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section 1 easy

1. 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

2. 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

3. 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).

A. dearth	D. a controversial
B. presumption	E. an unambiguous
C. detection	F. a possible

4. Given the (i)_____ the committees and the (ii)_____ nature of its investigation, it would be unreasonable to gainsay the committee's conclusions at first glance.

A. sterling reputation of	D. superficial
B. lack of finding of	E. spontaneous
C. ad hoc existence of	F. exhaustive

5. 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.

A. effect	D. pressure	G. eaten
B. origin	E. produce	H. neutralized
C. purpose	F. suffer from	I. poisoned

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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 collectors' 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. competitive	D. fickle	G. comprehensive
B. tedious	E. wide-ranging	H. legitimate
C. exclusive	F. antiquarian	I. impressive

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.
A. overreact to
B. deviate from
C. succumb to
D. recoil from
E. yield to
F. shrink from

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. 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

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

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section 2 easy

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. 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 _____.
A. reliability
B. diversity
C. complexity
D. plasticity
E. discontinuity

3. The economic recovery was somewhat lopsided: (i)_____ in some of the industrial economies while (ii)_____ in others of them.

A. unexpected	D. robust
B. feeble	E. turbulent
C. swift	F. predictable

4. 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.

A. lavishly	D. vacant
B. efficiently	E. unimpeded
C. routinely	F. overlooked

5. 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.

A. precise	D. problem	G. augmented
B. rich	E. opportunity	H. ameliorated
C. straightforward	F. oversight	I. anticipated

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6. Within the culture as a whole, the natural sciences have been so successful that the word “scientific” is often used in (i)_____ manner: it is often assumed that to call something “scientific” is to imply that its reliability has been (ii)_____ by methods whose results cannot reasonably be (iii)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. an ironic	D. maligned	G. exaggerated
B. a literal	E. challenged	H. anticipated
C. an honorific	F. established	I. disputed

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. 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

9. During the Renaissance, the use of optical lenses, which were capable of projecting images onto blank 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

10. The professor’s habitual air of _____ was 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

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section 3 easy

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. 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

3. The great (i)_____ of most books that examine the American presidency is their ideological bias, but for most part, this volume on the presidency maintains an impressive degree of (ii)_____.

A. contribution	D. certainty
B. limitation	E. fluency
C. paradox	F. objectivity

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.

A. question	D. willing
B. favor	E. eager
C. oppose	F. loath

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 obligated to (ii)_____ what we pass through day in and day out, regardless of (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

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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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. ambivalence	D. evident	G. supplanted by
B. compliment	E. demanding	H. sifted from
C. censure	F. manageable	I. overshadowed by

7. 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. a neophyte
B. a novice
C. a realist
D. an extremist
E. a pragmatist
F. a zealot

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

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section 4 easy

1. In the last two hundreds years, the practice of archaeology has changed greatly, from digging up ancient artifacts for use by wealthy individuals as art objects to analyzing the detritus of everyday life in the laboratory, and thus from _____ to data collection.
A. supposition
B. theorizing
C. fact-finding
D. treasure hunting
E. scientific discovery

2. 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

3. 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)_____.

A. compassionate	D. grandstanding
B. decisive	E. partisanship
C. nepotistic	F. vacillation

4. 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)_____.

A. skilled	D. futile
B. inattentive	E. irrelevant
C. delightful	F. contagious

5. 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.

A. flippancy	D. subtlety
B. aimlessness	E. discursions
C. tendentiousness	F. exhaustiveness

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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. misunderstand	D. stigma	G. valid
B. comprehend	E. blemish	H. frank
C. complicate	F. allure	I. inveterate

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7. 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

8. The employee had a reputation for fractiousness, but his coworkers found him to be, on the contrary, quiet _____.
A. insightful
B. affable
C. sagacious
D. capable
E. easygoing
F. productive

9. Even though women in the US 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

10. 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

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section 5 easy

1. 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.
A. anomalous
B. controversial
C. enigmatic
D. misrepresented
E. cherished

2. 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)_____.

A. equally important	D. ambitious
B. mutually reinforcing	E. unfeeling
C. inversely related	F. disingenuous

3. 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.

A. a benign	D. overcomes
B. an orthodox	E. embodies
C. an anomalous	F. anticipates

4. He was never (i)_____; he was nothing if not (ii)_____, so he forbore for the present to declare his passion.

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

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.

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

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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)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. exotic	D. ineffective	G. jettisoned
B. vulnerable	E. obligatory	H. assumed
C. now common	F. promising	I. contrived

7. Miller reminded his clients that labor relationship 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. 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

9. 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

10. 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

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section 6 easy

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. The company suffers from an almost total lack of _____: even the most innocuous communications between departments lend to devolve into acrimony.
A. dissension
B. variance
C. comity
D. conformity
E. mordancy

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.

A. virtue	D. dispense with
B. drawback	E. derive from
C. peculiarity	F. improve upon

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

A. persistent	D. corruption
B. recent	E. efficiency
C. discouraging	F. inexperience

5. 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.

A. completely unknown	D. eliminated
B. nearly infinite	E. supported
C. always variable	F. clarified

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6. 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)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. atypical	D. preserve	G. elicits adversities
B. unavoidable	E. improvise	H. emerges victorious
C. insurmountable	F. shy away	I. evades achievements

7. 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

8. 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

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. Despite their cultural and social significance, rapid growth, and widespread appear 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

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section 7 easy

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. 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.
A. parallels
B. bolsters
C. corroborates
D. outstrips
E. engages

3. 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.

A. meticulousness	D. edifying
B. humor	E. scarce
C. erudition	F. inexpensive

4. She was never (i)_____; she was nothing if not discreet, so she (ii)_____ for the present to declare her passion.

A. precipitate	D. pretended
B. tactful	E. decided
C. thoughtful	F. forbore

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)_____.

A. too harshly judged	D. erudite
B. analyzed in depth	E. judicious
C. frankly acknowledged	F. acrimonious

6. The writer argues that jewelry-grade diamonds, because they are both (i)_____ and (ii)_____, prove one of two conclusions; their purchasers have so much money they can spend it on goods that (iii)_____, or their purchasers are so committed to making others think they have such wealth that they are willing to go into debt to do so.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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

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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. 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

9. 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

10. 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 the scientific terms.
A. controversial
B. exacting
C. obscure
D. onerous
E. opaque
F. misleading

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section 8 easy

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. 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.

A. disappointment	D. growing interdependence
B. abundance	E. draconian regulation
C. conservation	F. rapacious depletion

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

A. neglects	D. underappreciated
B. exaggerates	E. problematic
C. reinterprets	F. self-serving

4. 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 the planet, so its (i)_____ is not at all (ii)_____.

A. utility	D. helpful
B. popularity	E. important
C. ancestry	F. obvious

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.

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

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6. When the Agriculture Department (i)_____ its 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. make public	D. intangibles	G. assuage
B. debunked	E. misconceptions	H. plague
C. refused to consider	F. maladies	I. ignore

7. Although legislators on both sides of 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. 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. 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

10. Scientists should hope the faults in 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

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section 9 easy

1. He was so ____ during the filming of the movie that crew members nicknamed his “The Angriest Man in the World”
A. loquacious
B. irascible
C. perfidious
D. sanguine
E. voracious

2. The film was a _____: its elements were assembled more or less haphazardly from a dozen of different sources.
A. burlesque
B. satire
C. pastiche
D. chronicle
E. parody

3. The description of Green’s scholarship as (i)_____ is grossly misleading: while her research on interstellar particles is not especially novel, the conclusions she draws from her data are (ii)_____.

A. esoteric	D. remarkably pioneering
B. tendentious	E. dubiously supported
C. derivative	F. strangely comforting

4. 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.

A. vexatious	D. equitable
B. clandestine	E. sincere
C. opportunistic	F. open

5. It would be (i)_____ not to (i)_____ these tabloid journalists for thriving in hard times: they deserve credit for doing well in a profession in financial straits.

A. apropos	D. admire
B. churlish	E. envy
C. cagey	F. emulate

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6. The historian's narrative of the dynasty's decline is (i)_____, because though there is nothing (ii)_____ the account, largely parts of it rely on (iii)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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. Though Edmurd 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

8. 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

9. Natural causes nerves to die off and muscles to weaken, but regular exercise of muscle fibers enlarges and can _____ the decline by increasing the strengthen muscle you have left.
A. speed up
B. stave off
C. forestall
D. facilitate
E. assist
F. exploit

10. Creativity is no longer seen as _____ inspiration leading to poem or 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

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section 10 easy

1. Nylenna's study showed that errors in scientific manuscripts submitted for publication often escape reviewers' notice, results that were not _____: when Godlee conducted a study of the same phenomenon, her findings were similar.
A. credible
B. unwelcome
C. anomalous
D. quantifiable
E. consequential

2. 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

3. 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.

A. derivative	D. obscure
B. arcane	E. controversial
C. careless	F. innovative

4. While acknowledging behaviors the Prime Minster 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.

A. unethical	D. skullduggery
B. impractical	E. indolence
C. quixotic	F. incivility

5. 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.

A. skepticism	D. hybrid
B. lethargy	E. indiscriminate
C. fervor	F. conciliatory

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6. Galaxy Zoo set a standard for citizen-scientist participation project. 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, Galaxy Zoo team was inspired to pursue lines of research they had never even imagined.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. beguiled	D. baffled	G. insouciance
B. forestalled	E. buoyed	H. stoicism
C. astonished	F. embarrassed	I. alacrity

7. 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

8. 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

9. There are many insights in the essay 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

10. Noise suppression in phones can play an important role in making cellphone networks more efficient, since when sounds that are _____ to the meaningful signal are transmitted, precious network band width is wasted.
A. unsuitable
B. detrimental
C. irrelevant
D. confined
E. limited
F. extraneous

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section 11 easy

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

3. The 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)_____.

A. unencumbered by	D. compulsory
B. replete with	E. discretionary
C. hindered by	F. bureaucratic

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 Nickelby, which many found (ii)_____.

A. naysayer	D. perplexing
B. pushover	E. unpredictable
C. braggart	F. absorbing

5. 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.

A. complicated by	D. complemented
B. important to	E. obscured
C. independent from	F. underscored

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)_____ was stemmed not from his (iii)_____ but from his confrontation with American democracy, which he considered to be a disease afflicting the nation.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. symbol of	D. alienation	G. ideology
B. stranger in	E. ambition	H. profession
C. citizen of	F. patriotism	I. birthplace

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7. 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

8. The union states its position polemically; its leader 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

9. When the atmosphere over the city is at its best, it is peculiarly _____, and this clarity seems to distill this 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 contributions 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

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section 12 easy

1. 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

2. 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

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.

A. irrationality	D. guarded over
B. limits	E. lay outside
C. futility	F. was subject to

4. 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 repositories but would provide (ii)_____ as well.

A. improving	D. conservation
B. restoring	E. education
C. interpreting	F. income

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

A. importunate	D. inconstancy
B. garrulous	E. dishonest
C. mercurial	F. partiality

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6. 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 obligated to (ii)_____ what we pass through day in and day out, regardless of (iii)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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

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. 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

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. 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

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section 13 easy

1. 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

2. The students' _____ natures were in sharp contrast to the imperturbable dispositions of their teacher.
A. volatile
B. duplicitous
C. apathetic
D. cunning
E. blithe

3. 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.

A. laboratory	D. dispersed
B. catalyst	E. undermined
C. standard	F. tried

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.

A. trapped in	D. never leaves
B. generated in	E. swiftly escapes from
C. bound for	F. rarely stays in

5. Despite dispute between the sisters lasted all summer, Megan remained (i)_____ and Laruen was equally (ii)_____.

A. intransigent	D. indolent
B. feckless	E. uncompromising
C. munificent	F. taciturn

6. In a view 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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

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7. The Great Lakes wolf is a _____, stumping scientists as to whether it is a subspecies of the gray wolf or a distinct species.
A. prototype
B. riddle
C. paragon
D. model
E. legend
F. conundrum

8. The book aims to illuminate how science has changed the meaning of nothingness from _____ philosophical concept to something we can almost put under a microscope.
A. a tangible
B. a palpable
C. a nebulous
D. a nettlesome
E. an incontrovertible
F. a vague

9. 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

10. 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

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section 14 easy

1. 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

2. 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

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

A. spread	D. spur to
B. commenced	E. drag on
C. slowed	F. panacea for

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

A. obscure	D. restrictive
B. detailed	E. revisionist
C. familiar	F. enigmatic

5. Collecting such fragment 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.

A. extravagant	D. importance
B. trivial	E. uniformity
C. archaic	F. banality

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6. 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. detectable	D. obvious	G. masked
B. usable	E. subtle	H. disastrous
C. explicable	F. violent	I. minuscule

7. Reversing a decade-long trend on global _____, earth's surface has become brighter since 1990, scientists are reporting.
A. warming
B. cooling
C. diffusing
D. dimming
E. darkening
F. heating

8. All Shaker furniture implies _____ humanism in design: the Shakers made objects that look like objects, following a nonhuman law of design and rejecting the unconscious self-flattery inherent in making anthropomorphic objects.
A. a rejection of
B. a liberation from
C. a belief in
D. an affinity for
E. an attraction to
F. a misunderstanding of

9. The controversial social analysis that Moynihan offered in the 1960s is now generally recognized as having been prescient; in fact, it has been the _____ upon which much of our discussion of social pathology must base.
A. concession
B. bedrock
C. imperative
D. compromise
E. foundations
F. vision

10. 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

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section 15 easy

1. Paintings created in India during the Mughal dynasty were _____ in ambition but ornamental in presentation: in one direction they have a affinity with newspaper photographs, while in the other they have the intricacy of jewels.
A. metaphorical
B. documentary
C. aesthetic
D. sectarian
E. baroque

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

A. solitude	D. direct
B. obeisance	E. subtle
C. clarity	F. mixed

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.

A. wide-ranging	D. mimic
B. distinctive	E. illuminate
C. debilitating	F. preclude

5. Architecture scholar Sandy McCreery recently argued that traffic congestion, far from being a sign of urban (i)_____, is a mark of urban (ii)_____; congestion promotes contemplation of our surroundings and provides us with a shared experience, thereby fulfilling the essential task of the city.

A. plentitude	D. ambition
B. decline	E. privation
C. excitement	F. health

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6. When the Agriculture Department (i)_____ its 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. make public	D. intangibles	G. assuage
B. debunked	E. misconceptions	H. plague
C. refused to consider	F. maladies	I. ignore

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

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section 16 median

1. 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

2. In protoscientific (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. 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

A. an anonymous	D. scathing
B. an evenhanded	E. confessional
C. a spirited	F. superficial

4. 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.

A. long-term observation	D. anecdote
B. controlled experiments	E. speculation
C. secondhand testimony	F. hypothesis

5. 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)_____.

A. abhor	D. unattainable
B. relish	E. insufferable
C. evoke	F. enchanting

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6. Although Thaler employs an innovative mode of analysis, his study offers yet another examination of quite (i)_____ ground—namely, the culture 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)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. unfamiliar	D. find	G. accurate
B. well-worked	E. understand	H. new
C. fruitful	F. reveal	I. recognizable

7. Though 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.
A. refinement
B. expansion
C. ubiquity
D. augmentation
E. omnipresence
F. isolation

8. 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

9. Not only was this writer content to leave the reading public in the dark, she seems to have _____ the role of trickster, seeding her works with apparent clues that led nowhere.
A. rejected
B. disdained
C. relished
D. participated in
E. delighted in
F. developed

10. 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

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section 17 median

1. 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

2. The modest but functional new wing finally gives the museum the _____ to serve its visitors properly, including multiple entrances to eliminate the lines that used to snake around the building.
A. visibility
B. wherewithal
C. reputation
D. solemnity
E. panache

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

A. disguise	D. preceded by
B. signal	E. supplemented with
C. diminish	F. supplanted by

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

A. inadequacies	D. debunking
B. abstractions	E. speculative
C. complexities	F. generalizing

5. 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.

A. liberalization	D. abnegation
B. preservation	E. recapitulation
C. regulation	F. accretion

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6. Publisher, publicist, and broadcasters love anniversaries, those occasions when historical events become (i)_____ in (ii)_____ culture of celebration. On such occasions patriotic sentiment and national pride are wrapped in the panoply of history to manufacture a mythical past that is serviceable for public (iii)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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. 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

8. 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. gratify
B. entice
C. inspire
D. confuse
E. perplex
F. please

9. Explorers could not build each other's knowledge if they could not trust 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

10. 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. undiscriminating

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section 18 median

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. 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.
A. independently
B. interchangeably
C. paradoxically
D. simultaneously
E. symmetrically

3. 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)_____ those who devote energy to its analysis.

A. chronologies	D. awry in
B. apologies	E. astute about
C. synopses	F. courageous about

4. 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.

A. defensive	D. a traditional
B. dominant	E. an enhanced
C. customary	F. a diminished

5. As Ellen Donkin explains, in eighteenth-century England, writing plays (i)_____ women. Even when the (ii)_____ meant that playwriting 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.

A. empowered	D. use of a pseudonym
B. overextended	E. lack of a producer
C. impressed	F. poor remuneration

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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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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. 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

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section 19 median

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

A. failed to master	D. outmoded
B. helped to improve	E. common
C. managed to mimic	F. impressive

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.

A. spartan	D. commonplace
B. unconceivable	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 animal’s abundance is often (ii)_____.

A. erratic	D. lower at the periphery
B. favorable	E. unaffected by habitat
C. demanding	F. underestimated by researchers

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6. Common sense tells me 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. altruistic	D. growing	G. mimics
B. adaptable	E. illusory	H. explains
C. disciplined	F. relevant	I. contradicts

7. 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

8. One of the peculiarities of humans is that we irrationally gravitate to the predictable and avoid risk, whatever the reasons 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

9. 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

10. 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

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section 20 median

1. 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

2. Though humanitarian emergencies are frequent features of television news, such exposure seldom _____ the public, which rather seems resigned to a sense of impotency.
A. paralyzes
B. demoralizes
C. assuages
D. galvanizes
E. exasperates

3. 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.

A. motivating	D. unity among
B. boring	E. disinterest in
C. daunting	F. diversity of

4. The national bank has been uncommonly powerful in comparison to its counterparts in other nations. It remains this potency partly because its control of the nation's banking system is (i)_____ governmental interference, and thus its actions remain largely (ii)_____.

A. unencumbered by	D. compulsory
B. replete with	E. discretionary
C. hindered by	F. bureaucratic

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

A. skirted	D. revelations
B. scrutinized	E. distortions
C. countered	F. conclusions

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6. China's rapidly growing population is the main threat facing large carnivores in the People's Republic. Increasingly, policies aimed at limiting population growth have been (i)_____; nevertheless, the country's vast size and the isolation of many of its regions mean that human populations in areas where large carnivores still occur (ii)_____. This human pressure has (iii)_____ the South China tiger.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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

7. 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

8. 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

9. Far from _____ innovations, as the patent system was designed to do, the patenting of concepts such as gene sequences gives individuals and corporations a legal choke to hold over ideas that should be useful to all.
A. spurring
B. recognizing
C. codifying
D. acknowledging
E. fostering
F. cataloging

10. Advocates for workers' rights have adopted a new strategy, one that will require considerable ingenuity but that, 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

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section 21 median

1. In protoscientific (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

2. The theory that the 1908 Tunguska event was the explosion of a cosmic body in the sky over Siberia is _____: no one has yet found fragments of the object or any impact craters in the affected region.
A. long-standing
B. indisputable
C. plausible
D. uncontested
E. unproven

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.

A. straightforward	D. degenerative
B. circuitous	E. comprehensive
C. pessimistic	F. spontaneous

4. 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.

A. destructive	D. retroactively
B. sound	E. innocuously
C. intriguing	F. intrinsically

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.

A. argument against	D. denied	G. stifles
B. rationale for	E. mentioned	H. energizes
C. precedent for	F. gainsaid	I. disregards

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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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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

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 Inuit culture, elaborate carving has often been used to enhance _____ object such as harpoon heads and other tools.
A. utilitarian
B. functional
C. domestic
D. decorative
E. manufactured
F. ornamental

9. 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

10. Scientist 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

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section 22 median

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. 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 author argued that the field of sociology has been overly (i)_____, partly because, for many scholars, the edges of 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)_____.

A. narrow in scope	D. utilitarianism
B. susceptible to fads	E. parochialism
C. averse to empiricism	F. historicism

4. 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.

A. designs	D. erratic
B. forbears	E. erudite
C. purports	F. extensive

5. 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.

A. surfeit	D. virtue	G. foresee
B. reduction	E. conundrum	H. forestall
C. stabilization	F. revelation	I. forgo

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6. Although political events in different countries were not (i)_____ in the nineteen century, their interrelationship was (ii)_____ compared with the present, when interdependence has become far greater: (iii)_____ has ceased to be an option.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. unconnected	D. conditional	G. isolationism
B. trivial	E. superficial	H. resilience
C. simultaneous	F. transparent	I. idealism

7. Publicity surrounding celebrities' donations to charity is often greeted with cynicism, but a study of celebrity donation shows that they do _____ other donations.
A. preclude
B. elicit
C. allow
D. draw
E. bar
F. replace

8. 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

9. 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

10. Jackie Wullschlager's biography of Hans Christian Andersen _____ the insipid sweetness with which Andersen 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

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section 23 median

1. Though the volume of radioactive waste produced by nuclear power plants is _____, the problem of how to dispose of that waste is not: rather, it is of major importance.
A. unmanageable
B. troubling
C. significant
D. small
E. deceptive

2. 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

3. 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.

A. surprised	D. genuine
B. impressed	E. halfhearted
C. divided	F. practical

4. The author of this political history text shows considerable bias against the political party when assigning credit or blame for its actions: he deems (i)_____ what he favors and avoids what he (ii)_____.

A. pertinent	D. condemns
B. inevitable	E. condones
C. divided	F. ignores

5. 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.

A. inert	D. frequently enervated	G. augment
B. jubilant	E. wonderfully enriched	H. foreground
C. sensuous	F. inevitably circumscribed	I. circumvent

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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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. proselytizer	D. deliberation	G. given import
B. sage	E. enthusiasm	H. largely forgotten
C. master	F. flamboyance	I. overwhelmed with details

7. 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

8. 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 to

9. 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

10. 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

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section 24 median

1. Few studies have been published on ground-squirrel dispersal, and most of them have involved very small sample sizes, thus most statement regarding ground-squirrel dispersal must be considered _____.
A. invaluable
B. unexceptional
C. inveterate
D. routine
E. conjectural

2. To criticize a disaster film for being _____ is a bit silly, since people do not go to disaster movies to see an honest portrayed of reality.
A. expensive
B. harrowing
C. derivative
D. convoluted
E. implausible

3. It would be naïve to treat remarks made in diaries or personal letters as giving especially candid access to historical truth or even as being expressions of the writer's true state of mind, since the (i)_____ for exaggeration and deception in those forms is virtually nonexistent. Diaries and letters are rarely sites for (ii)_____.

A. motivation	D. premeditated manipulation
B. penalty	E. childish theatrics
C. tendency	F. balanced reflection

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)_____ opportunity offered by technological changes.

A. alienated from	D. eager to exploit
B. emboldened by	E. unable to seize
C. encumbered by	F. forced to reconsider

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.

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

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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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. lucrative	D. authoritative	G. an originality
B. realistic	E. animated	H. an impulsiveness
C. unesteemed	F. trendy	I. a staleness

7. 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

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. 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

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section 25 median

1. 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

2. 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

3. 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.

A. diversity	D. isolated
B. naturalness	E. endangered
C. sustainability	F. anthropogenic

4. 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 molder in a warehouse.

A. triumph	D. indifference to
B. failure	E. enthusiasm for
C. diffusion	F. glory of

5. 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.

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

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6. Publisher, publicist, 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)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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

7. The 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. 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

9. 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

10. 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

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section 26 median

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. Some novelists immodestly idealized and exaggerated 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 her works, she (i)_____ confidence. She gets excessively (ii)_____ to authorities, even when rejecting their views.

A. inspires	D. pugnacious
B. exudes	E. deferential
C. lacks	F. condescending

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

A. prices	D. limited public relevance
B. supplies	E. enviable scholarly credentials
C. embargoes	F. strong bargaining positions

5. 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.

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

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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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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. 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

10. Not only was this writer content to leave the reading public in the dark, she seems to have _____ the role of trickster, seeding her works with apparent clues that led nowhere.
A. rejected
B. disdained
C. relished
D. participated in
E. delighted in
F. developed

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section 27 median

1. 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

2. 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 certainty _____.
A. impractical
B. derivative
C. simplistic
D. disingenuous
E. ineffectual

3. The documentation of Earth's biodiversity is complicated by the (i)_____ taxonomists. Those experts in classifying species tent to be (ii)_____ North American and Europe, whereas most of the undocumented biodiversity is likely in the tropics.

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

4. 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.

A. discouraged in	D. eloquence
B. a hallmark of	E. evidence
C. exceptional in	F. imagination

5. 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 alternate reality, and be able to convincingly sell that new reality to someone else. Therefore, lying (iii)_____ cognitive development and social skills in a way that honesty simply does not.

A. an instinctive	D. advanced	G. undermines
B. an acquired	E. practical	H. forgoes
C. a conscious	F. mundane	I. demands

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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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. obscure	D. incommensurate with	G. parity
B. celebrate	E. surpassed by	H. inclusiveness
C. countermand	F. inspired by	I. stratification

7. Although the biography never explicitly assesses what role the dynamic between Mr. Merrill's parents might have played in the development of his personality, the author offers plenty of _____.
A. mystification
B. elucidation
C. speculation
D. reflection
E. obfuscation
F. conjecture

8. 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

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

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section 28 median

1. 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.
A. cataclysmic
B. pervasive
C. misleading
D. uncontrollable
E. random

2. 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

3. 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.

A. designs	D. old-fashioned
B. fails	E. timely
C. purports	F. arcane

4. The book is not comprehensive but is, instead, (i)_____ in the most positive sense:(ii)_____ rather than settles.

A. definitive	D. stipulates
B. provocative	E. suggests
C. timely	F. disseminates

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

A. unconnected	D. conditional	G. isolationism
B. trivial	E. superficial	H. resilience
C. simultaneous	F. transparent	I. idealism

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6. 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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

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. After many years of feeling _____ by his seniors managers, Clark was becoming hopeful of advancement.
A. vilified
B. stymied
C. hindered
D. aggrieved
E. circumvented
F. overlooked

9. 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

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
D. a disquisition on
E. a vindication of
F. an argument about

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section 29 median

1. 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

2. A new television documentary focuses on 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

3. 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.

A. a reporter	D. statistical data
B. an advocate	E. analysis of events
C. an adversary	F. detailed description

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.

A. outdated	D. secondhand
B. inadequate	E. repetitious
C. abstruse	F. deceptive

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

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

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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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. malady	D. healthful	G. doubts
B. indiscretion	E. suspect	H. denies
C. prognosis	F. innocuous	I. funds

7. His premiership, seemingly cast-iron 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

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. 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 our knowledge is _____.
A. erroneous
B. confusing
C. frustrating
D. rudimentary
E. delusive
F. sketchy

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section 30 median

1. 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

2. The paleontologist examined the problem afresh, believing that the accepted classification _____ the essential continuity of the specimens by making specious distinctions among them.
A. disproved
B. belied
C. conflated
D. divulged
E. relaxed

3. 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)_____.

A. motivation	D. premeditated manipulation
B. penalty	E. childish theatrics
C. tendency	F. balanced reflection

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)_____.

A. popular	D. chic
B. pointless	E. unfathomable
C. dangerous	F. sensible

5. Although Thaler employs an innovative mode of analysis, his study offers yet another examination of quite (i)_____ ground-namely, the culture 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)_____.

A. unfamiliar	D. find	G. accurate
B. well-worked	E. understand	H. new
C. fruitful	F. reveal	I. recognizable

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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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. consensus regarding	D. resilience	G. reflect
B. compunction about	E. sociability	H. communicate
C. justification for	F. uniqueness	I. cooperate

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. 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

9. 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

10. Mortoris is dour and _____, seemingly incapable of smiling, let alone laughing.
A. mirthful
B. jovial
C. intelligent
D. tepid
E. lugubrious
F. gloomy

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section 31 median

1. 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

2. It seems foolish to refuse the offer of an expedient that is both so _____ success and so difficult to create them absent.
A. reminiscent of
B. lacking in
C. distinct from
D. indispensable to
E. inimical to

3. 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.

A. qualifies	D. ignoring
B. jettisons	E. predicting
C. affirms	F. confirming

4. 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)_____.

A. liberating	D. choice
B. taxing	E. boredom
C. educational	F. sanity

5. Inuit print making is less (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.

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

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6. 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 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. 【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. contribute to	D. provocative	G. captivated
B. reduce	E. misguided	H. confused
C. cover up	F. cynical	I. outraged

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

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section 32 median

1. With the numerous opponents of the controversial new taxation measure in such a fury, anyone who publicly advocated the measure did not fail to meet with _____ usage.
A. politic
B. severe
C. sober
D. respectful
E. dejected

2. She constantly _____ herself for not living up to her own ideas—for not working hard enough or not having motives that were pure enough.
A. exalted
B. coddled
C. excoriated
D. mollified
E. deluded

3. Proponents of international regulation of environmental issues have always struggled against scientific uncertainty and economic hostility, two obstacles which, form a political standpoint, often have been closely related, as economic hostility toward environmental regulation for economic reasons have (i)_____ the considerable uncertainty underlying most environmental challenges to (ii)_____ of environmental regulation.

A. resolved	D. exaggerate the efficacy
B. gainsaid	E. downplay the legitimacy
C. exploited	F. question the fallibility

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 does not; when it does depart from public opinion, it whips up political maelstroms.

A. comments on	D. lose public support
B. hews to	E. mitigate public anger
C. overrides	F. create public indifference

5. Analysis of 47.5-million-year-old fossils from Pakistan has yielded fresh insights into the early ancestors of modern whales. For example, Maiacetus inuus 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.

A. resistant	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

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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 discreetly sabotaging their most important projects.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. misconstrued	D. cynicism	G. veneration
B. condemned	E. acquiescence	H. justification
C. respected	F. intractability	I. detestation

7. 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

8. Although its gray text blocks and black-and-white illustrations give it a sober mien, this one-stop resource can take the place of a dozen less _____ texts.
A. exhaustive
B. interesting
C. appealing
D. original
E. educational
F. comprehensive

9. 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

10. 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

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section 33 median

1. 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

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. 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.

A. supplant	D. unanticipated given
B. kill	E. consistent with
C. circumvent	F. undiminished by

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.

A. politics	D. bias
B. accuracy	E. sensationalism
C. expense	F. inconsistency

5. 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 the (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.

A. superseded	D. disparity between	G. unpredictable
B. halted	E. feedback between	H. static
C. caused	F. complexity of	I. self-perpetuating

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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 has become such (ii)_____ personage that inevitably someone had to go to the other extreme and try to (iii)_____ the legend.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. ponderous	D. a deified	G. debunk
B. empirical	E. an ignored	H. aggrandize
C. laudatory	F. a misunderstood	I. reproduce

7. 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

8. The book aims to illuminate how science has changed the meaning of nothingness from _____ philosophical concept to something we can almost put under a microscope.
A. a tangible
B. a palpable
C. a nebulous
D. a nettlesome
E. an incontrovertible
F. a vague

9. 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

10. The initial, widely shared pessimism turned out to be _____, because it ignored the many things that could be done with resources left behind.
A. unintelligible
B. unfathomable
C. unfounded
D. unimaginative
E. unjustified
F. unimportant

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section 34 median

1. The space travels described in science fiction stories always used to be epic adventures, in comparison to which current journals in space seem quite _____.
A. mundane
B. exciting
C. dramatic
D. risky
E. heroic

2. To criticize a disaster film for being _____ is a bit silly, since people do not go to disaster movies to see an honest portrayed of reality.
A. expensive
B. harrowing
C. derivative
D. convoluted
E. implausible

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.

A. provincialism	D. more determined by
B. diversity	E. less contingent on
C. materialism	F. less insensitive to

4. The mood of the times is no longer one of (i)_____ over our scientific achievements. Doubts and worries beset technical and scientific specialist, 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.

A. widening skepticism	D. unfounded
B. uncritical joy	E. sacrosanct
C. false humility	F. foreordained

5. Pioneering medical research scientists' (i)_____ claims regarding the (ii)_____ new researches make the public wonder their own doctors are not dispensing miracles. There are forces, both external and internal, on scientists that most 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.

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

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6. Despite the occasional (i)_____ of their venues, the culture of corporate conferences is a deeply (ii)_____ conference, 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. seclusion	D. sycophantic	G. allusion to
B. opulence	E. ascetic	H. ramification of
C. enormity	F. mercenary	I. respite from

7. 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

8. Scientists should hope the faults in 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

9. 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

10. An apparent paradox led the scientists to pursue their present line of research. They were struck by the fact that a single mathematics 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

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section 35 median

1. 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

2. 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

3. 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.

A. mishandled	D. augment
B. bolstered	E. arrest
C. forestalled	F. escalate

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.

A. outdated	D. secondhand
B. inadequate	E. repetitious
C. abstruse	F. deceptive

5. 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 sentence) in rapid succession, and in general favors an unadorned directness. Not surprisingly, this style works better in short-story form than in novels, and the story collection I Wish someone Were Waiting for Me Somewhere (ii)_____ her attempt to (iii)_____ it in novel, as in, for example, Someone I loved.

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

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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 seem 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. 【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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. In the northeastern United States, beaver populations had been critically reduced or even _____ in large areas at the end of nineteenth century; as a result, several states instituted prohibitions on beaver trapping.
A. diminished
B. extirpated
C. eliminated
D. devalued
E. weakened
F. underrated

8. The 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

9. 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

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

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section 36 hard

1. 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

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. 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.

A. bewildering	D. unusual
B. admirable	E. regrettable
C. unappreciated	F. persistent

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.

A. advantage	D. nonchalance
B. impediment	E. acumen
C. exception	F. naiveté

5. 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 once 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.

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

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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 observations as (iii)_____ of science and denied any role to speculative hypotheses of a strongly theoretical nature.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. questionable	D. repudiated	G. end result
B. scientific	E. admitted	H. necessary characteristics
C. limited	F. confounded	I. discredited path

7. The initial, widely shared pessimism turned out to be _____, because it ignored the many things that could be done with resources left behind.
A. unintelligible
B. unfathomable
C. unfounded
D. unimaginative
E. unjustified
F. unimportant

8. Despite a tendency to be overtly _____, her poetry does not consist solely of pious sentiments: it often sparks the imagination and provides lively entertainment.
A. preachy
B. querulous
C. insincere
D. sanctimonious
E. plaintive
F. disingenuous

9. Willian 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. 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

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section 37 hard

1. 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.
A. ubiquity
B. limitation
C. promise
D. redundancy
E. complexity

2. 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

3. Contrary to those who fear the impact of invasive species on native plants, the biologists contend 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 plant species there.

A. subtle	D. consistent with
B. uniform	E. related to
C. exaggerated	F. sustained by

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

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

5. 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.

A. accurate	D. visionaries	G. financial
B. hypocritic	E. profitmongers	H. inertial
C. enduring	F. innocents	I. creative

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6. The (i)_____ nature of the candidate's comments is calculated. As a long-standing target of critics who regard him as 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. opprobrious	D. innocuous	G. polarizing
B. platitudinous	E. truculent	H. cautious
C. pugnacious	F. supercilious	I. conciliatory

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

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section 38 hard

1. 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.
A. rigorous
B. sparking
C. specious
D. blatant
E. convincing

2. Without seeming unworldly, William James appeared wholly removed from the _____ of society, the conventionality of academy.
A. ethos
B. idealism
C. romance
D. paradoxes
E. commonplaces

3. 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)_____.

A. tempting	D. inspiring
B. depressing	E. irritating
C. thrilling	F. diverting

4. The author's best-selling book on Virginia Woolf is not (i)_____ treatment of her subject; on the contrary, it presents (ii)_____ portrait of the novelist, faults and all.

A. an idealized	D. an unflinching
B. a comprehensive	E. a slapdash
C. a compelling	F. an erudite

5. 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.

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

6. 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)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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

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7. It's 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

8. 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

9. 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

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

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section 39 hard

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. The artist is known for making photographs that deal with politically charged subject matter, yet because her art is so evocative and open-ended, it would be wrong to characterize it as _____.
A. polemical
B. edifying
C. unobservant
D. innovative
E. ambiguous

3. Nordhaus predicts 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.

A. managing	D. solving
B. analyzing	E. addressing
C. transcending	F. mitigating

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

A. subversiveness	D. indiscriminate
B. intensity	E. iconoclastic
C. culpability	F. temperate

5. 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.

A. unpredictability	D. stagnate	G. outlandish
B. arduousness	E. resonate	H. inconsequential
C. triviality	F. compete	I. intangible

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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 increasing strained emulation and diminishing returns has set in.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. understandable	D. torpor	G. pitfall
B. unprecedented	E. conservatism	H. tradition
C. perplexing	F. arousal	I. breakthrough

7. 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

8. Although Wynne claims to recognize that _____ evidence is available to make definitive statement, she offers them nonetheless, arriving at some sweeping generalizations.
A. concrete
B. finite
C. insufficient
D. indirect
E. conclusive
F. meager

9. 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

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

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section 40 hard

1. The medical professor's thesis—hardly new, but rarely _____ by a faculty members 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

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. 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.

A. delegate	D. controversy over
B. ascribe	E. popularity of
C. liken	F. sophistication of

4. 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)_____.

A. disingenuous	D. pride
B. guarded	E. despair
C. dilatory	F. irritation

5. 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)_____.

A. quelled the conviction	D. mitigate	G. vary
B. presaged the uncertainty	E. duplicate	H. pertain
C. fostered the misconception	F. elucidate	I. diminish

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6. 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)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. In sharp contrast to the novel's scenic realism and precisely characterized figure is its persistent philosophical _____.
A. naturalism
B. abstraction
C. generality
D. impartiality
E. sincerity
F. objectivity

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section 41 hard

1. 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.
A. sacrosanct
B. ephemeral
C. malleable
D. egalitarian
E. autonomous

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. The reclusive clergyman may have lived and died in melancholy, but this doesn't seem to have (i)_____ his genius in any way. On the contrary, we find ourselves wondering whether his genius wasn't (ii)_____ in some mysterious way by his mood.

A. influenced	D. served
B. hampered	E. controlled
C. triggered	F. identified

4. 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.

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

5. 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.

A. attracted by	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

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6. 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. accurate	D. visionaries	G. financial
B. hypocritic	E. profitmongers	H. inertial
C. enduring	F. innocents	I. creative

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

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section 42 hard

1. 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

2. 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.
A. ubiquity
B. limitation
C. promise
D. redundancy
E. complexity

3. 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.

