她经常因没有达到理想而责怪(excoriate)自己，觉得自己不够努力或者动机不够纯粹。

- A. exalt 拔高、夸赞
- B. coddle 娇惯、溺爱
- D. mollify 抚慰
- E. delude 哄骗

3. C E

【解析】她的作品中缺少(lack)自信，就算在反驳权威观点的时候，她也对他们过于尊崇(deferential)。

- A. inspire 激励
- B. exude 显露
- D. pugnacious 好斗、爱争执的
- F. condescending 居高临下、屈尊俯就的

4. A D

【解析】放贷和扶贫通常是最不光鲜的活，但是把两者放到一起就成了一大经济创新，不止流行(popular)，简直就是时髦(chic)。

- B. pointless 无意义的
- C. dangerous 危险的
- E. unfathomable 高深莫测、难以理解的
- F. sensible 明智的

5. B F

【解析】Voigt 觉得自己的诗作是严肃庄重(gravity = seriousness, solemnity)的，所以她要是读关于她最近诗集的评论，一定觉得沮丧(depressing)：有位被逗乐的评论家称它算不上诗歌，不过确实有趣(diverting = entertaining, amusing)得很。

- A. tempting 诱人的
- C. thrilling 令人激动、扣人心弦的
- D. inspiring 鼓舞人心的
- E. irritating 令人恼火的

## 6. C E H

【解析】这位历史学家对王朝衰亡的叙述是可疑(questionable)的, 因为尽管他的叙述(account = narrative)中并没有本质上难以置信(inherently implausible)的东西, 其中很大部分依赖于猜想(conjecture)而非事实。

- A. diffuse 分散的; 冗赘难懂的
- B. reasonable 合理的
- D. psychologically penetrating 深入人心
- F. fully documented 完整记载
- G. plagiarism 抄袭、剽窃
- I. pretense 假装、做作

## 7. D F

【解析】木星卫星卡利斯托最早的图像显示许多明亮的区域, 似乎古老黑暗的冰层滑落, 显露出底下光洁纯净(pristine, unblemished)的冰。

- A. ancient 古老的
- B. murky 浑浊的; 昏暗的
- C. compact 小巧的; 紧凑的
- E. grimy 满是尘垢的

## 8. E F

【解析】Mortoris 为人冷酷阴郁(lugubrious, gloomy), 似乎缺失笑的能力。

- A. mirthful 愉快的
- B. jovial 愉快的
- C. intelligent 聪明智慧的
- D. tepid 冷淡的

## 9. A E

【解析】这座城里的空气最好的时候格外清晰透明(limpid, pellucid), 这种澄清(clarity)的空气似乎也正提炼出此地独特之美。

- B. acute 敏锐的
- C. calm 宁静的
- D. sharp 敏锐的
- F. tranquil 宁静的

## 10. B C

【解析】本书整合了关于环保项目的许多珍贵报道, 但还不够多样: 几乎一半的作者来自同一个州, 因此其中许多案例都是地理上相互联系、影响(interdependent, interrelated)的。

- A. rudimentary 基本的、初级原始的
- D. complex 复杂的
- E. heterogeneous 混杂、不同的
- F. dissimilar 不同的

## Section 41

## 1. C

【解析】调控动力是所有管理任务中最难的。不管一个备忘录多么精制，指望它对员工工作态度产生巨大影响都是异想天开、不切实际(fanciful)的。

- A. ingenious 精妙的、别出心裁的
- B. reasonable 合理的
- D. scrupulous 细致、一丝不苟的；清白、正直的
- E. radical 激进的；完全、彻底的

## 2. C

【解析】这算不上表扬或批评，既不是赞誉也不是斥责(animadversion)，只是一句评论(observation)。

- A. exposition 阐述、解释
- B. elucidation 阐述、解释
- D. culmination 巅峰、高潮、长期努力之后的胜利或结晶
- E. divination 占卜、预言

## 3. B F

【解析】回忆录难免伤感(wistful)，但是 Larry McMurtry 这本关于他一生书缘——并非作为小说家而是作为读者和书店老板——的回忆录尤其告别(valedictory)之悲伤：几乎每一页都像是在跟日益消逝的读书时代告别(farewell)。

- A. unreliable 不可靠的
- C. self-serving 自利的
- D. whimsical 古怪离奇、异想天开的
- E. ungracious 不客气、无礼的

## 4. C E

【解析】尽管此书承诺要全盘重新思考导致这一冲突的因素，它所描绘的图景是熟悉(familiar)的：在指认起因的过程中，它采取的思路是正统(orthodox)而非颠覆、修正主义(revisionist)的。

- A. obscure 无名的；费解的
- B. detailed 细致的
- D. restrictive 限制、约束的
- F. enigmatic 费解的

## 5. B F

【解析】十九世纪德国，科学著作这一行业如此火爆，以至于出版商经常要担心新书目(title)供应(supply)不足。这种焦虑使得一些相对平庸、专门写科技专著为生的作家处于强势的谈判地位(strong bargaining positions)。

- A. price 价格
- C. embargo 禁令
- D. limited public relevance 有限的公众影响
- E. enviable scholarly credentials 令人羡慕的学术资历

**6. CDH**

【解析】多项研究均驱散(dispel)了有关纸杯的臆想，该臆想认为由于纸杯是自然材料制成，所以与塑料杯相比更环保，对环境更友好(friendly)。确实，这些研究表明生产和回收纸杯的代价(cost)不会小于(were similar to, if not more than)塑料杯的。

\* 此题每个空选项里都有反义词成对出现，因此可以有多条逻辑路径。关键在于第二空，根据 because they were made of natural products 这点推测出是 environmentally friendly。指因为使用自然材料而非化学合成材料，容易降解，对自然危害小。(并不是使用自然材料所以消耗自然资源而不环保。)

- A. corroborate 证实 B. exploit 利用  
E. hazardous 有害的 F. predictable 可预测的  
G. benefit 好处 I. opportunity 机会

**7. AB**

【解析】有些致命的细菌，平时一直保持无害(harmless, innocuous)，直到它们的潜伏(insidious)的毒害作用被激发。

- C. anomalous 异常的  
D. aberrant 异常的  
E. efficacious 有效的  
F. undetectable 难以察觉的

**8. CD**

【解析】作者向意识形态的障眼法开炮(take issue with 即挑战、提出异议)，因为后者扭曲了大量人口迁移的研究。作者特别斥责(castigate, chastise)现代化理论家和其他学者，因为工业化之前人口静止不动的历史只是他们未经证实的臆想。

- A. undermine 削弱、减损  
B. cite 援引  
E. endorse 赞同、支持  
F. commend 赞扬、推崇

**9. AD**

【解析】尽管电子邮件、互联网和移动设备中有大量(wealth, profusion)的医疗信息，并没有多少患者正利用电子通讯来满足与健康相关的需求。

- B. complexity 复杂；难题  
C. intricacy 错综复杂  
E. resurgence 复兴  
F. overload 过载、超负荷

**10. EF**

【解析】尽管雨季降水带来的常规洪水对作物的生长是至关重要、不可或缺(essential for, indispensable to)的，近来高强度的洪涝频发，对作物可没有这么好(welcome)的影响。

\* A 选项单独填进空格也合理，可惜没有与之对应的其他同义选项，因此只能选 EF。

- A. conducive to 有助于、有利于  
B. hindered by 被……所阻碍  
C. devastating for 对……打击巨大  
D. deleterious to 对……有害

## Section 42

## 1. E

【解析】将 1908 年通古斯大爆炸看作宇宙物体在西伯利亚空中爆炸的理论未经证实(unproven): 至今没人在受影响的区域内发现残留碎片或者撞击坑。

- A. long-standing 长期的
- B. indisputable 不容置疑的
- C. plausible 可信的
- D. uncontested 无争议的

## 2. C

【解析】物理学家们还在争论, 复杂物理系统下出现始料未及的现象, 所揭示的物理原理究竟是全新的还是衍生(derivative)的, 即依赖于已知的物理原理。

- A. extraneous 无关的
- B. inexpressible 无法形容的
- D. heterogeneous 异质、混杂的
- E. uncorrelated 不相关的

## 3. A E

【解析】Margaret Fuller 的游记, 读起来可能令人沮丧(frustrating), 她的记叙顺应(conform to)了小资产阶级游记的世俗惯例, 在她正大力推陈出新, 提倡新见解的时候, 却又常常让步于(capitulate to)该文体内一些老掉牙(well-worn)的陈词滥调。

- B. enlightening 富于启发的
- C. exciting 令人激动的
- D. challenge 挑战、质疑
- F. establish 确立

## 4. B D

【解析】首相的发言人为其辩护的任务艰巨, 要面临偏见严重的媒体无聊的污蔑(lowly calumnies)。要有效地辩护, 他必须给出具体例子, 说明媒体报道多么令人讨厌(objectionable)。

- A. overwrought panegyrics 溢美之词
- C. justified fulminations 言之有理的斥责
- E. confusing 令人困惑的
- F. unexciting 平淡无奇的

## 5. A F H

【解析】农业部发布(make public)了新的饮食指导, 向公众提出挑战: 要么吃得好、吃得聪明、吃得健康, 要么其他。“要么其他”里面包括了一长串困扰(plague)发达国家的疾病(malady), 包括心脏病、骨质疏松、糖尿病等。

- B. debunk 驳斥、揭穿
- C. refuse to consider 拒绝考虑
- D. intangible 无形之物
- E. misconception 误解
- G. assuage 缓和
- I. ignore 忽视

**6. AFG**

【解析】Schechter 与众不同(atypically)，对恐怖小说《闪灵》改编的电影印象平平(unimpressed with)，因为他觉得多数影评家赞扬的特色(比如富于艺术的运镜等)妨碍了叙事，使故事跟同类电影比反而变得更不吓人(terrifying)了。这看法不寻常(commonplace)，我们必须感谢 Schechter 勇于提出。

- B. confused by 被……困惑
- C. enamored of 酷爱
- D. heartbreaking 使人心碎的
- E. comical 滑稽的
- H. superior 高级的
- I. unfamiliar 陌生的

**7. BE**

【解析】Moynihan 于 1960 年代提出的社会分析带有争议，现在倒被普遍认为是先见之明。实际上，我们关于社会病理学的诸多讨论，都要以它为根基(bedrock, foundation)。

- A. concession 让步、妥协
- C. imperative 紧要迫切的事；影响重大的观念
- D. compromise 让步、妥协
- F. vision 设想、念头；眼力、远见

**8. AB**

【解析】所有夏克式家具在设计上都摒弃(rejection of, liberation from)人本主义，夏克教徒制作出来的器具就像器具，并遵循不以人为本的设计规则。

- C. belief in 对……的信念
- D. affinity for 对……的喜好 \* 如要表达“亲近”，介词应该是 with
- E. attraction to 被……所吸引
- F. misunderstanding of 对……的误解

**9. BD**

【解析】选举制度改革之难，不在于没有正确的工具，而在于要把工具放到公正的代表手里：改革目标应该是既有扩张，又有限制(constrain, deter)。

- A. expedite 促进、加快
- C. facilitate 促进
- E. exacerbate 加重(问题)、使恶化
- F. lament 抱怨；痛惜、悲叹

**10. CF**

【解析】那一组专家一直认为经济刺激方案是无效(bootless)的，而该政策的支持者们也没轻易接受他们这种贬低(detracting, deprecatory)的评价。

- A. tendentious 有倾向、带偏见的
- B. meticulous 细致、一丝不苟的
- D. indifferent 漠不关心、无动于衷的
- E. ubiquitous 无处不在的



## Section 43

## 1. B

【解析】她未完成的最后一部电影《逃离》，标题恰当(apt)贴切：确实，在拍摄过程中，她脑海里全是逃离(desertion)的念头。

- A. quixotic 不切实际的
- C. misleading 误导人的
- D. inconsequential 微不足道的
- E. uncharacteristic 不典型、出乎寻常的

## 2. C

【解析】Nylenna 的研究表明，科学论文手稿中的错误常常被评审者忽视。她的结论并不异常(anomalous)：Godlee 研究同一现象的时候，得出的结论类似。

- A. credible 可信的
- B. unwelcome 不受欢迎的
- D. quantifiable 可以量化的
- E. consequential 随之发生的；重大的 (= important, significant, material)

## 3. A F

【解析】在许多原先被认为是人类特长的高深领域，电脑已变得娴熟。然而，它们全都(simultaneously)无法掌握(fail to master)一些人类基本的任务，比如空间定位和物体识别，由此告诉我们，这些看似基础的技能其实有多么了不起(impressive)。

- B. help to improve 帮助完善
- C. manage to mimic 设法模仿
- D. outmoded 过时的
- E. common 寻常的

## 4. A E

【解析】英国 1945 年以来日益恶化的经济，是政治家们处理不当(mishandle)所致。这些政治家们偏好制造业而非服务业：其实他们应该推进服务产业发展，而非试图阻止(arrest = check, stop)制造业的衰退。

- B. bolster 加强
- C. forestall 预先阻止
- D. augment 增大、加强
- F. escalate 加剧，使（问题）扩大、恶化