A. superseded	D. discredited
B. irrelevant	E. well established
C. emergent	F. half-formulated

4. 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.

A. diversity	D. isolated
B. naturalness	E. endangered
C. sustainability	F. anthropogenic

5. Viewing people as ''social atoms'' that obey rather simple rule (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)_____.

A. apparent contradictions	D. inflexible	G. self-defeating
B. unproductive tendencies	E. straightforward	H. self-aggrandizing
C. lawlike regulations	F. chaotic	I. self-perpetuating

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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)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. eluded	D. moreover	G. valuable
B. characterized	E. however	H. timely
C. motivated	F. consequently	I. exhaustive

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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 commercial _____ of the fishery in the province.
A. naïveté
B. prominence
C. supremacy
D. ingenuousness
E. salience
F. resurgence

10. In 1884, Sewall and Dow agreed to join Roosevelt in the Dakota territory for reasons that appear to have been _____: Sewell 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

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section 43 hard

1. 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

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. 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.

A. frustrating	D. challenged
B. enlightening	E. conformed to
C. exciting	F. established

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

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

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)_____.

A. shaped by	D. expose	G. salutary
B. removed from	E. condemn	H. corrosive
C. unrecognizable in	F. rationalize	I. realistic

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6. While some commentators suggest that abstraction and complexity in scientific research are signs that a given direction is misguided, Lisa Randall, 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 colleague.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. creating	D. difficult	G. challenging
B. meeting	E. conspicuous	H. unproductive
C. eschewing	F. pragmatic	I. advantageous

7. 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

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. It's 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

10. 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

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section 44 hard

1. 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

2. Without seeming unworldly, William James appeared wholly removed from the _____ of society, the conventionality of academy.
A. ethos
B. idealism
C. romance
D. paradoxes
E. commonplaces

3. The (i)_____ to disseminate the vast scientific knowledge of our time to nonscientists shows real (ii)_____ the extent of achievements humanity is capable of, like allowing a great work of art to molder in a warehouse.

A. failure	D. pretentious regarding
B. plan	E. sympathy toward
C. willingness	F. indifference to

4. 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.

A. frowned upon	D. a requirement for
B. rampant	E. a detriment to
C. disregarded	F. an irrelevance to

5. 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.

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

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6. It is possible for human 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. legitimize	D. longer-term	G. requirement
B. augment	E. acute	H. surplus
C. disgorge	F. qualitative	I. facet

7. 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

8. 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

9. Although the essayist's arguments did not _____ her most perceptive readers, the extreme subtlety of the paints 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

10. 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

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section 45 hard

1. 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

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. Argument may be an overly (i)_____ word to apply to the gossamer contrivance that is *A Summer of Humming birds*. 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.

A. archaic	D. repudiation
B. imprecise	E. emulation
C. robust	F. misrepresentation

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

A. subversiveness	D. indiscriminate
B. intensity	E. iconoclastic
C. culpability	F. temperate

5. Behavior economists found that the more (i)_____ options listed on the insurance make people all the more offish to endorse, partly because they hope to (ii)_____ some (iii)_____ in order to get a measure of peace of mind.

A. lucrative	D. forgo	G. convolution
B. monotonous	E. dampen	H. detriment
C. complicated	F. jockey	I. benefit

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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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. heartening	D. weakened	G. counterforces
B. atypical	E. illuminated	H. stimulants
C. ambiguous	F. consolidated	I. concomitants

7. 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

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. 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

10. Even though his opponent is currently 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

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section 46 hard

1. 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

2. It seems foolish to refuse the offer of an expedient that is both so _____ success and so difficult to create them absent.
A. reminiscent of
B. lacking in
C. distinct from
D. indispensable to
E. inimical to

3. 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.

A. qualifies	D. ignoring
B. jettisons	E. predicting
C. affirms	F. confirming

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.

A. undermined by	D. rejected
B. inspired by	E. ignored
C. exploited for	F. promoted

5. 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.

A. corroborated	D. friendly	G. benefits
B. exploited	E. hazardous	H. costs
C. dispelled	F. predictable	I. opportunities

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6. 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 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. 【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. contribute to	D. provocative	G. captivated
B. reduce	E. misguided	H. confused
C. cover up	F. cynical	I. outraged

7. In noting that critical and popular opinions about Li's art coincided, Chuang _____ the existence of an exception to her general theory of art criticism, which posits that critics' views do not intersect with those of the general public.
A. asserted
B. conceded
C. acknowledged
D. doubted
E. pondered
F. questioned

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. As a historical genre, biography is best when _____, a careful reconstruction of the past in all its unfamiliar particularity.
A. introspective
B. reflective
C. concrete
D. concise
E. meticulous
F. thorough

10. Explorers could not build each other's knowledge if they could not trust 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

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section 47 hard

1. The science community's perennial lament over inadequate budgets has come to seem increasing _____, because government support for science and engineering has never been greater.
A. vital
B. hopeless
C. poignant
D. condescending
E. disingenuous

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. 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)_____.

A. stated as absolutes	D. hedged
B. refused to reveal	E. simplified
C. backed up extensively	F. reiterated

4. 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.

A. frowned upon	D. a requirement for
B. rampant	E. a detriment to
C. disregarded	F. an irrelevance to

5. 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.

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

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6. Inuit print making is less (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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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. 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

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section 48 hard

1. Even those observers who are the most _____ about genetic privacy issues would have to concede that genetic discrimination is rare: there have only been two cases of any notoriety.
A. sanguine
B. zealous
C. candid
D. objective
E. apathetic

2. 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.
A. sacrosanct
B. ephemeral
C. malleable
D. egalitarian
E. autonomous

3. 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.

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

4. The author of this biography gives an accurate and (i)_____ account of the subject's life story, but all the carefully assembled detail fails to compensate for the general lack of (ii)_____ in her writing.

A. exhaustive	D. specificity
B. glib	E. veracity
C. selective	F. vivacity

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

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

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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)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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. Shifting Fortunes take 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

8. 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 to

9. Scientist 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

10. 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

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section 49 hard

1. In one theory, as people learn things throughout the day, connections between neurons get strengthened, but during sleep then all synapses are weakened, tenuous connections are _____ and only the strongest bonds could remain.
A. reinforced
B. reproduced
C. replaced
D. stimulated
E. severed

2. 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

3. 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)_____.

A. minimized	D. tenuous
B. touted	E. complicated
C. acknowledged	F. important

4. The reclusive clergyman may have lived and died in melancholy, but this doesn't seem to have (i)_____ his genius in any way. On the contrary, we find ourselves wondering whether his genius wasn't (ii)_____ in some mysterious way by his mood.

A. influenced	D. served
B. hampered	E. controlled
C. triggered	F. identified

5. 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)_____.

A. straightforward	D. quite problematic	G. routine
B. controversial	E. relatively simple	H. deceptive
C. difficult	F. largely unnecessary	I. exceptional

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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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. attracted by	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. 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 for
E. essential for
F. indispensable to

8. 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 _____ partisanship.
A. expediting
B. constraining
C. facilitating
D. deterring
E. exacerbating
F. lamenting

9. That guild of experts has always appraised the economic stimulation plan as bootless, while the advocates of the policy do not take their _____ evaluation for granted.
A. tendentious
B. meticulous
C. detracting
D. indifferent
E. ubiquitous
F. deprecatory

10. In noting that critical and popular opinions about Li's art coincided, Chuang _____ the existence of an exception to her general theory of art criticism, which posits that critics' views do not intersect with those of the general public.
A. asserted
B. conceded
C. acknowledged
D. doubted
E. pondered
F. questioned

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section 50 hard

1. 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. naivety
D. premise
E. credibility

2. Though humanitarian emergencies are frequent features of television news, such exposure seldom _____ the public, which rather seems resigned to a sense of impotency.
A. paralyzes
B. demoralizes
C. assuages
D. galvanizes
E. exasperates

3. 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.

A. superseded	D. discredited
B. irrelevant	E. well established
C. emergent	F. half-formulated

4. Research into butterfly wings 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.

A. ecological	D. tantamount to
B. aesthetic	E. germane to
C. technological	F. advance by

5. Viewing people as "social atoms" that obey rather simple rule (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)_____.

A. apparent contradictions	D. inflexible	G. self-defeating
B. unproductive tendencies	E. straightforward	H. self-aggrandizing
C. lawlike regulations	F. chaotic	I. self-perpetuating

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6. 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.
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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

7. The ambassador's critical remarks seemed to be less a product of _____ and more the careless utterances of a fatigued or undisciplined individual.
A. intensity
B. optimism
C. purposefulness
D. design
E. confidence
F. caution

8. In sharp contrast to the novel's scenic realism and precisely characterized figure is its persistent philosophical _____.
A. naturalism
B. abstraction
C. generality
D. impartiality
E. sincerity
F. objectivity

9. 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

10. 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

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section 51 easy

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. Having regarded Marcus relationship to their boss as entirely _____, Jo was flabbergasted when Marcus publicly made clear his objections to some changes the boss was introducing.
A. professional
B. sycophantic
C. prosaic
D. dissident
E. collegial

3. 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.

A. unsupported generalizations	D. numerous
B. stylistic infelicities	E. minor
C. little errors	F. perplexing

4. 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.

A. decay	D. disparate
B. strength	E. unknown
C. diversity	F. controversial

5. Many popular musicians have (i)____ new digital technologies that allow them unprecedented control over their music. These musicians use computers to (ii)_____ and modify their songs, resulting in a level of musical precision often unattainable naturally. Of course, though, as is often the case with new technologies, some traditionalists (iii)_____ these developments.

A. incorporated	D. energize	G. balk at
B. synthesized	E. delineate	H. revel in
C. alleviated	F. recast	I. retaliate

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6. Campus-wide discussion on academic integrity can be (i)_____ by the fact that faculty and students tend to define cheating in (ii)_____ ways. Even when they concur on what cheating means, faculty and students often assign different levels of severity to specific violations. These differences can serve as a major (iii)_____ the creation of a commonly accepted set of standards of integrity that are consistently applied to all academic work within the campus community. 【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. expedited	D. disparate	G. indictment of
B. obscured	E. conventional	H. impediment to
C. hampered	F. rigid	I. metaphor for

7. Origin, distribution, and habitat are included in the book for some but not all of the plants; offering this information for each species would have given readers a clearer appreciation of the differences between _____ and introduced species.
A. endemic
B. native
C. seasonal
D. rare
E. unusual
F. dominant

8. 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

9. Each of the country's 26 sates and most of its more than 2,000 municipalities have their own police forces, _____ communication and making it difficult to establish a coordinated law-enforcement strategy.
A. establishing
B. impeding
C. hampering
D. launching
E. obscuring
F. preventing

10. 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

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section 52 easy

1. Some ambitious lawyers are willing to work on Supreme Court cases without charge in an effort to gain _____; they believe that this increased cachet will help them succeed in the future.
A. wisdom
B. certitude
C. prestige
D. integrity
E. humility

2. The author's unfortunate predilection for mannered turns of phrase and complicated metaphors had a tendency to _____ her work's straightforward themes.
A. propitiate
B. accentuate
C. augment
D. occlude
E. presage

3. The councilman was a highly respected, even (i)_____ member of society, so when he was accused of fraud, people were (ii)_____.

A. venerated	D. stunned
B. obscure	E. elated
C. unassuming	F. gullible

4. (i)_____ may sound like the (ii)_____ novelty seeking, but in fact the latter can coexist with and balance that stick-to-it virtue strong-willed Victorians so promoted.

A. ambition	D. antithesis of
B. creativity	E. foundation for
C. persistence	F. precursor to

5. Compared to Earth over most of its 4 to 6-billion-year history, the world we live in today is quite (i)_____. Of course, it is human nature to regard the world that we are used to as (ii)_____. The oceans, prairies, and mountain chains—even the air we breathe—seem the norm and therefore (iii)_____.

A. bountiful	D. invaluable	G. eternal
B. atypical	E. permanent	H. precious
C. stable	F. corrupted	I. endangered

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6. Leo Tolstoy wrote many works of nonfiction and professed (i)_____ these explorations of ethics and religion compared with his novels and short stories. The fiction writer in him, however, was hard to (ii)_____. *Handi Murdd* is a short novel with the breadth and power of an epic, with vivid characterization and intense storytelling that sweep the reader away. While the reader senses the moral concerns of the tale's creator, the novel is a far cry from the (iii)_____ of Tolstoy's nonfiction.
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A. a preference for	D. suppress	G. didacticism
B. an aversion to	E. identify	H. fluidity
C. an indifference toward	F. incite	I. creativity

7. Changes made to ecosystems in order to achieve a goal, such as food production or flood control, often _____ significant unforeseen trade-offs between other important products and services the ecosystems provide.
A. predict
B. delay
C. foretell
D. obscure
E. yield
F. engender

8. One big challenge with placebo responses is that they are _____: people given the same inert pill or potion may show wildly different reactions, and the effects can vary widely according to each person's illness.
A. capricious
B. illusory
C. unpredictable
D. chimerical
E. marginal
F. ephemeral

9. The Chicago journal known as Poetry has been the launching pad for many poets since its _____ in 1913; among them, T. S. Eliot, Gwendolyn Brooks, and John Ashbery.
A. extraction
B. foundation
C. partnership
D. employment
E. revival
F. inception

10. Although most land snails are _____, the giant African snail is a notable exception; it can be 15 inches long and weigh 2 pounds.
A. gargantuan
B. juvenile
C. functional
D. diminutive
E. responsive
F. minuscule

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section 53 easy

1. The company's steering committee, reluctant to be held any specific commitments, released a strategic plan that was deliberately _____.
A. unpopular
B. repetitive
C. stringent
D. inflexible
E. nebulous

2. Gladys took a _____ approach to problem solving, so when the committee needed ideas on how to create more low-cost public transportation, she suggested they study what worked well in other cities with similar needs.
A. benign
B. pragmatic
C. compliant
D. rarefied
E. dogmatic

3. Knowing how (i)_____ she was at work, her colleagues were surprised at her (ii)_____ throughout the dinner.

A. dependable	D. timidity
B. diffident	E. assertiveness
C. diligent	F. punctiliousness

4. Fears that the recent sharp rise in oil prices is an indication that oil is running out appear to be (i)_____. The Middle East still contains vast oil supplies. Furthermore, even if new oil finds elsewhere have been (ii)_____ than in the past, substantial quantities of oil can be profitably stripped from tar and shale.

A. contagious	D. less frequent
B. unfounded	E. more accessible
C. sagacious	F. less publicized

5. Twenty years ago, when the book was first published, most reviewers dismissed the author's predictions as (i)_____. Sometimes people (ii)_____ their errors: those same reviewers today, comparing the predictions with actual events, acknowledge how (iii)_____ the author was.

A. insightful	D. persevere in	G. mistaken
B. judicious	E. recognize	H. prescient
C. alarmist	F. complicate	I. pessimistic

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6. Keith Haring's cartoonish art became even more (i)_____ than Andy Warhol's much-reproduced soup cans when, in 1986, he opened his own store, the Pop Shop, to sell licensed Haring merchandise. The public loved the souvenirs; the critics (ii)_____ what they saw as his betrayal of artistic integrity. Haring claimed that these critics misunderstood his (iii)_____ to take art beyond galleries and museums, and thus to give a wider audience the opportunity to experience art.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. commercial	D. fostered	G. failed plan
B. traditional	E. decried	H. financial need
C. expert	F. anticipated	I. sincere effort

7. As the biography makes plain, the scientist led _____ sort of life, rarely remaining in one place for long.
A. an enigmatic
B. an idiosyncratic
C. an itinerant
D. a cautious
E. a peripatetic
F. a circumspect

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. 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. _____ the notion that attention is a limited resource, scientists have found lots of evidence that drivers with cell phones drives slower and are more apt to miss important details than drivers who drive solely on the road.
A. controverting
B. buttressing
C. questioning
D. bolstering
E. perpetuating
F. refuting

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section 54 easy

1. As the release of the annual report drew near, it was clear that more than a few employees suspected the company was on the verge of bankruptcy; the belief was _____ throughout the organization.
A. omniscient
B. abject
C. pervasive
D. estimable
E. specious

2. The automation of many of the functions performed at the factory, although initially inspiring _____ in many of the company's employees, has had none of the deleterious effects forecast either within and beyond the organization.
A. indifference
B. optimism
C. ambition
D. arrogance
E. trepidation

3. The claim that large budget deficits significantly depress private investment and thereby hurt future wages and living standards is (i)_____; in reality, the (ii)_____ effects of budget deficits are tiny.

A. fallacious	D. adverse
B. incomprehensible	E. unforeseen
C. incontrovertible	F. ameliorate

4. The small errors of fact in the work are not sufficient to allow one to (i)_____ Johnson's main thesis, but their cumulative effect is to make the reader (ii)_____ of the quality of his research.

A. dismiss	D. skeptical
B. endorse	E. credulous
C. decipher	F. appreciative

5. Even though intelligence may be quite (i)_____, and even though scientists may have made frustratingly (ii)_____ progress in understanding it, many experts on intelligence still think that the potential (iii)_____ of the quest to understand intelligence make it worth continuing. For instance, a brain-based understanding of intelligence may help teachers design strategies for educating children more effectively.

A. useful	D. little	G. intellectual impediments
B. neglected	E. rapid	H. practical values
C. complex	F. extensive	I. financial rewards

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6. While the Prime Minister's long-standing reputation for (i)____ practical power may (ii)_____ his recently stated willingness to devolve real power to regional assemblies and local governments, it certainly does not (iii)_____ his doing it.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. centralizing	D. render inevitable	G. require
B. overseeing	E. be based on	H. allow
C. exploring	F. raise doubts about	I. preclude

7. Although a dedicated reader of the book can _____ a brief of chronology of Chappell's life, the book is nevertheless not a real biography of Chapelle.
A. mass
B. obtain
C. overlook
D. excuse
E. forgo
F. glean

8. In their quest for kinder cutting, physicians increasingly rely on endoscopic surgery, replacing large scalpels and clamps with cameras and _____ tools that snake into the body through tiny holes.
A. flexibility
B. rigidity
C. magnitude
D. suppleness
E. enormity
F. precision

9. The university's once _____ department of economic history has lost prestige and transmogrified into a department of management and marketing.
A. respected
B. slighted
C. pretentious
D. gigantic
E. venerable
F. snubbed

10. Travel writers have a special burden of forming _____ story—that is, one with a beginning, middle, and end—out of the unformed moments that make up the act of traveling.
A. a compelling
B. a coherent
C. an original
D. a serious
E. an orderly
F. an innovative

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section 55 easy

1. Like all general models, island biogeography theory is _____ reality, capturing just a few important elements of a system while ignoring many others.
A. an adjunct to
B. an improvement on
C. a mirror of
D. a corollary to
E. a simplification of

2. The restaurant often experience a decline in business after holiday seasons, for potential customers attempt to be more _____ to balance out their former celebratory indulgences.
A. abstemious
B. loyal
C. unsophisticated
D. blithe
E. indolent

3. Just as different human groups have different kinds of musical traditions, different groups of whales have different dialects evident in their songs, and it is possible for one group to influence the (i)_____ of another. It has been documented more than once that a group of whales will (ii)_____ its own tunes and adopt the new songs of an unfamiliar group.

A. tastes	D. create
B. diversity	E. abandon
C. organization	F. perpetuate

4. Any number of mysteries to which individual scholars of Athenian history have devoted whole careers are addressed by Ober, and mostly successfully. This will cause some (i)_____ among scholars who have worked for years on a particular problem only to see another scholar suddenly (ii)_____ it.

A. chagrin	D. prolong
B. complacency	E. exacerbate
C. hubris	F. resolve

5. Wolosky claims that Ella Wheeler Wilcox joined other women poets such as Julia Ward Howe, Frances Harper, and Charlotte Perkins Gilman in critiquing materialism and possessive individualism. Wolosky's description (i)_____ the poetry of Gilman, Howe, and Harper, but it is not entirely (ii)_____ in the case of Wilcox, who hardly (iii)_____ the materialism of her time. Rather, Wilcox seems to have embraced the amassing of private property.

A. fits	D. apt	G. reflected
B. conflates	E. puzzling	H. countenanced
C. misinterprets	F. uncommon	I. impugned

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6. What she disliked in the fictions of some of her peers was the excessive (i)_____. In her novel, by contrast, she was marked by a (ii)_____: she always (iii)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. explicitness	D. ebullience	G. keeps some details undisclosed
B. deviousness	E. reticence	H. ends the book with a bleak note
C. divergence	F. introspection	I. draws on unusual sources

7. There are many ways in which rat brains and human brains are _____. Indeed, rat brains are often used as generalized models for all mammalian brains, including our own.
A. identical
B. analogous
C. mysterious
D. comparable
E. adaptable
F. inexplicable

8. 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 realm is another vast area about which our knowledge is _____.
A. erroneous
B. confusing
C. frustrating
D. rudimentary
E. delusive
F. sketchy

9. The occasional minor errors, while annoying, do not _____ the basic scholarship or the valuable contribution of this book.
A. support
B. uphold
C. expose
D. explain
E. vitiate
F. impair

10. In American art the line between the good and the goods is not a hard-and-fast boundary, for in a commercial society the membrane that separates spirit and store is always _____.
A. porous
B. clogged
C. permeable
D. unwavering
E. steady
F. imaginary

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section 56 easy

1. Needing an advocate who would be both precise and succinct, they rejected McLintock, whose inveterate _____ would automatically preclude meeting those requirements.
A. punctiliousness
B. concision
C. cautiousness
D. imperturbability
E. prolixity

2. 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

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

A. ambivalent	D. ignoring
B. complacent	E. understanding
C. indifferent	F. adulating

4. Fables often endure due to their (i)_____, often telling one simple narrative, based around one character. This is both by design, because direct statements are more easily remembered than florid ones, and by accident, as fables are passed from teller to teller, (ii)_____ details fall away, leaving only the essential story.

A. bombast	D. superfluous
B. objectivity	E. requisite
C. simplicity	F. apocryphal

5. 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 of a cup of coffee.

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

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6. 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. detectable	D. obvious	G. masked
B. usable	E. subtle	H. disastrous
C. explicable	F. violent	I. minuscule

7. Although the four microclimates, observed over the three years, show very similar overall trends, suggesting spatial _____ in the rock surface temperature regime, relative humidity and surface wetness data show clear differences.
A. invariability
B. superiority
C. perception
D. homogeneity
E. resemblance
F. immutability

8. Because chemistry's position as one of the natural sciences has long seemed _____, historians have generally treated the foundation of chemical professorship as an inevitable component of the progression of universities.
A. manifest
B. impregnable
C. relevant
D. predictable
E. germane
F. self-evident

9. Her apparent _____ her background and ancestry seems unconceivable in an age when people tend to think of themselves to exhaustion.
A. rejection of
B. deference to
C. unfamiliarity with
D. dishonesty with
E. ignorance of
F. fixation on

10. For parents, the pleasure of letting children choose which book to read aloud together is not always _____: I well remembered my inner groans when my child would constantly pick my least favorite book from the shelf.
A. intangible
B. enduring
C. impalpable
D. unalloyed
E. ephemeral
F. unqualified

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section 57 easy

1. The macromolecule RNA is common to all living beings, and DNA, which is found in all organisms except some bacteria, is almost as _____.
A. mercurial
B. amorphous
C. ubiquitous
D. manifest
E. exiguous

2. Notwithstanding that the _____ of local branch banks has been so much predicted, in most countries the number of branch banks has increased over the past decade.
A. resurgence
B. proliferation
C. demise
D. profitability
E. reorganization

3. There are something like 1,400 seed banks around the world, which guard samples of crop plants ranging from alfalfa to yams. But this agricultural archive is (i)_____ as a result of war, storms, scant money, and bad management, particularly in the world's most (ii)_____ places.

A. eroding	D. secure
B. expanding	E. turbulent
C. stabilizing	F. cosmopolitan

4. Recent years have seen a disheartening string of revelations in which everyday items once considered (i)_____ are found to contain (ii)_____ chemicals.

A. ubiquitous	D. benign
B. innocuous	E. complex
C. insalubrious	F. baneful

5. Parker's model of human affairs reflects (i)_____ outlook, in stark contrast to the generally (ii)_____ premises that her colleagues in the economics department adopt in their work. Accordingly, her conclusions (iii)_____ theirs.

A. a sanguine	D. pessimistic	G. are somewhat more accessible than
B. an introspective	E. theoretical	H. are not so sunny as
C. a technical	F. distinctive	I. diverge markedly

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 discreetly sabotaging their most important projects.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. misconstrued	D. cynicism	G. veneration
B. condemned	E. acquiescence	H. justification

C. respected	F. intractability	I. detestation

7. 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

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. The central idea of the worldview known as "consilience" is that all tangible phenomena are based on material process that are ultimately reducible, however long and _____ the sequences, to the laws of physics.
A. facile
B. ethereal
C. tortuous
D. superficial
E. convoluted
F. protracted

10. Although evolutionary psychologists do not seem quite as imperialist in their intellectual ambitions as their sociobiologist forebears of the 1970s, they tend, in some critics' view, to be no less _____ in their claims.
A. abashed
B. arrogant
C. impetuous
D. hubristic
E. narcissistic
F. diffident

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section 58 easy

1. By the early nineteenth century, education in the United States had become _____ affair: almost every town provided free schools for young children, and many were in the process of building high schools.
A. an analytical
B. a civic
C. a contested
D. a trivial
E. an exclusive

2. His _____ character enables him to work with people who often hold sometimes even conflict views.
A. choleric
B. intransigent
C. officious
D. irenic
E. prudent

3. The scientist's motivation for (i)_____ a ban on the food addictive cannot be called (ii)_____. He himself had a patent for the substitution for the addictive food.

A. advocating	D. altruistic
B. opposing	E. solemn
C. conceding	F. effective

4. Since the field of quantum mechanics is often considered to be (i)_____, it was surprising to find it attracts so much (ii)_____ interest.

A. abstruse	D. cursory
B. unconventional	E. technical
C. interdisciplinary	F. general

5. To many newspapers readers now, this book published in 1953 is (i)_____. It is filled with references to some people whose ideas seemed (ii)_____ at that time, but are rarely viewed as (iii)_____ persons now.

A. refreshingly inspired	D. unfashionable	G. ignoble
B. somewhat dated	E. dutiable	H. prolific
C. excessively angry	F. important	I. seminal

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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. misunderstand	D. stigma	G. valid
B. comprehend	E. blemish	H. frank
C. complicate	F. allure	I. inveterate

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7. Although the company still loses the occasional lawsuit, the litigation threat that once seemed so _____ has become quite manageable.
A. burdensome
B. pedestrian
C. sporadic
D. mundane
E. promising
F. onerous

8. The concept of increasing complexity of organisms has _____ history among evolutionary biologists, and yet many laypeople would unhesitatingly say that the pattern applies to the history of life on Earth.
A. an illustrious
B. a sordid
C. a curious
D. a contentious
E. a distinguished
F. a fraught

9. The story lines of silent dramas may often have been _____, yet within those basic narrative outlines, the true artists among silent-film actors could express emotional shadings that have no analogue in spoken language.
A. implausible
B. incredible
C. conventional
D. elemental
E. rudimentary
F. confusing

10. The candidate seeks to depict his opponent as being _____, as one who is simply unable to make a decision and stand his ground.
A. inconstant
B. cowardly
C. opportunistic
D. petty
E. capricious
F. spiteful

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section 59 easy

1. The jury's verdict was such a surprise that the populace rioted in the streets; nothing less than a reversal of the verdict could _____ them.
A. mollify
B. emulsify
C. denigrate
D. petrify
E. disabuse

2. 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 _____.
A. reliability
B. diversity
C. complexity
D. plasticity
E. discontinuity

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.

A. forbearance	D. tempered
B. exuberance	E. delineated
C. obduracy	F. exacerbated

4. According to Dr. Edith Widder, measuring the level of pollutants in sediment provides a more accurate and robust indication of an estuary's health than does measuring the level of chemicals in the water, since pollution in water is (i)_____, but pollution in sediment is (ii)_____.

A. declining	D. significant
B. manageable	E. persistent
C. transient	F. detectable

5. Compared with, say, the precision of a skein of geese winging its way across the autumn sky in a V formation, the seasonal marches of grazers across the Serengeti seem (i)_____, and at times even (ii)_____. But, in fact, years of careful observation by scientists have shown that there is (iii)_____ those migrations of zebras, wildebeests, and Thomson's gazelles.

A. disorganized	D. illusionary	G. feats a tendency toward aggression in
B. purposeful	E. overwhelming	H. an undeniable grandeur to
C. massive	F. chaotic	I. a definite order to

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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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. consensus regarding	D. resilience	G. reflect
B. compunction about	E. sociability	H. communicate
C. justification for	F . uniqueness	I. cooperate

7. Given the _____ of solid case studies of environment degradation, this new study adds very little to our knowledge of the field.
A. erroneousness
B. plethora
C. surfeit
D. inaccuracy
E. rigor
F. outcome

8. Although his original mission was a failure, Russian botanist Michael Friedrich Adams achieved an unexpected _____ when he found, by chance, the carcass of a woolly mammoth.
A. conclusion
B. upheaval
C. triumph
D. bombshell
E. success
F. venture

9. The medical researchers replied to the charge that their proposed new treatment was _____ by demonstrating that it in fact observed standard medical practices.
A. deleterious
B. untested
C. unorthodox
D. expensive
E. intricate
F. unconventional

10. Because experience had convinced her that Hector was both self-seeking and avaricious, she rejected the possibility that the motivation behind his donation had been wholly _____.
A. redundant
B. frivolous
C. egotistical
D. ephemeral
E. altruistic
F. benevolent

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section 60 easy

1. The inconspicuous location and lack of striking vistas that characterize the villa reflect the _____ aspect of its creator's personality.
A. volatile
B. grandiose
C. gregarious
D. self-effacing
E. imperious

2. Since many prehistoric tools were made of materials, such as wood, bone, and antler, that tend to decay quickly, these archaeological specimens are _____ their stone counterparts.
A. cruder than
B. derived from
C. found with
D. rarer than
E. similar to

3. As the pace of the trial (i)_____, the wait at the beginning of the day became less interminable, and the attorneys' requests to suspend proceeding for private conferences with the judge, almost invariably granted early on, were routinely (ii)_____.

A. slowed	D. rebuffed
B. materialized	E. repeated
C. accelerated	F. recounted

4. Managers who categorically squelch insights from low-tiered employees run the obvious hazard of (i)_____ creativity; conversely, these very same managers are more likely to (ii)_____ any ideas that flow down from the top brass.

A. fomenting	D. unquestioningly embrace
B. smothering	E. arbitrarily denounce
C. sparking	F. conditionally approve

5. A bird's feathers would seem to be a (i)_____ design for protecting a bird from attack by microscopic organisms. They create a warm, moist space next to the skin that could be an ideal incubator for spores. Wild birds rarely (ii)_____ skin diseases, however. The chemicals in the sebum include an array of antibacterial and antifungal agents that allow the bird's skin to (iii)_____.

A. perfect	D. contract	G. stay healthy
B. typical	E. overcome	H. become irritated
C. poor	F. notice	I. recover quickly

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6. 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. effect	D. pressure	G. eaten
B. origin	E. produce	H. neutralized
C. purpose	F. suffer from	I. poisoned

7. Far from _____ innovations, as the patent system was designed to do, the patenting of concepts such as gene sequences gives individuals and corporations a legal choke to hold over ideas that should be useful to all.
A. spurring
B. recognizing
C. codifying
D. acknowledging
E. fostering
F. cataloging

8. The 1840s were _____ time for young women beginning to study science, particularly astronomy, in 1847 Maria Mitchell discovered the Nantucket comet, the first of several important astronomical discoveries of the era.
A. a favorable
B. an awkward
C. a perilous
D. a hazardous
E. an improbable
F. an auspicious

9. To keep the museum's admission lines moving, security inspections are considerably _____.
A. thorough
B. annoying
C. cursory
D. casual
E. irritating
F. methodical

10. The evil of class and race hatred must be eliminated while it is still _____ state; otherwise, it may grow to dangerous proportions.
A. an amorphous
B. an overt
C. a rudimentary
D. a threatening
E. an independent
F. an embryonic

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section 61 easy

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. 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

3. Because reading on the Web entails quickly scanning and sorting through a deluge of information, many wonder if our level of engagement with the text (i)_____ or if the ability to read closely and carefully is one that can be (ii)_____ if we simply spend more time immersed in a book.

A. irreparably compromised	D. fully reactivated
B. tentatively disrupted	E. further degraded
C. permanently restored	F. summarily disregarded

4. The benefits offered by information technology do not (i)_____ the need for individual reasoning; for example, Internet user should not allow the reasoning process to be (ii)_____ the mere accumulation raw data.

A. disguise	D. preceded by
B. signal	E. supplemented with
C. diminish	F. supplanted by

5. Evidence has been accumulating since the 1930s that reducing an animals energy intake below its energy expenditure extends the life span and delays the (i)_____ of age-related diseases in rats, dogs, fish, and monkeys. Such results have inspired thousands of people to (ii)_____ in the hope of living longer, healthier lives. They have also led to a search for drugs that (iii)_____ the effects of calorie restriction without the pain of actually going on a diet.

A. diagnosis	D. eat healthier foods	G. undermine
B. onset	E. put up with constant hunger	H. mimic
C. treatment	F. take vitamin supplements	I. delay

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6. Although Uruk in southern Mesopotamia has been (i)_____ as being both the first city and the model for later cones, 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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

7. Many people remember a time when cutting-edge architects, who are these days treated like celebrities, had _____ relationship with the public: for much of the 1960s, big new buildings in cities were often cause for hostility, not celebration.
A. an antagonistic
B. an inimical
C. an autocratic
D. a symbiotic
E. an indifferent
F. an apathetic

8. It is surprising to see such a child that is at his sixteenth manifest a great measure of _____, for he delivers too cogent, brilliant a speech among adults.
A. maturity
B. precociousness
C. convolution
D. nefariousness
E. naïveté
F. ingenuousness

9. People from one community always take each other as _____ since they automatically classify the others as their family line.
A. acquaintance
B. consort
C. neighborhood
D. kinfolk
E. relative
F. patron

10. The juxtaposition of fertile alluvial soils originating in the Andes with the infertile inland soils of central Amazon Basin is one example of _____ of the soil conditions that can be found in the tropics.
A. intractability
B. heterogeneity
C. incompatibility
D. disparateness
E. instability
F. fragility

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section 62 easy

1. Because the critic thought that the mark of great literature was grandiosity and elegance not to be found in common speech, writers seeking his approbation _____ the vernacular.
A. exploited
B. embraced
C. misapplied
D. considered
E. eschewed

2. Due to the many _____ in his committee presentation, Mark's advisor suggested that he revise his work and practice in front of a mirror before presenting it to the entire department.
A. facilities
B. jeremiads
C. gaffes
D. obloquies
E. exploits

3. From time to time, all scientific disciplines encounter observations that do not fit the theories of the day. At first such observations tend to be treated as (i)_____, but those scientists (ii)_____ them sometimes discover that they have to abandon established principles in order to account for the new findings.

A. anomalies	D. averse to scrutinizing
B. discoveries	E. willing to investigate
C. harbinger	F. unable to acknowledge

4. Despite dispute between the sisters lasted all summer, Megan remained (i)_____ and Laruen was equally (ii)_____.

A. intransigent	D. indolent
B. feckless	E. uncompromising
C. munificent	F. taciturn

5. The motives of many major investors in Pop Art have arguably been to a large extent, (i)_____. These collectors demonstrate and enhance their power over the art market by establishing seemingly arbitrary works of art as priceless. This phenomenon reveals that (ii)_____ is not (iii)_____ of truth or beauty, but simply a trick of investment capital.

A. visionary	D. value	G. a product
B. ambiguous	E. virtuosity	H. an inversion
C. self-aggrandizing	F. originality	I. a limitation

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6. China's rapidly growing population is the main threat facing large carnivores in the People's Republic. Increasingly, policies aimed at limiting population growth have been (i)_____; nevertheless, the country's vast size and the isolation of many of its regions mean that human populations in areas where large carnivores still occur (ii)_____. This human pressure has (iii)_____ the South China tiger.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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

7. Although most scientists hold that quantum theory and the theory of general relativity ought to be intimately connected, the theories have remained stubbornly _____.
A. consistent
B. unlinked
C. self-contradictory
D. estranged
E. arbitrary
F. congruent

8. One big challenge with placebo responses is that they are _____: people given the same inert pill or potion may show wildly different reactions, and the effects vary widely according to each person's illness.
A. capricious
B. illusory
C. unpredictable
D. chimerical
E. marginal
F. ephemeral

9. The _____ of biographies of antebellum capitalists is particularly striking in contrast with the abundance of life stories of industrialists in later eras.
A. brevity
B. banality
C. utility
D. paucity
E. triteness
F. dearth

10. He was one of the most powerful chess players over and one of the most _____; at the height of his fame he all but dropped out of chess, entering into a self-imposed exile.
A. perplexing
B. creative
C. troubled
D. infuriating
E. enigmatic
F. imaginative

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section 63 median

1. Anthropologist Jane Goodall was _____ in her determination to anthropomorphize the animals she observed with such empathy, and so resisted her editors' attempt to recast her descriptions in more dispassionate language.
A. fickle
B. stalwart
C. solicitous
D. pretentious
E. whimsical

2. Although New York exhilarated him, even at first Leger's reaction to it was not _____: he was initially bothered by its stunning verticality.
A. unspontaneous
B. unintentional
C. unqualified
D. unhopeful
E. uninterested

3. 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.

A. fully endorse	D. indispensable
B. intentionally recapitulate	E. venal
C. entirely misconstrue	F. profitable

4. 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.

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

5. Human-caused disturbances, such as habitat destruction and the introduction of nonnative species, are among the leading causes of plant and animal population declines. Most populations are affected by a combination of adverse human pressures, each of which is in itself insufficient to (i)_____ a population crash. Therefore, studies of population declines that (ii)_____ individual factors and thus (iii)_____ potential interactions may lead to improper management of declining species.