## 5. B D

【解析】当今时代对科学成就的情绪，再也不是毫无批评的喜悦(uncritical joy)了。疑虑重重，困扰着科学技术专家以及普罗大众。我不认为这样的忧虑是无根据(unfounded)的，尽管它们确实常常基于直觉而非严格的逻辑论证。

- A. widening skepticism 日益增长的怀疑
- C. false humility 虚假的谦逊
- E. sacrosanct 神圣、不可侵犯的
- F. foreordained 预先注定的

**6. AFH**

【解析】依照惯例，一项科学研究的可靠与否，其最终依据是它的结论在相关领域是否被广为接受，这又取决于(derive from)它的发现在多大程度上能被复制和拓展。然而，确立这样的可靠性要花费数年，新颖的实验发现尤其如此。对于什么算得上(constitute)复制或拓展，可能要争议(disputed)上一段时间。

- B. work against 反对、对……不利
- C. lead to 导致
- D. justify 证明……正确；为……辩解
- E. impugn 对……表示怀疑 (= challenge)
- G. evident 明显的
- I. touted 受吹捧的

**7. AB**

【解析】Baker 在这家有名的医院里目睹的争执(discordance, contention)之多，使她震惊。尽管这些医生都资历颇丰，他们竟无法就任何一位病人的诊断达成一致。

- C. quackery (冒牌、欺诈的)江湖医术
- D. nepotism 任人唯亲、裙带关系
- E. indecision 犹豫不决
- F. cronyism 任人唯亲

**8. CD**

【解析】大使的批评不像是有意(purposefulness, design)为之，更像是因疲劳或松散而发出的无心之言。

- A. integrity 诚实正直
- B. optimism 乐观
- E. confidence 信心
- F. caution 谨慎

**9. BE**

【解析】被研究者称作 M-120 的这种猫可能是世界上最不躲闪难寻(evasive, elusive)的猞猁了，科学家们一年可以抓到它好几次。

\* 猞猁都很难找，所以 M-120 这种体型肥大又容易上钩的，属于容易找的

- A. intelligent 聪明的
- C. fearless 无畏的
- D. furtive 偷偷摸摸、鬼鬼祟祟的
- F. intrepid 无畏的

**10. BD**

【解析】总体而言，初步的分析令人放心，因此它的证实减轻、缓解(deflate, soothe)了对于该项目危害的忧虑。

- A. explain 解释
- C. rationalize 为……辩解
- E. reflect 反映；思考
- F. hide 隐藏

## Section 44

## 1. E

【解析】整个白天人们学习的时候，神经元之间的联结得以强化。但在睡眠中神经突出被弱化，纤细脆弱的联结被完全切断(sever)了，只有最强的得以保存。

- A. reinforce 加强
- B. reproduce 重现、复制；生殖、繁育
- C. replace 取代
- D. stimulate 刺激

## 2. D

【解析】Holston 将殖民状态看作是诸多行为和结局的组合，尽管有关联(linked)并且偶尔协调，通常是分散、无组织，甚至是自相矛盾的。

\* 这题易错选 C，注意递进关系 at times coordinated，之前应该程度更轻所以只能是 D。而且 C 也与后文矛盾。（此题原文为 related）

- A. dubious 可疑的
- B. chaotic 混乱的
- C. harmonious 和谐的
- E. imputed 被归咎的 (impute = ascribe, attribute 后常跟介词 to，此题疑有误)

## 3. A E

【解析】尽管姐妹俩已经争执了一整个夏天，Megan 仍然毫不妥协(intransigent)，Lauren 也同样决不让步(uncompromising)。

\* 此题也可做同义题，同义词有 unyielding, intractable, unwavering, obstinate, obdurate 等

- B. feckless 软弱没出息的 (= incompetent, inept)
- C. munificent 慷慨大方的 (= generous)
- D. indolent 懒惰的
- F. taciturn 沉默寡言的

## 4. A D

【解析】电影出现以前，英国的商业娱乐只见于城市人口集中的地方，因为那里有足够的观众能确保利润丰厚(remunerative)。乡村里的戏院和歌厅很简朴(spartan)。但是乡村电影院普及(commonplace)很快，尽管它们与城里影院比都还很残破简陋(ramshackle)。

- B. conceivable 可想象的
- C. profitable 有利可图的
- E. sophisticated 先进精妙的
- F. unfashionable 过时的

## 5. B D

【解析】生存范围广泛的物种，在其生存范围边缘通常面临不利(less favorable)而多变的环境。因此这些动物的丰富程度通常在边缘处更低(lower at the periphery)。

\* edge = periphery 是此题一大考点

- A. erratic 不稳定的
- C. demanding 要求高的
- E. unaffected by habitat 不受栖息地影响
- F. underestimated by researchers 被研究者低估

**6. C F G**

【解析】Firebaugh 和 Beck 认为经济发展改善发展中国家民生。然而其他学者强调这种看法的局限(limitation)，通过实证调查表明，尽管经济发展确实有助于提高发展中国家人民生活水平，其作用力度已逐渐减弱(decreased over time)。换句话说，这些学者认为对发展中国家而言，经济发展和生活水平提高之间的关系正逐渐解散(decoupling)。

- A. falsity 错误
- B. arbitrariness 随意
- D. been greatly underestimated 被大为低估
- E. not yet been measured 至今未被测量
- H. an inversion of 颠倒
- I. a decline in 衰退

**7. D E**

【解析】逆转长达十年的全球变暗(dimming, darkening)趋势，地球表面自 1990 年以来变得更亮了。

- A. warming 变暖
- B. cooling 变冷
- C. diffusion 扩散
- F. heating 变暖

**8. B C**

【解析】当今的电影模糊道德和非道德的界限，远不算新鲜(original, novel)事。好莱坞早在 1960 年代就开始这么干了。

- A. entertaining 有趣的
- D. pertinent 相关的、切题的
- E. relevant 相关的、切题的
- F. insightful 有见地的

**9. E F**

【解析】技术评估这一领域才出现没几十年，已经经历了巨变：它原先预测技术后果的雄心，就算没被完全放弃，至少也已减弱(temper, modulate)了。

- A. defer 推迟
- B. subvert 颠覆、破坏
- C. abandon 抛弃
- D. relinquish 放弃

**10. B F**

【解析】本书表现了数位政治家的虚假、欺诈(dissemblance, duplicity)，他们公开谈论往日的德行，实际上是为了掩盖各自私下的恶行(vice)。

- A. probity 诚实正直 (= integrity)
- C. opportunism 投机、见风使舵
- D. rectitude 诚实正直
- E. ingenuousness 天真纯朴

## Section 45

## 1. B

【解析】他在影片拍摄期间如此暴躁易怒(irascible)，以致摄制组(crew)的工作人员给他取了个昵称叫做“世界上最生气的男人”<sup>4</sup>。

- A. loquacious 喋喋不休的
- C. perfidious 不忠、不可信任的 (= treacherous)
- D. sanguine 乐观的
- E. voracious 狼吞虎咽、如饥似渴的