A. delay	D. integrate	G. exaggerate
B. trigger	E. focus on	H. overlook
C. offset	F. ignore	I. anticipate

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6. Movement from bottom to top, from poor to rich, was rare, even movement from poor to middle class was (i)_____. Statistical analysis of trends in occupation, income, and property ownership, Thernstrom wrote, “yielded rather (ii)_____ conclusions about social mobility in nineteenth-century America.” So we might expect Thernstrom to be suspicious now of claims that differences in class could be (iii)_____ if only the public schools did a better job.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. an anomaly	D. multifaceted	G. distinguished
B. a cinch	E. pessimistic	H. misapprehended
C. a conjecture	F. unsophisticated	I. obliterated

7. A small degree of _____ is always desirable in a published diary. A sense of authenticity is seldom worth the diarist’s questionable grammar or careless phrasing.
A. characterization
B. emendation
C. documentation
D. revision
E. substantiation
F. individualization

8. In his heyday, Sonny Bono’s role in public was _____: he was an accomplished lyricist, a mayoral success story, delegate from Palm Springs, and the husband of an internationally acclaimed vocalist.
A. protean
B. versatile
C. pedestrian
D. prominent
E. circumscribed
F. illustrious

9. Criticized for decades of overproduction in their signature line of derivative goods, Rectangle Record has satiated the market with a _____ of repackaged old CDs, which interferes with its ability to innovate and produce new albums.
A. dearth
B. glut
C. deficiency
D. surfeit
E. abundance
F. profusion

10. His political view, harking back to the turmoil in the 1934, is a _____ with no bearing on the present.
A. prototype
B. pretense
C. paradigm
D. relic
E. contradiction
F. vestige

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section 64 median

1. Discussions of impending water shortages are often couched in apocalyptic rhetoric, yet if the language is somewhat _____, the basic message is sound: water is indeed scarce and growing scarcer.
A. abstract
B. complacent
C. ambiguous
D. unfamiliar
E. overblown

2. 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

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

A. hortatory	D. controversial
B. ineffective	E. urgent
C. widespread	F. inopportune

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

A. authentic	D. escapist appeal
B. complicated	E. high-minded purpose
C. disingenuous	F. gripping suspense

5. So (i)_____ is the reputation of the country's police for corruption and other forms of (ii)_____ that it has become a kind of tradition that every newly appointed police chief pledges to (iii)_____ the force.

A. persisted	D. indolence	G. contradict
B. paralyzing	E. incompetence	H. reform
C. unfounded	F. criminality	I. reward

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6. The wealthy donor was known for his annual acts of (i)_____ throughout the community, but even more (ii)_____ was the fact that he was willing to get his hands dirty and serve the needy through hard physical labor as well as through (iii)_____ and gifts.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. quality	D. laudable	G. effort
B. legacy	E. inexpressible	H. endowments
C. largesse	F. disquieting	I. handiwork

7. 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

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. The women's rights movement has been mostly _____ in the Middle East, but it is likely that activists will be newly galvanized by the political upheavals currently sweeping the region.
A. subverted
B. quiescent
C. interminable
D. bootless
E. abeyant
F. feckless

10. Beatified by the Catholic Church in 1765, Italian cleric Ludovico Sabbatini is _____ each year on the day of his death, June 11.
A. pledged
B. evoked
C. deified
D. venerated
E. honored
F. christened

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section 65 median

1. 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

2. Within the field of emotional intelligence research, disagreements remain about whether emotional intelligence can be learned and strengthened or is _____ characteristic.
A. an expressed
B. an inborn
C. an invented
D. a cultivated
E. a perceptible

3. Though McDonough discusses (i)_____ the filmmaker's aesthetic principles, it is the description of the (ii)_____, the very vulgarity of the director's films, rather than McDonough's learned discourses on the aesthetics of the film, that makes the book so entertaining.

A. inaccurately	D. subtle ingenuity
B. superficially	E. absolute discretion
C. adroitly	F. flagrant crassness

4. In our daily lives, we often (i)_____ our separate identities: you can have one identity at work and another online, for example. Such (ii)_____ disappear in certain circumstances, however, resulting in a cross-pollination of our different selves.

A. renounce	D. uncertainties
B. merge	E. correlations
C. compartmentalize	F. boundaries

5. (i)_____ have often shrilled that Australia's Great Barrier Reef is dying, a result of agricultural runoff from the (ii)_____ Queensland coast. In truth, the preservation of the reef (iii)_____, a combination of active government intervention and the beneficial effects of responsible tourism.

A. apologists	D. long-abandoned	G. is based on an impracticality
B. optimists	E. over-farmed	H. remains a matter of controversy
C. scaremongers	F. well-preserved	I. is something of a success story

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6. Industry-sponsored scientific research on chemical safety often (i)_____. Media reports regularly imply that industry support of scientific work is alone sufficient to (ii)_____ that research. Even though the source of funding has been determined to be a less significant cause of bias than other factors, industry support suffices, in the minds of many people, to (iii)_____ the credibility of scientific work.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. uncovers risks	D. fund	G. adopt
B. elicits skepticism	E. vindicate	H. vitiate
C. promotes innovation	F. invalidate	I. bolster

7. What they see in Jimenez is the one candidate capable of decisive leadership, in stark contrast to Diaz, whose team in office has been marred by _____.
A. defensiveness
B. corruption
C. irresolution
D. vacillation
E. belligerence
F. pugnacity

8. The research informing Gregory's book on vegetarianism in Victorian England appears to be _____, with a great deal of revealing detail on display and more than a third of the text taken up with footnotes.
A. uneven
B. excessive
C. exhaustive
D. mixed
E. inconsistent
F. comprehensive

9. He was a man of few words, _____ around all but his closest friends.
A. laconic
B. garrulous
C. ascetic
D. taciturn
E. tempestuous
F. ambiguous

10. There are many insights in the essay 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

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section 66 median

1. The cognitive flexibility of successful fictional detectives is often _____ by their cultural ambivalence: detectives' intellectual acumen, it seems, exists in direct proportion to their uneasy place in society.
A. amplified
B. highlighted
C. spurred
D. matched
E. negated

2. Barry was a skilled _____: though his arguments were completely flawed, they were clever-sounding enough to deceive everyone who heard them.
A. sophist
B. scholar
C. quibbler
D. doctrinaire
E. pedant

3. If the candidate wins the election now that rivals within his own party have (i)_____ him in a campaign that was (ii)_____ without their help, he will be mightily indebted to these self-styled saviors.

A. rallied	D. foundering
B. separated from	E. effective
C. undermined	F. improving

4. In the popular conception, (i)_____ is inextricably tied up with (ii)_____: doing something truly creative, we are inclined to think, requires the freshness and energy of youth. Orson Welles made his masterpiece, Citizen Kane, at twenty-five, and Mozart wrote his breakthrough Piano concerto no.9 at twenty-one.

A. progress	D. serendipity
B. genius	E. precocity
C. destiny	F. dedication

5. Communal feeding is a remarkable behavioral aspect of this generally solitary animal. It is also a misunderstood behavior and one of the reasons is that Tasmanian devils have a bad reputation. Far from being a (i)____, communal devil feeding is (ii)_____ and purposeful, and is described as (iii)____ behavior. The screaming and apparent fighting is an elaborate combination and variety of vocalizations and postures by which order is maintained.

A. free-for-all	D. structured	G. innate
B. rarity	E. vicious	H. acquired
C. necessity	F. infrequent	I. ritualized

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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)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. straightforward	D. quite problematic	G. routine
B. controversial	E. relatively simple	H. deceptive
C. difficult	F. largely unnecessary	I. exceptional

7. It is not unusual for American eduction leaders to hold up another nation as a model for school reform: in the mid-nineteenth century, such figures _____ the professionalism and structure of the Prussian school system.
A. envied
B. imitated
C. hailed
D. augmented
E. acclaimed
F. enhanced

8. In her career as an editor, she pruned and shaped many a writer's _____ prose into crisp lucidity.
A. wayward
B. transparent
C. errant
D. urbane
E. elegant
F. incisive

9. Philby secretly loathed the host of the party that he was attending, but it seemed _____ to say so publicly.
A. recondite
B. tactless
C. clever
D. malign
E. deft
F. impolitic

10. In American Indian art, the supposed distinction between modern and traditional was fabricated by critics, and when artists have control over interpretation of their own work, the distinction appear, happily, to have been _____.
A. eliminated
B. reinforced
C. put to rest
D. intensified
E. recognized
F. established

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section 67 median

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. jejune
B. esoteric
C. corrosive
D. finicky
E. indiscreet

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. 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.

A. in eclipse	D. controversial
B. unrivaled	E. unsurpassed
C. unchanged	F. unexceptional

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

A. unparalleled	D. demur
B. dubious	E. approve
C. obvious	F. acquiesce

5. Until now, old snapshots and home movies faded and crumbled and were eventually (i)_____. Only a few precious mementos were preserved and passed along. But as photography moves into the digital realm, family albums and home videos see capable of (ii)_____: our capacity to store them is, for all practical purposes, approaching the infinite. Is such a transformation a good thing? The natural world teaches us that (iii)_____ are vital to ecological health. Does a similar principle apply to communal memory?

A. archived	D. transmission	G. death and decay
B. discarded	E. immortality	H. predator and prey
C. reproduced	F. revolution	I. reproduction and renewal

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6. 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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

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. 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

9. 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

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

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section 68 median

1. The presidents' cordial greeting may seem to be a small gesture of friendliness, but it is not without _____ in the heretofore stifled atmosphere of the society's meetings.
A. significance
B. impertinence
C. nostalgia
D. precedent
E. triviality

2. The purpose of accounts of the Amazons for their male Greek recorders was _____, to teach both male and female Greeks that all-female groups, formed by withdrawal from traditional society, are destructive and dangerous.
A. deceptive
B. didactic
C. pre-cautious
D. vengeful
E. reflective

3. Whatever the acknowledged (i)_____ of the market and the merits of considering ways to (ii)_____ them, implementing public policies toward this end entails the inevitable risk that those policies will simply create new deficiencies even as they address old ones.

A. attractions	D. remedy
B. shortcomings	E. enhance
C. complexities	F. restore

4. Research note that wolves' otherwise strongly hierarchical society is marked by occasional displays of populist (i)_____: if a pack leader proves a too-snappish tyrant, subordinate wolves will (ii)_____ the top cur.

A. umbrage	D. collectively overthrow
B. expiation	E. eventually placate
C. torpor	F. quickly appraise

5. The motives of many major investors in Pop Art have arguably been to a large extent (i)_____. These collectors demonstrate and enhance their power over the art market by establishing seemingly arbitrary works of art as priceless. This phenomenon reveals that (ii)_____ is not (iii)_____ of truth or beauty, but simply a trick of investment capital.

A. visionary	D. value	G. a product
B. ambiguous	E. virtuosity	H. an inversion
C. self-aggrandizing	F. originality	I. a limitation

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6. Not all paleontologists agree that connections between the continents were (i)_____ just after the extinction of the dinosaurs. Some hold the view that North America, Asia, and South America had (ii)_____ immediately following the dinosaur extinction, pointing to (iii)_____ between ancient kinds of mammals that existed on all three continents at this time in support of their argument.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. significant	D. lasting differences	G. similarities
B. permanent	E. extensive contacts	H. intermediaries
C. limited	F. trivial likeness	I. hostilities

7. Because archaeology explores the most profound changes in human history by means of a grossly incomplete record; it has invited the sort of bold, imaginative interpretation in which speculation too easily becomes _____ evidence.
A. replaced by
B. constrained by
C. untethered from
D. divorced from
E. substituted for
F. constricted by

8. During the eighteenth century, improvements in their material circumstances did not necessarily mean expanded independence for women elite families and, arguably, the social conventions of gentility _____ more of their time and energy.
A. provided
B. justified
C. demanded
D. granted
E. exacted
F. rationalized

9. For certain economists, “pure” economic theory, that is, economic theory _____ a specific social structure, is impossible, much like a concept of anatomy that investigates no specific species.
A. attuned to
B. abstracted from
C. derived from
D. divorced from
E. sensitive to
F. analyzed in

10. The professor’s habitual air of _____ was 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

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section 69 median

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. 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

3. Throughout much of the twentieth century, common scientific sense seemed to dictate that animals could not make a choice based on rational or aesthetic criteria. Such choices were (i)_____ the mental capacity of humans. Scientists who (ii)_____ this animal-human cognitive division were often accused of anthropomorphism.

A. reserved for	D. accepted
B. inconsistent with	E. transgressed
C. similar to	F. exacerbated

4. For many adults, the adolescent years occupy (i)_____ place in the memory, which to some degree is even quantifiable: give a grown adult a series of random prompts and cues, odds are he or she will recall (ii)_____ number of memories from adolescence.

A. a peripheral	D. a disproportionate
B. a privileged	E. a modest
C. an arbitrary	F. an uncertain

5. Company historians tend to focus on either the company itself or company leaders, the latter being (i)_____ by writers who think (ii)_____ is important, the former favored by writers who think company heads are actually (iii)_____.

A. rehashed	D. leadership	G. influential
B. misrepresented	E. organization	H. interchangeable
C. preferred	F. function	I. uncontrolled

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6. Publisher, publicist, 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)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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. Rebecca West's book *Black Lamb and Grey Falcon* is a singularity _____ achievement, 1,100 pages that meld the genres of travel narratives, autobiography, historical analysis, and philosophical meditation.
A. evanescent
B. petty
C. polymathic
D. incongruous
E. encyclopedic
F. fleeting

8. She expected her book to be _____, but in fact few of her readers disagreed with its premise that street art, long considered a mere sideshow entertainment, deserved to be regarded as high art.
A. controversial
B. dramatic
C. impressive
D. acclaimed
E. provocative
F. popular

9. 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

10. Despite its best efforts to stimulate sales, the bookselling business remains far from _____, for it has high fixed costs in wages and rent, and falling prices make these ever harder to spur.
A. effective
B. healthy
C. innovative
D. robust
E. stingy
F. parsimonious

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section 70 median

1. 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

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. 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.

A. contentious	D. approached
B. stimulating	E. articulated
C. subjective	F. foundered on

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

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

5. Cynics will dismiss the race between Richard and Gorman as two equally dull candidates. However, the notion that the two leaders are (i)_____ does not meet them, for they are as different as can be. Richard is (ii)_____ and is fastidious of her appearance. So one could hardly accuse her of being either taciturn or (iii)_____.

A. interchangeable	D. condescending	G. unkempt
B. uncritical	E. loquacious	H. reticent
C. competent	F. blunted	I. adherent

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6. 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.
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A. grumble	D. inattentive	G. candid in
B. commiserate	E. garrulous	H. economical in
C. gloat	F. circumspect	I. flustered about

7. Every illness is a story, and when Annies began it was characterized by the kinds of _____ details that mean nothing until seen in hindsight.
A. salient
B. unexceptional
C. conspicuous
D. suggestive
E. abundant
F. nondescript

8. Peoples decisions about childbearing depend on innumerable personal consideration and societal factors, yet even knowing this, demographers are often _____: their projections of birth rates frequently turn out to be embarrassingly at odds with reality.
A. sanguine
B. flummoxed
C. inconsistent
D. overconfident
E. heartened
F. confounded

9. The brain has become, for many people, _____ the biological machinations of the self, and the self-knowledge promised by neuroscience has ignited a hunger to understand how new findings weigh in on age-old questions.
A. tantamount to
B. synonymous with
C. implicated in
D. divorced from
E. detached from
F. subservient to

10. 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

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section 71 median

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

2. When studying human history, one must be aware that the _____ between historical periods are arbitrary; certainly none of the people alive at the time were aware of a shift from one era to another.
A. judgements
B. ideologies
C. innovations
D. demarcations
E. episodes

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.

A. unreliable	D. whimsical
B. wistful	E. ungracious
C. self-serving	F. valedictory

4. Federal efforts to regulate standards on educational achievements have been met by (i)_____ from the states; local governments feel that government imposition represents an undue infringement on their (ii)_____.

A. receptivity	D. autonomy
B. intransigence	E. legislation
C. compromise	F. comportment

5. A minor criticism of the book, which is (i)_____ an understanding of the difficulty of doing direct research in Hong Kong's, is that So relied on secondary sources to tell the story of Hong Kong's political development, with previous histories of the period (ii)_____ his research. Given So's (iii)_____ many of the players in Hong Kong politics, it is surprising that he did not use interviews and other forms of direct research to delve further into the motivations, strategies, and tactics of participants.

A. attributable to	D. largely debunked by	G. deference to
B. exacerbated by	E. obviating the need for	H. estrangement from
C. tempered by	F. playing a large role in	I. proximity to

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6. Recent proposals for fixing the climate have taken the form of large-scale geoengineering projects such as launching mirrors into space to reflect solar radiation away from Earth, undertakings that are vastly more (i)_____ than anything a nineteenth-century rainmaker could have cooked up. What is unclear, as one looks back at the history of weather modification research, is whether this resourceful ambition will be (ii)_____, or if, by contrast, it serves to make the scientific community's (iii)_____ that much more devastating. 【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. effective	D. anticipated	G. avidity
B. enterprising	E. challenged	H. impotence
C. accessible	F. productive	I. resignation

7. 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

8. Today the chair of task force in charge of revising the psychiatric diagnostic manual is _____ post—people work for years to position themselves as candidates—but in the early 1970s, descriptive psychiatry was a backwater.
A. a coveted
B. an arduous
C. a taxing
D. a lucrative
E. an enviable
F. an influential

9. The astronomer admits that his interpretation of so-called Population III stars is _____ at present since no one has yet done any real calculations to see if it holds up under closer scrutiny.
A. spurious
B. speculative
C. predictive
D. conjectural
E. fabricated
F. implausible

10. 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

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section 72 median

1. Although his friends insisted that his black garb was simply depressing, Peter felt just the opposite—that it gave him an air of upbeat, _____ maturity.
A. melancholic
B. wearisome
C. salacious
D. aghast
E. urbane

2. The actor's performance was so absurdly _____ that Gwen felt a little ashamed to have to resort to tissues in the final scene.
A. proficient
B. unfeasible
C. seditious
D. maudlin
E. accommodating

3. To contrast the demeanor of Austen's clergy-man brothers James and Henry with that of Mr. Collins, the much-abused figure of fun in Pride and Prejudice, is instructive, for where the Austen brothers were properly (i)_____ to their social superiors and benevolent to their dependents, the odious Mr. Collins was invariably (ii)_____ to his betters, fawning in particular on his patron, Lady Catherine de Burgh.

A. deferential	D. derivative
B. similar	E. sycophantic
C. jejune	F. atypical

4. The company president's reputation for unflappability could easily be understood upon observing her (i)_____ performance during a particularly (ii)_____ board meeting.

A. supercilious	D. productive
B. histrionic	E. contentious
C. composed	F. lifeless

5. 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.

A. inhabit	D. puncture	G. accurate
B. reveal	E. invent	H. facile
C. confound	F. perpetuate	I. unknown

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6. 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. argument against	D. denied	G. stifles
B. rationale for	E. mentioned	H. energizes
C. precedent for	F. gainsaid	I. disregards

7. 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 for its stunning rise to prosperity.
A. opprobrium
B. vituperation
C. attention
D. dismissal
E. approbation
F. adulation

8. Although the parents do not think highly of the educational system “as a whole”, they fail to treat teachers with _____ equally.
A. consideration
B. veneration
C. lucubration
D. opprobrium
E. reverence
F. disdain

9. Economic growth has been identified as a _____ for poor countries to eradicate poverty, but this prescription also triggers great environmental concerns.
A. panacea
B. refuge
C. remedy
D. heaven
E. culprit
F. recipe

10. 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

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section 73 median

1. During the Renaissance, history was thought to be _____: it supplied instances of good and bad behavior in the past, thus informing the ethical precepts of the present.
A. amoral
B. subjective
C. superfluous
D. exemplary
E. progressive

2. 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

3. In the 1980s, many historians sounded urgent calls for (i)_____ in American historical writing, as longer and longer monographs on smaller subjects were being written—dazzling studies, but pieces of a puzzle no one was putting together. This scholarship was not illuminating the central themes of history but (ii)_____.

A. indulgence	D. obscuring
B. detail	E. criticizing
C. synthesis	F. celebrating

4. There has been (i)_____ elephant's fabled mental capacities until recently, when these behavioral observations have begun to be (ii)____ by brain science. MRI scans of an elephant's brain suggest that even relative to its overall size it has a large hippocampus, the component in the mammalian brain linked to memory and an important part of its limbic system, which is involved in precessing emotions.

A. surprising credence given to	D. buttressed
B. a widespread dismissal of	E. anticipated
C. only anecdotal evidence for	F. overwhelmed

5. 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)_____.

A. impatient with	D. belies	G. feats
B. unaware of	E. unifies	H. images
C. distracted by	F. dispels	I. lapses

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6. Most advocates of space exploration by the United States would not explicitly associate spaceflight with (i)_____, yet that belief, Launius and McCurdy write, is among the roots of arguments (ii)_____ human spaceflight. Throughout United States history there has been (iii)_____—seek utopia—on the frontier, and many space advocates have used that notion to make their case for exploring and settling space.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. entertainment	D. questioning	G. a hostile region fit only for the most self-reliant
B. irrationality	E. analyzing	H. the ideal location for one to better oneself
C. utopia	F. prompting	I. a paradise corrupted by European civilization

7. The sociologist argued that criminal behavior is an impermanent condition because it is the result of cyclical forces operating through _____ factors, not the manifestation of deeply rooted personal characteristics.
A. contingent
B. alarming
C. circumstantial
D. proliferating
E. unsustainable
F. intensifying

8. British critics covering African American musicians performing in London in the 1910s had little idea how to distinguish what was authentic African American music from what was _____, but they knew such a distinction existed.
A. eclectic
B. genuine
C. derivative
D. spurious
E. legitimate
F. specious

9. Any antimatter in our part of the universe is necessarily _____ because of the overwhelming preponderance of ordinary matter, by which antimatter is quickly annihilated.
A. short-lived
B. nebulous
C. scarce
D. concrete
E. substantial
F. ephemeral

10. 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

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section 74 median

1. Many legislators who helped Roosevelt shape the New Deal _____ the fact that emerging social problems affected every segment of the population; nonetheless, they often acted with a view to aiding only their own constituents.
A. disregarded
B. bemoaned
C. ignored
D. disputed
E. downplayed

2. One thing both authors have in common is a striking amount of _____: they claim to know how massive institutions, some of them richly endowed, all of them central to American society and culture, should be reshaped.
A. hubris
B. propriety
C. bias
D. prescience
E. indolence

3. The novel's heroine shows a remarkable (i)_____ to worship at the altar of youth; in her world, youth is (ii)_____, while age, by contrast, confers competence and wisdom.

A. disinclination	D. incredulous
B. desire	E. sagacious
C. tendency	F. callow

4. The humor in this play derives from its (i)_____. The new production, however, inexplicably goes in the opposite direction; it is so (ii)_____ that the audience does not even seem to realize that the play is supposed to be a comedy.

A. verbal nimbleness	D. accessible
B. political allusions	E. plodding
C. deadpan dialogue	F. implausible

5. Recently released statistics on the prevalence of heart disease in the United States, while (i)_____, nevertheless reflect a decline from heights reached in the 1960s, before health officials began publicly (ii)_____ people to guard against heart disease.

A. definitive	D. entreating
B. sobering	E. defying
C. implausible	F. absolving

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6. Cultures can shape attitudes and beliefs in ways that (i)_____ conscious awareness or control; in other words, cultural orientations may develop form 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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. Although people often describe the correct trajectory for a thrown or moving object, their efforts to explain that trajectory in terms of physics can reveal _____ understanding of the forces acting on the object.
A. a naïve
B. a subtle
C. a fallacious
D. an unsophisticated
E. a nuanced
F. a fresh

8. Appearing in the midst of so many equivocal comments, this unambiguous statement, whatever its intrinsic merit, plainly stands out as _____.
A. anomalous
B. arcane
C. irrelevant
D. superfluous
E. unusual
F. esoteric

9. For decades, Pluto seemed to be the mysteriously _____ planet: it was first thought to be about as large as Earth, but, subsequently, measurements had it smaller and smaller.
A. morphing
B. appearing
C. dwindling
D. orbiting
E. contracting
F. emerging

10. 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

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section 75 median

1. Since the deficit predicament is fundamentally a long-term problem, the legislature's _____ short-term approaches has actually compounded the difficulty in each succeeding year, eroding the state credit rating in the process.
A. vexation regarding
B. skepticism about
C. addiction to
D. wariness of
E. demonization of

2. His _____ speaking style notwithstanding, William Perkins has long been seen as the moderate face of his political party.
A. genteel
B. mundane
C. affable
D. captivating
E. vehement

3. I 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.

A. insipid	D. untested
B. infectious	E. captious
C. innocuous	F. contented

4. The question whether children like sweetener or not is (i)_____. Of course children like sweetener, which is (ii)_____ to sellers, since children's taste will not change once they are used to a certain brand.

A. debated	D. a pragmatic solution
B. decided	E. a commercial advantage
C. overlooked	F. an idealistic conception

5. The new drug was useful, but unfortunately its effect was largely (i)_____ rather than (ii)_____.

A. placatory	D. immediate
B. palliative	E. curative
C. addictive	F. mollifying

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6. 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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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

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. Typefaces, in one sense, are just like styles of shoes: they _____ because different people have different tastes and identities and because both creators and users value novelty for its own sake.
A. bemuse
B. converge
C. proliferate
D. abound
E. evolve
F. coincide

9. It's a sign of John Dramani Mahama's maturity as a writer that he is willing to consider his country's future so _____: his memoir is appealingly honest, given to clear-eyed assessments rather than exaggerated accounts of achievements.
A. cheerfully
B. dispassionately
C. insightfully
D. evocatively
E. analytically
F. blithely

10. 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

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section 76 median

1. Like her literary heroine, George Eliot, Barbara Kingsolvers is an old-fashioned _____, deeply curious about all branches of human learning.
A. prodigy
B. polymath
C. tyro
D. ante
E. philistine

2. 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.
A. extraneous
B. inexpressible
C. derivative
D. heterogeneous
E. uncorrelated

3. 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.

A. promotes	D. establishes
B. compromises	E. constrains
C. promulgates	F. prioritizes

4. To abolish the existence of nation-states is neither feasible nor desirable; but insofar as there are collective interests that transcend national boundaries, the (i)_____ of nation-states must be (ii)_____ to international institutions.

A. sovereignty	D. subordinated
B. traditions	E. attributable
C. genealogy	F. analogous

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

A. spread	D. spur to
B. commenced	E. drag on
C. slowed	F. panacea for

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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.
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A. precise	D. problem	G. augmented
B. rich	E. opportunity	H. ameliorated
C. straightforward	F. oversight	I. anticipated

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. The phrase “bread and circuses” refers to early Roman politicians’ plans to _____ the votes of the poor by handing out cheap food and entertainment.
A. belie
B. surmount
C. secure
D. control
E. cherish
F. earn

9. They applaud the musicals of the 1930s and 1940s, whose plethora of stars, jokes, dances witty dialogue, and general gaiety make today’s offering seem _____ by comparison.
A. cheerless
B. vacuous
C. mirthful
D. insincere
E. gloomy
F. jovial

10. It may not seem like a big deal for produce distributors to mix together soybeans from different farms, but a growing number of buyers are willing to pay a premium for soybeans the _____ of which is know: they like to know exactly where their food came from.
A. purity
B. output
C. heterogeneity
D. origin
E. yield
F. provenance

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section 77 median

1. 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

2. Even though the municipal government was not totally _____ the positive review of the charter, the mayor nevertheless decided to veto the laws.
A. garrulous about
B. enthusiastic about
C. sanguine about
D. approbatory to
E. unsympathetic with

3. The virtual absence of cougars from late prehistoric faunas in the North American Great Basin (i)_____ a general scarcity of carnivores from these sites: bobcats, coyotes, and badgers are routinely found, and even such historically (ii)_____ carnivores as bears and wolves are found as well.

A. largely parallels	D. widespread
B. does not reflect	E. rare
C. is a consequence of	F. representative

4. 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)_____.

A. deterioration	D. subtle
B. manipulation	E. inflexible
C. durability	F. routine

5. The introductions to each section, written by the editors of the anthology, provide useful background material, but they do not provide analysis of the articles. Because the articles are in many senses the editors' personal favorites, it is probably (i)_____ to expect more such criticism would be as (ii)_____ as the articles themselves.

A. juvenile	D. biased
B. paradoxical	E. complex
C. unrealistic	F. informative

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6. 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 alternate reality, and be able to convincingly sell that new reality to someone else. Therefore, lying (iii)_____ cognitive development and social skills in a way that honesty simply does not.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. an instinctive	D. advanced	G. undermines
B. an acquired	E. practical	H. forgoes
C. a conscious	F. mundane	I. demands

7. The book reaffirms the idea that Africans on the continent have not stopped _____ or responding to their own creations; in fact, African creative agents have ushered in their own modern forms rooted in traditional ideas.
A. exposing
B. detecting
C. absorbing
D. noticing
E. generating
F. originating

8. Flash floods are common in desert regions and were widespread before the evolution of trees and woodland soils; in contrast, flash floods are _____ in woodlands, where floodwaters, impeded by trees, form ponds.
A. overshadowed
B. redirected
C. obscured
D. precluded
E. mitigated
F. abated

9. A formal floods resulting from usual monsoon rainfall are _____ the growth of plants, recently there has been an increase in the frequency of highly intensified 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

10. Those who read Empson's correspondence for the first time may be disappointed that so much of it is professional rather than personal, but the distinction in this case is _____: every letter bears the full stamp of Empson's personality.
A. unambiguous
B. artificial
C. significant
D. spurious
E. clear-cut
F. unique

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section 78 median

1. By deliberately dripping paint on their canvases, expressionists affirmed that paint is not _____ entity, something merely to be moved where the artist please, but rather a material possessing a fluid energy that the painter attempts to control.
A. an immutable
B. an expressive
C. a vital
D. a passive
E. a kinetic

2. It is often argued that psychoanalysis, which was _____ at that stage of the eighteenth century, provided the main filter by which death could be looked at, but it has now been largely replaced by medicine, which provides both a mindset and practical measures by which death may be cheated, and in terminal illness, approached, formulating a process called medicalization.
A. predominant
B. pompous
C. precarious
D. elegant
E. mundane

3. 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.

A. disinterested	D. exacting
B. lucid	E. minimal
C. conventional	F. accepted

4. The laser has been widely utilized in many industries such as the packaging industry, CD player manufacturing, and all sorts of commonplace articles; however, the (i)_____ of the laser doesn't mean the laser can only be used in (ii)_____ ways.

A. rare extermination	D. assorted
B. sporadic usage	E. pedestrian
C. everyday presence	F. pointless

5. The strategists who created the European Unions practiced piecemeal social engineering. Recognizing that perfection is (i)_____, they set limited objectives and then mobilize the political will for a small step forward knowing full well that when they achieved it, its (ii)_____ would become apparent and necessitate further measures.

A. unattainable	D. potential
B. salubrious	E. inadequacy
C. bromidic	F. mutability

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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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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. Analysis for the structural feather that were thought to _____ kinship between the two species prompted an investigation that dispelled that presumption and revealed that the two share a family history.
A. signify
B. underrate
C. point to
D. preclude
E. rule out
F. exaggerate

8. The book captures the _____ of several politicians who spoke publicly of old-time virtues in order to mask private vices.
A. probity
B. dissemblance
C. opportunism
D. rectitude
E. ingenuousness
F. duplicity

9. 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

10. 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

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section 79 hard

1. She demonstrates a great extent of _____, as she has traveled to many more countries and places around the world than any of her kindred.
A. perfidiousness
B. peregrination
C. jubilation
D. sagaciousness
E. conspicuousness

2. People who are reluctant to oppose a court nominee straightforwardly on ideological grounds often search for any sort of peccadillo to serve as a _____ their opposition.
A. mitigation of
B. violation of
C. predictor of
D. reparation for
E. pretext for

3. Britain's Queen Victoria, however (i)_____ she had been at the beginning of her reign, was politically much more (ii)_____ by the end of her time on the throne, as she resigned herself to the emergence of an increasing powerful electorate that prevented her from stubbornly insisting on getting her own way in matters of state.

A. naïve	D. powerful
B. personable	E. arbitrary
C. obdurate	F. malleable

4. Earlier discussions with neighboring countries (i)_____ due to the government's failure to alter policies that those countries find objectionable. Moreover, there is every reason to (ii)_____ the success of further talks, since the government if anything different, more intransigent.

A. commenced	D. doubt
B. advanced	E. undermine
C. foundered	F. anticipate

5. To get funding and tenured positions, medical researchers have to get their work published in well-regarded journals, where rejection can climb above 90 percent. Not surprisingly, the studies that tend to make the grade are those that make (i)_____ claims. But while coming up with such (ii)_____ claims is relatively easy, getting the data to bear them out is another matter. When studied rigorously, the great majority of these claims (iii)_____.

A. well-supported	D. practical	G. yield contradictory evidence
B. eye-catching	E. orthodox	H. require extensive analysis
C. small-scale	F. striking	I. support conventional beliefs

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6. As the study of the foundation of western Shanghai reveals, there was a sense of elegance in the refined, simple lines that characterized the entire row, bereft of the exuberant, emphatic, assertive, ornament that constituted the latest British architectural fashion, which expressed its detestation of Plalladianism and neoclassicism—London's Regent Street then being regarded as abhorrent—calling it the product of a (i)_____ "shopocracy". The (ii)_____ of Western architectural taste—oscillating between simplicity and ornamental (iii)_____—must have bemused Chinese observers who had long accepted that both approaches were valid and could co-exist.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. superficial	D. impermanence	G. profundity
B. quintessential	E. eternality	H. modesty
C. disdained	F. subtlety	I. exuberance

7. Church, Nussbaum, Waldman, and Wills have written very different books—Nassbaum and Wills range both farther and deeper—but each one of the four strives for _____, wanting to save us from the errors of partisans and zealots.
A. concision
B. evenhandedness
C. frankness
D. trustworthiness
E. succinctness
F. impartiality

8. 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

9. Between the late 1800s and early 1900s, various institutional structures emerged that set researchers in scientific fields apart as a professional class and moderated disputes by _____ some kinds of knowledge as real science.
A. differing
B. sanctioning
C. mischaracterizing
D. censuring
E. reprehending
F. endorsing

10. 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

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section 80 hard

1. Although Emily Bronte is impassioned about gender equality, she is anything but ___ to endorse more privileges endowed to women.
A. zealous
B. apathetic
C. abhorrent
D. stubborn
E. lethargic

2. 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.
A. sacrosanct
B. ephemeral
C. malleable
D. egalitarian
E. autonomous

3. As cheaper imports drove most California potteries out of business during the 1950s, one company (i)_____. The substantial size and weight of the specialized products produced by Architectural Pottery helped (ii)_____ the company, because it was uneconomical for foreign companies to ship similarly large objects to California.

A. stagnated	D. transform
B. diversified	E. insulate
C. flourished	F. finance

4. Each new generation of students grow up (i)_____ the world of classical physics, with its mostly intuitive, billiard-ball causality; that is the everyday vantage from which we approach the alien world of quantum physics, which has for this reason never lost its air of (ii)_____.

A. immersed in	D. verisimilitude
B. disdainful of	E. objectivity
C. unmoved by	F. radicalism

5. During the Harlem Renaissance, Alain Locke (i)_____ the first flourishing of a self-consciously racial art movement in America and was widely credited with providing the philosophical basis for its emergence. His importance as a critic of African America art and as an art theorist is (ii)_____ if controversial, yet he has received (iii)_____ attention for his unique insight into the broad forces that shaped American modernism and cultural nationalism in the visual arts.

A. forestalled	D. undisputed	G. undeserved
B. presided over	E. misleading	H. meticulous
C. seethed over	F. questionable	I. insufficient

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6. Vaccine denial has all the hallmarks of a belief system that is not (i)_____. The notion that childhood vaccines are driving autism rates has been (ii)_____ by multiple epidemiological studies. Yet the true believers are (iii)_____, critiquing each new study that challenges their views, and rallying to the defense of disgraced researchers whose work was retracted.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. amenable to refutation	D. resuscitated	G. indignant
B. susceptible to fashion	E. documented	H. persistent
C. open to criticism	F. upended	I. phlegmatic

7. Price knew about how to do people favors, sometimes just from kindness, but often out of _____.
A. self-interest
B. benevolence
C. magnanimity
D. opportunism
E. disinterest
F. mercy

8. Caricature can be revealing as well as amusing, and Ager's novel is both: Ager's delineation of class, ethnic, and generational struggle is exaggerated for comical effect, but it _____ nonetheless.
A. resonates
B. entertains
C. diverts
D. confuses
E. rings true
F. falls short

9. 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

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

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section 81 hard

1. The chairman, faced with the need to forge a consensus on a number of proposals, acknowledged that it would be difficult to reconcile the push for a radical overhaul with the stance of those who want _____ change.
A. deliberate
B. indiscriminate
C. genuine
D. immediate
E. wholesale

2. The stars' attitudes toward their glowing press are diametrically opposed: some think it _____ and others take the adulation seriously.
A. flummery
B. consequential
C. fanatical
D. coincidental
E. sincere

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

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

4. 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.

A. unfortunate	D. undermine
B. inevitable	E. fuel
C. unprecedented	F. distort

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)_____.

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

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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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

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. 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

8. Individuals interested in longevity have sought to fine-tune their bodies with all kinds of _____ diets: only raw foods; only plant; only the flesh, fruit, and nuts that prehistoric humans would have hunted and foraged.
A. eccentric
B. meager
C. salutary
D. proscriptive
E. trendy
F. exacting

9. The baseball players performance during last nights game was impressive, although not _____; others have performed similar feats.
A. decisive
B. unexampled
C. significant
D. novel
E. outstanding
F. spectacular

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

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section 82 hard

1. Studies of hermaphroditic plants may exhibit sampling bias against self-fertilizing and cross-fertilizing species, thus inflating the frequency of species using a mixed mating system (both self-fertilizing and cross-fertilizing); nevertheless the number of mixed-system species is not _____.
A. self-evident
B. static
C. trivial
D. relevant
E. calculable

2. A curiosity of the film Vertigo is its capacity to generate emotional power from a plot that lacks the most of elementary _____: viewers are required to accept not an isolated implausibility, but a continuous stream of them.
A. believability
B. impact
C. narrative
D. tension
E. premise

3. It was fine to be (i)_____ in the old days when papers were still not losing readers and ad revenue was not tough to come by, but many editors today are uneasy about bludgeoning their readers with the inherently (ii)_____ work of cartoonists.

A. comprehensive	D. unbalanced
B. opinionated	E. flawed
C. profligate	F. vacuous

4. Some academic criticism of popular novels has been (i)_____ in character, being based on the assumption that the wider the appeal, the more (ii)_____ the novel.

A. rigorous	D. undesirable
B. exculpatory	E. accomplished
C. elitist	F. comprehensible

5. The order applies to all Federal agency whose actions may affect the status of invasive species and requires agencies to identify such actions and to the extent practicable and permitted by law, and since invasive species severely reduce the number of native species and even (i)_____ their existence, the agency has determined and made public its determination that the benefits of such actions clearly outweigh the potential harm caused by invasive species; and that all feasible and (ii)_____ measures to (iii)_____ risk of harm of the introduction of invasive species will be taken in conjunction with the actions.

A. escalate	D. prudent	G. remedy
B. preclude	E. mawkish	H. counterbalance
C. diminish	F. braggart	I. minimize

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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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. derives from	D. justifies	G. evident
B. works against	E. impugns	H. disputed
C. leads to	F. constitutes	I. touted

7. While the group's street protests assumed an assertory uncompromising tenor, once admitted to the halls of power to begin formal lobbying, the group's leadership wisely chose to _____ the stridency of their rhetoric.
A. metamorphose
B. gild
C. wane
D. palliate
E. succor
F. damp

8. His own writing style was _____: colorful and tart in its choice of language, willing to run risks in its allusions, metaphors, and verbal juxtapositions, prone to irreverent conclusions designed to surprise or startle.
A. effusive
B. audacious
C. lyrical
D. striking
E. ornate
F. emotional

9. Debate rages on between proponents of corporal punishment and the death penalty and their detractors, though even the most rabid supporter agrees that punishments must be _____ and the justice system evenhanded and thorough.
A. meet
B. clement
C. delimited
D. condign
E. tantamount
F. merciful

10. Miller reminded his clients that labor relationship 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

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section 83 hard

1. The threat of litigation makes the art authentication industry _____ realm: connoisseurs refuse to communicate in writing and confidential agreements bind authenticators to silence.
A. an opportunistic
B. a clandestine
C. a moralizing
D. a xenophobic
E. an anarchistic

2. Some of the areas of research covered in the collection have already attracted substantial scholarly interest, while others are more _____, hence requiring pioneering effort to map the territory and suggest productive avenues of inquiry.
A. intricate
B. pristine
C. parochial
D. heterogeneous
E. onerous

3. Since he had demonstrated (i)_____ talent as an amateur, several of his acquaintances (ii)_____ a career on the stage, but he followed his parents' wishes, becoming an engineer.

A. an innocuous	D. aided him in pursuing
B. an unremarkable	E. badgered him to pursue
C. the requisite	F. swayed him into pursuing

4. In the past, the discussion of artificial light had been (i)_____. When electrification spread, the talk of artificial light became (ii)_____, perhaps because the material was more familiar. Distance lends enchantment.

A. engaging	D. nugatory
B. momentous	E. repetitious
C. dormant	F. dull

5. Saul's particular combination of intellectuality and vitality was not paradoxical; it was category-shattering. (i)_____ was, in a way, his very theme. Was ever a bookish soul so cracklingly unmediated, so (ii)_____ raw life? He was as vivid physically as he was mentally, almost perversely alert, completely at home in the world of matter, repulsed by (iii)_____.

A. energy	D. put off by	G. seriousness
B. nostalgia	E. flush with	H. sensuality
C. solitude	F. uninterested in	I. tedium

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6. The difficulty for nineteenth-century advocates of the claim that forests helped regulate climate was that their argument (i)_____ historical anecdote and observations. Proving the forest-climate link through verifiable and experimental scientific means rather than observation was (ii)_____ for these individuals, a situation that eventually led to the link (iii)_____ justifications for forest conservation.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. lacked	D. problematic	G. being revived in
B. discounted	E. unnecessary	H. dropping out of
C. employed	F. straightforward	I. losing out to

7. Even the man was reserved in his speech, he thoroughly understood his mother, which made him far from _____ as people usually thought.
A. comprehensive
B. ingenuous
C. sophisticated
D. foolish
E. simple
F. sententious

8. Mark Messina's book The Simple Soybean and Your Health exudes recognition much less unrestrained in the description of the soy's medical efficiency than its versatility, but the author cautions against soy to be a _____.
A. cure-all
B. solitude
C. efficacy
D. effectuality
E. panacea
F. placebo

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. 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 the scientific terms.
A. controversial
B. exacting
C. obscure
D. onerous
E. opaque
F. misleading

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section 84 hard

1. The painter has emphasized the figure's erect posture by making it contrast so starkly with the _____ exhibited by trees of the windswept orchard in the background.
A. strength
B. list
C. rigidity
D. fruitfulness
E. uprightness

2. 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

3. Hidebound by cloying commercial radio and clueless record executives, the American pop music scene has frequently depended on cities at the edges of the cultural map to provide a much-needed shot of (i)_____. Seattle, Minneapolis, Austin, Texas, and Athens, Georgia, have all served as temporary pivot points, churning out bands and defining the sound of the moment. Even Omaha, Nebraska, has its 15 minutes not so long ago. The momentary (ii)_____ seems to come out of nowhere—as if someone blows a whistle only those in the know can hear, and suddenly record executives and journalists are crawling all over what had previously been an obscure locale.

A. originality	D. consensus
B. hackneyedness	E. disjunction
C. burlesque	F. censorship

4. The guilty-pleasure of the play lies in its invitation for us to identify with its characters—attractive, articulate young women and young men (i)_____ behavior that, from the outside, may look more than a little (ii)_____: though the actions are initially repugnant, we cannot help but share the point of the view of the characters committing them.

A. lament	D. trivial
B. execrate	E. altruistic
C. rationalize	F. monstrous

5. Methods were developed 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 otherwise (iii)_____ research.

A. restrain	D. incursions of	G. corrupt
B. reveal	E. efficacy of	H. obviate
C. supersede	F. restrictions on	I. facilitate

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6. People accustomed to thinking that the human lifespan (i)_____ the outer bounds of animal longevity tend to dismiss tales of musket balls being found in the shells of living turtles. Samantha Romney, however, argues that while such stories may be (ii)_____, some turtles do indeed exhibit a phenomenon known as “negligible (iii)_____,” showing no signs of aging even as they pass the two-century mark.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. belies	D. apocryphal	G. rejuvenation
B. demarcates	E. authentic	H. superannuation
C. antedates	F. heresy	I. senescence

7. 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

8. Ascorbate readily oxidizes in aerated aqueous solutions, and the PH of such solutions, in part, _____ the rate of oxidation, since the higher the PH, the greater the rate of oxidation.
A. determines
B. accelerates
C. consolidates
D. governs
E. compounds
F. stabilizes

9. Consuming 25 to 35 percent of their body weight each day, sea otters are not only _____ but highly specialized eaters, organizing themselves into groups that zero in on specific kinds of prey.
A. prodigious
B. undiscriminating
C. fastidious
D. picky
E. voracious
F. omnivorous

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

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section 85 hard

1. “RESIGNATION”, an English word the French novelist Christian Oster would no doubt appreciate, presents an elegant paradox: in one sense, it indicated a bold step, a cleaving of oneself from an attachment grown onerous; in another, it’s the height of _____, an acquiescence to fate.
A. sham
B. fissure
C. desperation
D. passivity
E. maturity

2. He accused some people who _____ him of being by contrast supportive of another candidate, who shared a similar stance on most political issues.
A. offended
B. lauded
C. excoriated
D. promoted
E. noticed

3. To say the actors were (i)_____ their director is an understatement: a director who is visibly bored by his cast and their performances is hard to (ii)_____.

A. disappointed in	D. lambast
B. accepting of	E. displease
C. motivated by	F. suffer

4. Just as large manufacturing companies with dominant positions in large domestic markets were once able to resist (i)_____ despite ample signs that foreign competition was rapidly overtaking them, strong and wealthy states can (ii)_____ and still manage to limp along for many years.

A. innovation	D. exploit vulnerable markets
B. temptation	E. dominate international affairs
C. inertia	F. maintain misguided policies

5. For a time in the early Middle Ages, Latin culture came close to (i)_____: the witness to that is the (ii)_____ of manuscript copies of texts datable to the period. The process of copying manuscripts, the only way in which the fragile products of centuries of accumulating knowledge could be preserved, (iii)_____, a situation that did not change for two and a half centuries, until the time of Charlemagne. In the intervening period, much of Classical literature was lost to use forever.

A. reversing	D. paucity	G. was pursued methodically
B. exploding	E. provenance	H. expressed the spirit of the time
C. vanishing	F. proliferation	I. virtually came to a standstill

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6. Barker's account of how mores have evolved over time is illuminating. It reveals as (i)_____ and (ii)_____ some values that have often been regarded as (iii)_____, while uncovering other values that do indeed seem to be universal.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. transient	D. transcendent	G. liberating
B. instinctive	E. relative	H. nonnegotiable
C. resilient	F. enduring	I. antiquated

7. 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

8. 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

9. Ancient cave painters explored every surface, and although they bypassed certain walls that to us seem just as suitable for decoration as ones they chose, the placement of the art apparently wasn't _____.
A. inconsequential
B. capricious
C. strenuous
D. undisclosed
E. arduous
F. impulsive

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

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1. 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. vulnerable
B. unobtainable
C. sustainable
D. depleted
E. unexploited

2. 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

3. The piecrust was not punctured, so steam built up and the crust _____, bursting like a balloon, creating an over-cleaning project where hopes of dinner were expected.
A. split
B. warped
C. distended
D. shrunk
E. caved in

4. 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.

A. understatement	D. inventiveness
B. originality	E. objectivity
C. partisanship	F. restraint

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

A. ignore	D. swayed by	G. grouchiness
B. credit	E. unaware of	H. probity
C. dismiss	F. learning about	I. creativity

6. Persian prose writers from the second half of the twelfth century onward were characteristically (i)_____ the literary form of their works, a fact that some scholars have perceived as a derogation of those works' content. It may be better interpreted as (ii)_____ the development of an awareness of authorship, for the awareness of authorship (iii)_____ the awareness of form.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. ambivalent about	D. a retreat from	G. evolves through
B. indifferent to	E. an indication of	H. extends beyond

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C. preoccupied with	F. a justification for	I. holds back

7. Although the employees' union and company management, entering into contract negotiations, both issued statements encouraging _____, acrimony between the two sides continued unabated.
A. pertinacity
B. compromise
C. patience
D. civility
E. comity
F. steadfastness

8. As a way of _____ the negative impacts of overdependence on a single export product—crude oil, the Nigerian government passed legislation in 1999 intended to revitalize the moribund solid minerals sector.
A. assuming
B. checking
C. disguising
D. stemming
E. downplaying
F. shouldering

9. After many years of feeling _____ by his seniors managers, Clark was becoming hopeful of advancement.
A. vilified
B. stymied
C. hindered
D. aggrieved
E. circumvented
F. overlooked

10. 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

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1. Given the many thematic strands that the book seeks to draw together into a continuous cord of narrative, it is perforce work of _____, which is not to say that the author's research fails to provide sufficient detail about each of his chosen themes.
A. synthesis
B. conjecture
C. analysis
D. reconstruction
E. accretion

2. For many in the room, the idea of coming to the assistance of a rival was more than unpleasant: it was _____.
A. unpropitious
B. anomalous
C. anathematic
D. redundant
E. meretricious

3. 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. unequivocal

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

A. unproductive	D. foster
B. unproblematic	E. delay
C. distinct	F. resemble

5. Many researchers assume that politicians consider the preferences of the entire public, and not merely those of likely voters, when making decisions. Yet, since the desire to be reelected is central, it is plausible that politicians (i)_____ the opinions of likely voters in formulating their positions on issues. It is possible that researchers' suppositions about policy makers' (ii)_____ aggregate public opinion may serve to (iii)_____ the fact that only the preferences of likely voters actually matter.

A. rely insufficiently on	D. responsiveness to	G. mask
B. depart sporadically from	E. neglect of	H. reflect
C. attend disproportionately to	F. misrepresentation of	I. obviate

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6. Observers of modern presidential campaigns who (i)_____ the highly (ii)_____ productions that pass for campaigns these days do sometimes find reason for hope in the occasional mix-ups that (iii)_____ candidates on the trail despite the presence of political strategist's plotting every event with the tactical precision of military commanders.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. relish	D. ambitious	G. rattle
B. misinterpret	E. chaotic	H. bolster
C. despair over	F. choreographed	I. legitimate

7. Upon realizing that the indicators of a stressful situation can be extremely _____, the psychologist reconsidered her claim that a reliable way of reducing stress is to recognize stressful situations and then avoid them.
A. acute
B. exiguous
C. persistent
D. overstated
E. tenuous
F. unrelenting

8. 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

9. In sharp contrast to the novel's scenic realism and precisely characterized figure is its persistent philosophical _____.
A. naturalism
B. abstraction
C. generality
D. impartiality
E. sincerity
F. objectivity

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

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section 88 hard

1. Many Latin American writers and critics have come to bristle at the very mention of the type of fiction termed “magic realism,” but to the common reader the appeal of such fiction is _____.
A. elusive
B. undiminished
C. unfathomable
D. unexpected
E. derivative

2. Shirky argues that the Internet (i)_____ the needs 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.

A. delineates	D. circumvent
B. obviates	E. perpetuate
C. redoubles	F. undervalue

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

A. convergent	D. refuted by
B. disparate	E. germane to
C. repudiated	F. subordinate to

4. 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)_____.

A. overwrought panegyrics	D. objectionable
B. lowly calumnies	E. confusing
C. justified fulminations	F. unexciting

5. However luminous an insight might seem initially, brilliance is not a reliable predictor of (i)_____, and sure enough the history of physical chemistry is replete with theories that were as (ii)_____ as any but that (iii)_____.

A. popularity	D. opaque	G. slowly developed
B. originality	E. ingenious	H. eventually collapsed
C. validity	F. useful	I. ultimately prevailed

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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.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. fusty	D. recapitulate	G. consistent
B. anachronistic	E. forswear	H. plentiful
C. dogmatic	F. qualify	I. biased

7. Governments are often willing to pay the direct costs of preparing for emergencies that may never happen: they make room in their budgets to prepare for _____ but unlikely events.
A. plausible
B. anticipated
C. dangerous
D. conceivable
E. foreseen
F. unimaginable

8. Sports stars are often _____ figures, regarded as representative of the city or country for which they compete.
A. totemic
B. iconoclastic
C. protean
D. idealized
E. irreverent
F. emblematic

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. The writer's assignment of the critic includes personal _____ such as jibes about his physical girth and style of delivery, and is not the better for it.
A. aspersions
B. commendations
C. falsehoods
D. fantasies
E. whims
F. slurs

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section 89 hard

1. 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

2. 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 tropical Mesoamerica in a single journey by foot or canoe (ii)_____.

A. clandestine	D. unlikely
B. protracted	E. redundant
C. spontaneous	F. expeditious

3. To the avid reader of E.O. Wilson, much of his most recent book *Consilience*: The Unity of Knowledge will be (i)_____, as the book represents the culmination of a life spent thinking about everything from the social lives of ants to the social lives of people. Nonetheless, new thoughts have been mixed in with the old to produce a book remarkable for its (ii)_____ and ambition.

A. predictable	D. purview
B. discounted	E. overreaching
C. startling	F. contingency

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.

A. spartan	D. commonplace
B. unconceivable	E. sophisticated
C. profitable	F. unfashionable

5. His new role gives the normally clownish actor a chance to impress audiences with his (i)_____. He is among the most uninhibited comic performers around, but here he buttons his lip and stares straight ahead. Perhaps without quite knowing it, the audience waits for a wink, a hint that some of the (ii)_____ spirit that animated his previous movies might be lurking inside the (iii)_____ manner he presents in this film.

A. raillery	D. madcap	G. facetious
B. effusiveness	E. lugubrious	H. reserved
C. forbearance	F. edifying	I. beguiling

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)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. unavoidable	D. unlikely	G. tainted
B. irrelevant	E. controversial	H. accommodated
C. undecidable	F. compelling	I. reinforced

7. 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

8. One of the peculiarities of humans is that we irrationally gravitate to the predictable and avoid risk, whatever the reasons 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

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 stories of silent drama may often have been _____; yet, within those broad outlines, the true artists among silent-film actors could express shadings that had no immediate analogue in language.
A. implausible
B. incredible
C. conventional
D. elemental
E. rudimentary
F. confusing

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section 90 hard

1. He defended the government's equivocations regarding the mysterious contrail as resulting not from _____ as critics say, but from a benightedness about its own doings that is almost inevitable, given the multitudinous- ness of its agencies.
A. obtuseness
B. mendacity
C. abnegation
D. guilelessness
E. trenchancy

2. 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

3. The professor frequently reiterated a basic assumption behind the experimental method---namely, that the outcome of the experiment is always (i)_____. The hypothesis can never assume the experiment's results, in other words, but instead must (ii)_____ their appearance.

A. undetermined	D. await
B. incontrovertible	E. signal
C. inconsequential	F. negate

4. Hyana Kusiemko and her colleagues speculate that the (i)_____ support among low-income works for increases in the minimum wage is a form of last-place aversion: people who are in a marginally better position than the worst off seek to (ii)_____ to distinguish themselves from those in last place.

A. unwavering	D. disavow their willingness
B. vociferous	E. retain their ability
C. tepid	F. dissemble their need

5. 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.

A. frowned upon	D. a requirement for
B. rampant	E. a detriment to
C. disregarded	F. an irrelevance to

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6. Part of what currently makes it so (i)_____ to arrive at a scientific understanding of the living world is that while technological advances have produced a cascade of data—from detailed genome sequence to the sophisticated satellite imagery that documents the planet's ecosystems—our ability to (ii)_____ these data still lags far behind their (iii)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. frustrating	D. gather	G. acquisition
B. intriguing	E. apprehend	H. interpretation
C. challenging	F. dispute	I. implementation

7. 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

8. Recent research runs counter to the long-cherished notion that a small drop in body temperature during and after surgery is either _____ or actually protects the patient by slowing metabolism and reducing the body's demand for blood and oxygen.
A. beneficial
B. immaterial
C. inconsequential
D. preventive
E. prophylactic
F. redundant

9. In the northeastern United States, beaver populations had been critically reduced or even _____ in large areas at the end of nineteenth century; as a result, several states instituted prohibitions on beaver trapping.
A. diminished
B. extirpated
C. eliminated
D. devalued
E. weakened
F. underrated

10. Laughter, like speech, is primarily a human faculty, although both functions may also exist in a more _____ form in lesser primates.
A. indispensable
B. crucial
C. primitive
D. intelligible
E. recognizable
F. rudimentary

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section 91 easy

1. Contrary to its reputation for intellectual _____, the 1950s was a decade exceptionally rich in works of trenchant and far-reaching social criticism.
A. keenness
B. inclusiveness
C. complacency
D. integrity
E. productivity

2. The philosopher was a strong advocate of _____: he taught that happiness comes from forgoing one's desires.
A. magnanimity
B. duty
C. abstinence
D. pragmatism
E. tolerance

3. In light of Elizabeth's habitually (i)_____ nature, her friends were quite surprised by her (ii)_____ at the convention.

A. ingenuous	D. garrulity
B. laconic	E. ostentatiousness
C. intractable	F. tenacity

4. After Betty found a qualified assistant to help her, the tasks that once seemed so (i)_____ became quite (ii)_____.

A. onerous	D. manageable
B. pleasant	E. challenging
C. trivial	F. unwieldy

5. Since the 1920s, historical fiction writers in China have emancipated the genre from the traditional notion that (i)_____ was the ultimate goal of history writing. Yet the traditional commitment to (ii)_____ was not simply (iii)_____: this new genre was expected to capture the essence of historical truth even as it allowed space for the writer's imagination.

A. comprehensiveness	D. veracity	G. jettisoned
B. factuality	E. thoroughness	H. rationalized
C. entertainment	F. pleasure	I. acknowledged

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6. The journey to (i)_____, when it starts from a vantage as (ii)_____ as Dunsany's, is often as (iii)_____ as the path to glory. How did a writer of such talent and renown wind up nearly forgotten?
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A. obscurity	D. eminent	G. unfathomable
B. normalcy	E. reactionary	H. cyclical
C. genius	F. egalitarian	I. mundane

7. It is normal for artists who achieve great acclaim during their lifetimes to be considered _____ shortly after their deaths, only to have their reputations restored by subsequent generations.
A. sacrosanct
B. outmoded
C. overrated
D. canonical
E. unfashionable
F. emblematic

8. Human perception is not a direct consequence of reality but rather requires imagination, because the data that people encounter in their lives are never complete and always _____.
A. equivocal
B. ambiguous
C. apparent
D. clear
E. transient
F. contradictory

9. Susanne Prediger argues that although rational decimals and fractions are mathematically equivalent, students generally deal with them in _____ ways, hence they are not cognitively equivalent.
A. variable
B. divergent
C. unique
D. cursory
E. dissimilar
F. superficial

10. Although Lemettais was _____ computer engineering, he lacked the spirit or enthusiasm to pursue it as a lifelong occupation.
A. fanatical about
B. adept at
C. indifferent to
D. diligent regarding
E. proficient in
F. apathetic about

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section 92 easy

1. The architecture of the Shanghai Bund was for decades presented as an archetypal symbol of abhorrent Western influence, which may be one of the reasons that these grand buildings were _____ for so many years.
A. imitated
B. extolled
C. commemorated
D. disdained
E. unnoticed

2. The wonder of Amy Chapman was her _____, her tenacious devotion to certain causes.
A. subtle allure
B. refractory willfulness
C. obstinate self-regard
D. brazen hubris
E. staunch fealty

3. In the new biography, Gonzalez doesn't (i)_____ the aspects of her subject that have drawn criticism but instead creates them with considerable (ii)_____: hardly a fact or assertion goes by her without being sourced in the endnotes.

A. explain	D. sympathy
B. acknowledge	E. thoroughness
C. evade	F. ingenuity

4. The governor is known for her unwillingness to (i)_____ policy decisions in the face of opponents typically, if she announces a specific policy and is confronted with objections from interest groups, she (ii)_____ the policy.

A. adhere to	D. resumes
B. compromise on	E. appraises
C. disavow	F. abandons

5. At least one otter species, the sea otter, has a large, often dominating, effect on the structure of its own habitat. There is no evidence that other species have ever exercised such (i)_____ effects. That lack of evidence could merely be because the other species have been studied less thoroughly. However, the size and density of the historic sea otter populations in many Pacific coastal regions (ii)_____ those of other otter species elsewhere, so perhaps the sea otter is indeed (iii)_____ in its effects on habitat.

A. ephemeral	D. vastly exceed	G. unique
B. unpredictable	E. have little effect on	H. destructive
C. significant	F. roughly parallel	I. transitory

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6. For many years Cole experienced (i)_____ his professional circle. He was a (ii)_____ figure in the Middle East Studies Association of North America, editing for five years its flagship publication, and in 2004 he was even elected the association's incoming president. But because his research focused on highly (iii)_____ aspects of the eighteenth-and-nineteenth century Middle East, he was unlikely to achieve any sort of public acclaim.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. obscurity within	D. leading	G. relevant
B. estrangement from	E. provocative	H. esoteric
C. anonymity outside	F. traditional	I. disputed

7. In science, replicability comes with the idea that the pursuit of scientific truth should not be _____: researchers who make claims must allow others to test them empirically.
A. incomplete
B. settled
C. private
D. unfinished
E. insular
F. unerring

8. Even the most hard-nosed critics could hardly deny that the novelist's best books are _____: they are filled with energy, imagination, and something close to a white-hot inspiration.
A. inventive
B. engaging
C. spirited
D. compassionate
E. vigorous
F. warmhearted

9. Liam Clancy described the young Bob Dylan as a sponge, eagerly absorbing the possibilities life and culture might provide, and Dylan presents himself so in his memoir _____ in his intellectual and musical curiosity.
A. insatiable
B. devious
C. unique
D. pretentious
E. voracious
F. cunning

10. The Red Sea town of Aydhab presents scholars with _____: medieval records describe it as a major port for ships engaged in trade, yet today there is no trace of a viable harbor at the site.
A. an illusion
B. a contradiction
C. a chimera
D. a puzzle
E. an anachronism
F. a conundrum

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section 93 easy

1. The author affects _____ in the tone of his novels that is quite at odds with his predilection for invective in his nonfiction publications.
A. a tenacity
B. a neutrality
C. a pugnacity
D. an effusiveness
E. an irascibility

2. The combination of Isabella Beeton's short life and the _____ of evidence for some parts of her story means that at times her biography, Kathryn Hughes, is forced to fill out her narrative with background information.
A. reliability
B. plethora
C. relevance
D. paucity
E. transparency

3. Far from (i)_____ the actions taken by the newspaper's executives, William praised the executive's resistance to corruption—yet he doubted that their policies were practical enough to warrant (ii)_____ by other papers.

A. lionizing	D. criticism
B. impugning	E. admiration
C. surveying	F. emulation

4. If you follow your intuition, you will more often than not err by misclassifying a random event as (i)_____. We are far too willing to (ii)_____ the belief that much of what we see in life is random.

A. uncharacteristic	D. countenance
B. systematic	E. reject
C. arbitrary	F. champion

5. Although political events in different countries were (i)_____ in the nineteenth century, their interrelationship was (ii)_____ compared with the present, when (iii)_____ has become far greater, isolationism has ceased to be an option.

A. connected	D. superficial	G. idealism
B. unobjectionable	E. cordial	H. interdependence
C. unpredictable	F. improbable	I. rigidity

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6. At a recent conference on ancient DNA, one presentation opened with the claim that the field was now mature and could move ahead with confidence. This (i)_____ is (ii)_____, as demonstrated at the conference by the many presentations that notably lacked an adequate methodology for ensuring that DNA was uncontaminated by material that is more recent. In fact, ancient DNA research presents extreme technical difficulties, in part precisely because of the (iii)_____ of surviving DNA.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. concern	D. infectious	G. corrupted nature
B. optimism	E. unfounded	H. straight forward
C. diffidence	F. unusual	I. copious amounts

7. As clucks of disapproval about Americans' political _____ have grown louder in recent years, many historians have looked for contrast to the decades before the Civil War as a time when Americans were enthusiastically engaged in politics.
A. zealotry
B. apathy
C. hypocrisy
D. partisanship
E. insincerity
F. passivity

8. The latest publications predicting disastrous coastal erosion are unlikely to _____ knowledgeable readers because variations on the same claims have been effectively refuted in the past few years.
A. intrigue
B. reassure
C. baffle
D. alarm
E. unsettle
F. calm

9. Some social insects, such as bees and ants, are celebrated for their industriousness and engineering feat, but popular culture has not generally _____ termites for theirs—even though they can build mounds twenty feet high.
A. considered
B. reprehended
C. applauded
D. deprecated
E. exonerated
F. extolled

10. Because the organization often trumpeted itself as a forum for _____ discussion, visitors were startled by the frequently heated tone of its recent debates.
A. elevated
B. vigorous
C. temperate
D. strenuous
E. dispassionate
F. strident

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section 94 median

1. For the ancient Egyptians, inequality in human society was not _____ nature; in other words, existing differences—between rich and poor, strong and weak—were not viewed as a necessary part of the natural order of things.
A. superseded by
B. detectable in
C. ameliorated by
D. inherent in
E. excluded from

2. It was quite _____ for Sir Isaac Newton to believe in alchemy—most of the experimental scientists of his era did.
A. unethical
B. brave
C. pretentious
D. reasonable
E. controversial

3. Trying to fix problems that affect vast numbers of people has an intuitive appeal that politicians and policymakers find (i)_____, but several warehouses of research studies show that intuition is often a poor guide to fixing (ii)_____ problems.

A. logical	D. localized
B. irresistible	E. systemic
C. off-putting	F. theoretical

4. This book, a more (i)_____ version of a highly technical report, is designed for the layperson, yet it is nothing if not (ii)_____: it grapples with very complex questions about the world economy.

A. accessible	D. ambitious
B. professional	E. popular
C. formidable	F. persuasive

5. Anthony Kenny states that although his A New History of Western Philosophy is intended for undergraduates, he aimed to write it in a lighthearted manner that will give (i)_____ to those who read the history “not for curricular purposes but for their own enjoyment”. His book is certainly enlightening, and although the bibliography includes technical works liable to (ii)_____ the newcomer, the work is written at a level that generally (iii)_____ between elementary and advanced.

A. solace	D. baffle	G. strikes a good balance
B. pleasure	E. initiate	H. makes fine distinctions
C. offense	F. suit	I. rejects the difference

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6. Substantial atmosphere around planetary bodies acts as (i)_____ incoming objects. Smaller objects, particularly those that are lower in density and more fragile, (ii)_____ in the upper reaches of the atmosphere, whereas more intact, larger bodies may survive to impact the surface. Thus, relative to large craters, small craters are much less (iii)_____ on bodies with dense atmosphere, such as Earth, Venus, and Titan, than they are on Mercury and Moon.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. effective obscurers of	D. vaporize	G. unusual
B. significant filters to	E. proliferate	H. persistent
C. impenetrable barriers against	F. agglomerate	I. common

7. Many scholars studying leadership _____ cult of the celebrity that has been fostered both by the media and by politicians' public relations staffs, arguing that it trivialized politics.
A. abet
B. decry
C. question
D. analyze
E. countenance
F. condemn

8. Experimentation in the arts often generates befuddlement, and even _____ of innovative art generally have voiced perplexity regarding this new, experimental artwork.
A. proponents
B. vilifiers
C. defenders
D. belittlers
E. vendors
F. luminaries

9. The sailors realized too late that winds had shifted the ice in such a way as to obstruct the ship's path; this process had been so _____ that it was completed by the time they discovered the effect.
A. gradual
B. negligible
C. unpredictable
D. time-consuming
E. inconsequential
F. imperceptible

10. What makes the precisely oriented flight of a honeybee swarm to its new home so _____ is that only a small percentage of its members know the swarm travel route and final destination.
A. exact
B. unpredictable
C. amazing
D. erratic
E. reliable
F. wondrous

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section 95 median

1. Some minor misgivings about the book notwithstanding, the editor's claim that the work will be recognized as "the authoritative history of sports for this era" is thoroughly _____.
A. absurd
B. undemonstrated
C. credible
D. outlandish
E. researched

2. In the 1630s, directors of the Dutch West India Company received reports of minor problems from their agents with _____, as the company was wealthy enough not to be overly concerned about small frustrations.
A. trepidation
B. consternation
C. gratitude
D. equanimity
E. exhilaration

3. Even though the idea that medical research should be rigorously objective is (i)_____ one in the medical community, the editors of medical journals often display a disquieting (ii)_____ when it comes to articles submitted by researchers who accept money from the makers of the products they evaluate in their research; editors rarely ask whether that research is truly disinterested.

A. a neglected	D. capriciousness
B. an uncontroversial	E. credulity
C. an unproductive	F. stringency

4. Making the shift to the 90-nanometer manufacturing process has been (i)_____ for semiconductor companies. This process effectively doubles the manufacturing capacity of the industry, but it (ii)_____ enormous technical challenges because some components of the new semiconductor chips are no more than five to seven molecule thick.

A. an unanticipated boon	D. circumvents
B. a routine accomplishment	E. entails
C. a significant struggle	F. resolves

5. An invasive creeping weed native to the Mediterranean region, Cirsium arvense has been present in Yellowstone National Park at least since the nineteen century. Because of its extensive root system, the plant defies attempts to (i)_____ it by normal methods, and consequently, park officials have (ii)_____ efforts to do so. Warming temperature have also (iii)_____ of the thistle's fortune.

A. control	D. largely abandoned	G. helped
B. study	E. recently reinitiated	H. undermined
C. nourish	F. increasingly promoted	I. illuminated

6. Marie Tharp's mapping of the ocean floor, which was based on a mass of previously unanalyzed measurements of ocean depth, did not depend on (i)_____ but on (ii)_____: she (iii)_____ the sea floor's contours by marrying the voluminous but incomplete data with her knowledge of geology.
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A. rote work	D. serendipity	G. inferred
B. analytical prowess	E. extrapolation	H. detected
C. empirical knowledge	F. collaboration	I. reconstituted

7. The proposition that foraging Native Americans studied the skies is _____: anthropological evidence demonstrates, for example, that the Chumash Indians counted the lunar cycles and established the times of the solstices.
A. unquestionable
B. unremarkable
C. undeniable
D. unprecedented
E. unexceptional
F. unparalleled

8. In the nineteenth century, the circus, for all its glitz and even its glamour, was entertainment with an old soul, _____ the fast-forward pace of change in modern life.
A. a forerunner of
B. an antidote to
C. a respite from
D. a break from
E. a precursor to
F. a rebuke to

9. Sokari Douglas Camp was _____ in the early 1990s by many of London's commercially driven art dealers and galleries, some of whom apparently found her themes difficult to market.
A. criticized
B. lionized
C. misrepresented
D. neglected
E. forsaken
F. eulogized

10. It is troubling that blogs, which may be among the least reliable sources of information in human history, occupy such _____.
A. enviable
B. conspicuous
C. suspect
D. dubious
E. controversial
F. prominent

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section 96 median

1. The anthropologist _____ the claim that the Neanderthal remains must represent an immediate family because they belong to the same mitochondrial lineage, noting that some chimpanzees with identical mitochondrial are not closely related.
A. misapplied
B. queried
C. expanded
D. substantiated
E. surmised

2. While the current coffee craze was sparked by the emergence of flavorful, high-quality gourmet varieties, a slew of studies suggesting that concerns about coffee's health effects may be _____ has nurtured the trend.
A. underemphasized
B. exacerbated
C. unfounded
D. documented
E. recapitulated

3. In a sharp blow to his reputation as (i)_____ leader, the evidence that the mayor has recently been involved in malfeasance seems to be (ii)_____.

A. a partisan	D. fabricated
B. an unsuccessful	E. sound
C. an exemplary	F. dubious

4. As climate change alters ecosystems, the winners are going to be the (i)_____ foragers, likes grizzlies that eat everything from ants to moose, and the losers are going to be those species that are too (ii)_____ to adjust.

A. adaptive	D. specialized
B. persistent	E. hierarchical
C. anomalous	F. voracious

5. The Golden Gates Bridge has been quite (i)_____ by most aesthetic and functional criteria. However, as a structure it has had some limitations. Shortly after it opened, its roadway proved to be (ii)_____ under certain wind conditions, so it was stiffened. The additional steel that provided that stiffening naturally added weight to the structure, and this made it (iii)_____ later to add a proposed rail system beneath the roadway.

A. inadequate	D. quite noisy	G. unnecessary
B. unusual	E. overly flexible	H. impossible
C. successful	F. dangerously windswept	I. feasible

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6. The prime minister underestimates the fatigue that her continual (i)_____ induces, even among those who are largely (ii)_____ her aims. Constantly referring to the bold challenges and tremendous opportunities that she and the country face, the prime minister insists that she is (iii)_____ the country, when most people would be grateful if she succeeded just in improving it a bit.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. complaining	D. sympathetic to	G. deliberately analyzing
B. diffidence	E. confused by	H. radically transforming
C. overclaiming	F. troubled by	I. slowly fine-turning

7. Considering that space travel was science fiction only decades ago, we should be extremely reluctant to proclaim an idea forever technologically infeasible unless that idea _____ some hard physical constraint.
A. violates
B. contravenes
C. overcomes
D. transcends
E. utilizes
F. introduces

8. The actor's part in the film turned out to be _____: he had only one line, and by the time the film appeared in theaters, even that line had been removed.
A. misunderstood
B. mandatory
C. intriguing
D. fascinating
E. trivial
F. inessential

9. Although _____ to please his audiences, Mozart was, at the same time, fully aware of his musical genius and had no intention of compromising his music.
A. disposed
B. loath
C. disinclined
D. eager
E. keen
F. compelled

10. It is true that science, and more particularly scientists, _____ cherished paradigms with great reluctance and that when they do, scientific revolutions may result.
A. unify
B. share
C. cede
D. embrace
E. dismantle
F. relinquish

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section 97 median

1. Even months after massive storm, there remained a heavy, suspended sediment load in the surface water overlying the coral reef, the _____ water a testament to the storm's effects.
A. turbid
B. stagnant
C. fathomless
D. turbulent
E. brackish

2. Later in the book, the author takes pains to _____ the claims she had made earlier, as though she recognizes their implausibility and wants to quell skepticism by narrowing their scope.
A. qualify
B. apply
C. reiterate
D. verify
E. jettison

3. No one (i)_____ that building a ship powered by black holes or dark matter would be a formidable task. Yet remarkably there seems to be nothing in our present understanding of physics that (ii)_____ our doing so.

A. believes	D. anticipates
B. admits	E. necessitates
C. disputes	F. precludes

4. Because the writer emphasizes the (i)_____ of certain engineers whose contributions have been overlooked, her history of technology will not, like many of its predecessors, be a survey (ii)_____ the most celebrated achievements in the field.

A. mediocrity	D. comprising
B. importance	E. underestimating
C. anonymity	F. downplaying

5. It is only recently that emotion has attracted any substantial scholar attention, with historians lagging behind anthropologists, sociologists, and philosophers in their willingness to (i)_____ emotion as subject worthy of scholarly attention. In the past, scholars viewed emotion as a natural and essential force that (ii)_____ analysis—a strictly private matte—and therefore (iii)_____ social life and the stuff of research.

A. recognize	D. enlivened	G. requisite for
B. overlook	E. defied	H. extraneous to
C. repudiate	F. sustained	I. synonymous with

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6. The art of letter writing is like the art of acting in that it is the impression of (i)_____ which usually makes a performance convincing. Great letter writers, like great actors, have a gift for (ii)_____, for the here and now, the depth of expression depending on its closeness to actual processes of thought. By these criteria Ellen Terry was a remarkable letter writer indeed: her letters invariably have an air of (iii)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. spontaneity	D. compassion	G. confidence
B. mastery	E. exaggeration	H. improvisation
C. sympathy	F. immediacy	I. sensitivity

7. Patterson thought the waste leaking into the river was _____ situation: by contrast, judging from their silence on the matter, the owners of the factory felt the problem did not require immediate action.
A. a lingering
B. a convoluted
C. a pressing
D. an enervating
E. an exigent
F. an intricate

8. Some historians represent the East India Company as _____ participant in political and military conflict in India, only taking an interest in territorial power and revenue as a last-ditch effort to protect its trading activities.
A. a shrewd
B. an ineffectual
C. an irregular
D. a canny
E. a reluctant
F. an unwilling

9. Very few companies take the trouble to discover where the wood in their products originates, consumers do not demand this information, and consequently _____ regarding illicit timber has become the norm.
A. greed
B. indifference
C. outrage
D. timidity
E. apprehension
F. apathy

10. Scientists are investigating odors so faint that people cannot _____ them in order to see whether such odors can nevertheless change the way people interact.
A. tolerate
B. endure
C. avoid
D. dispel
E. detect
F. discern

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section 98 hard

1. By cosmic standards, Earth and its fellow terrestrial planets are chemical _____: they consist of primarily four elements (iron, magnesium, silicon, and oxygen) that are rare elsewhere in the universe.
A. prototypes
B. mavericks
C. malefactors
D. paragons
E. old-timers

2. Because of the newspaper's _____ joint bylines, lots of reporters were compelled to do anonymous work on stories credited to other people.
A. toleration of
B. aversion to
C. instigation of
D. endorsement of
E. leniency toward

3. While the philosopher was known for valuing (i)_____ in the classroom, she was also, by contrast, a scrupulous and patient reviser, who (ii)_____ her lectures for print.