## 2. E

【解析】说来讽刺，最近对四百年来推动科学进展的还原论(reductive, 一般为贬义)观察手段的质疑(questioning)，或许是科学史上最大的进展。

- A. introduction 引进
- B. validation 证实
- C. acceptance 接受
- D. standardization 标准化

## 3. C F

【解析】信息技术虽好，并未减弱(diminish)独立推理的必要。比如，网民不应该让推理过程被原始数据的简单堆积所取代(supplant = replace)。

- A. disguise 伪装
- B. signal 标志
- D. preceded by 晚于……
- E. supplemented by 为……所补充

## 4. C E

【解析】不仅行为遗传学领域内充斥着(strewn with)被驳斥(repudiated)的发现，就连那些存活下来的研究结果，很多也只与非常有限的案例相关(germane to)。

- A. convergent 趋同的
- B. disparate 迥然不同的
- D. refuted by 被……所驳斥
- F. subordinate to 从属于……

## 5. A D

【解析】此书旨在研究现代思维的缺陷，例如过度强调无谓巧合和轻信伪科学，因此文章常有揭穿、驳斥(debunking)之意。尽管如此，它还是避免了同类作品常有的呵斥(scold)口吻。

- B. abstraction 抽象
- C. complexity 复杂
- E. speculative 猜想、推断的
- F. generalizing (笼统地)概括、归纳的

<sup>4</sup> 之所以加引号并大写，是因为组员将其暴怒的花絮片段做成了一个同名搞笑短片，在网上一度流行。链接在此 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSWUWPx2VeQ>

## 6. CDG

【解析】读 Joanna Scott 的书就是欣赏一位大师(master)的作品。从造句到谋篇，她的叙述既富有技巧又久经推敲(deliberation)，所以读者大可放心，第一章出现的线索或伏笔，都会在小说结束前被赋予意义(given import, import = meaning)。

- A. proselytizer 说客、劝诱者
- B. sage 智者、贤人
- E. enthusiasm 热情
- F. flamboyance 浮夸招摇
- H. largely forgotten 几被忘却
- I. overwhelmed with details 被过多的细节压垮

## 7. BC

【解析】十九世纪末在美国东北部的许多区域，河狸数量急剧减少乃至被根除(extirpate, eliminate)，因此许多州颁布了捕狸禁令。

\* extirpate: from *ex-* ‘out’ + *stirps* ‘a stem.’ 即根除的意思。与之同义的另一 GRE 单词 eradicate, 构词也近似: from *e-* (variant of *ex-*) ‘out’ + *radix, radic-* ‘root.’

- A. diminish 减少、削弱
- D. devalue 贬低; 贬值
- E. weaken 削弱
- F. underrate 低估

## 8. CF

【解析】1820 年至 1850 年间，眼科学在美国的兴起壮大(burgeoning, expansion)，由期间开设了至少五家眼科医院可见一斑，这些医院为眼科治疗和实验提供了新场所。

- A. sophistication 复杂高妙; 精于世故
- B. retrenchment 节约、紧缩
- D. resurgence 复兴
- E. curtailment 限制、削减

## 9. AE

【解析】分析人士称，该国三大航空公司在接下去几周内可能以破产保护的形式继续运营，这是航空业经历历史性变革所引发动荡(upheaval, convulsion)的最新迹象。

- B. exorbitance (价格) 高得离谱
- C. affluence 富裕
- D. peril 危险
- F. opulence 富丽堂皇

## 10. CF

【解析】媒体经常贬低州长的能力，最后发现公众太喜欢、乐于赞赏他们这番嘲弄(mockery, derision)了。

\* 有同学看到 too...to 的句式条件反射“过于……以致没法……”，其实还是应该根据句子的情况具体分析，此处 all/only too 表示非常: I'd be only too pleased to help

- A. assiduousness 一丝不苟、兢兢业业
- B. stupefaction 惊愕 (from stupefy)
- D. incredulity 怀疑 (= disbelief)
- E. certitude 确信

## Section 46

## 1. B

【解析】这家博物馆外形朴素但实用的新侧厅(wing)给它提供了服务参观者的必要场所(wherewithal),开了几个新入口,免去了原先的蜿蜒长队。

\* wherewithal: (to do sth) the money, things or skill that you need in order to be able to do sth

- A. visibility 知名、注目 C. reputation 名声  
D. solemnity 庄重严肃 E. panache 潇洒、神气

## 2. A

【解析】有些生物的保护色可以变化(plastic)以适应环境,提高了这些生物在一个混杂(heterogeneous)环境下的生存几率。

- B. subtle 细微的  
C. singular 卓越非凡的; 奇异的  
D. consistent 持续如一的  
E. imitable 可模仿的

## 3. B D

【解析】Susan Hiller 收集现代流行文化的残片,比如明信片、剪报、墙纸图案等,把它们作为创作的主要对象,为这些看似微不足道(trivial)的物件赋予重要意义(importance)。

- A. extravagant 豪奢的  
C. archaic 陈旧过时的  
E. uniformity 统一  
F. banality 平淡乏味

## 4. B D

【解析】一般的油气储藏地,其实是烃长途跋涉之后的栖息地。烃从有机物丰富的深层岩石源层中产生(generated in)。与之不同,页岩气从未离开(never leave)它的出生地,一直呆在产生它的源层里。

- A. trapped in 困于……  
C. bound for 去往……  
E. swiftly escape from 迅速逃离……  
F. rarely stay in 极少停留于……

## 5. B E H

【解析】通常花费公共财政资助科研项目的依据(rationale for)是这样的项目可以使我们的生活变得更加健康、安全和高效。然而,科学能强化民主并推动公众参与政治这点鲜被提及(mention)。我们应该强调这点。基本的科学知识(literacy)为民主事业增添活力(energize),这是推广科学的一大额外好处。

- A. argument against 反对……的论点  
C. precedent for ……的前例  
D. deny 否认; 拒绝  
E. gainsay 反对、否认  
G. stifle 压抑、扼制  
I. disregard 无视、不顾

**6. B E G**

【解析】出版商、宣传者和广播员们都喜欢周年纪念日。在周年纪念日时，历史事件成了商业味十足(**commercial**)的庆祝文化下的畅销物品(**marketable artifact**)。爱国情绪和国家荣誉被纷繁的历史包裹，产出一个虚构(**mythical**)的过去供大众消费(**consumption**)。

- A. elusive moment 难以捉摸的时刻
- C. raging controversy 强烈争议
- D. authentic 真实的
- F. elitist 精英的
- H. scrutiny 细致审查
- I. censure 斥责