A. predictability	D. superficially proofread
B. spontaneity	E. haphazardly adapted
C. correctness	F. laboriously reworked

4. Catherine the Great comes across in her memoirs as (i)_____ ruler with a razor-sharp intellect, letting nothing stand in the way of her ambitions. In short, the impression the memoirs give is entirely in accord with her reputation for being (ii)_____.

A. an oblivious	D. ambivalent
B. an uncompromising	E. benevolent
C. a moralistic	F. formidable

5. Despite the (i)_____ in negotiations apparently signaled by the recent agreement between the two neighboring countries, the countries remain (ii)_____ even about the import of that agreement. One wants to prolong agreed—to resumption of limited cross—border traffic, believing it can become entrenched as a new status quo. The other, by contrast, insists that the resumption is (iii)_____ and has been undertaken voluntarily and provisionally in order to show goodwill.

A. progress	D. unreconciled	G. requisite
B. stalemate	E. vague	H. temporary
C. setbacks	F. flexible	I. advantageous

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6. One of the fundamental problems with learning mathematics is that while the number sense may be (i)_____, exact calculation requires cultural tools—symbols and algorithms—that are relatively new and must therefore be absorbed by areas of the brain designed for other purposes, which is easier when what we are learning (ii)_____ our built-in circuitry. With an understanding of it we can at least (iii)_____ our teaching methods by reflecting on the constraints it imposes.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. innate	D. harmonizes with	G. preserve
B. modern	E. intrudes on	H. discard
C. complex	F. goes beyond	I. adapt

7. The tribes' _____ a settled mode of living was derived from their long-standing traditions, which, though differing from one tribal group to another, always included a resistance to nomadic lifestyles.
A. curiosity about
B. proclivity toward
C. predilection for
D. unfamiliarity with
E. rejection of
F. disdain for

8. In politics, tactical calculations about which groups a candidate should appeal to are never pleasant, but they are not always _____, and sometimes they are necessary.
A. injudicious
B. sleazy
C. effective
D. sordid
E. useful
F. exceptional

9. The spacecraft's considerable heft forces an unusually _____ route that meanders through the solar system and depends on the gravitational pull of three heavenly bodies.
A. predetermined
B. circuitous
C. indirect
D. truncated
E. shortened
F. sequential

10. According to some political analysts, the candidate's occasionally rambling responses to questions suggest that she has been out of circulation for a while and her debating skills need to be _____.
A. honed
B. discredited
C. enhanced
D. reevaluated
E. remedied
F. de-emphasized

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section 99 hard

1. Although most of the lakes have merged, salinity levels are not _____ throughout the lake systems: an upward-trending salinity gradient extends southeast from Pelican Lake to East Stump Lake, a distance of nearly 80 kilometers.
A. known
B. equable
C. rising
D. problematic
E. unprecedented

2. The novel presents him as a man who monitors his state of mind and emotions as though he were doing so _____, taking and thinking about himself as if he were someone else.
A. guiltily
B. instinctively
C. furtively
D. heedlessly
E. externally

3. The prosecutor belied his hard-boiled reputation by submitting (i)_____ queries to the witness and accepting in turn (ii)_____ responses.

A. innocuous	D. evasive
B. quizzical	E. elaborate
C. impertinent	F. informative

4. Proffering one increasingly improbable scene character after another, (i)_____ by the constraint of realism, the novel revels in this (ii)_____ by ever more brazenly defying its readers' presumed expectations.

A. untrammeled	D. exiguity
B. liberated	E. ponderousness
C. confined	F. implausibility

5. Logically, one might assume that the nostalgia in which Guzman engages at times in his documentary about Chilean history would be (i)_____ critical reflection and thus leave the film intellectually flaccid. This conclusion would be (ii)_____, however, insofar as not all nostalgia necessarily results in a (iii)_____ of critical thought.

A. a motive for	D. hasty	G. reappropriation
B. a marker of	E. dilatory	H. distillation
C. an impediment to	F. warranted	I. stagnation

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6. Sometimes the criteria that are used to categorize nation-states are purely factual: for example, the denotation of a state as a coastal state or an inland state. But most state labels have a predominantly (i)_____ character. Labels such as failed state or democratic state tend to be accepted only by those who (ii)_____ the assumptions that (iii)_____ such a marker.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. pejorative	D. share	G. are necessarily distorted by
B. functional	E. flout	H. constitute the basis of
C. evaluative	F. transcend	I. rarely make reference to

7. Until 1992, microprocessor types were identified by number, and for a long time they were considered so _____ that manufacturers would share design specifications for them.
A. fungible
B. interchangeable
C. perishable
D. integral
E. inimitable
F. essential

8. The apparent simplicity of savanna or a prairie landscape is illusory, but the illusion takes real effort to _____ because much of what actually occurs in these places takes place underground.
A. dispel
B. acknowledge
C. confirm
D. disavow
E. dismiss
F. perceive

9. Lustig's critics argue that what makes him a compelling public speaker is his practice of citing evidence that is merely suggestive in support of a claim and insisting that this evidence is _____.
A. invaluable
B. irrelevant
C. indubitable
D. immaterial
E. insignificant
F. incontrovertible

10. The series of documentaries certainly does not promote the country's recent diplomatic initiatives; in fact, some of the films appear to be _____ those initiatives.
A. commendations of
B. reparations of
C. tributes to
D. rationalizations of
E. denunciations of
F. indictments of

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section 100 hard

1. The professor's tendency to commandeer faculty meetings to promote her personal agenda quickly inspired resentment among other faculty, who objected to such _____.
A. appropriation
B. obfuscation
C. caviling
D. vacillation
E. cronyism

2. The assumption that children learn about science primarily in the classroom is so _____ that few scientists, educators or policymakers question it, despite an ever-growing body of evidence demonstrating that most science is learnt outside of school.
A. tenuous
B. subtle
C. irrefutable
D. pervasive
E. misconstrued

3. Far from (i)_____ corporate influence on the academy, Taylor would like to see more of it; he is particularly (ii)_____ the idea of universities partnering with for-profit companies to sell online courses.

A. decrying	D. enamored of
B. presuming	E. judicious about
C. investigating	F. unnerved by

4. The shift from extraction to cultivation in forestry involves transforming the production of trees into a source of industrial productivity, leading to a greater degree of (i)_____ between biophysical nature on the one hand and industry on the other. In the process, nature is increasingly (ii)_____ industry and science.

A. separation	D. excluded from
B. antagonism	E. appropriated by
C. entanglement	F. superfluous to

5. Appreciating that mathematical notation presents a major roadblock to many students, some well-meaning educators (i)_____ them by (ii)_____ the use of notation; but this is an unfortunate detour, since practice with notation (iii)_____ the important skill of reasoning.

A. enrich	D. mandating	G. compromises
B. discourage	E. accelerating	H. promotes
C. accommodate	F. minimizing	I. circumvents

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6. Having an intense and long-standing culture of (i)_____, the company understandably has a reputation as the supreme corporate (ii)_____. But even by these standard, the degree of secrecy surrounding the company's most recent research is (iii)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. impropriety	D. anachronism	G. remarkable
B. progress	E. abomination	H. predictable
C. privacy	F. enigma	I. counterproductive

7. If Wilson's article style changed overtime, it was in the wrong retrograde direction, _____ experimentation and inclining toward works that seemed hobbled by a fear of risk.
A. belaboring
B. shunning
C. eschewing
D. overemphasizing
E. misconstruing
F. mocking

8. Considering how difficult it is to prove or disprove the existence of life on Mars, which is practically our neighbor, it is quite _____ challenge to do the same for any Earthlike planets that might exist outside our solar system.
A. a formidable
B. an impossible
C. a hopeless
D. a daunting
E. an urgent
F. an immediate

9. While it's hard to know for sure, I suspect that the well-known authority's silence on this contentious topic reflects the cautious _____ of a sensible scientist confronted with mixed data and mountains of speculation.
A. neutrality
B. impartiality
C. optimism
D. diffidence
E. commitment
F. buoyancy

10. Very few companies take the trouble to discover where the wood in their products originate; consumers do not demand this information, and consequently _____ regarding illicit timber has become the norm.
A. greed
B. indifference
C. outrage
D. timidity
E. apprehension
F. apathy

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section 101 easy

1. A significant element of the Gothic genre, the literary grotesque is sometimes inaccurately discussed as if it were a _____ Gothic or, conversely, as if it were something entirely different from Gothic.
A. synonym for
B. characteristic of
C. counterweight to
D. ramification of
E. deviation from

2. _____ is valuable in science, even when a scientific idea is true, it can be misused through grandiosity.
A. humility
B. experimentation
C. patience
D. cooperation
E. exposure

3. Though she had some exposure to great art and high culture, it must be said the ultra athletic Marion Carstairs remained throughout her life primarily (i)_____ mental and artistic pursuits. She was by nature (ii)_____.

A. a product of	D. neither bookish nor cerebral
B. indifferent to	E. a model of delicacy and refinement
C. obsessed with	F. both didactic and argumentative

4. At the heart of present-day studies computational authorship attribution lies the hypothesis that each author has so personal a writing style that it can function as stylistic DNA. Any given author style, in other words, is regarded as (i)_____ and (ii)_____ every other authors writing style.

A. stable	D. distinguishable from
B. generative	E. related to
C. unintentional	F. influenced by

5. When pulsars were first discovered, some of the astrophysicists involved briefly (i) _____these types of stars might be (ii)_____ extraterrestrial intelligence. Specifically, the pulsar's periodic radiation pattern was initially interpreted as (iii)_____ rather than—as it turned out to be—the natural product of the spinning of a neutron star.

A. ignored whether	D. suggestive of	G. a deliberate hoax
B. thought that	E. unrelated to	H. an episodic phenomenon
C. disavowed that	F. evidence against	I. a constructed code

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6. Scientists suspect that the impact with which a bat lands is a function of (i)_____. Bats that roost on hard cave ceiling must land (ii)_____ to avoid injury. By contrast, since foliage is (iii)_____, a hard landing won't hurt, and might even give the bat time to make sure it has a good grip.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. wind speed	D. quickly	G. plentiful
B. roosting location	E. softly	H. pliable
C. a bat's size	F. securely	I. seasonal

7. Humanity's struggle with bedbugs is _____: archaeologists have recovered remains of the parasites dating back 3,500 years to the time of the Egyptian pharaohs.
A. disconcerting
B. unexceptional
C. perennial
D. preordained
E. inevitable
F. long-standing

8. The composer's string quartets exhibit a structural _____ that seems to challenge the conventions of the string quartet genre, which have long been celebrated for their rigor and coherence.
A. austerity
B. restraint
C. uncertainty
D. ostentation
E. vitality
F. instability

9. It is _____ and rather, surprising, for someone with a considerable background in philosophy, that Taylor fails to distinguish adequately between forms of communication and forms of knowledge.
A. reprehensible
B. inexplicable
C. deplorable
D. dangerous
E. typical
F. characteristic

10. As a proponent of women's traditional roles, Sarah Hale was adamant against women's suffrage as thrusting women into an improper sphere; yet she _____ female textile strikers when they publicly protested their mistreatment at miles.
A. opposed
B. supported
C. criticized
D. championed
E. challenged
F. welcomed

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section 102 medium

1. A sunset, the poet asserted, is beautiful in part because it is _____: fleeting and never to be repeated.
A. expeditious
B. vibrant
C. transitory
D. evocative
E. archetypal

2. The evidence depicts an _____ system of tree inspections and care, one in which the crucial job of spotting dangers is left to untrained workers, and essential repairs and pruning are delayed to save money.
A. overeager
B. ineffective
C. uneconomical
D. unflagging
E. intuitive

3. Here was one of the main (i)_____ of oceanography during the first two decades after the Second World War. Support for oceanographic research was based on its utility for making war on other nation. Yet at the same time, oceanography retained an identity that tied it closely to (ii)_____.

A. fallacies	D. international cooperation
B. paradoxes	E. military secrecy
C. assumptions	F. naval strategy

4. Ancient cart ruts found on Malta were created in soft limestone that begins to dissolve when exposed to rainfall. Their forms thus necessarily become (i)_____ over time and their original features are (ii)_____.

A. solidified	D. refined
B. degraded	E. replicated
C. conspicuous	F. obscured

5. Overall, fish farming may provide a (i)_____ wild fish stocks, but for certain species, the farmers cause a net loss of wild fish. Some fish farmers use upwards of five kilograms of wild fish as feed to grow one kilogram of carnivorous species like sea bass. Such (ii)_____ feed plus other environmental side effects undermine the expected (iii)_____ fish farming.

A. supplement to	D. appetite for	G. benefits of
B. rediscovery of	E. uncertainty regarding	H. impediments to
C. disruption of	F. optimism about	I. subtleties of

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6. At estimated 80 million adults in the United States use form of alternative medicine, from herbs and megavitamins to yoga and acupuncture. But while (i)_____ claims are made for these treatments, the scientific evidence for them often (ii)_____ studies and clinical trials, when they exist at all, can be (iii)_____ in design and too small to yield reliable insights.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. unfounded	D. shows no inconsistencies with	G. shoddy
B. modest	E. lags far behind	H. clever
C. sweeping	F. holds great promise on	I. conventional

7. Since Venus and Earth are so similar in their mass and density, Mueller suggested that the two planets have similar compositions and, therefore there must be surface features on Venus that have terrestrial _____.
A. causes
B. consequences
C. counterparts
D. parallels
E. properties
F. outcomes

8. It turns out that the seeming spontaneity of his letter actually involved a good deal of _____: the writer carefully revises them before mailing them, and he worked hard to establish the right tone.
A. deliberation
B. whimsicality
C. inventiveness
D. effort
E. capriciousness
F. consideration

9. There is _____ quality to Beryl Bainbridge's best novels, what Hilary Martel calls "an air of mystery, as if something has been inked in and then sponged away, leaving a faint trace for the reader to pick up".
A. an elegiac
B. a cryptic
C. a deceptive
D. a plaintive
E. an elusive
F. a mesmerizing

10. Another challenge to biologists and land-use planners alike is that while human-induced changes to the landscape are somethings _____, they can nevertheless drastically alter the habitat for some plants and animals.
A. indisputable
B. inappropriate
C. unacceptable
D. unfathomable
E. imperceptible
F. indiscernible

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section 103 medium

1. The sand paintings that McCall created—a synthesis of painting, sculpture, and photography—were meant to be _____, preserved only in the memories of witnesses.
A. archetypal
B. incendiary
C. ephemeral
D. naturalistic
E. dazzling

2. From its nineteenth-century beginnings onward, photography was often tasked with providing _____ images of individuals, yet at the same time, photographs were prized for their perceived realism and truthfulness.
A. recognizable
B. candid
C. idealized
D. replicable
E. detailed

3. Psychologists note that in making purchase decisions, consumers often unconsciously use mental shortcuts, such as familiarity with a brand name to (i)_____ routine problems efficiently. Thus, part of what companies aim for developing a brand is very specifically to (ii)_____ consumers' conscious thought.

A. identify	D. amplify
B. resolve	E. ascertain
C. postpone	F. circumvent

4. The claim that large budget deficits significantly depress private investment and thereby hurt future wages and living standards is (i)_____; in reality, the (ii)_____ effects of budget deficits are tiny.

A. fallacious	D. adverse
B. incomprehensible	E. unforeseen
C. incontrovertible	F. ameliorable

5. The essential difference between writing nonfiction and fiction is that the artist can (i)_____ a completed vision of the world, while the journalist never can, the real world being always (ii)_____. Art provides freedom from the bewildering complexities of constant change. Indeed, it is the very (iii)_____ of well-wrought fiction that can sometimes make it fell more real than reality.

A. shun	D. diverting	G. popularity
B. correct	E. tragic	H. rarity
C. realize	F. unfinished	I. clarity

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6. Excitement is often considered anathema in science writing because it interjects the scientist's emotion and values into the work. Indeed, one should not be too quick to (i)_____ of science. At the same time, however, this (ii)_____ stance can occasionally be (iii)_____, cloaking more than it reveals.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. evaluate the principles	D. unpopular	G. misleading
B. embrace the rhetoric	E. dispassionate	H. unnecessary
C. abandon the objectivity	F. inflexible	I. haphazard

7. While merchants and bankers in thirteen-century Europe quickly embraced the Hindu-Arabic numeral system, the governing authorities were less _____ it.
A. persuaded by
B. guarded about
C. captivated by
D. open-minded about
E. inhibited about
F. enamored of

8. It's true that occasional _____ entries might have been edited without damaging the diary's overall impact, but the very completeness of Clara's eloquent reflections conveys a strong sense of the density of a young woman's experiences.
A. verbose
B. redundant
C. long-winded
D. curt
E. mundane
F. laconic

9. Berwick, middle-aged, soft-spoken, and _____, with a keen sense of how to use this apparent ordinariness to his advantage, began with a gripping story about how a firefighter saved himself during a forest fire by using a completely improbable tactic.
A. imperturbable
B. implacable
C. unimaginative
D. unprepossessing
E. unremarkable
F. unruffled

10. Because the literary club often trumpeted itself as a sanctuary for temperate discussion, visitors were startled by the frequently _____ tone of its recent debates.
A. blunt
B. ingratiating
C. acerbic
D. unctuous
E. vitriolic
F. bombastic

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section 104 hard

1. The tenor of Me, as indicated by the title, tends to be _____, sometimes insufferably so.
A. self-effacing
B. panegyric
C. vainglorious
D. discursive
E. overmodest

2. The main thrust of her argument was that wage difference, far from being _____, do in fact reflect education, skills, experience, and other factors that make employees more productive.
A. rational
B. divergent
C. arbitrary
D. discernible
E. attributable

3. Journalist Michael Pollan is nothing if not (i)_____, committed to investigating our eating habits through (ii)_____ and unwilling to pass judgment on any food-related practice that he has not witnessed firsthand or even joined in.

A. an empiricist	D. brilliant theorizing
B. a traditionalist	E. voluminous reading
C. an enthusiast	F. careful observation

4. Scientists suspect that athletes may experience augmented bloodstream levels of the hormone oxytocin during competition. (i)_____ considerations, however, make it difficult to (ii)_____ oxytocin levels during sports events: few will willingly interrupt player in the middle of a game in order for scientists to test players' blood.

A. practical	D. predict fluctuations of
B. theoretical	E. quantify changes in
C. ethical	F. trigger elevation of

5. Give a computer (i)_____ task—winning at chess, say, or predicting the weather—and the machine bests humans nearly every time. Yet when problems are (ii)_____, or require combining varied sources, computers are (iii)_____ human intelligence.

A. a well-defined	D. nuanced	G. no match for
B. a random	E. inconsequential	H. unyielding to
C. an open-ended	F. solvable	I. able to dwarf

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6. With the grand ambition of sending unbreakable coded messages, some physicists are using exotic tools—quantum mechanics and streams of individual photons—to shut out (i)_____. But a wire and a few resistors may (ii)_____ a message as securely, according to a physicist who claims to have devised a simple and uncrackable scheme. The idea shows that more (iii)_____ methods might compete with budding quantum cryptography.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. inaccurate transmissions	D. convey	G. mundane
B. pernicious influences	E. decode	H. complex
C. prying eyes	F. intercept	I. celebrated

7. Contrary to popular myth, cockroaches are not especially tough or radiation resistant; indeed, they are pretty _____ as insects go.
A. harmless
B. average
C. strong
D. undistinguished
E. weak
F. hardy

8. Scientific discovery calls for a difficult balance: intrepid advocacy of new ideas must often be _____ by the results of self-imposed trials.
A. tempered
B. moderated
C. unhampered
D. preempted
E. superseded
F. prefaced

9. Reuters are not against _____ noteworthy architecture but suggests a cap on the amount to be protected at any one time: if you want to protect another ancient building, one should come off the list.
A. preserving
B. rehabilitating
C. promoting
D. restoring
E. emulating
F. safeguarding

10. Jaime Javier Rodriguez notes that popular art forms often conceal a daunting complexity: frequently what appears _____ becomes intricate and challenging when closely examined.
A. tedious
B. canned
C. convoluted
D. vacuous
E. tortuous
F. formulaic

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section 105 hard

1. Although not enough to _____ the conventional view of the manuscript's provenance, the new study was thought to have weakened the prevailing theory considerably.
A. undermine
B. affect
C. resurrect
D. disturb
E. topple

2. The economist argued that however much the government might trumpet the value of _____, it had been as bold as any other in its spending programs.
A. thrift
B. consumption
C. dialogue
D. cooperation
E. transparency

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

A. insipid	D. untested
B. infectious	E. captious
C. innocuous	F. contented

4. Recently the novelist has (i)_____ the radically experimental forms with which he made his reputation in favor of more (ii)_____ narratives, fencing in and turning an imagination meant to run wild.

A. trumpeted	D. conventional
B. forsaken	E. pretentious
C. replicated	F. provocative

5. It is plausible to regard a collection of letters spanning youth and old age as (i)_____ of autobiography: the precession of characters who inhabit a life and a chronology of incidents turn up reliably in either form. Yet autobiography, even when ostensibly steeped in candor, tends toward (ii)_____ through later perspectives, afterwords, and second thoughts, whereas letters have an undeniable (iii)_____, offering select glimpses of the fraught and living moment.

A. an approximation	D. concision	G. sensitivity
B. a precursor	E. reconsideration	H. immediacy
C. the antithesis	F. sensationalism	I. formality

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6. The nature of our recollection is (i)_____. One memory can seem (ii)_____ whereas another must be coaxed out of our brain little by little. Although a moment that excites our emotions is more likely to be recorded than a (iii)_____ experience, the sensory qualities of an event also play a part in how vividly and accurately we remember it.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. inaccurate	D. vague and spotty	G. riveting
B. inconsistent	E. immediate and colorful	H. traumatic
C. insignificant	F. unreliable and elusive	I. routine

7. Many theorists believe that measures to prevent industrial pollution necessarily increase production costs, but several recent reports document innovations that _____ environmental harm while also delivering economic benefits.
A. offset
B. preclude
C. disclose
D. mitigate
E. curtail
F. divulge

8. A closer examination of the author's footnotes explains the datedness of his argument: he has ignored most of the recent work in the field, drawing instead mainly on research that is now decidedly _____.
A. familiar
B. germane
C. obsolete
D. relevant
E. discredited
F. outmoded

9. The environmental threat posed by the New Zealand mud snail, an invasive species, is _____ by the snail's small size, which facilitates its spread across watersheds through human activity.
A. initiated
B. ameliorated
C. exacerbated
D. extenuated
E. mitigated
F. aggravated

10. Although the Kuiper Belt—the icy region of the solar system where Pluto orbits—was once much more crowded, today it has such a low density of objects that collisions between them are _____.
A. inconsequential
B. ongoing
C. unthinkable
D. improbable
E. continuous
F. unlikely

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section 106 hard

1. Geologists suggest that as the most productive oil reservoirs begin to dry up, the expensive cost and high risk of drilling in the marginal area become less _____ and more acceptable.
A. onerous
B. efficacious
C. auspicious
D. benign
E. natural

2. Evidence suggest that populations of migratory birds in both the New and Old Worlds have (i)_____, a (ii)_____ that carries the potential for significant ecological damage far beyond the shrinking numbers of the birds themselves.

A. scattered	D. dispersal
B. stabilized	E. decline
C. plummeted	F. displacement

3. Even though company's CEO professes to be (i)_____ and urges the deal forward, its investors are unlikely to be so (ii)_____ about its prospect. Many were uncomfortable at the way the corporation was forced to spend much of last year expansion, and this new venture is potentially even more risky.

A. apprehensive	D. indifferent
B. apathetic	E. sanguine
C. confident	F. anxious

4. Among the most popular Currier&levs lithographic prints in nineteenth-century America were bird's-eye views of great cities such as New York, Chicago, and San Francisco. These were edited into books, and the cities' (i)_____ meant that new views were (ii)_____ for successive editions.

A. tremendous productivity	D. hard to obtain
B. extraordinary growth	E. rendered superfluous
C. unparalleled activity	F. regularly required

5. Dirac may have (i)_____ the company of other theoretical physicals, but he often (ii)_____, rarely (iii)_____ group discussions and almost never collaborating with others in his own work.

A. appreciated	D. kept them at a distance	G. cutting off
B. analyzed	E. welcomed their company	H. contributing to
C. spurned	F. pondered their insights	I. shrinking from

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6. Environmental models—mathematical representations designed to stimulate natural systems—are regularly used by litigants in legal disputes over environmental issues. Unfortunately, the (i)_____ scientific model is (ii)_____ in environmental tort litigation. Because of the adversarial nature of litigation, models are often used by one side to (iii)_____ empirical evidence presented by the other. And because modeling is a particularly technical field, the task of asserting a given model's relevance and reliability may exceed the abilities of judge and juries.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. evidentiary value of	D. avoided	G. adduce
B. uncertainty inherent in	E. predictive	H. obfuscate
C. increasing reliance on	F. exacerbated	I. replicate

7. Williams finds the appearance of Whitman's Leaves of Grass in 1855 nearly _____ given the immense disparity between Whitman's earlier published works, which Williams finds dismal, and the consummate mastery of Leaves.
A. oracular
B. prophetic
C. inevitable
D. inexplicable
E. inauspicious
F. incomprehensible

8. Carr insists that the so-called information society might be more accurately described as the interruption society: it _____ attention, the scarcest of all resources, and stuffs the mind trivia.
A. guards
B. protects
C. diverts
D. destroys
E. annihilates
F. transcends

9. Of all the singer's works, this album is the most dependent on the musical conventions of her day; it was both the least _____ of her albums and the most commercially successful.
A. personal
B. well-known
C. experimental
D. innovative
E. acclaimed
F. recognizable

10. The environmental advocacy group pushed for a single, overarching wetlands management plan that would _____ the existing efforts of various entities, resulting in a focused blueprint for saving the area's wetlands.
A. combine
B. meld
C. undermine
D. spearhead
E. support
F. subvert

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section 107 medium

1. Once so fluid, the political situation had, two years after the declaration of the Republic, _____ so much that further change seemed inconceivable.
A. revitalized
B. warmed
C. intensified
D. clotted
E. destabilized

2. Paul Robeson. Jr. wrote that his father was a flesh-and-blood artist whose accomplishments made him susceptible to hagiographic treatment by potential biographers. Robeson's achievements were real, and there was no need for _____.
A. disclosure
B. hyperbole
C. retraction
D. muckraking
E. reticence

3. The scientists who first proposed that Moon's craters had resulted from impacts (i)_____: almost all of these craters were circular, and yet most impactors in heliocentric orbit would have an oblique path and hence would be expected to form (ii)_____ craters.

A. devised a theory	D. massive
B. misinterpreted a finding	E. elongated
C. confronted difficulty	F. shallow

4. When the United States government created the Post Office at the founding of the republic, it didn't invite rival postal firms to compete; in fact, it created a monopoly. That monopoly, however, was (i)_____ free expression because of policies Congress adopted, which (ii)_____ the circulation of newspapers irrespective of their viewpoint and spread postal service throughout the country.

A. conducive to	D. subsidized
B. threatened by	E. limited
C. dependent on	F. trivialized

5. The cowbird can seem a rather comical creature with a slow, awkward walk and often upraised tail. Less (i)_____ is the cowbirds' habit of laying their eggs in the nests of other birds. The (ii)_____ nesters will usually accept the cowbird egg and raise the baby cowbird as their own. Unfortunately, cowbird eggs hatch sooner than the eggs of other species and the young cowbirds (iii)_____, using their size to their advantage in getting more food from the parents.

A. amusing	D. feckless	G. grow quickly
B. painful	E. resistant	H. leave the nest
C. galling	F. unwitting	I. share their food

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6. The scientist (i)_____ that the now familiar term “global warming” is (ii)_____, arguing that the atmospheric buildup of long-lived greenhouse gases is setting in motion centuries of shifts in climate patterns, coastlines, water resources, and ecosystems—hardly (iii)_____ one would describe with a gentle word like “warming”.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. denied	D. an exaggeration	G. a transformation
B. complained	E. a cliché	H. an enigma
C. doubted	F. a misnomer	I. a signal

7. Nature-loving pilgrims from the eastern United States altered the country’s attitude toward California’s sequoia groves, transforming those stands of great trees from scientific curiosities to places of _____.
A. recreation
B. mystery
C. veneration
D. solitude
E. reverence
F. acclamation

8. Established scientists recognize that peer review of manuscripts submitted to scientific journals is critical to science, but this recognition _____ a certain ambivalence in them, since reviewing takes time away from their research.
A. obviates
B. mitigates
C. engenders
D. tempers
E. induces
F. exacerbates

9. Despite _____ leaving their old jobs behind, workers were eager to move because there were to be no layoffs under the union contract at the new location.
A. jubilation over
B. indifference to
C. misgivings about
D. outrage over
E. trepidation over
F. enthusiasm for

10. After the Turkish Republic was established, traditional hamams (bathhouses) seemed to many Turks to be outmoded, but thanks to tourism, hamams have experienced a _____, becoming important cultural sites for foreign and Turkish visitors alike.
A. proliferation
B. retrenchment
C. transformation
D. revival
E. slump
F. renaissance

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section 108 hard

1. Wood is an environmentally friendly building material because it _____ carbon dioxide, absorbing it during growth and retaining it even after it has been turned into lumber.
A. disperses
B. eradicates
C. sequesters
D. respires
E. regulates

2. Despite the fact that it is quite difficult to find, in everyday discourse, causal explanations taking the form Hume proposed, many philosophers have regarded Hume's model as _____ causal accounts.
A. paradigmatic of
B. unworkable for
C. tendentious about
D. superfluous to
E. irreducible to

3. Goodin notes that people have (i)_____ cognitive capacities and that they therefore must consider some factors as (ii)_____ so as to be able to make decisions about other things.

A. limited	D. essential
B. adaptable	E. variable
C. overlooked	F. given

4. Some people (i)_____ translations of great literary works—especially those insistent on a literal translation for whom no rendering is ever (ii)_____ enough.

A. dismiss	D. faithful
B. tolerate	E. creative
C. esteem	F. spontaneous

5. It was not until 1995 that a planet beyond our solar system was first sighted, a discovery that greatly excited astronomers. Many had supposed that the processes that gave rise to our solar system were not (i)_____, and that there were other planets in the universe. Now, observations had (ii)_____.

A. manifest	D. caught up with belief
B. replicable	E. provided grounds for skepticism
C. unique	F. put assumptions to the test

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6. The longer the migratory route, the more fat migrating birds must accumulate as fuel for their flight. The gain in body mass would make birds obese by human standards, and should render them unable to fly, but this gain is (i)_____ premigratory (ii)_____ of digestive organs, inactive during migration, and by the (iii)_____ of the muscles that power the flight.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. partially offset by	D. shrinking	G. strengthening
B. strongly suggestive of	E. specialization	H. attenuation
C. seemingly unrelated to	F. capacity	I. responsiveness

7. In spite of her fascination with chance, coincidence, and contingency, Stanning's novels are _____ constructed, written from the head rather than the heart.
A. hastily
B. extravagantly
C. painstakingly
D. meticulously
E. evocatively
F. impulsively

8. Although traditionally artists have rightly been seen as the most _____ audience for the work of their colleagues, today taste is also created by critics and curators and occasionally by collectors.
A. arbitrary
B. volatile
C. perceptive
D. impulsive
E. subjective
F. discerning

9. Every serious attempt at a historical portrait of the past will subtly absorb the milieu and temperament of its living author, however _____ he or she sets out to be.
A. entertaining
B. comprehensive
C. objective
D. engaging
E. rigorous
F. impartial

10. Although we no longer have to rely on salt to keep food from spoiling, our appetite for it is _____: most people eat much more salt than they need.
A. involuntary
B. inconstant
C. unabated
D. unpredictable
E. undiminished
F. insatiable

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section 109 medium

1. Because of its _____, DNA can be invaluable as exculpatory evidence following a criminal conviction: it can be reliably tested years after a crime has occurred.
A. versatility
B. recognizability
C. durability
D. verifiability
E. distinctiveness

2. Throughout the High Middle Ages, the English government became increasingly _____: the document produced in the eleventh century could be placed on one large table, while the documents produced in the thirteenth fill whole rooms.
A. despotic
B. ceremonial
C. aristocratic
D. prolix
E. insular

3. Although strikes remain rarer in Britain than in many other European countries, and their economic impact is (i)_____ compared to the great upheavals of the 1970s and 1980s, their number has (ii)_____ after a few years of somewhat greater calm.

A. inconclusive	D. exploded
B. demoralizing	E. declined
C. negligible	F. revived

4. Many of us remember a time when discovery and the thrill of learning were forces in our lives and were (i)_____. Frequently that time happened in a great classroom somewhere, in the hands of the one (ii)_____ teacher we can each remember.

A. elusive	D. consummate
B. inconsequential	E. truculent
C. exciting	F. superfluous

5. Because it is discussed by humanities scholars from diverse disciplinary backgrounds, “affect” has been (i)_____ defined; nonetheless there has been (ii)_____ the terms “emotion” and “affect” across academic writing in the humanities.

A. clearly	D. a paucity of interest in
B. variously	E. a variety of interpretations of
C. narrowly	F. a consistent distinction between

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6. Since the 1920s, historical fiction writers in China have emancipated the genre from the traditional notion that (i)_____ was the ultimate goal of history writing. Yet the traditional commitment to (ii)_____ was not simply (iii)_____: this new genre was expected to capture the essence of historical truth even as it allowed space for the writer's imagination.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. comprehensiveness	D. veracity	G. jettisoned
B. factuality	E. thoroughness	H. rationalized
C. entertainment	F. pleasure	I. acknowledged

7. Precipitation is not _____ in the Atacama Desert west of Andes mountains, and water scarcity is compounded by problems with water appropriation, the existence of agro pastoralists is in jeopardy.
A. regular
B. negligible
C. evident
D. consistent
E. insignificant
F. abundant

8. What differentiates this book from more traditional works on grammar is that it reserves its _____ not for students of writing, bur for teachers who harbor unduly restrictive views.
A. mockery
B. skepticism
C. scolding
D. approbation
E. admonishment
F. commendation

9. Like ants' propensity to congregate on one food pile and neglect another, the human tendency to make choices that _____ the observed behavior of others is a self-reinforcing process.
A. imitate
B. confirm
C. avoid
D. emulate
E. inhibit
F. constrain

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

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section 110 medium

1. Characteristic of the diplomat's new book is the _____ relationship between the evidence adduced and the inferences drawn, the footnotes and citations teeming with ambiguity and complexity, while the summary statements are more dogmatic simplicities.
A. healthy
B. shifting
C. tenuous
D. compelling
E. plausible

2. Notwithstanding a lack of _____, nineteenth-century anthologies such as Evert and George Duyckinck's Cyclopaedia of American Literature represents serious attempts to collect the national writings up to that point as a way of establishing the viability of American letters.
A. bias
B. earnestness
C. rigor
D. ambition
E. ambiguity

3. In his study of Senegambian cleric Shaykh Mass Kah (1827-1936), Bala S. K. Saho notes that it is difficult to fully (i)_____ many of the oral accounts on which the study relies. Saho's work shows, however, that despite this absence of (ii)_____, oral history can provide useful sources from which historians can reconstruct the past.

A. comprehend	D. partiality
B. reproduce	E. argumentation
C. validate	F. corroboration

4. For a genre that's supposed to be about the future, science fiction has certainly (i)_____ lately, (ii)_____ is what sells best, with readers spending their money on sequels to long-running series.

A. become quite pessimistic	D. suspense
B. been looking backward	E. fantasy
C. anticipated technological developments	F. nostalgia

5. The (i)_____ current-generation solar cells are (ii)_____: although experimental cells have reached efficiencies greater than 40 percent, most commercially available cells in the early part of the twenty-first century still struggle to get past about 20 percent.

A. attractions of	D. clear
B. limitations of	E. unmatched
C. improvements in	F. misunderstood

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6. The amount of water flowing through United States streams has (i)_____ during this century, although without giving rise to more frequent floods, according to a new study by the United States Geological Survey. The country appears to be getting (ii)_____ even as its stream flow becomes less (iii)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. markedly declined	D. wetter	G. benign
B. steadily increased	E. hotter	H. predictable
C. slowly stabilized	F. drier	I. destructive

7. When it comes to arriving at brilliant ideas, filtering out distractions might well be _____: if a person's mind is wandering, that person tends to outperform peers in a range of tasks in which flashes of insight are important.
A. indispensable
B. irrelevant
C. overrated
D. imperative
E. deleterious
F. counterproductive

8. Matsui is an extremely _____ political tactician, as she generally will withhold her support for a political faction or a policy until she is confident it will prevail.
A. successful
B. dogmatic
C. shrewd
D. flexible
E. canny
F. rigid

9. There is ample evidence that men and women think, express themselves, and even experience emotions differently, but in the area of sensory perception, psychologists are hard-pressed to identify major _____.
A. difficulties
B. innovations
C. discrepancies
D. challenges
E. incongruities
F. trends

10. Robbins' accomplishment is not _____ one: her book makes the topic accessible to a general audience while still providing the sort of analysis that scholars demand.
A. a trivial
B. a fascinating
C. a questionable
D. an insignificant
E. an intriguing
F. an amusing

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section 111 medium

1. Unable to escape their own literary tradition, literary critics either become the _____ of that tradition or, on the contrary, use their knowledge of it to reinterpret writers and trends from new perspectives.
A. liberators
B. guardians
C. successors
D. antithesis
E. gadflies

2. Not only was Jarry _____ the pandemonium his play sparkled, he actually worked to foment the conflict, organizing a posse to boo if the rest of the audience applauded and cheer if the other attendees booed.
A. riled by
B. surprised by
C. unperturbed by
D. critical of
E. detached from

3. Boreal forest is at the southern boundary of the moss-dominated tundra, which remains characteristically treeless because its spongy surface retains water that cannot drain away through the underlying permafrost. But as temperatures rise the permafrost recedes, (i)_____ the (ii)_____ of forest.

A. impairing	D. renewal
B. facilitating	E. incursion
C. decelerating	F. decline

4. As late as the 1990s, Merry Wiesner Hanks argued that developments during the Reformation and the Enlightenment had (i)_____ effects on the participation of women in the filed of medicine. She claimed that the (ii)_____ Reformation and Enlightenment women left female health's practitioners restricted to assisting in an unpaid and unrecognized capacity.

A. dire	D. unchanging opportunities for
B. positive	E. worsening positions of
C. ambiguous	F. reader respect for

5. There is (i)_____ evidence that the giant African land snail a. fulica is a serious threat to the spread of human disease. Giant snails do carry rat lungworm—infection by which is a common cause of meningitis—but so do many other snail species. Moreover, if the threat posed by a. fulica were (ii)_____, one would expect to see an increase in disease rates (iii)_____ a rise in the spread of snails. However, in places like New Caledonia, explosions in giant snail populations have coincided with a fall in the number of meningitis cases.