**7. B F**

【解析】鉴于这位部门主管贡献微薄，平日在重大政策会议上只静静地坐着，经常听从下级助手的意思，他颇具洞察力(**perspicacity, discernment**)这一名声倒令人讶异。

- A. magnanimity 宽宏大度
- C. impartiality 公正无私
- D. detachment 超然、冷漠；(褒)客观公正
- E. benevolence 仁善

**8. C E**

【解析】读者们一直觉得 Richard Wright 第一本写作也是最后一本出版的小说 *Lawd Today!* 是个异类(**anomaly, aberration**)，这本小说看上去完全不符 Wright 的一贯文风。

- A. artifact (有历史或文化意义的)制品、器具
- B. prototype 原型、典型
- D. mainstay 骨干、支柱
- F. model 模型、典型

**9. C F**

【解析】本书旨在阐明，科学是如何将“虚空”从一个模糊(**nebulous, vague**)的哲学概念转变为一个我们几乎可以用显微镜审视的实体。

- A. tangible 有形、确凿实在的
- B. palpable 明显、易于察觉的
- D. nettlesome 棘手、恼人的
- E. incontrovertible 不容置疑、无可辩驳的 (= indisputable)

**10. C E**

【解析】数十年来，冥王星似乎都在神秘地缩小(**dwindle, contract**)：原先人们认为它跟地球差不多大，而后来它的体积越测越小。

- A. morph 变形 (+ into)
- B. appear 出现
- D. orbit 环绕……运行
- F. emerge 浮现、显露；兴起



## Section 47

## 1. C

【解析】这部电影是一部集锦(pastiche): 其中的元素从许多不同来源草草拼凑而成。

\* 此题有趣, parody 的近义词即包括 burlesque, satire 和 pastiche, 不过这里取的是 pastiche “集锦、杂烩”意思, 近义词有 miscellany, potpourri, mélange, mishmash, hodgepodge 等。

- A. burlesque 滑稽讽刺表演
- B. satire 讽刺作品
- D. chronicle 编年史
- E. parody 恶搞、滑稽的模仿作品

## 2. B

【解析】尽管早期的南丁格尔传记多有阿谀奉承(sycophantic)的吹捧, Lytton Strachey 1918 年那篇关于她的有失恭敬(irreverent)的文章开创了新时代, 使得对她的批评变得可以接受甚至还显时髦。

- A. unsympathetic 冷漠、无动于衷的; (意见) 不一致、有分歧的
- C. unsentimental 不流露感情、不感情用事的
- D. censorious 吹毛求疵的 (= hypercritical)
- E. pedantic 迂腐拘泥、学究气的

## 3. C D

【解析】十五世纪陶顿战役的士兵遗骸复杂多样(diversity)不足为奇, 因为当日上场的士兵本就来源各异(disparate)。

- A. decay 腐坏、衰败
- B. strength 力量、强度
- E. unknown 不详的
- F. controversial 有争议的

## 4. A F

【解析】联邦制的国家里, 地区政府可以当作整个国家的试验田、实验室(laboratory): 计划全国推广的新点子可以先在这里小范围测试(try)。

- B. catalyst 催化剂、促进因素
- C. standard 规范、标准
- D. disperse 分散、驱散
- E. undermine 削弱、减损

## 5. C D

【解析】尽管 Pearson 教授的同事常抱怨他反复无常(mercurial), 他的朋友倒急于为他辩护, 使他免于这项变化不定(inconstancy)的指控。

- A. importunate 纠缠不休的
- B. garrulous 喋喋不休的
- E. dishonesty 奸诈不实
- F. partiality 偏袒

**6. A D G**

【解析】自然科学的先行者们设计了一些手段来去除研究环境或研究者造成的干扰。这些手段，特别是针对研究者的部分，是为了抑制(restrain)主观看法的干扰入侵(incursions of)，主观看法如果不受限制(unbridled)，就会破坏(corrupt)研究。

- B. reveal 揭示
- C. disguise 假扮、掩饰
- E. restrictions on 对……的限制
- F. acknowledgements of 承认……
- H. justify 为……辩解
- I. expedite 加快、加速

**7. B F**

【解析】大湖狼是个谜(riddle, conundrum)，到底是灰狼的亚种还是单独的物种，一直困扰(stump = baffle, perplex, confound)着科学家。

- A. prototype 原型、典型
- C. paragon 典范
- D. model 模型、典范
- E. legend 传奇

**8. B F**

【解析】安妮得病之初迹象平平(unexceptional, nondescript)，直到事后才发现非同小可。

- A. salient 显著、重要的
- C. conspicuous 显著的
- D. suggestive 暗示、引人联想的 (+ of)
- E. abundant 充裕丰富的

**9. A F**

【解析】尽管此书灰色的字块和黑白的插图可能显得朴素(sober mien)，它作为集大成者(one-stop)，可以取代许多不够综合详尽(exhaustive, comprehensive)的书籍。

- \* one-stop: providing or offering many different types of goods or services at one location
- B. interesting 有趣的
- C. appealing 吸引人的
- D. original 新颖、原创的
- E. educational 有教育意义的

**10. B C**

【解析】Chuang 指出专业评论家和大众对 Li 的艺术看法一致(coincide)，由此承认(concede, acknowledge)了她的文艺批评理论确实也有例外。她的理论宣称评论家和普通大众的看法并无交集。

- A. assert 坚称、断言
- D. doubt 怀疑
- E. ponder 考虑、琢磨
- F. question 质疑

## Section 48

## 1. C

【解析】Baker 独创先河，用大众可以理解的简单语言解释复杂高妙的艺术。因此，她的书一直是艺术历史分析作品中清楚易懂(lucidity)的典范。

- A. fashion 时髦
- B. rigor 严谨、缜密
- D. erudition 博学
- E. grandiosity 浮华

## 2. E

【解析】自然主义艺术家 John James Audubon 年轻时惯于(given to = inclined/disposed to)编造(concoct)自己光彩的身世：他曾经谎称自己随一名著名的法国画家学习，也曾暗示自己是法国王位的法定继承人。

- A. disavow 否认
- B. understand 理解
- C. constrain 限制、束缚
- D. obfuscate 混淆

## 3. B D

【解析】尽管该提议的优点可疑(dubious)，院系教员们还是犹豫着不敢反对(demur)，怕得罪提议的支持者们。

- A. unparalleled 无比的
- C. obvious 明显的
- E. approve 赞成
- F. acquiesce 默许

## 4. A D

【解析】建筑部长官正确地指出政府主管一切的现行计划体系产生了严重的恶果，可是她提议的相反做法，即大规模宽松放任(liberalization)建筑市场，也不对。政府这样完全抛弃(abnegation)责任将有损公众利益。