A. abundant	D. contained	G. corresponding to
B. ambiguous	E. recognized	H. predating
C. little	F. major	I. giving way to

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6. There is no sense trying to rehabilitate the reputation of the mosquito; nobody loves such a creature. But it's (i)_____ to (ii)_____ all 2,600 described species of mosquito when it's just 80 or so—3 percent that drink human blood. Among those 2,520 relatively (iii)_____ kinds of mosquitoes, there's even one we'd like to see in greater numbers: Taxorhynchites, the mosquito that eats other mosquitoes.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. rare	D. malign	G. blameless
B. necessary	E. represent	H. pernicious
C. unfair	F. commend	I. valuable

7. We should be more _____ than we often are when making claims about antiquity—for example, the common statement, "The ancient Athenians invented democracy," is simply not true when put like that.
A. skeptical
B. credulous
C. precise
D. trusting
E. equivocal
F. circumspect

8. The author advocates a diminished role for philosophy, aiming to show that many of the questions traditionally debated among philosophers can be _____ the realm of scientific inquiry.
A. ceded to
B. inferred from
C. relevant to
D. initiated by
E. germane to
F. left to

9. With regard to verity, neutrality, and transparency, nothing about the Internet makes it any different than Gutenberg's printing press, which could serve _____ just as well as truth.
A. fantasy
B. bureaucracy
C. protocol
D. disinformation
E. mendacity
F. panic

10. As astronomers do not yet have a good understanding of the fundamental nature of dark matter, it should not be a surprise that astronomy students' ideas about dark matter are, at best, _____.
A. superficial
B. sketchy
C. inconsistent
D. mistaken
E. outdated
F. far-fetched

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section 112 medium

1. Behavior dubbed reprehensible by the residents of the region is considered conventional, even _____ by those of the neighboring region; fortunately, people traveling between the two are resigned to this disparity.
A. eccentric
B. compulsory
C. innovative
D. unconscionable
E. transparent

2. Though acquaintances are first overwhelmed by his _____, they soon appreciate that, contrary to appearances, he is not without self-interest.
A. egotism
B. magnanimity
C. ambition
D. profligacy
E. brilliance

3. Early in the development of ice age theories, physicists identified the processing(slow gyration) and wobbling of Earth's spin axis as the likely drivers of the ice ages, but geologists (i)_____, and even the painstaking work done in the 1920s and 1930s by Mihution Mplankovitch failed to (ii)_____ of many of the day's geological experts.

A. demurred	D. anticipate the ascent
B. acquiesced	E. assuage the qualms
C. expatriate	F. acknowledge the consensus

4. As a longtime fan of the fashion photography Web site, I wasn't sure if I wanted to see its images presented in a book, with all of the (i)_____ that implies. What I've always enjoyed about the photos is their (ii)_____: they are disposable snapshots of what's going on in the world of style right now.

A. nonchalance	D. elegant
B. commercialism	E. ephemeral
C. permanency	F. mundane

5. This book cannot be evaluated properly without examining the author's choice of format, which is the (i)_____ of the format of standard academic works; here the photographs take center stage, with the text playing only a supporting role. This layout poses many dangers for the serious historian, not the least of which being the (ii)_____ reception that academics—motivated partly by (iii)_____ but also by genuine concern over scholarly standards—generally reserve for books apparently aimed at the popular market.

A. duplicate	D. scornful	G. academic integrity
B. epitome	E. deferential	H. snobbish elitism
C. inverse	F. good-natured	I. collegial sympathy

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6. Based on the evidence available, it would be (i)_____ to insist on a wholly negative portrayal of King Prajadhipok. In his own writings and pronouncements as well as in firsthand accounts offered by others, Prajadhipok consistently emerges as (ii)_____ and even-tempered, though (iii)_____.
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A. accurate	D. whimsical	G. unexceptional
B. convenient	E. thoughtful	H. vicious
C. facile	F. ingenious	I. innovative

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. The book captures the _____ of several politicians who spoke publicly of old-time virtues in order to mask private vices.
A. probity
B. dissemblance
C. opportunism
D. rectitude
E. ingenuousness
F. duplicity

9. Upon realizing that the indicators of a stressful situation can be extremely _____, the psychologist reconsidered her claim that a reliable way of reducing stress is to recognize stressful situations and then avoid them.
A. acute
B. exiguous
C. persistent
D. overstated
E. tenuous
F. unrelenting

10. For wily political press officers, the art of spin is not quite supplanting truth with lies, but instead it aspires to replace awkward complexity with catchy _____; successful spin creates the impression of unavoidable common sense.
A. novelties
B. slogans
C. falsehoods
D. duplicity
E. simplicity
F. intelligibility

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section 113 hard

1. In 1831, a domestic insurrection that had stirred central Italy was squelched by the Austrian army, but while this invasion destroyed the immediate results of the movement, it could not _____ the insurrections causes, which continued to be felt.
A. ignore
B. extirpate
C. fathom
D. anticipate
E. underscore

2. When he first hypothesized the neutrino, Wolfgang Pauli's elation was not _____: he feared that he had postulated a particle that could not be detected though his concern turned out to be overblown.
A. unshared
B. untoward
C. unprecedented
D. unqualified
E. unjustified

3. In the early 1990s, the discovery of a new microbe in wastewater led microbiologists to (i)_____ ammonia's conversion to nitrogen compounds. Called anammox (for anaerobic ammonia oxidation), the microbe was converting into nitrogen gas in the absence of oxygen, a reaction previously assumed to be (ii)_____.

A. question existing dogma about	D. hazardous
B. abandon efforts to facilitate	E. irreversible
C. raise health concerns regarding	F. impossible

4. The so-called "good" translations of the historian's major work—those that are (i)_____, in other words—give a very bad idea of the linguistic character of the author's original writing, which is notoriously (ii)_____.

A. true to the original	D. indecorous
B. committed to consistency	E. crabbed
C. easy to read	F. lively

5. Thinking (i)_____ about one's choices can sometimes (ii)_____ decision making. For example, in one study in which college students selected their favorite poster from a set, those asked to explain their selection ended up less (iii)_____ their choices than those who were not asked. Researchers concluded that thinking of reasons interferes with people's ability to access gut-level reactions that are crucial to sound decision making.

A. uncritically	D. speed the process of	G. happy with
B. haphazardly	E. reduce satisfaction with	H. confused by
C. explicitly	F. enhance the quality of	I. concerned by

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6. The patients given a placebo in the course of clinical trials receive much more than a pharmacologically inert substance. Like the patients receiving the experimental drug, they (i)_____ a thorough medical evaluation, a chance to discuss their condition with competent professionals, a diagnosis, and a treatment plan. Although viewed by many as (ii)_____ the healing process, these factors may actually provide an important clue as to why placebo often work: they are part of an experience that can itself be a (iii)_____ illness.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. get	D. essential for	G. research laboratory for
B. avoid	E. incidental to	H. powerful antidote to
C. welcome	F. consequences of	I. breeding ground of

7. British composer Benjamin Britter would seem to have _____ place in the cultural pantheon, yet, at the same time that place is still contested by some.
A. an illustrious
B. an assured
C. a precarious
D. a modest
E. a settled
F. a tenuous

8. Once the scientists began to research the matter, it didn't take them long to find out that life far beneath the ocean floor was not only possible, but _____.
A. vulnerable
B. prevalent
C. conspicuous
D. fragile
E. extensive
F. essential

9. Compared with their parties, politicians are _____: they are considerably less enduring than the organizations in which they function.
A. essential
B. redundant
C. crucial
D. unreliable
E. transitory
F. temporary

10. The notion's _____ notwithstanding—it was first proposed by a Nobel Prize-winning physicist—it was neglected for many years until some unexpected observations led to its revival.
A. pedigree
B. antecedents
C. precursors
D. origin
E. brilliance
F. novelty

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section 114 medium

1. In its literature and its political discourse, the nation has created various narratives about itself that tend to _____ intractable social divisions in the interest of perpetuating a dubious myth of unity.
A. denounce
B. obscure
C. corroborate
D. anatomize
E. explicate

2. The notion that prehistoric farming of Micronesia's Mariana Islands degraded the soils upon which savannas now occur is _____ by soil scientists, who attribute nutrient-poor savanna soils instead to long geological periods of tropical weathering.
A. bolstered
B. proposed
C. contradicted
D. elucidated
E. revived

3. Research indicates that many people hold (i)_____ views about government, believing that elected officials should be able to overcome differences and get things done while also regarding a willingness to compromise as a sign of (ii)_____.

A. cynical	D. fickleness
B. self-contradictory	E. pragmatism
C. shortsighted	F. intractability

4. Many civic institutions tend to (i)_____, when they do not actively discourage, the better natures of the citizenry. People are individually altruistic social animals who nonetheless teach themselves to be (ii)_____ in the public sphere.

A. expose	D. selfish
B. ignore	E. critical
C. presuppose	F. adamant

5. It is unfortunate that essays by literary critics so infrequently (i)_____ the opinions of novelists and poets, for creative writers are often quite (ii)_____ about their own philosophies and are frequently more familiar with alternative systems of thought than critics are.

A. influence	D. articulate
B. challenge	E. inconsistent
C. incorporate	F. prejudiced

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6. Transportation maps of Alaska are (i)_____ in large part by what they (ii)_____: lines identifying roads and railroads. With a single track bisecting the state and a handful of spokes to the east and south, Alaska is notable for its (iii)_____ of transportation options.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. demarcated	D. lack	G. panoply
B. characterized	E. obscure	H. scope
C. elucidated	F. evince	I. dearth

7. Psychologists have discovered that some of the most _____ advice on study habits is flat wrong, leading them to revise the guidelines they offer to students.
A. popular
B. hallowed
C. respected
D. unassailable
E. effective
F. beneficial

8. Scenes of bustling streets full of well-dressed citizens going about their business _____ the growing hardship faced by all but the richest local residents.
A. betoken
B. signify
C. contradict
D. gainsay
E. quell
F. forestall

9. Though only nine years old, the dancer possesses _____ flexibility that suggests she may become a balletic superstar.
A. an inchoate
B. an unexceptional
C. an ungainly
D. a preternatural
E. a prodigious
F. an awkward

10. Upstream dam construction can be _____ aquatic fauna: the natural seasonal flow patterns to which the fauna had become adapted are altered and populations therefore fragmented.
A. redundant for
B. disorienting for
C. inimical to
D. derogatory to
E. deleterious to
F. superfluous for

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section 115 hard

1. The company's steering committee, reluctant to be held any specific commitments, released a strategic plan that was deliberately _____.
A. unpopular
B. repetitive
C. stringent
D. inflexible
E. nebulous

2. Within the field of emotional intelligence research, disagreements remain about whether emotional intelligence can be learned and strengthened or is _____ characteristic.
A. an expressed
B. an inborn
C. an invented
D. a cultivated
E. a perceptible

3. At one time researchers viewed the placebo effect as (i)_____, a statistical (ii)_____ faced by those attempting an objective evaluation of the efficacy of potentially legitimate therapies. That view has changed: the placebo effect is today seen as an important part of the healing process.

A. a boon	D. increment
B. a touchstone	E. annoyance
C. an impediment	F. deviation

4. To function as (i)_____, literary critics must write well. A badly written book review is worse than a badly written political speech or greeting card; a badly written review is (ii)_____, like a barber with a terrible haircut. If critics cannot write well, how can they authoritatively recognize and promote good writing?

A. soothsayers	D. self-aggrandizing
B. evangelists	E. self-knowing
C. iconoclasts	F. self-defeating

5. Despite the recent proliferation of gourmet and specialty salts, studies suggest that it would take an unusually (i)_____ palate to (ii)_____ foods prepared with different salts—most salts taste the same to most people.

A. broad	D. distinguish
B. indiscriminate	E. enjoy
C. sensitive	F. modify

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6. It is inevitable that ongoing research presupposes some accepted science as a principle. Usually no one even notices the implication that the accepted principle is being (i)_____ unless there emerges (ii)_____ that turns out to be sufficiently (iii)_____ that the assumptions underlying the research come to be considered.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. jeopardized	D. an anomaly	G. trivial
B. revised	E. a consensus	H. transparent
C. tested	F. a distinction	I. recalcitrant

7. Whereas there has been extensive sociological research into how globalization affects finance, religion, and population, comparable studies of globalization's impact on lawmaking and the practice of law have been _____.
A. tedious
B. scarce
C. compromised
D. tiresome
E. nonexistent
F. inadequate

8. The fact that most hypotheses turn out to be wrong does not mean that hypothesizing is _____. In fact, most hypotheses include useful ideas that survive to become part of the next model or scenario.
A. futile
B. reckless
C. fruitless
D. frustrating
E. exasperating
F. unnecessary

9. New Zealand's breakaway landmass proved _____ sanctuary for the tuatara, for the island lacked any terrestrial mammals that would dig up the tuatara's slowly maturing eggs or pick off adolescents before they had a chance to breed.
A. a temporary
B. an excellent
C. an agreeable
D. an endangered
E. a complicated
F. a difficult

10. Though he said nothing, James _____ his father's meaning; the boy was far from being so obtuse as everyone thought him to be.
A. comprehended
B. distorted
C. respected
D. fathomed
E. underestimated
F. misjudged

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section 116 medium

1. Demographic relationships that have been _____ may not be useful targets for prolonged study: that very characteristic suggests that they may continue to change rapidly.
A. static
B. enervated
C. intransigent
D. moribund
E. mutable

2. The ability to reproduce in her paintings the supple and shapely lines of her great-grandfather's paintings seems to have _____ her the way a particular cast of mind might be perpetuated in another family.
A. devolved upon
B. become occluded in
C. ebbed in
D. strengthened
E. confounded

3. In the search for truth, the knowledge gained by scientists consists of approximations with varying degrees of certainty. Such (i)_____ truth can be highly (ii)_____, as the rapid and relatively steady progress of medical knowledge well exemplifies.

A. unambiguous	D. useful
B. esoteric	E. equivocal
C. provisional	F. contentious

4. The kilt has certainly had (i)_____ history, outlawed as it was by Britain in 1746 as an emblem of nationalist subversion, then more recently (ii)_____ from men's to women's apparel in a 2003 European Union survey, and ridiculed at various times for a wide variety of reasons.

A. an obscure	D. reclassified
B. an illustrious	E. feigned
C. a contentious	F. manufactured

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

A. a decadent	D. atavistic	G. an ascetic
B. a claustrophobic	E. spare	H. a grandiose
C. an unprepossessing	F. pretentious	I. an understated

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6. (i)_____, we can safely infer causality by appealing to a set of general principles (Newtonian mechanics, for example) that are well understood and have been shown to apply in comparably straightforward circumstances. However, for the opposing class, which consists of (ii)_____ systems like the global economy, human physiology, or the human mind itself, explanations of singular events are usually (iii)_____, absent the requisite accounting for the intricate dynamics of such systems.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. In unknown settings	D. complex	G. consistent
B. For complicated events	E. homogeneous	H. unjustified
C. In simple situations	F. equivalent	I. unequivocal

7. The _____ of highly social species like rhesus monkeys—and like humans—is that their complex sociality is the reason for their success, but it's also the source of their greatest troubles.
A. virtue
B. irony
C. delight
D. paradox
E. myth
F. joy

8. Since new movie stars seem to be cut from only a few bolts of the same bland cloth these days, it is _____ just to be in the presence, once again, of a true original.
A. unremarkable
B. reassuring
C. routine
D. invigorating
E. overwhelming
F. refreshing

9. Once the judge had been found guilty of corruption, it was not long before he found himself _____ his position.
A. revolted by
B. divested of
C. stripped of
D. recognized by
E. enamored of
F. absorbed by

10. Eschewing today's hovered-over kids as less plausible characters for an adventure story, Rebeca Stead set her new children's novel in nineteen-seventies New York to show children with a great deal of _____.
A. autonomy
B. independence
C. resilience
D. self-assurance
E. sympathy
F. sensitivity

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section 117 medium

1. The employees tasked with modeling scenarios for their company's bankruptcy assumed that their work was merely _____: none of them expected the firm to file for bankruptcy immediately.
A. a penance
B. an inevitability
C. a necessity
D. a liability
E. a contingency

2. The simultaneous ascension in the postwar United States of both the bulldozer and children's "bulldozer books" was far from _____; it reflected parallels between the landscapes of fact and feeling in a country undergoing massive physical upheaval.
A. coincidental
B. calculated
C. discouraging
D. significant
E. disruptive

3. Often, developing new methods for scientific research demands a willingness to reach across disciplinary boundaries, something that is notoriously difficult to carry out. Therefore, even though interdisciplinarity is often proclaimed to be (i)_____, there are many structural reasons why it remains (ii)_____.

A. a laudable goal	D. feasible
B. an uncertain enterprise	E. admirable
C. a formidable undertaking	F. exceptional

4. In its earliest days, the telegraph inspired (i)_____ without precedent in the annals of technology. A new sense of (ii)_____ across: a sense that the world was in (iii)_____, that life for one's children and grandchildren would be very different, all because of this wondrous force and its uses.

A. anxiety	D. resentment	G. a state of change
B. outrage	E. futurity	H. a downward spiral
C. exhilaration	F. nostalgia	I. an unyielding stasis

5. The enthusiasm that many English artists and writers felt regarding the Labour Party (i)_____ amid complaints that arts funding remained as (ii)_____. And even though the government recently announced a significant funding boost for the Arts Council, some art leaders still refuse to (iii)_____ Labour.

A. intensified	D. far-reaching	G. trust
B. resurfaced	E. parsimonious	H. condemn
C. waned	F. staggering	I. ignore

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6. Fifteen years ago, the author of this scholarly monograph would have (i)_____ found a university press willing to publish it. But today specialized books of this sort are (ii)_____ species. Their main purchasers—university libraries—have far less money to spend on these items than they once did. Computerized catalogues, subscription content, e**x**pensive scientific journals, exploding storage costs: all these demands are (iii)_____ library budgets.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. voluntarily	D. a thriving	G. putting tremendous pressure on
B. never	E. an anomalous	H. leading to irregularities in
C. readily	F. an imperiled	I. causing increasing appropriations to

7. It is commonly said that each person's aesthetic taste is _____, yet that notion overlooks a large body of shared aesthetic preferences.
A. unchangeable
B. acquired
C. distinct
D. learned
E. idiosyncratic
F. inexplicable

8. Unlike the theatrical adaptation of Nicholas Nickleby, which attempted to _____ its source precisely, the adaption of Les Mislabels chooses sweeping and hurtling motion over the savoring of minute details.
A. gut
B. digest
C. render
D. reproduce
E. eviscerate
F. relish

9. Our eating habits are rooted in our physiology, but they are also _____ the culture in which we grow up.
A. symbolic of
B. mediated by
C. influenced by
D. ascribed to
E. inferable from
F. universal in

10. Though Fine leavens her work with humor and playfulness, she can be _____ writer, mincing no words in her judgements of other scientists' work.
A. an acerbic
B. a provocative
C. an ingratiating
D. a demanding
E. an obsequious
F. a harsh

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section 118 hard

1. The nineteenth-century legislator Robert Barnwell Rhett was known for using language so intemperate that even in an era of considerable political _____, it came almost to occupy a category of its own.
A. malfeasance
B. upheaval
C. hypocrisy
D. invective
E. retrenchment

2. Throughout the High Middle Ages, the English government became increasingly _____: the documents produced in the eleventh century could be placed on one large table, while the documents produced in the thirteenth fill whole rooms.
A. despotic
B. ceremonial
C. aristocratic
D. prolix
E. insular

3. Some have challenged scientists who attribute the surge in amphibian deaths to habitat loss, since numerous populations have (i)_____ in protected parks and nature reserved—even in remote wilderness areas: places that are removed from humans' modern effluvium and that are presumably (ii)_____ such effects.

A. rebounded	D. preserved with
B. stabilized	E. insulated from
C. declined	F. enhanced by

4. Though nations no longer (i)_____ nuclear physicists—the men and women who once delivered the destructive power of the atom bomb—physics still has the same power to (ii)_____ but in another way, by revealing the basic truths that underpin reality.

A. compete for	D. produce awe
B. worry about	E. incite debates
C. cower before	F. challenge orthodoxy

5. Those who blame the inadequacies of science education for students' lack of reasoning skills perpetuate their unproductive notion of science as (i)_____, unique in its capacity to inoculate us against superstition and ignorance. Certainly a good science education can (ii)_____ habits of mind, but the (iii)_____ effect of education in nonscientific, humanistic subjects such as literature and history should not be underrated.

A. vocational	D. counter uncritical	G. unforeseen
B. empirical	E. discourage rigorous	H. salutary
C. salvational	F. temper creative	I. pedestrain

6. Media stories about climate regularly use spokespeople from interest groups as sources, but what those individuals say is often (i)_____, citing results from scientific research in a highly

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(ii)_____ manner and (iii)_____ the caveats that are part of a full scientific assessment.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. ingenuous	D. erudite	G. parsing
B. maladroit	E. selective	H. omitting
C. tendentious	F. perspicuous	I. anticipating

7. It is an ironic reversal that just those politicians who most vociferously _____ the distorting complexities of the country's tax system are now the ones embracing an agreement that worsens the mess.
A. espoused
B. disregarded
C. lambasted
D. eschewed
E. derided
F. ignored

8. There is very little _____ in culture: an art form or a practice (or a language or an institution) can become extinct in a generation if it does not evolve.
A. inertia
B. homogeneity
C. symbiosis
D. stasis
E. cooperation
F. waste

9. **C**limate change without the Arctic is a recognized _____ change elsewhere: around the world, ocean levels and daily weather are interconnected with the fortunes of a region that was, until recently, largely ignored.
A. catalyst for
B. factor in
C. measure of
D. outcome of
E. metaphor for
F. index of

10. In spite of being one of the world's biggest _____ of fossil fuels, the firm has made some environmentally responsible investments.
A. buyers
B. purveyors
C. disparagers
D. exploiters
E. suppliers
F. maligners

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section 119 hard

1. The notion that the director is the center of the team has been _____, but in fact it has not been accepted by academia.
A. rejected
B. proven
C. abnegated
D. enduring
E. presented

2. The paradoxical characteristic of the reliable employee Donna is her _____, as we consider her usual feigning illness to escape from her labor.
A. halcyon
B. charlatan
C. malingering
D. retribution
E. earnestness

3. Though the play crackles with humor, the dialogue is less (i)_____ when it comes to the drama's emotional core. There the players tend to spell out their emotions in (ii)_____ aphorisms, and repeat them as necessary.

A. adroit	D. shrewd
B. ambiguous	E. jejune
C. transparent	F. riotous

4.If all stars are fiery gas balls like our own sun, and if the principle that the situation of our own solar system is not (i)_____ is (ii)_____, then one might think that many other stars should be surrounded by a retinue of planets and moons.

A. obvious	D. true
B. permanent	E. redundant
C. special	F. tested

5. For Ruskin, architecture serves the community only when approached in a spirit of piety and (i)_____. Architecture must set effective boundaries to public space, and it does so by (ii)_____ the desire to show off, to stand out, to record the artistic flair of some temporary ego. Architecture succeeds in its public task through (iii)_____ and devotion, of the kind that can be observed in the moulding, firing and laying of a properly proportioned brick, but which is violated at every point by Frank Gehry's bombastic Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.

A. altruism	D. retrieving	G. humility
B. sanctimony	E. fastening	H. demise
C. sacrifice	F. relinquishing	I. braggadocio

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6. The fall of the monarchical order produced a score of fragile successor states in Europe that (i)_____ ethnic discontent and revanchism. This (ii)_____, when fused with those states' inherent feebleness, make for power voids and political (iii)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. kept down	D. cosmopolitanism	G. cures
B. overshadowed	E. hierarchy	H. fluidities
C. simmered with	F. volatility	I. redundancies

7. The use of retail coupons is commonly touted as a consumer benefit, discounting the price on an item; however, if the coupon relates to an item that the consumer neither needs nor wants, the discount is _____.
A. immaterial
B. reduced
C. diminished
D. offset
E. irrelevant
F. unnecessary

8. During the fifteenth century, three aspects of the mathematical sciences were usually singled out as _____: their preparatory value for the study of philosophy, their practical advantage for the community, and their antiquity.
A. estimated
B. superlative
C. inflated
D. praiseworthy
E. unique
F. adventitious

9. Most of the drugs used to treat celiac disease that are now in development would not eliminate the need for a gluten-free diet but would help _____ symptoms when some gluten is unintentionally ingested.
A. diagnose
B. extirpate
C. allay
D. palliate
E. ascertain
F. undermine

10. It is true that science, and more particularly scientists, _____ cherished paradigms with great reluctance and that when they do, scientific revolutions may result.
A. unify
B. share
C. cede
D. embrace
E. dismantle
F. relinquish

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section 120 medium

1. Except for the special circumstance in which historians record events they themselves have witnessed, scholars can only obtain historical facts through _____ sources.
A. biased
B. first-handed
C. written
D. unreliable
E. intermediary

2. As a result of lacking a strong opposing organization to _____, the chief focused their rancor on one another at the conference where the issues were put forward and intended to be resolved.
A. immolate
B. excoriate
C. parley
D. exterminate
E. collaborate

3. Standard thermal evolution models of giant planets employ initial conditions that are, to some extent, arbitrarily chosen, selected more for computational expediency than for physical accuracy. Since eventually the initial conditions (i)_____ the evolving planet, this approach is more (ii)_____ for mature planets than it is for young planets.

A. become irrelevant to	D. involved
B. are recreated by	E. unpredictable
C. enforce constraints on	F. valid

4. The city's traffic-planning department has been working hard to (i)_____ drivers. Closely spaced stop lights have been added on roads into town, causing delays. Pedestrian underpasses designed to allow traffic to flow freely across major intersections have been (ii)_____.

A. assist	D. enhanced
B. calm	E. stabilized
C. discourage	F. removed

5. Gelles urges readers of Abigail Adams' letters to consider their (i)_____: in Adams' era women were denied a public persona separate from that of their husbands. That said, Gelles then (ii)_____ to promote Adams from a writer of private letters to a public figure, arguing that she was a significant force for change.

A. value	D. strains
B. context	E. neglects
C. style	F. fails

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6. Computers' triumph in chess had been engineered not by creating machines that (i)_____ human thought, as most e**x**perts in artificial intelligence had expected, but by perfecting machines that played like machines. The analogy with flight is (ii)_____: as long as people tried to fly by imitating birds, attaching wings to their arms and flapping madly, they were (iii)_____ to fail. Once engineering escaped the paradigm of the familiar, however, people were soon flying much faster than birds.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. aped	D. disingenuous	G. expected
B. shelved	E. instructive	H. likely
C. subverted	F. narrow	I. doomed

7. Because the political situation seriously impeded international communication, French scientific research was at that time uncharacteristically _____.
A. biased
B. insular
C. competitive
D. misleading
E. deceptive
F. parochial

8. Other monarchs have been accused by posterity of murder and treason without having come to be regarded with such _____, perhaps because the cases against them have never been satisfactorily proved.
A. equivocation
B. opprobrium
C. trepidation
D. infamy
E. levity
F. ambivalence

9. Many macroscopic or higher-level properties on the basis of which we sort chemicals into types are not _____ the chemical structure itself but instead only manifest themselves under certain conditions or in particular contexts.
A. inherent in
B. intrinsic to
C. equivalent to
D. influenced by
E. affected by
F. separable from

10. It is rare for a prominent member of the company to leave without some ____. Smith, who resigned with civility, is an exception.
A. acrimony
B. bitterness
C. trepidation
D. apprehension
E. regret
F. embarrassment

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section 121 easy

1. Because the organization she inherited was remarkably _____, her first priority was the establishment of a vigorous fund-raising campaign.
A. controversial
B. high-minded
C. impecunious
D. multifarious
E. antiquated

2. Unlike some models of mathematical tasks that distinguish between lower and higher cognitive demands, Carolyn Kieran's model focuses only on the type of algebraic activity and thus is not _____ with regard to cognitive demand.
A. consistent
B. equitable
C. indeterminate
D. discriminatory
E. extraneous

3. The reason geological activity on Mars is so (i)_____ while on Earth it remains (ii)_____ is that Earth's diameter is about twice the size of Mars. Because Mars is smaller than Earth, it cooled faster, and therefore it lost the interrial heat that drives tectonic activity.

A. localized	D. vital
B. moribund	E. unnoticed
C. violent	F. predictable

4. The lobbyist argues that current environmental regulations must be (I)_____ to prevent a recession, thus reviving the notion that economic progress and environmental protection are inherently (ii)_____.

A. introduced	D. inviolable
B. softened	E. incompatible
C. reviewed	F. unsustainable

5. The apparent promise of clean alternatives to environmentally harmful fossil fuels might actually (i)_____ fossil-fuel industries by framing energy problems not as a matter of excessive consumption but rather as a remediable lack of clean energy production, thus enticing citizens to (ii)_____ the current energy consumption patterns from which fossil-fuel industries profit.

A. benefit	D. call attention to
B. pressure	E. demand changes in
C. transform	F. remain complacent about

6. The lack of (i)_____ the poetry of the postwar decades has led not, as one might have expected, to (ii)_____ poetry, but to a curious closure in which all poets and forms of poetry are (iii)_____ and alone, not even respected establishment poets.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. interest in	D. pluralistic debate on	G. marginalized
B. consensus about	E. popular acceptance of	H. revered
C. innovation in	F. any experimentation in	I. tolerated

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7. For literary critics and book reviewers, the notion of critical authority has become _____ in an age of quick, teeming Internet response, where all the old critical standards and parameters are in the process of being reinvented.
A. fluid
B. transparent
C. obvious
D. unstable
E. justifiable
F. defensible

8. Although initially it may be difficult do discern the essay's message of peace and conciliation, a close reading reveals its essentially _____ nature.
A. pacific
B. indolent
C. banal
D. lethargic
E. austere
F. dovish

9. While the band's music is loud and aggressive, it is never _____.
A. simpleminded
B. unsophisticated
C. subdued
D. restrained
E. melodious
F. disingenuous

10. There is a risk in _____ vagueness in speech: all kinds of distortions and lies can go unrecognized in the general haziness and so come off as facts.
A. detecting
B. sanctioning
C. castigating
D. countenancing
E. discerning
F. perpetuating

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section 122 medium

1. All the scholars at the conference agree on the character of the general philosophical concepts under discussion, but this does not imply _____ with regard to details.
A. an element of controversy
B. an excess of uncertainty
C. a lack of conformity
D. a mood of curiosity
E. a community of opinion

2. Suspicion is arguably a natural self-protective instinct essential to the survival of individuals and societies: a human being or community that is totally _____ is inviting trouble.
A. exultant
B. regressive
C. reclusive
D. ingenuous
E. apprehensive

3. Various factors complicate researchers' efforts to study time spent on housework. For example, housework may not stand out much in respondents' memories because it is so (i)_____ everyday life, and (ii)_____ problems among survey subjects may thus be more severe than for other activities.

A. integral to	D. logistical
B. disruptive of	E. recollection
C. essential to	F. fabrication

4. There is a somewhat (i)_____ trend emerging in property law today: though property law historically has been used to legitimize the conquest of indigenous lands, indigenous groups worldwide are now (ii)_____ this same body of law to lay claim to their own cultural resources.

A. ironic	D. circumventing
B. untimely	E. employing
C. redundant	F. invalidating

5. Among geophysicists there was considerably less (i)_____ the proposed environment measure than the (ii)_____ media accounts of the conference would suggest: the debate was often animated but never uncivil.

A. ambivalence toward	D. sanitized
B. satisfaction with	E. sensationalized
C. rancor over	F. poignant

6. Genetic researchers have recently suggested that our political learnings may be determined by our DNA, a view that tends to undermine our reflective self-flattery. We (i)_____ the idea that personal politics are entirely (ii)_____. The genetic explanation for ideology (iii)_____ our belief that we are persuaded only by rational arguments.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. recoil from	D. deliberative	G. defies
B. revel in	E. inexpensive	H. entails
C. puzzle over	F. self-serving	I. parallels

7. French's tone was reasonable, _____ almost, but the gaze she fixed on Backhouse over her reading spectacles had something of defiance in it.
A. distracted
B. preoccupied
C. deferential
D. apprehensive
E. respectful
F. inquisitive

8. The book is impressively _____, drawing from multiple disciplines and perspectives, and resting on diverse and extensive archival sources, autobiographies, published collections of letter, and works of history.
A. learned
B. progressive
C. comprehensive
D. concise
E. succinct
F. erudite

9. The latest publications predicting disastrous coastal erosion are likely to seem _____ to knowledgeable readers because variations on the same claims have been effectively refuted in the past few years.
A. intriguing
B. dubious
C. baffling
D. alarming
E. unsettling
F. suspect

10. Ursula Le Guin claims that looking at schoolbooks from around 1900 can be _____, given that the level of literacy and general cultural knowledge expected of a mere ten-year-old was, she notes, "rather awesome".
A. reassuring
B. stimulating
C. dreary
D. tedious
E. scary
F. intimidating

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section 123 hard

1. With Robert Lowell's death, poetry appears to have shrunk from the ground he commandeered: his grand conception of the port as public conscience has _____ in the present era of notably small and private poems.
A. met little resistance
B. experienced increased momentum
C. garnered newfound credibility
D. generated unqualified enthusiasm
E. gained scant traction

2. The researchers theorized that people in power focus so keenly on their own prerogatives that they become oblivious to those around them and that their subordinates, not wanting to provoke the boss, _____ this process.
A. subvert
B. imitate
C. abet
D. expose
E. underestimate

3. Far from being (i)_____ the corporate world because of cutbacks, serious scientific researchers are playing a growing role in innovation in certain firms. The explanation for this apparent paradox is that innovative companies are not looking for full-time scientists; they want moonlighting academics, professors (ii)_____ to work temporary projects.

A. banished from	D. disinclined
B. relegated to	E. unauthorized
C. reinstated in	F. disposed

4. The enlightenment philosophers of the eighteenth century acknowledged that unrestricted freedom to publish could (i)_____ motivated by envy or hatred, but they hoped that any such (ii)_____ enabled by expanded liberties would suffer from being publicly exposed.

A. encourage blandishments	D. evasion
B. facilitate calumny	E. defamation
C. constrain vituperation	F. prurience

5. The mind has a tendency to (i)_____ abstractions, so that one might envision the ego existing somewhere physically in the brain, but Freud (ii)_____ such a physical structure: rather, he (iii)_____.

A. create	D. did not posit	G. believed that it is illusory
B. hypostatize	E. did not preclude	H. theorized that it is autonomous
C. incorporate	F. did not abjure	I. regard it as a process

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6. Greenhouse gases emitted into atmosphere are virtually permanent, and because they (i)_____ in the atmosphere, their effects is (ii)_____. These facts necessitate that policies related to greenhouse gases differ from policies related to various pollutants whose effects are (iii)_____ and often temporary.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. disperse evenly	D. subtle	G. local
B. accrue gradually	E. global	H. contrary
C. persist indefinitely	F. transit	I. hazardous

7. Conchita evinced _____ the arts: her favorite activities included visiting museums, attending plays or concerts, and reading poetry aloud.
A. a proclivity for
B. a preoccupation with
C. an indifference toward
D. an optimism about
E. an affinity for
F. a detachment from

8. Computerized facial-recognition systems can be _____ by any number of factors, from the dirt caked on a camera lens to a hat pulled low over a subject's face.
A. neutralized
B. calibrated
C. augmented
D. ameliorated
E. stymied
F. confounded

9. Some social scientists who begin their studies of small communities with the intention of remaining detached revise their initial approach on discovering that personal involvement with subjects can actually _____ the gathering of important data.
A. influence
B. expedite
C. facilitate
D. circumvent
E. affect
F. intensify

10. Since their first appearance in the nineteenth century, commuter suburbs have been widely _____ in print as both a social disaster and an aesthetic desert.
A. condemned
B. identified
C. discussed
D. diagnosed
E. welcomed
F. embraced

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section 124 medium

1. The fanciful notion that the legislative initiative would bring unlimited social benefits has soured into an equally _____ mood of skepticism and distrust.
A. valid
B. pessimistic
C. unanticipated
D. pragmatic
E. baseless

2. The use of the term “greenhouse effect” is a complete _____, because it is not a veracious description of such a complicated transformation.
A. anomaly
B. spontaneity
C. mishap
D. misnomer
E. appositeness

3. The man was an avowed (i)_____: he made no secret of his disdain for (ii)_____ endeavor.

A. partisan	D. political
B. dilettante	E. aesthetic
C. philistine	F. amateur

4. Some people argue that the increased gap between rich and poor is caused (i)_____, which tends to favor those who are already wealthy because they have knowledge, skills, and access to information that the poor do not have; from the above perspective, the world is (ii)_____ into two groups, one able to exploit the system to its advantage, the other forced to suffer the negative effects of the new economic order.

A. entirely by the bourgeoisie	D. truncated
B. partly by globalization	E. polarized
C. to a significant degree by demography	F. desiccated

5. In the nineteenth century the (i) _____ advanced mechanical printing techniques made it possible for newspaper owners to print newspapers cheaply and in mass quantities, but unlike many other mechanized industries, where machines (ii) _____ workers, the new printing machines required trained compositors to run them, thereby (iii) _____ the demand for skilled printing labor.

A. wide application of	D. marginalized	G. ignoring
B. extensive resistance to	E. intrigued	H. anticipating
C. great expense of	F. isolated	I. increasing

6. In some ways, fascism can be viewed as (i)_____ social contract: The individual (ii)_____ nearly all his or her political identity and (iii)_____ to the state.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. an arbitrary	D. cedes	G. machinations
B. an altruistic	E. ascribes	H. autonomy
C. the ultimate	F. denies	I. ascendancy

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7. In denying him a promotion, management cited his _____ decision making, charging that his judgements were based on vagaries rather than careful forethought.
A. capricious
B. dogmatic
C. atrocious
D. cavalier
E. authoritative
F. cogent

8. Berwick, middle-aged, soft-spoken, and _____, with a keen sense of how to use this apparent ordinariness to his advantage, began with a gripping story about how a firefighter saved himself during a forest fire by using a completely improbable tactic.
A. imperturbable
B. implacable
C. unimaginative
D. unprepossessing
E. unremarkable
F. unruffled

9. Investigating physiological _____ is not how biologists typically study function and structure, but it is not entirely unreasonable—if abnormalities in the lungs hinder breathing, then the lungs are very likely the organ required for breathing.
A. deficiencies
B. properties
C. theories
D. irregularities
E. conjectures
F. anomalies

10. Many great ghost stories remain _____ about the existence of their phantoms, whereas others leave no doubt about their ghosts' reality.
A. ambiguous
B. mute
C. arch
D. ominous
E. positive
F. confident

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section 125 medium

1. Some of writers whose interviews with the Paris Review are included in this volume were caught in the final years of their lives, and these interviews thus lend _____ mood to the collection.
A. an autumnal
B. a scintillating
C. a liberal
D. an apolitical
E. a cosmopolitan

2. Writing accessories such as letter openers, pen trays, and memorandum pads became tremendously popular during the Victorian era, and by far the most ubiquitous of such _____ was the letter box.
A. epistles
B. appurtenances
C. vexations
D. vestiges
E. frugalities

3. Professor Redfield describes in his recent book publishing as dark as it is deep, even as one hidebound industry. Indeed, it is facing a profound change in its product model, but is so (i)_____ its past as to be(ii)_____ opportunities offered by technological change.

A. indebted in	D. unable to seize
B. encumbered by	E. capable of seeking
C. irrelevant with	F. definite to circumvent

4. Researchers in University of Maryland discover that many people subconsciously think that in assessment of others competence and warmth are (i)_____: when they feel someone is highly capable, they will assert that he or she must have a tendency to be (ii)_____.

A. clearly interconnected	D. passive
B. inversely related	E. ephemeral
C. physically paralyzed	F. unfeeling

5. With the rate of technological (i) _____ accelerating—many people now consider a personal computer (ii) _____ after three years—the question of how to properly dispose of old equipment is no small matter.

A. affordability	D. outdated
B. complexity	E. familiar
C. obsolescence	F. inestimable

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6. In considering whether to (i)_____ mergers of large corporations, governments now must consider the impact of such mergers on a country's international competitiveness; for example, the United States has allowed the mergers of (ii)_____ such as Lockheed and Boeing in the aerospace industry in the belief European consortiums, backed by government funding, could pose a threat to American (iii)_____ in that industry.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. encourage	D. behemoths	G. chauvinism
B. prevent	E. offshoots	H. preeminence
C. investigate	F. mavericks	I. sovereignty

7. Although the courts have _____ an extremely flexible test for determining the admissibility of expert testimony, that does not mean that all experts will be allowed to testify.
A. underwritten
B. administered
C. waived
D. renounced
E. endorsed
F. rescinded

8. For more than 100 years, anarchism has been an embarrassing estranged sibling in the family of international radicalism, and its bad behavior had made it easy to _____ the awkward but important questions anarchism poses.
A. exacerbate
B. answer
C. dismiss
D. ignore
E. aggravate
F. embrace

9. Rosen argues that in the early years of the United States, individual states played important roles in the governance of American Indians, thereby _____ the common assumption that Indian policy was exclusively the federal government's domain.
A. reinforcing
B. belying
C. adducing
D. contradicting
E. increasing
F. demonstrating

10. Katherine's disobedient behavior earned her a _____ from her parent.
A. eulogy
B. rebuke
C. panegyric
D. mockery
E. commendation
F. agreement

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section 126 medium

1. It ought to be surprising that the bank falsified the numbers on its accounts; it is truly shocking that such _____ was documented, in black and white, and that regulators found it and did nothing about it.
A. chicanery
B. raillery
C. enmity
D. sagacity
E. probity

2. Dialogue exchanges indicating deep-seated rivalries among the characters abound in the novel, but they are almost always associated with _____ events—everyday commercial transactions, for instance, or the preparation of an evening meal.
A. intimate
B. sporadic
C. quotidian
D. contentious
E. revelatory

3. Gilbert saw himself as an investigator, a role whose mental state he (i)_____ with that of (ii)_____. Consequently he never accepted an academic position or wrote a comprehensive textbook, so that despite his years of intellectual leadership he never established a school of followers or articulated a distinctly Gilbertian creed.

A. contrasted	D. an administrator
B. combined	E. a teacher
C. equated	F. an engineer

4. There may be something (i)_____ about the very idea of jest, because it obeys no rules. The art of caricature, by contrast, is (ii)_____.

A. inappropriate	D. innately spontaneous
B. expansive	E. carelessly undisciplined
C. calculated	F. severely finite

5. For feminist scholars, Kessler-Harris's concern that the term "labor history" (i)_____ images of male workers exclusively may be (ii)_____; her own immense contributions to the field offer evidence that feminism has (iii)_____ the questions posed by labor historians, moving women's concerns from the periphery closer to the center of labor history writing.

A. spurns	D. overly bold	G. negated
B. subsumes	E. too pessimistic	H. altered
C. evokes	F. unwittingly condescending	I. underscored

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6. Rocke's history of the emergence of the theory of chemical structure encapsulates over 30 years of research on nineteenth-century chemistry. This is (i)_____, since structure theory emerged gradually through the efforts of a network of chemists distributed across several countries. Rocke focuses on just a few key figures, a strategy that necessarily involves some (ii)_____ of detail but that leads to (iii)_____ account of the subject.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. something often undertaken	D. sacrifice	G. a digestible
B. a regrettable ploy	E. redundancy	H. an untrustworthy
C. no mean feat	F. appreciation	I. a digressive

7. One can only bemoan how the wonderfully rich collections of genuine fossil specimens seen of yore in museum displays are being replaced by the _____ talking plastic of so-called virtual reality.
A. ubiquitous
B. exasperating
C. estimable
D. showy
E. meretricious
F. worthwhile

8. Potential readers may well be put off by the rather opaque quality of the prose in this book, which at times seems deliberately _____ the uninitiated reader.
A. aimed at
B. inclined toward
C. inconvenient for
D. tailored for
E. inaccessible to
F. insurmountable for

9. If aging is merely an avoidable by-product of life rather than a necessary progression, it is possible that we might eventually forestall _____.
A. senescence
B. dynamism
C. decrepitude
D. privation
E. ennui
F. voidness

10. The idea that Jim was _____, that he loved fighting for the sake of fighting, was a mistake, in reality he was a kind and gentle person.
A. truculent
B. audacious
C. brazen
D. obtuse
E. pugnacious
F. sapiential

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section 127 medium

1. In considering human behavior, theoreticians tend to emphasize cognition in spite of the fact that psychological research suggests the _____ of affect: it suggests that our behavior derives above all from fast, automated emotional judgements.
A. inefficacy
B. elusiveness
C. spontaneity
D. irrationality
E. primacy

2. The development of junior high schools in American education was motivated by _____ rather than by pedagogical validity: these schools provided an efficient and inexpensive way to eliminate overcrowding in the high schools.
A. idealism
B. reform
C. expediency
D. privilege
E. tradition

3. The geographer held a (i)_____ view of the succession of theoretical trends(environmental determinism, spatial determinism, and various types of critical theory) in her field, maintaining that theory can (ii)_____ what is transpiring in a complex environment by focusing excessively on the favored schemes and variables of the moment.

A. self-contradictory	D. exacerbate
B. sanguine	E. obfuscate
C. deprecatory	F. magnify

4. The (i)_____ of the entrepreneur that the microfinance boom has helped foster is understandably appealing. But thinking that everyone is, and should be, an entrepreneur can encourage a tendency to (ii)_____ the virtues of larger businesses and the income that a steady job can provide.

A. demise	D. emphasize
B. evolution	E. advertise
C. cult	F. underrate

5. The (i)_____ of community ecology and population ecology is (ii)_____ insofar as the two subdisciplines partly address issues at different hierarchical levels and different spatial and temporal scales. But it is harmful insofar as it (iii)_____ the fields' mutual enrichment.

A. expansion	D. anomalous	G. hampers
B. divergence	E. timely	H. protracts
C. maturation	F. understandable	I. overstates

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6. The danger often facing authors of satirical works is that if the audience is not (i)_____ the joke, the piece may end up (ii)_____ the behavior it was trying to (iii)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. already frustrated by	D. reinforcing	G. conceal
B. willing to laugh at	E. depicting	H. support
C. discerning enough to get	F. elucidating	I. ridicule

7. Meera Mukherjee observed that while the work of the artisan has its well-defined contours, the artist is without palpable _____: like an explorer, the artist continually faces new regions of experience.
A. opportunities
B. rewards
C. bounds
D. risks
E. limits
F. hazards

8. The panel's failure to acknowledge the microbiologist as important in her field cannot be _____ a lack of accomplishment on her part, since her status as an important contributor to biology has been indisputably established.
A. attributed to
B. tantamount to
C. related to
D. explained by
E. obviated by
F. averted by

9. In 1839, working-class revolutions have been a real possibility in the industrialized countries of western Europe, but because revolutionary groups were poorly organized and led, government and employers regarded the movements with understandable _____.
A. distaste
B. placidity
C. concern
D. complacency
E. foreboding
F. solicitude

10. Many innovative breakthroughs come about when people venture beyond their own areas of expertise, because often it takes an outsider to ask the naïve questions that may yield _____ solution.
A. a constructive
B. an unconventional
C. an amicable
D. an agreeable
E. a practical
F. an original

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section 128 medium

1. While many books have emphasized the differences between Delaney and his father—and his need to differentiate himself from his father—Delaney takes pains in this memoir to _____ his closeness with his dad.
A. underscore
B. question
C. repudiate
D. sidestep
E. trivialize

2. The ability of the Grand Banks cod fishery to sustain intensive cod harvesting for many years gave it a reputation for _____ that deceived even scientifically sophisticated observers.
A. hazardousness
B. insurmountability
C. unpredictability
D. inexhaustibility
E. inscrutability

3. In general memoirs focus sharply on particular, and particularly memorable, events rather than on the entire life. This (i)_____ structure inevitably emphasizes drama at the expense of (ii)_____.

A. circular	D. excitement
B. episodic	E. completeness
C. panoramic	F. plausibility

4. Her lecture was entertaining though unoriginal: she hoped that by (i)_____ her audience, she could (ii)_____ the hackneyed observations on which her argument depended.

A. amusing	D. compensate for
B. goading	E. accentuate
C. boring	F. allude to

5. The quiet, careful member of a collaborative, creative pair may naturally be (i)_____ by posterity in comparison with the brash, dramatic one. Braque and Picasso created Cubism together, but the mercurial Picasso is regarded as the star of the movement while Braque, because he was so much more (ii)_____, has been relatively (iii)_____ by history.

A. diminished	D. understated	G. neglected
B. scrutinized	E. gifted	H. manipulated
C. favored	F. pretentious	I. tolerated

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6. Strains of Prochlorococcus plankton have such (i)_____ sequences at their small subunit RNA genes that they would be considered the same species by the normal criteria used by microbiologists. By contrast, the same strains exhibit such ecological (ii)_____ that they would be considered (iii)_____ species by normal ecological criteria.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. similar	D. consistency	G. endemic
B. unusual	E. diversity	H. discrete
C. complex	F. vigor	I. ancestral

7. In a major _____ for bat populations in the United States, on average 90 percent of the hibernating bats in four important caves and mines in New York died in the space of one year. A. achievement
B. reversal
C. venture
D. calamity
E. undertaking
F. disaster

8. Human and animal shyness are not _____: in humans, shyness refers to an individual's awkwardness and apprehension in social situations, a different meaning than that used for animals.
A. prevalent
B. comparable
C. useful
D. disadvantageous
E. detrimental
F. analogous

9. Spiderwebs suspended on flexible supports _____ even in low airflow in patterns that are erratic, enhancing the probability of insect capture over a volume of space.
A. stretch
B. waver
C. contract
D. shrink
E. oscillate
F. attenuate

10. Enlightened thinkers in late-eighteenth-century Europe broadly endorsed the concept of progress, yet theories of progress were usually _____ a strong streak of pessimism, a sense of the challenges inherent in the human condition.
A. rooted in
B. requisite for
C. essential for
D. contradicted by
E. tempered by
F. moderated by

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section 129 medium

1. It can be extremely difficult to uncover direct evidence of conspiracies, given that such activities are by their very nature _____.
A. interminable
B. laborious
C. provocative
D. illicit
E. surreptitious

2. For the early years of the twentieth century, ecology remained essentially a _____ science: ecologists went into the field, counted plants and animals, made lists, and that was pretty much that.
A. lay
B. resilient
C. descriptive
D. theoretical
E. pragmatic

3. Around the early 1980s, technology companies began creating the first portable machines that resemble today's laptop computers. Still, for many years, large and bulky desktop computers (i)_____ the market, because you always had to (ii)_____ something for portability. Compared with laptops, desktops had more power, bigger screens, more comfortable keyboards, and more storage space.

A. found little room in	D. enhance
B. held sway in	E. sacrifice
C. lost share in	F. delay

4. Intuitively, something is considered to the matter if, and only if, there is mass along with energy and/or momentum associated with it. In other words, possession of mass along with energy and/or momentum is regarded as (i)_____, rather than (ii)_____, property of matter.

A. an optimal	D. a unique
B. an essential	E. an irreducible
C. a contingent	F. an accidental

5. While several relationships fell by the wayside under the pressure of conflicting opinion, none was more affecting to the writer than her relationship with her brother. Her letters document a steady (i)_____ of feeling: intense pride in him giving way to more moderate respect, trust (ii)_____ as feeling of betrayal come to dominate.

A. emergence	D. materializing
B. cessation	E. intensifying
C. erosion	F. evaporating

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6. With so many scientific papers chasing so few pages in the most prestigious journals, the winners could be the ones most likely to oversell themselves—to trumpet amazing or important results that later turn out to be false. This would produce a (i)_____ picture of scientific knowledge, with less (ii)_____ but more (iii)_____ results either relegated to obscure journals or left unpublished.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. comprehensive	D. dramatic	G. controversial
B. bewildering	E. threatening	H. obvious
C. distorted	F. arbitrary	I. accurate

7. We hold our breath so naturally and casually that it may come as a surprise to learn that the full details of this ability still _____ scientists.
A. impress
B. mollify
C. elude
D. placate
E. divide
F. puzzle

8. The work is alive and heterodox, the kind of ambitious failure that is more _____ than many finely crafted critical successes.
A. compelling
B. interesting
C. innovative
D. lauded
E. inspired
F. celebrated

9. In the face of competition from the Internet, television's beleaguered leaders should take heart: disruptive technologies nearly always _____ new ways to profit, sometimes even for the incumbent players whose business model is being upended.
A. obviate
B. clarify
C. preclude
D. beget
E. create
F. imitate

10. Prior to fermentation, cacao seeds are not _____: they begin as something like apple pits and need fermentation to develop the chocolate taste.
A. marketable
B. palatable
C. recognizable
D. appetizing
E. nourishing
F. nutritious

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section 130 medium

1. The ancient Greek philosopher Socrates displayed great _____ in accepting his sentence of death for corrupting the morals of Athenian youth and for advocating religious heresies; he resisted efforts to save his life and willingly drank the cup of poison given him.
A. elation
B. stoicism
C. elitism
D. erudition
E. skepticism

2. In the Middle Ages, Europeans placed the holy city of Jerusalem at the center of maps, reflecting the prevailing _____ of the era.
A. iniquity
B. parsimony
C. anthropocentrism
D. cosmology
E. proximity

3. The widespread (i)_____ that has accompanied economic growth is not the result of the people's adopting the leader's own standards. Her personal (ii)_____ is recognized by all.

A. conformity	D. influence
B. corruption	E. integrity
C. frugality	F. traditionalism

4. The uncanny likeness of unrelated butterflies can be (i)_____ as an adaptation whereby edible butterflies imitate the coloration of venomous butterfly species that potential predators (ii)_____.

A. understood	D. seek to avoid
B. rationalized	E. cannot detect
C. misconstrued	F. find irresistible

5. It is possible to (i)_____ the benefits of diplomatic dialogue, because although it can certainly alleviate some of the problems that afflicts us, it is not a (ii)_____.

A. overstate	D. panacea
B. compromise	E. placebo
C. extend	F. liability

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6. It is a common complaint that female explorers have been unfairly (i)_____ in modern historical accounts. Amelia Earhart, Freya Stark, and Gertrude Bell may be (ii)_____, but only a special would recognize the names of Fanny Workman or Janet Wulsin. Whether that is a matter of (iii)_____ or a fair reflection of their achievements is debatable.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. scrutinized	D. well enough known	G. analysis
B. ignored	E. largely overlooked	H. prejudice
C. attacked	F. subject to criticism	I. objectivity

7. The arrival of the manual describing procedures for adding content to the Web site may mark a new, more _____ phase in the site's history, and some contributors will no doubt become nostalgic for the unpredictable do-it-yourself days.
A. fickle
B. reticent
C. indecisive
D. sober
E. prescribed
F. staid

8. Madame Germaine de Stael, famous for her opinionated views, sometimes made enemies with her _____ comments.
A. caustic
B. acerbic
C. eccentric
D. laudatory
E. placatory
F. conciliatory

9. Many people perceive an unearned grandiosity at work in the news business and given that perception, it should be no surprise that they have such a strong _____ for the business. A. preference
B. passion
C. esteem
D. disdain
E. fervor
F. contempt

10. The archives of the museum, containing a plethora of documents that shed light on Picasso's work, may, for a time, give us the illusion of total comprehension, but in the end it seems that Picasso is no more _____ than he ever was.
A. orthodox
B. abstract
C. prolific
D. understandable
E. transparent
F. conceptual

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section 131 medium

1. The fact that there are so many varieties of youthful dissent indicates that there is considerably less _____ to this counterculture than has been suggested.
A. hypocrisy
B. relevance
C. spontaneity
D. degeneracy
E. coherence

2. The mountain pine beetle is not _____ like other major pests ravaging much of the American landscape: it is native to the western pine forests.
A. an interloper
B. a nuisance
C. an anomaly
D. a mystery
E. a predator

3. Seemingly to compensate for the (i)_____ nature of her subject, in her review the theater critic (ii)_____ a casual chatty style.

A. undemanding	D. opted for
B. rarefied	E. misused
C. well-defined	F. invited

4. Because scientific breakthroughs tend to occur when a prevailing theory's predictions start to fail, scientists sometimes find it (i)_____ when a theory persists—as the standard model of particle physics has done—in making (ii)_____ predictions.

A. productive	D. bold
B. frustrating	E. abstract
C. surprsing	F. correct

5. By sucking people into towns and draining the countryside of communities and workers, the passenger train (i)_____ its reason for being:moving people between country districts and urban centers.The major (ii)_____ urbanization in the United States, the railway fell victim to it. Once the overwhelming majority of nonelective journeys were either very long or very short, it became (iii)_____ for people to undertake them in planes or cars.

A. vindicated	D. facilitator of	G. unusual
B. discovered	E. counterpoint to	H. sensible
C. destroyed	F. consequence of	I. inconsistent

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6. Some chemists argue that although molecular motors are (i)_____, they are (ii)_____ by themselves; nevertheless, the chemical principles behind them might be (iii)_____: using the same light-activated mechanism that drives certain molecular motors, researchers have developed around 100 drug-like compound that can be switched on or off in response to light.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. intricate	D. promising	G. well established
B. untested	E. straightforward	H. highly valuable
C. appealing	F. useless	I. imperfectly understood

7. Although streams of solar particles cause beautiful auroras —the northern and southern lights— sometimes their consequences are less _____: their electromagnetic effects, for instance, can overload power grids and damage orbiting satellites.
A. spectacular
B. significant
C. benign
D. consequential
E. innocuous
F. palpable

8. Enlightened thinkers in late-eighteenth-century Europe broadly endorsed the concept of progress, yet theories of progress were usually _____ a strong streak of pessimism, a sense of the challenges inherent in the human condition.
A. rooted in
B. requisite for
C. essential for
D. contradicted by
E. tempered by
F. moderated by

9. An academic with a questionable record in either teaching, administration, or research may still be well regarded at many schools, but simultaneous failure in all three areas normally results in _____ by superiors.
A. exculpation
B. dismissal
C. impeachment
D. disapprobation
E. censure
F. acquittal

10. Building the first United States transcontinental phone line required fundamental innovations: for example, engineers created an amplifier for the electric signals to prevent them from _____ after a few miles.
A. propagating
B. attenuating
C. dissipating
D. iterating
E. deviating
F. broadcasting

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section 132 medium

1. While Zora Neale Hurston never avowed an affiliation with surrealism, an artistic movement celebrating the unconscious mind's creative power, French surrealist Guy Ducomet's citing her as an inspiration seems quite _____ given Hurston's intensely imaginative work.
A. tenable
B. arcane
C. audacious
D. prescient
E. eccentric

2. Saturn's rings seem _____, but it now appears that several decades ago, the shape of the innermost rings was altered by a mysterious event that all our telescopes and spacecraft failed to detect.
A. immutable
B. fragmentary
C. luminous
D. unique
E. concentric

3. It is possible that the earliest terrestrial plants were (i)_____ natural enemies, such as herbivores. By the mid-Carboniferous period, however, there was abundant evidence-in the form of fossil leaves with signs of bite marks—that plants were (ii)_____ animal attack.

A. free from	D. experiencing
B. influenced by	E. avoiding
C. overwhelmed by	F. exploiting

4. Although Kito Hiroshi's portrait of Edo Japan as (i)_____ is certainly (ii)_____ the fundamental factors of population stability and resource renewal generally did favor social maintenance and even economic growth.

A. outwardly aggressive	D. derivative
B. perfectly harmonious	E. positive
C. slowly developing	F. overdrawn

5. While catalogs of record labels that specialize in Native American music are useful indices of Native American consumers' preferences, their (i)_____ are also (ii)_____: some genres of Native American music have been deemed inappropriate to record because of their special cultural significance.

A. strategies	D. telling
B. omissions	E. misleading
C. inconsistencies	F. surprising

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6. The general statement that all objects are (i)_____ by gravity (ii)_____ is not (iii)_____. In reality, if a feather and a lump of iron were dropped at the same time from the same place, we should not expect them to hit the floor at the same time. In order to reconcile the general statement with real-world phenomena, we must take into consideration all of the forces that act upon objects.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. molded	D. in proportion to their mass	G. self-contradictory
B. accelerated	E. at the same rate	H. novel
C. constrained	F. under special circumstances	I. self-evident

7. The economist noted that the occupations she analyzed in her study, which included waitresses, flight attendants, clerical workers, and domestic workers, _____ categorization: none can be captured by a single distinguishing characteristic.
A. mask
B. obviate
C. invite
D. confound
E. resist
F. encourage

8. On stage, jazz artist James Carter often veers dangerously close to the _____: he becomes a man possessed, his tenor saxophone wailing and whimpering with a musicality so muscular it threatens to consume him.
A. lugubrious
B. doleful
C. intemperate
D. excessive
E. idiosyncratic
F. sublime

9. Wheelan proceeds from the assumption that statistics are _____ and, consequently, can be taught with minimal intimidation through examples.
A. intuitive
B. essential
C. habitual
D. instinctive
E. indispensable
F. straightforward

10. Nicolaus Copernicus was much less _____ than commonly thought: he wanted to improve the cosmological theory of his day by introducing one important change while preserving as many of its conceptual foundations as possible.
A. visionary
B. philosophical
C. revolutionary
D. iconoclastic
E. diplomatic
F. circumspect

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section 133 medium

1. In recent years, the country's farmers have been extremely _____ contributing a major portion of the disturbances and protests against government policies.
A. discerning
B. tractable
C. restive
D. mercurial
E. circumspect

2. Dr. Jack Kevorkian became a subject of controversy in the 1990s by assisting terminally ill people to commit suicide in contravention of Michigan statutes' _____ such actions.
A. justifying
B. proscribing
C. presaging
D. abjuring
E. substantiating

3. Readers had little reason to (i)_____ what proved to be the rather uncanny (ii)_____ of Kaja Silverman's and bell hooks's polemics, given the two authors' contrary methodologies, interests, and audiences.

A. distinguish	D. convergence
B. anticipate	E. timeliness
C. dispute	F. dissonance

4. The title of Lee's 1964 textbook, *A History of For Eastern Art*, might seem to imply that the entire subject could be encapsulated in a single work. In fact, the treatment of art across Asian cultures and over millennia could never (i)_____ if it also aspired to be (ii)_____.

A. avoid anachronism	D. accessible
B. achieve coherence	E. comprehensive
C. justify digressions	F. groundbreaking

5. Climate change is posited to be a frequent factor in mass extinctions by some scientist who speculate that minor climate shifts can trigger a catastrophic cascade of effects. Although this pattern is (i)_____ in that it confirms warnings about our own possibly dire future, it is also somehow (ii)_____ as it sets forth a context for today's turbulent weather as (iii)_____ in a natural, cyclical process.

A. alarming	D. contradictory	G. unanticipated
B. eccentric	E. reassuring	H. unpredictable
C. contentious	F. disquieting	I. unexceptional

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6. By the end of the 1970s, the postmodern novel had degenerated from a bold attempt to (i)_____ the conventions of traditional narrative into a literary style as (ii)_____ as any other. There are, it seems, (iii)_____ number of ways to avoid telling a straightforward story.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. refine	D. predictable	G. a limited
B. perpetuate	E. inescapable	H. a variable
C. subvert	F. comprehensible	I. an inexhaustible

7. Conditions at the training camp for runners were _____; few of the runners had proper shoes or a training kit.
A. unpleasant
B. tedious
C. spartan
D. austere
E. rigorous
F. monotonous

8. The differences between theater and film are never more _____ than with Shakespeare's plays, since Shakespeare wrote for an audience that liked to listen and films are made for people who primarily like to watch.
A. pervasive
B. patent
C. evident
D. suspect
E. trivial
F. inconsequential

9. One of the greatest hoaxes in the history of science was perpetrated by the Indian paleontologist Dr. Chandra Gupta, who fabricated entirely _____ for fossils throughout his career.
A. counterfeit
B. feckless
C. refractory
D. plausible
E. circumstantial
F. spurious

10. A _____ wit, Noel Coward could elicit laughs in a variety of ways—through his musical compositions, theater plays, and numerous acting roles.
A. somber
B. besotted
C. secular
D. versatile
E. uniform
F. protean

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section 134 medium

1. Numerous studies have documented the influence of advertisers on media content, disproving the popular notion of a _____ between business and editorial operations.
A. cooperation.
B. separation
C. competition
D. collusion
E. disaffection

2. While Fernandez-Armesto has amply documented the commercial, migratory, scientific, or religious motives of explorers throughout history, it is often harder to _____ the motives of modern explorer.
A. generate
B. penetrate
C. extinguish
D. utilize
E. criticize

3. Although the first exoplanet discovered was found to be orbiting too close to its star to support life, scientists quickly discovered exoplanets in more (i)_____ orbits, making the detection of potentially habitable exoplanets seem (ii)_____

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. compressed	D. likely
B. clement	E. unfeasible
C. superfluous	F. irregular

4. In a reflection of the senator's enduring popularity, the articles written in response to her impending retirement were less a (i)_____ evaluation than a (ii)_____ summary of her career.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. valedictory	D. scathing
B. plodding	E. glowing
C. frank	F. schematic

5. In the early twentieth century, rural women in the United States could feel caught between, on one hand, national myths upholding a "natural" lifestyle that by definition seemed to eschew science and technology, and, on the other hand, a desire to (i)_____ the new, modern standards of mechanized household practice that (ii)_____ their (iii)_____ by aligning them more and more with city women and modern life generally.

A. disrupt	D. appeared to accentuate	G. distinctiveness
B. adopt	E. helped to explain	H. skepticism
C. improve	F. threatened to compromise	I. satisfaction

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6. Human brains are amazing organs but they are not perfect. Cognitive biases, as we know, sometimes produce errors. Yet the term "error" could be (i)_____ in that it suggests that there might be (ii)_____ way in which cognition should work. Such a binary opposition is (iii)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

A. corrective	D. a uniquely correct	G. incontrovertible
B. serviceable	E. a surprisingly novel	H. reductive
C. problematic	F. an infinitely fluid	I. warranted

7. Some of the characters and themes depicted on the painted glass vessels found at Begram point toward an Egyptian provenance, but Egypt was not the _____ and perhaps not even the principal, place of manufacture.
A. main
B. leading
C. sole
D. likeliest
E. original
F. exclusive

8. A strong basic science program can be _____: the rate of return on capital invested in basic science is about three times that of capital invested in applied research and development.
A. idealistic
B. remunerative
C. lucrative
D. transcendent
E. feasible
F. radical

9. The developmental track for human beings-from rudimentary awareness to complex forms of rational agency-is quite _____ development proceeds with even minimally good physical and psychological health in any minimally favorable environment.
A. sophisticated
B. contingent
C. robust
D. situational
E. elusive
F. reliable

10. Despite the implications of their noble status, many aristocrats were virtually penniless and lived in a state of _____.
A. indigence
B. opulence
C. eminence
D. penury
E. depravity
F. complacency

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section 135 medium

1. To some extent, the relationship between nitrous oxide and methane in Earth's atmosphere could be described as _____: nitrous oxide releases oxygen when destroyed by ultraviolet radiation, while methane is an oxygen consumer.
A. necessary
B. ephemeral
C. inverse
D. anomalous
E. ubiquitous

2. As British biochemist Joseph Needham became immersed in the study of China's history, he began to envision science as _____ endeavor, noting that "the peoples of the whole world have all made their contributions."
A. an ecumenical
B. a competitive
C. a redemptive
D. a misunderstood
E. an underappreciated

3. Their remote jungle habitat and their extreme shyness have (i)_____ any thorough investigation of orangutans except in the (ii)_____ conditions of captivity.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. subsumed	D. primitive
B. simplified	E. heightened
C. precluded	F. unnatural

4. Historians have been (i)_____ African American fraternal organizations, in part due to the (ii)_____ historical evidence: the relevant records are scarce and difficult to obtain.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. hindered in studying	D. discrepancies in
B. confident in assessing	E. insufficiency of
C. eager to categorize	F. approach to

5. Many people fail to (i)_____ memoirs and novels, a tendency arguably (ii)_____ by discussions of the "graphic novel": that term is applied to any narrative drawn in the manner of a comic book, even ones like Marjane Satrapi's *Persepolis*, which (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank(iii)
A. appreciate	D. anticipated	G. concerns historical events
B. distinguish	E. delineated	H. receives considerable acclaim
C. remember	F. exacerbated	I. invites complex interpretation

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6. Although the (i)_____ and the not infrequent appearance of terms like synaptogenesis and N-methyl-D-aspartate glutamate receptor can be (ii)_____ in a book aimed at the general reader, Konner's overall style is (iii)_____ enough that you feel as though you are in the company of a helpful and hopeful teacher who is eager to share what he's found.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank(iii)
A. occasional glimpses of humor	D. placating	G. disputatious
B. deft deployment of examples	E. galvanizing	H. conversational
C. repeated use of jargon	F. daunting	I. baroque

7. The 1966 Mexican art exhibition "Confrontation 66" seemed to define the Mexican art world as one in which political alignment was _____, yet painter Joy Laville rose to prominence with paintings devoid of contentiousness.
A. inconsequential
B. ineluctable
C. requisite
D. perilous
E. pointless
F. obsolete

8. Although both salinization and alkalinization impact water quality, they have generally been treated as _____ phenomena; however, new research proves that the processes, which impact most of the drainage area of the United States, are in fact closely linked.
A. unrelated
B. insignificant
C. unimportant
D. reversible
E. separate
F. incremental

9. In owls with a facial disk, the ears are hidden behind it and are _____ placed: having one higher than the other allows the birds to locate prey both horizontally and vertically for more accurate detection.
A. advantageously
B. asymmetrically
C. unevenly
D. unobtrusively
E. discreetly
F. precisely

10. Family photos of the author suggest that she was _____ child: she seemed to wear a permanent frown.
A. a sullen
B. an amiable
C. a surly
D. a beautiful
E. a prudent
F. a stunning

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section 136 medium

1. The research institute publishes new material on its Web site well in advance of its appearance in print; inevitably, there is a lot of dross, but fortunately, much of the material is both _____ and free.
A. speculative
B. specious
C. copious
D. valuable
E. perplexing

2. Ronald Ferguson, whose work is widely admired by policy makers, has never been profiled by the news media, perhaps because his views are _____ and therefore difficult to capture in a sound bite.
A. nuanced
B. controversial
C. empirical
D. influential
E. unorthodox

3. Discovering that cooler stars, which constitute three-quarters of our galaxy, can also be surrounded by habitable zones warm enough to harbor liquid water and, potentially, microbes and bacteria, has (i)_____ the (ii)_____ the search for extraterrestrial life.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. assuaged	D. target territory in
B. expanded	E. popular discomfort with
C. jeopardized	F. primary motivation for

4. While writers on Parker often present her as an avaricious stick figure, thus making her an object of (i)_____, Nash, by contrast, gives a more (ii)_____ and sympathetic portrait of the woman.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. adulation	D. intense
B. praise	E. polemical
C. opprobrium	F. nuanced

5. For whom is Shipton's *A New History of Jazz* intended? It is written in (i)_____ language and contains no extended musical analysis, suggesting that it is meant for amateurs. But as it is twice as long as the next-longest history of the subject, my guess is that general readers will be put off by its (ii)_____. On the other hand, its great length is precisely what enables Shipton to avoid (iii)_____ the story of jazz's development

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank(iii)
A. accessible	D. paucity of exposition	G. belaboring
B. ornate	E. proliferation of detail	H. oversimplifying
C. graphic	F. preponderance of jargon	I. extolling

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6. The newly discovered fossil skeletons have the fins, scales, and other attributes of a giant fish, but also the telling anatomical traits of (i)_____ creature, such as the beginnings of digits, protowrists, and joints resembling elbows on the forward fins. The specimen is a fish with features that (ii)_____ the emergence of land animals and is thus a (iii)_____ of amphibians, reptiles, dinosaurs, and mammals.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank(iii)
A. a diurnal	D. anticipate	G. derivative
B. a marine	E. impede	H. predator
C. a transitional	F. supersede	I. predecessor

7. Restoring the old practice of producing fish in rice fields does not just make environmental and economic sense; it has the added advantage that it _____ benefits the very poor.
A. abnormally
B. predominantly
C. eminently
D. moderately
E. particularly
F. unnaturally

8. The decision to rely on mechanical biological treatment to process the two million tons of waste that the region produces annually was _____ to experts, who had long been aware that this approach had several shortcomings.
A. alarming
B. infuriating
C. perplexing
D. humiliating
E. baffling
F. surprising

9. Although some literary scholars may express disdain for words meant for popular audiences, only the most _____ proponent of so-called great literature could dismiss the works in a recent anthology of African science fiction as formulaic pulp.
A. radical
B. pedantic
C. oblivious
D. hidebound
E. illiberal
F. charitable

10. Biologists agree that snakes descended from lizards, but exactly where this first happened has been a matter of debate since the 1800s, when two _____ theories emerged.
A. complex
B. competing
C. dubious
D. conclusive
E. contending
F. irrefutable

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section 137 medium

1. Mathematical knowledge has long been regarded as being essentially stable and hence rooted in a world of ideas only superficially _____ to historical forces.
A. indifferent
B. superior
C. susceptible
D. extraneous
E. oblivious

2. The watchword in astronomy is _____: all claims must be examined critically in the light of current knowledge， and one's mind should never be closed to the possibility that a theory could be wrong.
A. implausibility
B. imagination
C. wariness
D. determination
E. incoherency

3. Rocks of the Morrison Formation in the western United States yield many dinosaur fossils but few plant fossils. This apparent (i)_____ of plants leads some scientists to speculate that the region was once mostly barren. But others have (ii)_____, noting that the herbivorous dinosaurs there would have needed an abundant food supply.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. attrition	D. abdicated
B. dearth	E. acceded
C. attenuation	F. demurred

4. Sinden notes that in the face of warnings about the perils of climate change, the need to agree on strategies for reducing greenhouse-gas emissions is increasingly urgent. The question of who should reduce emissions is not (i)_____. Rather, according to Sinden, it is the question of who should bear the costs of these reductions that is (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. particularly vexed	D. redundant
B. universally resolved	E. contentious
C. politically innocuous	F. prescient

5. The theater presented directors and designers with a remarkably (i)_____ space, since the placement of the stage and of the audience could be (ii)_____ the needs of the production. And though audiences were sometimes unsettled when they found themselves thrust into the midst of the action, on balance they saw this as adding to the (iii)_____ of the performance.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank(iii)
A. plastic	D. irrelevant to	G. deficiencies
B. compact	E. preferred over	H. remoteness
C. recalcitrant	F. dictated by	I. excitement

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6. Because leadership in the computer hacker group is extremely (i)_____, when law enforcement agencies arrested several prominent members, taking them offline, the group (ii)_____. Instead, it continues to operate, sometimes under its own name, sometimes under other names. The names are (iii)_____, as are the members of the group: anyone, anywhere, is free to work behind its mask.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank(iii)
A. fluid	D. adopted new practices	G. idiosyncratic
B. efficient	E. replaced its leadership	H. fungible
C. hierarchical	F. did not collapse	I. misleading

7. The early stages of being trained to ride a motorcycle are all about developing muscle memory, repeating combinations of hand-foot movements until they are _____ and precise.
A. aberrant
B. innate
C. reflexive
D. inborn
E. automatic
F. calculated

8. Although collisions between the largest planetesimals in a planetesimal belt are _____, they can release large amounts of debris when they occur.
A. risky
B. exceptional
C. irregular
D. violent
E. rare
F. powerful

9. Because is has usually been impossible to eradicate exotic species once they have become established, it is _____ to minimize introductions of species that have substantial probabilities of unwanted impacts.
A. prudent
B. customary
C. provident
D. superfluous
E. essential
F. pointless

10. In the Old Southwest, only writers who showed exceptional_____ were likely to become widely known, because the region's weak infrastructure inhibited the development of publishing beyond local newspapers that served small towns.
A. prescience
B. foresightedness
C. optimism
D. resolve
E. patience
F. determination

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section 138 medium

1. In general, the relationship between neural activity and behavioral output is _____: multiple behaviors can be associated with activation of the same neurons and multiple neurons can trigger the same behavior.
A. deterministic
B. hardwired
C. random
D. complicated
E. cumulative

2. It is ironic that the scientist's work was criticized recently for its _____ research methodology, since other researchers have argued for years that this same methodology was based absolutely on impeccable logic.
A. fastidious
B. esoteric
C. abstruse
D. impervious
E. specious

3. Many elected officials have (i)_____ into believing that the new reforms represent a solution rather than (ii)_____ of the problem. Unfortunately, such self-deception is not uncommon among politicians.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. conned others	D. an elucidation
B. deluded themselves	E. a resolution
C. persuaded some	F. an exacerbation

4. In China, beginning in the 1920s, the field of geography was (i)_____ discourse, alive to indigenous Chinese traditions even as it (ii)_____ key elements of Western scientific geography.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. an arcane	D. ignored
B. a hybrid	E. questioned
C. a subjective	F. absorbed

5. The chocolate company's scientists hoped that once they had (i)_____ the chemical makeup of cocoa beans, the knowledge would enable them to produce (ii)_____ the beans' taste, which could then be used to (iii)_____ future failures in the cocoa bean supply.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank(iii)
A. altered	D. subtle transformations in	G. prevent
B. unlocked	E. accurate descriptions of	H. mitigate
C. activated	F. a synthetic replication of	I. restrict