- B. preservation 保护、维持
- C. regulation 管控
- E. recapitulation 重申、概括
- F. accretion 积聚

## 5. B D I

【解析】中世纪欧洲，水力磨坊比风力磨坊更有利(profitable)。诚然，风力磨坊随处可建，而水力磨坊只适合特定的区域(suitable only for certain locations)。尽管如此，水力磨坊生产力更大、更为可靠，对于投资来说是更好的回报(return on)。

- A. problematic 成问题的
- C. versatile 多才多艺、用途广的
- E. inspire a variety of new technologies 启发各类新技术
- F. require a good deal of upkeep 需要不少保养
- G. source for ……的来源
- H. adjunct to ……的附件、辅助

## 6. C E I

【解析】研究水獭对环境的要求很困难(difficult)。其中一个原因跟测量它们对不同区域的使用情况有关。测量在设得兰群岛这样的地方或许相对容易(relatively simple)，那里欧亚水獭白天活跃，身上有明确的个体标记。在那里，研究者们可以在绵延数千里的海岸线上发现水獭并观察它们居住在怎样的海岸。然而，这样的地理环境是异常罕见(exceptional)的。

- A. straightforward 直截了当的
- B. controversial 有争议的
- D. quite problematic 颇成问题
- F. largely unnecessary 多为不必
- G. routine 平常、常规的
- H. deceptive 欺骗、误导人的

## 7. A B

【解析】艺术家们逃到(take to)深山老林里躲避朝廷崩坏引发(occasion)的乱世，投向(look to = turn to, resort to, fall back on)自然以求人世间无存的秩序安稳(order, stability)与静谧。

- C. fragility 脆弱
- D. decadence 堕落、颓废
- E. interaction 交流、互动
- F. degeneracy 堕落、腐化

## 8. B F

【解析】人们关于生育的决定依赖于众多个人考虑和社会因素。然而就算意识到这点，人口学家们还是常常困惑讶异(flummoxed, confounded)：他们预测的生育率常常跟现实大相径庭(embarrassingly at odds with)。

- A. sanguine 乐观的
- C. inconsistent 矛盾、不一致；反复无常
- D. overconfident 过于自信的
- E. heartened 受鼓舞的

## 9. A B

【解析】河口(estuary)处频发富营养化污染，会导致藻类大量繁殖(abound, proliferate)，就如室内作物在肥料充裕的土壤里长势更好一样。

- C. stagnate 停滞
- D. coalesce 合并、联合 (= merge, amalgamate)
- E. collect 聚集 (= gather, accumulate)
- F. diversify 多样化

## 10. C D

【解析】该国稳健的经济可能被其经济制度和结构中的长期缺陷所损害(undermine, impair)。这些制度和结构是未完成以及错误的政府政策所致。

- A. neutralize 中和；抵消、消除
- B. conceal 掩盖、隐藏
- E. obscure 掩盖；使费解
- F. outstrip 超过

Section 49

1. E

【解析】Parker 对人的看法乐观(sanguine)，这跟他的经济系同事通常悲观的分析不同。

- A. prescient 预知、先见的
- B. circumspect 小心谨慎的
- C. technical 技术性的
- D. magisterial 权威、威严的

2. E

【解析】这本小说令人困惑的一点在于，它竟用一个缺乏基本可信度(credibility)的情节生发出强烈的情感。读者要接受的不仅是偶尔一两个巧合，而是一连串巧合。

- A. synergy 协同作用
- B. continuity 连续
- C. naiveté 天真幼稚
- D. premise 前提

3. B D

【解析】美国人对用生物燃料取代化石燃料很有热情，然而现实评估一番制造生物燃料的代价和困难之后，这番热情(exuberance)就会减弱(temper)了。

- A. forbearance 宽容忍耐
- C. obduracy 倔强顽固
- E. delineate 详细地描述、阐明
- F. exacerbate 加重、使恶化 (= aggravate)

4. A F

【解析】尽管记者们经常把官员缺乏政治资历当做优点(advantage)，媒体把这位新参议员明显的幼稚(naiveté)当做过人的长处，还是令人吃惊。

- B. impediment 阻碍
- C. exception 例外
- D. nonchalance 若无其事、满不在乎
- E. acumen 敏锐机智

5. C E

【解析】对蝴蝶的研究有科技(technological)意义，有关它们光学和热学属性的知识，或许与控制电脑芯片相关(germane to)，电脑芯片也由纤细的薄层精巧构成。

- A. ecological 生态的
- B. aesthetic 审美的
- D. tantamount to 等同于
- F. advanced by 被……推动、发展

**6. CFH**

【解析】研究古代史的史学家大多不愿意说话武断(dogmatic)。他们写完一个句子后，马上就想补充说明，来限制、修正(qualify)之前的观点。就算针对某一事件有大量(plentiful)史料，犹疑和出入也层出不穷。

- A. fusty 霉湿腐臭的；陈旧过时的
- B. anachronistic 时代错误的；过时的
- D. recapitulate 概括重述
- E. forswear 放弃 (= renounce)
- G. consistent 一致的
- I. biased 片面、有偏见的

**7. DF**

【解析】物理学的垃圾堆里满是残骸：错误理论，未经解释的现象，以及异常的微粒。它们都短暂捕获(capture, secure = obtain, acquire, seize)研究者的注意(spotlight = limelight, center stage 聚光灯，即关注的中心)，但都只昙花一现。

- A. douse 浇灭、熄灭；减弱 (= smother, quench)
- B. intensify 加强
- C. perpetuate 维持
- E. extinguish 熄灭；减弱 (= smother, quench)

**8. BF**

【解析】Walden, Church, Nussbaum 和 Wills 写的书都大不相同，但各自都力求客观公正(evenhandedness, impartiality)，希望使我们免于那些党派死忠和狂热分子的错误。

- A. concision 简明扼要
- C. frankness 坦诚直率
- D. trustworthiness 值得信赖
- E. succinctness 简明扼要

**9. BC**

【解析】Zadie Smith 小说 *On Beauty* 的叙述者频频出现，碍眼(obtrusive, conspicuous)而不害臊，跟过去小说的叙述者惯于(be wont to)做的那样，常常跳出来教导我们如何处世，社会是如何运作的。

- A. knowing 会意的
- D. antiquated 陈旧过时的
- E. mysterious 神秘的
- F. secretive 神秘、遮遮掩掩的

**10. AD**

【解析】如今大量(glut, surfeit)对 Miles Davis 的音乐重新组合发行的做法，让人不禁怀疑保存录音的仓库是否已被洗劫一空。

- B. revival 复兴
- C. hodgepodge 混合、杂烩
- E. modicum 少量 (好的东西)
- F. dearth 缺乏

## Section 50

## 1. C

【解析】监听不是暗中(surreptitious)进行的：政府的监听行为，必须通知被告及其律师。

- A. obtrusive 扎眼的 B. circumspect 小心谨慎的  
D. adroit 机敏干练的 E. meticulous 一丝不苟的

## 2. A F

【解析】国际专利法的许多争议(contentious)话题可能要推到很远的未来去解决。这一谨慎的做法外交上是明智的，过去十五年间关于专利的国际谈判都在敏感话题上搁浅(founder)了。

- B. stimulating 趣味盎然的；令人兴奋的  
C. subjective 主观的  
D. approach 对付、处理；接近  
E. articulate 表明

## 3. A F

【解析】人们对他这个领袖态度矛盾(ambivalent)，既盛赞(adulate)他又辱骂(revile)他。

- B. complacent 自满、得意的  
C. indifferent 漠不关心的；平庸、一般的 (= mediocre)  
D. ignore 忽视  
E. understand 理解

## 4. A E G

【解析】在这一本书内，Kenny 就试图替普通读者概述整个古代哲学。不难想象，篇幅(space)在这样的书里面是很宝贵(at a premium)的，如果小有遗漏也算不上他的责任。当然，Kenny 如果对古代哲学对之后哲学传统的影响加以更有效的提示(signal)，此书的价值将大大提升。按照现在的情况，对此领域陌生的读者对古代哲学在 1600-1750 年间的复兴知之甚少(have little sense of)。

- B. hard to fill 难以填充  
C. taken for granted 被认为理所当然（而不重视）  
D. overlook 忽视  
F. prevent 阻止  
H. devotion to 对……的忠诚、投入；对……的挚爱、关照  
I. aversion to 对……的厌恶、反感

## 5. A E I

【解析】常识告诉我们，有些人确实比其他人更无私(altruistic)。如果说这些差别都是虚假(illusory)的，要认为每个人其实都是为了增进自己的利益而行动，这既与我们的日常观察不符(contradict)，也和我们根深蒂固的道德考量有矛盾(contradict)。

- B. adaptable 适应性强的  
C. disciplined 遵守纪律的  
D. growing 日益增长的  
F. relevant 相关、切题的；有意义的  
G. mimic 模仿  
H. explain 解释

**6. AFI**

【解析】他想制造无人机从西海岸飞到夏威夷，沿途发回低海拔区域的气象信息，借此赚钱的想法尤为异想天开、不切实际(quixotic)。缺乏(dearth)好的风力预测确实造成许多经济损失，但是填补这一需求未必就能产生大笔收益，因为所产生的经济利益分散甚广(so widely diffused)。

\* 即经济学上的“搭便车问题(the free rider problem)”。

- B. mercenary 唯利是图的
- C. resourceful 足智多谋的
- D. ubiquity 无处不在
- E. accuracy 准确
- G. almost inevitable 几乎无可避免
- H. hard to envision 难以想象

**7. CF**

【解析】对于我们这些醉心于数学之强大的人来说，该好奇的不是这种执迷是如何产生的，而是怎么它还没有广为流行(prevalent, widespread)。

- A. advantageous 有利的
- B. discounted 被低估、未受重视的
- D. undervalued 被低估的
- E. celebrated 著名的

**8. BE**

【解析】成千上万的人以大大小小的方式回避(sidestep, circumvent)主流医疗方式，要么使用草药疗法，要么寄希望于替代疗法。

- A. augment 提高、加强
- C. support 支持
- D. vilify 诽谤、诋毁
- F. endorse 赞同、支持

**9. CD**

【解析】她的小说试图挣脱诸如情节和人物之类的传统限制，这样的做法读者从来都不甚欢迎。尽管如此，她的小说对于批评理论、小说、电影甚至心理学，都产生了重大(decisive, unmistakable)影响。

- A. studied 刻意的 (= calculated, deliberate)
- B. negligible 微不足道的
- E. insignificant 微不足道的
- F. restorative (有助)恢复健康的

**10. EF**

【解析】该地历来税务轻简，政府随和友好，因此深受居民赞许(approbation, adulation)，这两点也常被视作该地繁荣的主要原因。

- A. opprobrium 谴责、抨击
- B. vituperation 辱骂、斥责 (= invective, opprobrium, castigation)
- C. attention 注意
- D. dismissal 否定、轻视



## Section 51

## 1. B

【解析】Jo 认为 Marcus 对他们老板完全阿谀奉承(sycophantic), 因此听说 Marcus 公开反对老板提出的改变时, Jo 大吃一惊。

- A. professional 专业的; 职业的
- C. prosaic 平淡乏味的
- D. dissident 持不同政见的
- E. collegial 分工合作的; 同事情谊的

## 2. D

【解析】人们可能觉得有这样尖刻严厉(astringent)看法的人性格会比较冷峻, 而跟她共事过的人却都说她颇具个人魅力, 常以此说服他人。

- A. forbearing 宽容的
- B. convoluted 复杂的
- C. felicitous 恰当、贴切的
- E. hyperbolic 夸张的

## 3. A E

【解析】Harper 的吸引力(draw), 尽管在美国已湮没(in eclipse)多年, 在伦敦倒仍是无与伦比(unsurpassed), 公众几乎对其每幅作品都热情欢迎。

- B. unrivaled 无与伦比的
- C. unchanged 一如既往的
- D. controversial 有争议的
- F. unexceptional 平凡无奇的

## 4. C E

【解析】报告中有太多小差错(little errors), 比如错误的日期(尽管在小细节(minor = fine)上), 文本与图表不一致, 援引和参考书目有差异等。

- A. unsupported generalizations 无据的概括推论
- B. stylistic infelicities 风格欠佳
- D. numerous 许多的
- F. perplexing 令人困惑的

## 5. C D

【解析】尽管人们普遍认为(putative)低调说法(understatement)<sup>5</sup>在现代文化中已经势衰, 这样表达上的压抑(restraint)对礼貌的交谈来说还是至关重要。它使得人们不致中伤对手或使其窘迫, 也可当做讽刺以引人注意一个重要问题。

- A. partisanship 党派偏私
- B. originality 创意
- E. inventiveness 创意
- F. objectivity 客观公正

## 6. B D I

<sup>5</sup> 最擅长这种低调说法、轻描淡写的是英国人, understatement 的典型例子在下面这个链接里可见一二。  
<http://languageblog ldc.upenn.edu/nll/?p=3154>

【解析】人类注意力有局限，导致我们常常忽视周围发生的事。真正问题在于我们对这种局限经常毫无知觉(*unaware of*): 我们自认看到了真实的世界，其实我们表面上可靠的视觉掩盖(*belie*)了许多心理上的疏忽(*lapse*)。