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6. It appears that the terrestrial biosphere has been absorbing a significant fraction of anthropogenic CO_2, thereby slowing down the rate of global climate change. However, the (i)_____ of this (ii)_____ is not (iii)_____: if pushed too far, the biosphere might become a net source of CO_2, thereby accelerating climate change and causing a positive feedback loop.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank(iii)
A. complexity	D. additional information	G. imminent
B. actuality	E. formidable challenge	H. surprising
C. continuation	F. compensatory mechanism	I. guaranteed

7. The adipose tissue in which our bodies store fat from the food we eat has traditionally been thought of as _____, but in reality this tissue constitutes a dynamic organ, not a mere repository.
A. capacious
B. deleterious
C. inert
D. detrimental
E. passive
F. inessential

8. The sound of disembodied human breathing in Miyazaki's films is at once a presence, close to the listener's ear, and a ghostly absence due to its lack of a visual _____.
A. image
B. counterpart
C. urgency
D. correlative
E. cue
F. background

9. The problem a generation ago was not the new art itself but the heightened intensity of conviction surrounding it, which is thankfully absent in our wonderfully _____ times.
A. fervid
B. impassioned
C. undogmatic
D. receptive
E. nostalgic
F. optimistic

10. He found his new acquaintance to be _____: trying to understand her personality was like peering into an unknown dimension.
A. vacuous
B. unflappable
C. unfathomable
D. obdurate
E. inscrutable
F. imperturbable

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section 139 medium

1. For Confucius, names had _____ contents, no matter how time marched on and the affairs of the world changed, the proper names of things absolutely could not vary.
A. largely transparent
B. uniquely adaptive
C. eternally stable
D. dangerously slippery
E. increasingly conventional

2. Astronomy dominated ancient science partly because it was _____ in a way that the physics and biology of the time were not: even in prehistory, people probably used the apparent motion of the Sun, for example, as a crude clock, calendar, and compass.
A. precise
B. exciting
C. practical
D. lucrative
E. provocative

3. An affinity for (i)_____is a characteristic of Bynum's work and of her rhetorical strategy as a historian, and it is often both refreshing and illuminating. But this predilection for (ii)_____ can be vexing, too, by appearing to eschew necessary distinctions.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. paradox	D. daring hyperbole
B. humor	E. indiscriminate eclecticism
C. understatement	F. unresolvable ambivalences

4. A Sociological jurisprudence has a (i)_____rather than (ii)_____ focus: it is concerned with what actually goes on in the legal system, not with what ought to go on.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. humanitarian	D. an elitist
B. descriptive	E. a normative
C. hypothetical	F. an applied

5. When learners are engaged in mathematical problem-solving, their activity does not have from the outset the structure of what will be considered a mathematical proof. Instead, a tangle of intuitions, know-how, factual knowledge, and a variety of other mental constructs allows learners to entertain choices and make decisions. Nonetheless, (i)_____ such mental activity (ii)_____ is (iii)_____: in many situations this process works, although it can prove to be wrong as a result of overgeneralizations.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank(iii)
A. concealing	D. from scrutiny	G. uncommon
B. adapting	E. as confused	H. unintentional
C. describing	F. to the task	I. uncharitable

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6. Paleoclimatic records recovered from land, the ocean, and glacial ice (i) _____a (ii) _____ global climate over much of the last glacial cycle. Indeed, in many locations in the Northern Hemisphere, changes in climate spanning almost the full range of glacial to interglacial conditions were so (iii) _____ that the transition between climate states occurred in decades or less.
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Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank(iii)
A. exaggerate	D. potent driver of	G. abrupt
B. confirm	E. simple fact about	H. unpredictable
C. redefine	F. lack of stability in	I. enduring

7. The _____ of Craig's government had left the nation almost totally unprepared for war when it came.
A. somnolence
B. inexperience
C. lethargy
D. obstinacy
E. perspicacity
F. acuity

8. Japanese law draws a distinction between currency imitation and actual counterfeiting: only the latter involves an explicit intent to _____ the public.
A. confuse
B. malign
C. defraud
D. address
E. swindle
F. defame

9. It's easy to see why the aspiring singer was _____ the awareness of her lack of talent: her shaky voice notwithstanding, she was a kindly woman with a genuine appreciation for music.
A. surprised by
B. insulated from
C. humbled by
D. appreciative of
E. guided to
F. buffered against

10. A decisive way to test planet formation hypotheses is to study planetesimals, but these objects are quite _____, neither numerous nor large enough to emit significant radiation that can be captured by telescopes.
A. unpredictable
B. inconspicuous
C. clustered
D. radioactive
E. discreet
F. erratic

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section 140 medium

1. Since the fundamental frequency of an object's vibration is determined by its size and shape, a sequence of sounds having _____ pitch is perceived to have been produced by a single object.
A. discernible
B. predictable
C. unusual
D. identical
E. melodious

2. The field suffers from being puffed up with its own importance, and that attitude of _____seems to infect every professional utterance.
A. self-justification
B. self-abnegation
C. self-congratulation
D. self-persuasion
E. self-castigation

3. During the decade 2000-2010 in the United States, the increase in self-employed Hispanic entrepreneurs (i)_____ the increase in Hispanic workers overall. Historically, Hispanics have been (ii)_____ in the self-employment sector, so this change reduced the amount by which the Hispanic self-employment rate trailed the overall self-employment rate.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. catalyzed	D. underrepresented
B. tracked	E. undercompensated
C. exceeded	F. underappreciated

4. Unlike, say, locusts, which simply raze entire fields, stinkbugs wreak their havoc (i)_____. The injury they do to corn, for instance, is (ii)_____ the ear is husked, at which point certain kernels-the ones into which a stinkbug stuck its pointy mouth-will reveal themselves to be sunken and brown.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. periodically	D. invisible until
B. insidiously	E. ameliorated when
C. instantaneously	F. apparent before

5. At first glance, each of the stories in the anthology seemed (i)_____, upon closer inspection of their protagonists, implied morals, and fantasy elements, however, subtle similarities among the stories emerged to (ii)_____this initial observation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. compelling	D. impugn
B. implausible	E. bolster
C. idiosyncratic	F. explain

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6. The (i)_____ in local coverage of a rabies outbreak in colonial Hanoi may be startling today, but it cannot be attributed solely to the (ii)_____ of the era's journalists. Rather, before the advent of modern public health systems, (iii)_____ the unpleasantness of the disease and its treatment was seen as a way to, ensure that the public remained vigilant against possible sources of contagion.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank(iii)
A. reliance on polite euphemisms	D. sycophancy	G. underscoring
B. deference to medical experts	E. squeamishness	H. minimizing
C. degree of gruesome detail	F. sensationalism	I. demystifying

7. The _____ of native South American textiles at the time of the Spanish conquest should not be surprising: it represented the apogee of one of the world's oldest and most sophisticated weaving and dyeing traditions.
A. splendor
B. eccentricity
C. diversity
D. brilliance
E. practicality
F. popularity

8. If it is wrong to justify human selfishness on the basis of the alleged selfishness of nature, then it is equally mistaken to espouse _____ merely because some animals happily assist each other.
A. pragmatism
B. moderation
C. restraint
D. altruism
E. benevolence
F. permissiveness

9. In many branches of science, our knowledge and technology have advanced so rapidly that new studies carried out with improved instruments and techniques may well _____ research done just twenty years earlier.
A. confirm
B. supplant
C. elaborate
D. supersede
E. question
F. validate

10. The campaign official argued that the large swings in the candidate's approval ratings were a result not of the _____ of the electorate but rather of the polls' margins of error and divergent methodologies.
A. exactitude
B. resurgence
C. capriciousness
D. volatility
E. partisanship
F. scrupulousness

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section 141 easy

1. The philosophy of Zhuangzi, because it implied a spiritual elite who could transcend the bonds of the world and wander in a realm beyond life and death, appealed to a society dominated by _____.
A. conventional morality
B. aristocratic tastes
C. dogmatic sensibilities
D. a pragmatic outlook
E. an egalitarian worldview

2. Twentieth-century tussles in cosmology illustrate the _____ of science, for they highlight both the human drive to explore nature and the limits that our minds inevitably impose on our understanding.
A. objective methodologies
B. theoretical evolution
C. cooperative nature
D. psychological aspects
E. serendipitous discoveries

3. Xie proposes that sleep achieves its restorative function by switching the brain into a state that facilitates the clearance of waste products resulting from neural activity during wakefulness, indeed, the very (i)_____ of such waste products in the waking brain may (ii)_____ the switch to seep state.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. utilization	D. delay
B. accumulation	E. succeed
C. analysis	F. trigger

4. Lohr's (i)_____ the trappings of literary celebrity creates a Romantic aura for him: by distancing himself from all public discourse about himself or his work, Lohr becomes an even greater, albeit more (ii)_____, celebrity than most authors manage in all their interviews and memoirs.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. refusal to wear	D. renowned
B. eagerness to understand	E. appealing
C. inability to renounce	F. mysterious

5. While the professor was once known for expressing herself (i)_____, that is no longer true. Her writing style is much more (ii)_____ than it was when she started her career over 30 years ago.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. caustically	D. florid
B. idiosyncratically	E. acerbic
C. plainly	F. succinct

6. Documenting the lives of African Americans before Emancipation is (i)_____ undertaking even when printed accounts are (ii)_____, they are often (iii)_____ and details printed as fact may be merely speculative.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. an urgent	D. contested	G. contradictory
B. a collaborative	E. illegible	H. disheartening
C. a difficult	F. available	I. revealing

7. Some consider the theorem Emmy Noether first published in 1918 to be as important as Einstein's theory of relativity, since much of today's vanguard research in physics is _____ Noether's theorem.
A. contradicted by
B. undergirded by
C. incompatible with
D. dependent on
E. devoted to
F. elucidated by

8. Beauford Delaney's dynamic depictions of Harlem and Greenwich Village, dating from 1929 to 1953, _____ the energy of the city, while the equally captivating abstract compositions from his Paris years of 1953 to 1979 demonstrate his sustained exploration of color.
A. authenticate
B. convey
C. elicit
D. impart
E. stifle
F. suppress

9. Aboriginal people of Victoria Australia neither rejected Western material culture nor demonstrated an obsession with it in fact, Western artifacts such as pipes and handkerchiefs were appreciated for their symbolic rather than their _____ value.
A. utilitarian
B. intrinsic
C. communicative
D. aesthetic
E. pragmatic
F. theoretical

10. Despite dogs' talent for detecting those high-pitched whistles that are inaudible to us, dogs' ability to locate sounds is _____ compared with ours.
A. imprecise
B. innate
C. impractical
D. inherent
E. inexact
F. impaired

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section 142 medium

1. Biologists traditionally thought that restricted gene flow was _____ the development of adaptations in a population, but empirical evidence shows that adaptation can be maintained despite very high levels of gene flow.
A. an impediment to
B. a consequence of
C. a harbinger of
D. a requisite of
E. an aberration in

2. Some of the writers whose interviews with the *Paris Review* are included in this volume were caught in the final years of their lives, and these interviews thus lend _____ mood to the collection.
A. an autumnal
B. a scintillating
C. a liberal
D. an apolitical
E. a cosmopolitan

3. It is incorrect to think of eighth-century Japan as (i)_____. In western and central Japan, for example, there was considerable (ii)_____, with many inhabitants deriving their ancestry from the Wa and Yamato peoples and at least a third being descendants of Korean immigrants unrelated to those peoples.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. culturally conservative	D. tension
B. politically unstable	E. variation
C. ethnically homogeneous	F. obscurity

4. For private fossil collectors, a fossil's value is (i)_____ the object itself. For scientists, however, the value of a fossil is usually (ii)_____. Most paleontological research focuses not only on the fossil itself, but also on the fossil's location, the kind of rock it was found in, its position in the historical sequence, and how the fossil is positioned relative to other fossils.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. inherent in	D. enigmatic
B. distinct from	E. contextual
C. unknowable from	F. controversial

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5. When potentially disruptive change appears on the horizon, managers' approach should be to assemble the capabilities to (i)_____ that change before it affects the mainstream business. The (ii)_____ to run two businesses, one with processes attuned to the existing business model and another geared toward the new model. While apparently onerous, this parallel operation is far less dangerous than either (iii)_____ innovation irrevocably or remaining committed to tried-and-true methods that are threatened with obsolescence.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. obstruct	D. competition might have	G. jumping into
B. stimulate	E. requirement is	H. exploring
C. handle	F. mistaken approach is	I. rejecting

6. An innovative musician, accompanist extraordinaire, and protomodern hipster, Lester Young (1909-1959) remains a (i)_____ in the jazz firmament. Some of the reasons are obvious: although he dressed with conspicuous cool, he chose an artistic trajectory that seemed calculated to (ii)_____ the spotlight-his best work was in the bands of other musicians, such as Billie Holiday and Count Basie, rather than at the front of his own. Moreover, he was shy, subtle, and sensitive-traits not usually associated with great (ii)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. bright star	D. shun	G. imagination
B. lesser light	E. intensify	H. restraint
C. permanent fixture	F. exploit	I. celebrity

7. Because they were traditionally _____, Jam monks in sixteenth-century India particularly valued special dispensations from the royal court granting them freedom of movement.
A. erudite
B. ascetic
C. apolitical
D. peripatetic
E. solitary

8. The coagulated latex of the gutta-percha tree, which grows wild in Sumatra Kalimantan and May, can be formed into a natural plastic that, although inelastic under ordinary conditions becomes _____ when placed in hot water.
A. smooth
B. pliable
C. permeable
D. malleable
E. pervious
F. buoyant

9. Although dry weather in medieval England was not _____, documentary evidence suggests that the cluster of intense droughts between 1323 and 1333 was exceptional.
A. anomalous
B. severe
C. uncommon
D. seasonal
E. frequent
F. pervasive

10. Among some demographic groups, the Internet is _____: almost everybody who wants Internet access has it.
A. necessary
B. indispensable
C. irresistible
D. pervasive
E. ubiquitous
F. homogeneous

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section 143 hard

1. All biographies of ancient figures are necessarily _____, in that, in order to understand historical legends as human beings, there has to be some sort of translation into the categories of our own experience.
A. anachronistic
B. pointless
C. comprehensive
D. intrusive
E. laudatory

2. Baron's book implores scientists to present their work in ways that are accessible to the general public in order to save the world at large from scientific illiteracy, _____ that is echoed in other recent publications.
A. a query
B. an analysis
C. an exhortation
D. an allurement
E. an implication

3. An architect of Koolhaas' (i)_____ might plausibly prefer designing on paper to building in concrete. Remaining within the realm of his own imagination, he need not worry about pesky clients who can dilute a project into mediocrity. But in fact, what Koolhaas enjoys most is the opportunity to engage with a client. When asked if he would consider designing a house for himself, he replied that the idea bored him, that it would feel too (ii)_____. For him, the whole point of architecture is the encounter with the other.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. unbridled ambition	D. sybaritic
B. unfettered originality	E. altruistic
C. unalloyed pragmatism	F. solipsistic

4. The notion that scientists consider the work they do to be (i)_____ contradicts popular stereotypes that depict the work of scientists (and the scientists themselves) as being formal and rigid, following lockstep procedures in which the (ii)_____ elements of researchers' personalities fail to enter their labors.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. socially useful	D. affective
B. emotionally satisfying	E. cognitive
C. intellectually demanding	F. conjectural

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5. The unattractive hyena is unjustly (i)_____. It was long believed that when bob lions and hyenas were present at a kill, the latter invariably stole from the former, but this notion proved to be (ii)_____: we now know that the lion is just as (iii)_____ the hard-won prey of the hyena.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. maligned	D. divisive	G. apt to pilfer
B. imperiled	E. convoluted	H. capable of overtaking
C. forgotten	F. untrue	I. likely to become

6. Our contemporary preference for natural expression over artifice is (i)_____ the traditional Western view that the skill with which you expressed a position corresponded closely to the credibility of your argument. Rhetorical styles might vary, but style itself was never a matter of (ii)_____. And “style” was not just a well-turned sentence: poor expression, it was believed, (iii)_____ poor thought.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. a departure from	D. substance	G. ameliorated
B. a reflection on	E. indifference	H. elevated
C. an endorsement of	F. intention	I. betrayed

7. What Dr. Walther has shown is that many of the standard statistical techniques that are supposed to insure against _____ correlations are inadequate in this case.
A. numerical
B. specious
C. elementary
D. paltry
E. quantifiable
F. spurious

8. Motorcycle riders in London have discovered an ingenious, albeit _____ way of parking illegally without getting a ticket.
A. inventive
B. unscrupulous
C. astute
D. dishonest
E. impractical
F. shrewd

9. The writer’s expression of _____ sentiments in fluid, vigorous prose is a strange blending of the high and the low-like an opera performed by sloppily dressed, unkempt musicians.
A. patriotic
B. vile
C. noble
D. base
E. tender
F. lofty

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10. California’s building codes are more _____ than those elsewhere in the United States to ensure that structures are capable of protecting people from frequent seismic events.
A. circuitous
B. exacting
C. controversial
D. stringent
E. convoluted
F. extensive

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section 144 easy

1. The organization's parlous fiscal condition led its members to expect that their plans for expansion would be _____.
A. justified
B. abetted
C. thwarted
D. countenanced
E. implicated

2. This artistic and literary movement reflected a widespread nihilistic protest against every aspect of Western culture and thus _____ the particular aesthetic values of that culture.
A. exemplified
B. revivified
C. recapitulated
D. superseded
E. repudiated

3. Stigler brings a fundamental (i)_____ to his protagonists, somehow treating them with respect even while he reveals these sometimes prickly characters behaving in (ii)_____ ways.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. sentimentality	D. spontaneous
B. sympathy	E. perceptive
C. baseness	F. petulant

4. The (i)_____ seen in most of eastern Eurasia is (ii)_____ on the Mongolian plateau, despite only 200 millimeters of annual precipitation, because evaporation decreases at higher altitudes and latitudes.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. variability in temperatures	D. reversed
B. tendency toward aridity	E. discernible
C. complexity of ecosystems	F. exacerbated

5. When Marx wrote, "the philosophers have only interpreted the world in various ways; the point, however, is to change it," he was not only (i)_____ philosophers. He was (ii)_____ interpretation itself, as if thinking were an idle affairs compared with action, where real people make their mark on the world.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. consoling	D. analyzing
B. slighting	E. extolling
C. praising	F. disparaging

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6. The general claim that artists are the preeminent specialists in (i)_____ is refuted by the obvious fact that the great mathematical and scientific discoveries of the past and present have been as much the result of (ii)_____ thinking as have great (iii)_____ discoveries.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. revelation	D. original	G. historical
B. creativity	E. anachronistic	H. empirical
C. symbolization	F. systematic	I. artistic

7. Jean Kimmel and Emily Hoffman argue for expanding the definition of child-care subsidies to include all programs that _____ or otherwise offset expenses for nonparental child care.
A. tally
B. tabulate
C. alter
D. defray
E. pay
F. simplify

8. While the coauthors of the new guide to the American artistic experience have received accolades for their wide-ranging work, they do not _____ that the publication is exhaustive in content.
A. hope
B. care
C. assert
D. insist
E. doubt
F. question

9. Journal editors note that the peer review process has difficulty detecting _____ : deliberate misinformation, if it is clever enough, might sail right through no matter how scrupulous the reviews.
A. bias
B. inconsistency
C. fraud
D. negligence
E. duplicity
F. carelessness

10. Coral reefs are often referred to as the rain forests of the sea, _____ comparison given that only tropical rain forests can compete with the sheer concentration of biodiversity found in coral reefs.
A. a factitious
B. an imaginative
C. a fitting
D. an artificial
E. an apposite
F. a creative

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section 145 medium

1. El Greco was one of the most fervent of painters, to the extreme of mania while Velazquez, by contrast, was one of the most _____.
A. phlegmatic
B. obstreperous
C. edifying
D. grandiloquent
E. fanciful

2. Although the university president can deploy considerable (i)_____, and her emotional reticence never seems rude, one nevertheless cannot help being aware of the (ii)_____ behind the affable public persona.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. cunning	D. reserve
B. charm	E. acumen
C. erudition	F. sagacity

3. Throughout his career he has never displayed a disinterested respect for the truth—for what was actually said and done rather than for wha the wishes bad been. Given such a (i)_____ historical fact, it will certainly be seen as (ii)_____ that he should now embark on publishing a magazine ostensibly dedicated to history.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. cavalier disregard for	D. unimportant
B. skeptical appreciation of	E. ironic
C. critical approach to	F. appropriate

4. In spite of its rather (i)_____ subject matter, Brinkley's is (ii)_____ work, one that is moderated by grace and restraint and tempered by a caution that in no way suggests timidity.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. coarse	D. an indifferent
B. sophisticated	E. a subtle
C. endearing	F. an upsetting

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5. As theories, quantum field theory and theory of general relatively have been astonishingly (i)_____ that no experiment yet has shown a crack in either of them, even though both of them (ii)_____ wildly counterintuitive properties in physical reality. And yet even proponents note that the two theories are (iii)_____, a fact that has disallowed theorists—at least so far—from incorporating both into a self-consistent theory of quantum gravity.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. successful	D. downplay	G. difficult for laypeople to understand
B. popular	E. result in	H. deeply at odds with each other
C. implausible	F. posit	I. similar to earlier physical theories

6. The current organization of agricultural production is certainly not (i)_____ addressing the problem of world hunger. Much of the corn and soy grown in the world feeds cattle, pigs and chickens being raised for meat. This despite the (ii)_____ that is (iii)_____ such a process: two to five times more grain is required to produce the same number of calories in meat as can be obtained through the direct consumption of grain.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. responsible for	D. pragmatism	G. discouraged by
B. optimal for	E. fecundity	H. regulated by
C. incapable of	F. inefficiency	I. inherent in

7. The rebellion was _____ one, driven less by ardor than by reason and calculation.
A. a cerebral
B. a dispassionate
C. a rash
D. an idealistic
E. a cautious
F. a reckless

8. Despite their current reputation, the original Luddites were neither opposed to innovation technology nor _____ using it: many were highly skilled machine operators in the textile industry.
A. inept at
B. enamored of
C. resistant to
D. unequal to
E. enthralled by
F. unfazed by

9. Once a pop musician's biggest source of income, recorded music now plays second fiddle to touring, endorsements, merchandise sales, and an array of other revenue streams previously considered _____.
A. lucrative
B. invaluable
C. ancillary
D. irrelevant
E. supplementary
F. remunerative

10. The colors of brocaded silks made by Merina weavers in Madagascar were not _____: magenta, blue, black, pink, yellow and brown characterize pieces before 1880, while thereafter green purple, and orange come to the fore.
A. invariable
B. generic
C. conventional
D. repetitious
E. static
F. traditional

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section 146 medium

1. The United States Constitution was intended to be adaptable to the demands of the various crises of human affairs, and judicial reinterpretation is the necessary means by which this _____ is preserved.
A. flexibility
B. reiteration
C. misapprehension
D. paradox
E. contingency

2. We should (i)_____ a history built on need and desire. The present always uses the past for its own purposes, but the best historical writing attempts to (ii)_____ that inescapable impulse in order to understand history in its own terms.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. be surprised by	D. embellish
B. be wary of	E. contain
C. not misconstrue	F. recognize

3. By dramatizing the lives of her subjects with candor, sympathy, and a healthy strain of skepticism, director Esther Bell offers an (i)_____ the whimsy and solipsism (ii)_____ to much of what passes for independent filmmaking.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. antidote to	D. antithetical
B. antecedent of	E. immaterial
C. affirmation of	F. endemic

4. A (i)_____ assumption of the model is that (ii)_____ the living standards of people living adjacent to a protected area will necessarily enhance conservation within the protected area. Studies of conservation attitudes of people in South Africa and Tanzania have found a positive correlation between affluence and conservation attitudes, but it is unlikely that an improvement in the living standards of communities near protected areas will inevitably (iii)_____ the long-term viability of many species within the protected areas.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. misguided	D. raising	G. increase
B. conservative	E. discounting	H. inhibit
C. compelling	F. assessing	I. prevent

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5. For decades scientists believed in the (i)_____ of long-term memories: they were unstable for a few hours but then became etched into the brain for good. Current research, however, suggests that recalling a memory causes it to revert temporarily to an insecure state in which the recollection can be (ii)_____. Thus, memory is much more (iii)_____ than scientists had previously thought it to be.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. accuracy	D. instilled	G. reliable
B. immutability	E. modified	H. constrained
C. predictability	F. observed	I. fluid

6. Some historians studying early encounters between Native Americans and Europeans question the evidentiary value of Native oral traditions: they regard the information from these traditions as inadmissible unless it can be corroborated by other means. Yet the (i)_____ of evidence from Native oral traditions is (ii)_____ the criticism that the surviving documentary record may have been (iii)_____, especially in circumstances involving oppression or exploitation.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. explication	D. dependent upon	G. needlessly elaborated
B. assimilation	E. vulnerable to	H. purposefully distorted
C. repudiation	F. followed by	I. thoroughly investigated

7. Meteorology is one of the few fields of applied science that demands prediction; since prediction involves considerable uncertainty and uncertainty is _____ scientists, meteorology will continue to exist in a fraught intellectual space.
A. mysterious to
B. anathema to
C. discredited by
D. pivotal for
E. repellent to
F. familiar to

8. One virtue of cornmeal as a component of the diets of laborers in early Puerto Rico was the mildness of its taste, a trait that enabled it to _____ the strong flavors of other foods.
A. mimic
B. temper
C. camouflage
D. neutralize
E. complement
F. augment

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9. Asteroids of diameter less than 100km never melted but asteroids with larger diameters did so and became _____ with the heavier Fe-Ni material forming the core and the silicates forming the crust.
A. stratified
B. destabilized
C. weakened
D. liquefied
E. differentiated
F. distinguished

10. In science, _____ can sometimes inhibit understanding; indeed, the advantage of the technique for staining brain tissue developed in 1873 by Golgi was that it showed so little.
A. biases
B. projections
C. prejudices
D. minutiae
E. approximations
F. particulars

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section 147 medium

1. To write convincing fiction about the tedium of ordinary life may be one of the hardest challenges facing a novelist, who must find a way to engage the reader despite a focus on _____ events.
A. distressing
B. dubious
C. quotidian
D. unwonted
E. nebulous

2. She may have been (i)_____ when she was finance minister, fighting deficits, but now as prime minister she is marked by her (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. collaborative	D. discretion
B. austere	E. largesse
C. resourceful	F. platitudes

3. It is (i)_____ that the toucan's bill is (ii)_____ ; in fact it isn't particularly heavy and seems not to unbalance the bird especially.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. an advantage	D. occasionally hazardous
B. a misconception	E. unusually strong
C. a surprise	F. uncomfortably bulky

4. The traditional set of nine planets could have been retained by defining a planet as any object that has the unique combination of characteristics of any one of the nine objects that were considered planets in the late twentieth century. That definition would not be (i)_____; that is, it does not contradict the evidence. Its (ii)_____, however, renders it less (iii)_____ than definitions based on astronomical criteria, such as orbit, size, and gravitation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. paradoxical	D. arbitrariness	G. expedient
B. subjective	E. inconsistency	H. stable
C. false	F. generality	I. defensible

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5. The tape recorder is to blame for the (i)_____ of the interview and has thus had a(ii)_____ effect on journalism. The possibility of verbatim reproduction has fostered the illusion that the voice of truth is that of the interviewee rather than the more critically detached voice belonging to the journalist. Maybe journalists should return to the lowly notebook, which allows them to (iii)_____ while listening, relegating the tape recorder to its real role of invaluable witness.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. glorification	D. negligible	G. edit intelligently
B. superannuation	E. pernicious	H. relinquish control
C. vilification	F. salutary	I. transcribe exactly

6. During Nigeria's colonial period, the country's Igbo societies had (i)_____ sense of gender distinctions, but the idea of a strict division of labor along gender lines (ii)_____. Indeed, the social roles of women and men were quite (iii)_____, based on what people did rather than on existential categories like gender.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. an elastic	D. did not exist	G. fluid
B. a well-developed	E. was emerging	H. dissimilar
C. a diminishing	F. hardly changed	I. traditional

7. Faced with so much conflicting information on the internet, many people come to believe that all sources are so _____ that efforts to discriminate between the true and the false are inevitably futile.
A. slanted
B. imprecise
C. splenetic
D. tendentious
E. surreptitious
F. acrimonious

8. The auditors are relying on the failing bank to make changes that it has steadfastly resisted for years and even now does not seem _____ to carry out.
A. able
B. impatient
C. destined
D. disinclined
E. loath
F. keen

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9. Though it once seemed so disastrous, with hindsight the disintegration of the artists' collective is revealed as generative, for each of the dispersed factions acted as a _____, reproducing the collective's founding inspiration in a new setting.
A. strand
B. seed
C. shard
D. fragment
E. germ
F. blueprint

10. Scientists are finding that the adult brain is far more _____ than they once thought: our behavior and environment can cause substantial rewiring of the brain or a reorganization of its functions and where they are located.
A. reparable
B. heterogeneous
C. malleable
D. variegated
E. complex
F. plastic

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section 148 medium

1. Drug companies rarely pursue new pharmacotherapies for rare disease because of the high failure rates and the cost of research, which make the companies' chances of recovering their investments _____.
A. tenable
B. dubious
C. invaluable
D. sanguine
E. expensive

2. The watchword in astronomy is _____: all claims must be examined critically in the light of current knowledge, and one's mind should never be closed to the possibility that a theory could be wrong.
A. implausibility
B. imagination
C. wariness
D. determination
E. incoherency

3. The idea that arguments based on probability are deployed only by (i)_____ persons is (ii)_____ even among scientists. Perhaps such an evaluation has partly to do with the origins of the subject in the mathematics of gambling games, not generally regarded as pastimes for people of good character.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. exacting	D. widespread
B. disreputable	E. controversial
C. prominent	F. deplored

4. Because the currents that flow back and forth between the Galapagos Islands and the Ecuadoran mainland create connections, the evolutionary (i)_____ of the sea creatures in the two areas, compared with that of the land dwellers, has been (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. association	D. disguised
B. sophistication	E. derailed
C. separateness	F. diminished

5. Books about humor are rarely funny. Their goal, after all, is to (i)_____ the workings of that which we find comic, not to (ii)_____ laughter, and understanding why jokes are funny is not in itself (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. celebrate	D. explain	G. amusing
B. analyze	E. occasion	H. helpful
C. improve	F. recall	I. admirable

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6. The latest encyclopedia (i)_____ the (ii)_____ made by many other books on how things work—giving (iii)_____ for every device, no matter how complicated—by taking just as long as is needed to explain things. 【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. repeats	D. assumption	G. a brief historical background
B. exposes	E. mistake	H. an equal number of words
C. avoids	F. compromise	I. at least one illustration

7. The folktale is perhaps the most _____ form of literature: a story that everyone is free to tell and embellish because it belongs to no one in particular.
A. unpretentious
B. archaic
C. primitive
D. democratic
E. egalitarian
F. changeable

8. According to Panamanian composer Danilo Perez, the gravity of jazz pianist Randy Weston 's performances is _____: you can copy one of his chords, but it doesn't sound the same.
A. elusive
B. indelible
C. unattainable
D. estranging
E. purposeful
F. alienating

9. While the _____ of reliable sources in later narratives make many details of the early history of China's Chou dynasty unverifiable, the Zhou rulers' successful rise to power is certain.
A. dearth
B. ambiguity
C. paucity
D. opacity
E. authenticity
F. credibility

10. Because the influence of French women writers in seventeenth-century England has been _____ by scholars, England's early women writers, such as Aphra Behn and Delarivier Manley, may appear to have sprung from a vacuum.
A. documented
B. discredited
C. slighted
D. misinterpreted
E. discounted
F. corroborated

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section 149 easy

1. Accustomed to the author's ponderous prose, readers will likely be startled by the _____ that characterizes his new work.
A. prolixity
B. jocularity
C. abstruseness
D. predictability
E. pessimism

2. Massive geological changes do not always happen gradually; for example, asteroid and comet impacts and volcanic eruptions cause _____ changes in Earth's environment.
A. transitory
B. precipitate
C. predictable
D. inconspicuous
E. incalculable

3. Much scholarship on the early Tana Tradition of coastal East Africa has been characterized by faith in the (i)_____ of that tradition, but detailed analysis of ceramics suggests that there were (ii)_____ the decorative motifs on early Tana Tradition jars, making it difficult to view the various Tana communities as a monolithic whole.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. originality	D. regional differences in
B. homogeneity	E. practical reasons for
C. longevity	F. periodic revivals of

4. Meegan Garber argues that the typical suburban lawn, which was originally designed to (i)_____ homes even as it enforced the distance between them, may be considered (ii)_____ domestic space: the whole neighborhood is invested in the appearance of each neighbor's yard.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. beautify	D. utilitarian
B. connect	E. common
C. circumscribe	F. contested

5. If a figure such as the editor and writer Pauline Hopkins presents (i)_____ challenges to a would-be biographer because of her confounding periods of science, largely unknown personal life, and (ii)_____ papers, the problems posed by John Edward Bruce are of the opposite kind: he published (iii)_____ throughout his life, had an extensive correspondence, and left a huge trove of materials at his death.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. unpredictable	D. abundant	G. indefatigably
B. negligible	E. meager	H. sporadically
C. colossal	F. lucid	I. secretively

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6. Arguments based on mere possibilities (i)_____ the difficulty of discussing future technology, not least since they (ii)_____ public debates on technological options. A mere possibility argument such as “Agricultural biotechnology can have serious effects on ecosystems that we still know nothing about” can be taken by opponents of the technology to be (iii)_____ whereas proponents tend to dismiss it completely.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. epitomize	D. polarize	G. decisive
B. mitigate	E. forestall	H. empirical
C. outweigh	F. undergird	I. dogmatic

7. Some historians have _____ the disjunction between the decades preceding and the ones following the political coup, ignoring the fact that the coup fell in the middle of a twenty-year period of considerable social and economic continuity.
A. overstated
B. exaggerated
C. questioned
D. misjudged
E. misinterpreted
F. overlooked

8. Although extreme and singular events occur in a black hole, its event horizon boundary is _____ space travelers; crossing it would be subject to the same physical laws that apply anywhere else.
A. illusory
B. obscure
C. unremarkable
D. immutable
E. unchanging
F. commonplace

9. Although, in spirit at least, solar panels _____ nature and the way our biosphere harnesses the energy of our sun, the actual photosynthetic process by which plants convert sunlight into chemical energy is far more complex than solar power generation is.
A. streamline
B. enhance
C. imitate
D. exploit
E. simplify
F. mimic

10. The historical study of pregnancy and childbearing began fairly recently and has been hindered by the relative _____ of records concerning these particular experiences.
A. pertinence
B. dearth
C. paucity
D. ambiguity
E. expediency
F. applicability

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section 150 medium

1. If we admire Winslow Homer as he wished to be admired, for his avoidance of claptrap and sentimentality, we may fear that Wood has done him a disservice by introducing _____ note into his discussion of the painter.
A. an acerbic
B. a supercilious
C. an austere
D. a maudlin
E. an ironic

2. Unlike other rap artists, who often _____ behind the microphone, Drake writes out every word of his rhymes before he performs them.
A. linger
B. proselytize
C. extemporize
D. fulminate
E. compromise

3. The psychologist's new findings present the discipline with a (i)_____: although her results pose a problem for the standard theory, the alternative theories she proposes are (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. predicament	D. unconvincing
B. paradigm	E. persuasive
C. prototype	F. versatile

4. Belief in the harmful effects of the drug has all the hallmarks of a viewpoint that is not (i)_____ even though the notion that the drug has negative consequences has been (ii)_____ multiple epidemiological studies over the past decade. Yet the true believers have (iii)_____, critiquing each new study that challenges their views and continuing to lean on supporting research that was retracted long ago.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. amenable to refutation	D. refined by	G. persisted
B. driven by self-interest	E. cited by	H. splintered
C. capable of propagation	F. upended by	I. capitulated

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5. A certain (i)_____ governs the way most of us think about routines. A routine is sometimes conceived as constraining—a self-made prison of inflexible habits that prevent people from changing their lives. But routine is also seen as (ii)_____: activities that become routine (iii)_____, allowing us to expend energy on other things.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. pessimism	D. liberating	G. are often tedious
B. misunderstanding	E. alterable	H. demand less attention
C. polarity	F. unintentional	I. encourage personal discipline

6. William Newman and Lawrence Principe point out that prior to the seventeenth century the terms “alchemy” and “chemistry” were largely (i))_____ in European usage. It was from the third decade of the eighteenth century that the two terms began to (ii)_____. Newman and Principe suggest that a third term, “chymistry,” should be used to denote the transitional early modern phase when “alchemy and “chemistry” were becoming (ii)_____.【微信公众号：张巍老师GRE】

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A. interchangeable	D. coalesce	G. increasingly more convoluted
B. absent	E. proliferate	H. steadily less synonymous
C. misapplied	F. diverge	I. fundamentally less significant

7. In literature, thrillers thrive on heroes and villains, and usually the characterization is not very _____; writers don’t want to confuse or slow the plot.
A. nuanced
B. trite
C. realistic
D. monotonous
E. banal
F. subtle

8. Monarch butterflies sequester toxins in their skin to discourage predators, but black-backed orioles (Icterus abeillei) _____ the defense: they consume only the soft insides of the butterfly.
A. anticipate
B. disable
C. ignore
D. skirt
E. circumvent
F. disregard

9. Though it lacked _____ demeanor, Guatemala City was nonetheless a compelling place to be in 1954.
A. an engaging
B. a winning
C. a sophisticated
D. a detached
E. a workaday
F. a quotidian

10. By eating tiny organisms and incorporating their prey's nutrients into their own bodies, large insects become "nutrient packages" for larger insectivores for whom the pursuit of tiny organisms would be _____.
A. unwieldy
B. insalubrious
C. unremunerative
D. unnecessary
E. inopportune
F. unprofitable

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6-10 BFG/BE/BE/AF/BD

section 5 参考答案
1-5 C/CE/CE/BE/CEH
6-10 CEG/AD/AD/AB/CF

section 6 参考答案
1-5 B/C/AE/AD/BD
6-10 BFH/BD/DE/AC/BE

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6-10 CEI/AF/AC/AC/CE

section 8 参考答案
1-5 E/BF/AE/CF/BDI
6-10 AFH/BC/AC/CF/AC

section 9 参考答案
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6-10 CEI/AB/CE/BF/CF

section 11 参考答案
1-5 B/C/AE/AF/AE

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6-10 AFI/DE/AB/BE/BD

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6-10 BEG/EF/AF/CD/AC

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6-10 AEH/CE/AF/CD/AC

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6-10 ADG/AF/AB/BD/AD

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1-5 C/A/AE/CD/ADI

6-10 AEG/BD/AC/CF/CE

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6-10 ADI/CD/BE/AC/DF

section 30 参考答案
1-5 C/B/BF/AD/BDH
6-10 BEI/CF/BD/DF/EF

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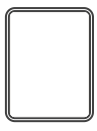
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