- A. *impatient with* 对……无耐心
- C. *distracted by* 被……干扰、分散注意力 (*distract = sidetrack*)
- E. *unify* 统一
- F. *dispel* 驱散、消除
- G. *feat* 伟业、壮举
- H. *image* 形象; 图景

### 7. D E

【解析】实验表明，要在一帮陌生人中激起团结一致的情谊(*solidarity, camaraderie*)容易得很：只需告诉他们要作为团队一起工作，他们立马开始紧密合作了。

- A. *dominance* 优势、主导地位
- B. *hierarchy* 等级制度
- C. *obedience* 顺从
- F. *optimism* 乐观

### 8. C F

【解析】Schaller 自相矛盾的序言里，对人类在动物保护中所起的作用时而赞扬时而谴责(*denounce, lambaste*)。

- A. *authorize* 批准、许可
- B. *endorse* 赞同、支持
- D. *disclose* 揭露
- E. *relate* 讲述; (+ to) 认同、理解

### 9. A F

【解析】尽管每个个体身上的微生物种类数不胜数，特定的身体部位易于寄生少数特定的细菌，这说明了身体的微生物群落不是随意(*haphazardly, randomly*)分配的。

- B. *uniformly* 统一地
- C. *effectively* 有效地; 事实上、实际上
- D. *heterogeneously* 不同质、混杂地
- E. *functionally* 功能上

### 10. C D

【解析】他们觉得 Jimenez 是位果断的领袖，与 Diaz 截然相反。Diaz 犹豫不决(*irresolution, vacillation*)，为其任期蒙上阴影。

- A. *defensiveness* (急于自卫而) 抵触
- B. *corruption* 腐败
- E. *belligerence* 好斗
- \* from the verb *belligerare*, from *bellum* ‘war.’ 另有 *bellicose/bellicosity*
- F. *pugnacity* 好斗
- \* from *pugnare* ‘to fight,’ from *pugnus* ‘fist’

## Section 52

## 1. B

【解析】人类学家 Jane Goodall 观察动物时饱含同情，决意(*stalwart in determination*)对它们拟人化处理(*anthropomorphize*)，因此拒绝了编辑用冷静、不动感情语言改写的要求。

- A. *fickle* 反复无常的 C. *solicitous* 关切的  
D. *pretentious* 虚夸、矫饰的 E. *whimsical* 古怪、异想天开的

## 2. C

【解析】与之自得意满(*complacency*)的声名相反，1950 年代其实富有尖锐而深刻的社会批评。<sup>6</sup>

- A. *keenness* 热切  
B. *inclusiveness* 包容广阔，兼收并蓄  
D. *integrity* 诚实正直  
E. *productivity* 生产力、效率

## 3. B F

【解析】缩小电路以制造非常细小的机械系统，激起了人们制造手持电脑的兴趣。然而在这么精细的层面，操控(*manipulation*)物体很困难。宏观层面用手加工部件使之成型、安置和组装都容易，而到了如此细小的规模就远没这么常规普通(*routine*)了。

- A. *deterioration* 恶化 C. *durability* 耐力  
D. *subtle* 细微的；微妙的 E. *inflexible* 僵化死板、缺乏弹性的

## 4. B F

【解析】她跟船上上百名雇佣船夫打过交道以后，深知感情态度是很容易传染(*infectious*)的：一个小小的负面影响，就可能驱使本来满足惬意(*contented = content*)的船员罢工。

- A. *insipid* 枯燥无味的  
C. *innocuous* 无害、无恶意的  
D. *untested* 未经验证的  
E. *captious* 挑剔、吹毛求疵的

## 5. A D I

【解析】尽管美索不达米亚南部的乌鲁克久被确立(*establish*)为第一座城市，美索不达米亚南部至少发现了两个遗址，表明其城市化早于乌鲁克。其他发现也表明，早期城市化的典型特征(*defining features*)也起源于北部而非南部。基于这些发现，一些考古学家提议(*propose*)重新思考到底最早的城市起源于何时、何地。

- B. *contest* 竞争、争夺；争辩、提出异议  
C. *present* 展现  
E. *derivative aspects* 衍生方面  
F. *traditional theories* 传统理论  
G. *evaluate* 评估  
H. *ignore* 忽视

<sup>6</sup> 此题网上普遍流行错误答案 B (*inclusiveness*)，逻辑上根本说不通。而 *complacency*: a feeling of smug or **uncritical** satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements，故步自封与深刻批评对应合适。另外，Google 相关关键词，大量结果提示 1950 年代的美国以 *complacency* 和 *conformity* 为典型特征，搜索 *inclusiveness* 并未发现关联，也可做佐证。

**6. CDH**

【解析】美国西部矿业城镇的女性被刻板地划分为几类：公或私、好或坏，但是 Zanjani 书中一百位英勇无畏的女性勘探家推翻(confound = contradict, counter, invalidate)了这些框架和门类。Zanjani 不仅用记录推翻只有男性的勘探历史，还戳穿(puncture)了一些轻率肤浅(facile)的概括推论。

- A. inhabit 居住、落脚于
- B. reveal 揭示
- E. invent 发明、创造
- F. perpetuate 维持
- G. accurate 准确的
- I. unknown 未知的

**7. CD**

【解析】字体其实跟鞋的风格一样，正是因为各人有各自的口味，创造者和用户们都喜欢独创和新意，它们才大量出现(proliferate, abound)。

- A. bemuse 使困惑
- B. converge 汇集
- E. evolve 进化
- F. coincide 同时发生；相符、一致

**8. BE**

【解析】研究者们记录了工蜂多达六十种各异的行为，这数目似乎胜过(eclipse, outdo)许多哺乳动物。即使最多才多艺的宽吻海豚，能表演的行为也不过是工蜂的两倍而已。

- A. approximate 接近
- C. reflect 反映、显示
- D. compound 混合；加剧、使恶化
- F. echo 回荡；附和

**9. AB**

【解析】人们喜欢听州长慷慨陈词，他流利的口才麻痹(lull sb into doing sth)了对手，使得他们低估了他的决心和毅力(tenacity, resolve)：虽经柔滑的外表缓和，他内心仍是强硬的钢铁。

- C. resourcefulness 足智多谋
- D. kindness 仁善
- E. compassion 同情、怜悯
- F. frankness 坦诚直率

**10. BE**

【解析】我们并不总是按照字典释义用词，因为词语的意思常随语境波动变化。当然话又说回来，这不意味着我们说话可以无所限制、随心所欲(unconstrained, free)。

- A. rote 机械重复的
- C. irrational 非理性的
- D. unpredictable 无法预测的
- F. methodical 有条理的