

新 GRE 填空经典 800 题卷首语

GRE 的每个空格都藏着一个故事。

每一个备考 GRE 的同学都知道，自新 GRE 改革以来，市面上官方承认的真题少之又少，除了 OG 和 PP2 中的 165 道题目之外，我们备考新 GRE 填空唯一可靠的来源就只有老 GRE 的填空题目，可是老 GRE 填空真的适合新 GRE 的备考么？或者怎样练习老 GRE 题目才能更有效地为新 GRE 做准备？

我们的答案是：老 GRE 填空是仅次于机经真题的备考新 GRE 最好的考试资料；科学有效地改编老 GRE 题目可以做到对新 GRE 题目的仿真。为了证明这一点，笔者从不同的角度对老 GRE 题目和新 GRE 题目进行比较。

第一，OG 官方真题和老 GRE 题目的对比。通过对比我们会发现，在 OG 和 PP 2 中直接照搬老 GRE 题目的情况一共出现了 29 次，其中单空题直接照搬 18 次，老双空题改新双空题 1 次，老单空题改 Sentence Equivalence（以下简称 SE）10 次。这说明官方的真题中有约 20%均来自于老 GRE 的题目或对其修改，这证明老 GRE 和新 GRE 的命题思路仍然是一致的，只不过是出题的形式上发生了变化。

第二，在实战考试中，我们发现老 GRE 的填空题目仍然在新 GRE 考试中层出不穷。以 2014 年考试为例，在今年刚刚结束的 9 场考试中，重复老 GRE 考试题目的情况发生了 8 次，其中老双空题改写发生了 2 次，

单选题改六选二发生了 2 词, 单选题直接照搬发生了 4 次。笔者 5 月份在妙峰山的住宿班, 一位刚刚在美国参加完考试的同学看到笔者强化班讲义的一道老 GRE 题目, 也深情款款的看着笔者说, 这是他 5 天前刚刚在美国 GRE 考试考场上看到的原题。因此我们预计这种老题改新题仍然将持续。

第三, 新 GRE 考试在考查词汇的核心解释和题材时仍然和老 GRE 一致。如以前机经中出现 sympathetic 一次表示支持的 (favorably inclined) 含义, 让很多新 GRE 考试非常陌生, 其实如果他能把老 GRE 考试做透, 就会发现 sympathetic 这个词义的考法很早就出现在了中国大陆地区 90 年代的考试中。又如今年 5 月 10 日的一道三空题目以 cowbird 把鸟蛋生在别人的鸟窝里为背景, 原题如下:

The cowbird can seem a rather comical creature with a slow, awkward walk and often upraised tail. Less _____ is the cowbirds' habit of laying their eggs in the nests of other birds. The _____ 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 _____, using their size to their advantage in getting more food from the parents.

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|------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| A. amusing | D. feckless | G. grow quickly |
| B. painful | E. resistant | H. leave the nest |
| C. galling | F. unwitting | I. share their food |

其实在老 GRE 题目当中, 此种题材也早已考察过, 题目如下:

If animal parents were judged by human standards, the cuckoo would be

one of nature's more---creatures, blithely laying its eggs in the nests of other birds, and leaving the incubating and nurturing to them.

- (A) mettlesome
- (B) industrious
- (C) domestic
- (D) lackluster
- (E) feckless

所以词汇解释和一些考察意向都未曾改变, 也体现出了 GRE 考试的连续性和考试成绩长期的稳定性.

第四, 新 GRE 的句子结构仍然能找到老 GRE 的影子。

我们来对比以下两道题目, 第一道题目是 GRE 机经真题, 第二道题目是老 GRE 的真题。

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. (2014.2.23 机经题目)

- A. exemplar
- B. glorification
- C. reflection
- D. dilution
- E. antithesis

Despite assorted effusions to the contrary, there is no necessary link between scientific skill and humanism, and, quite possibly, there may be something of a----between them. (老 GRE 真题)

- (A) generality
- (B) fusion
- (C) congruity

- (D) dichotomy
- (E) reciprocity

这两句话粗看没有任何联系, 不过仔细观察你就会发现, 这两句话都是一种对于递进关系的考查, 前者是对 irrelevant 的向 at worst 方向的递进, 后者是 no necessary link 向 quite possibly 方向的递进, 而两道题目的答案竟然也惊人的相似, 都是表示矛盾对立的词 (E. antithesis 和 D. dichotomy)。

诸如此类的例子, 在我们对于新 GRE 题目的实战考试的观察中层出不穷, 屡见不鲜。因此, 充分掌握好老 GRE 常考的句子结构和解题策略完全可以应对新 GRE 的填空题。

那么针对于新老 GRE 题目形式上的差异我们该作何应对呢? 这也是本辅导材料中最为值得推荐的地方。对于在新 GRE 备考的新东方老学员来说, 绿皮书、红皮书已经成为了他们踏实练习的法宝和利器, 也帮助了众多 GRE 考生成功完成从老 GRE 转型到新 GRE 的艰苦蜕变。我们新东方北美项目部研发中心和 GRE 项目的老师们站在了巨人的肩膀上, 又进一步推动了这些题目的修正和科学的编排。

第一, 我们重新修订了所有题目, 充分融入了全体 GRE 老师数十场考试的实战经验, 每一道题目字斟句酌, 以期最大限度的贴近真实考试。

第二, 我们重新修订了题目的编排, 我们基本按照新 GRE 考试的结构, 除了基础的能力练习外, 将题目按照新 GRE 填空“6+4” (6 道 Text

Completion 和 4 道 Sentence Equivalence) 的模式进行重组，以方便学生计时训练和模拟。

第三，我们首次开启了大规模的题目测试，并回收学生的题目数据，以此为统计依据进行题目重组。从 5 月 19 日到 5 月 30 日每个工作日晚上，来自北京各大高校 200 余名学生报名参加了我们的测试，在测试、讲解、讨论的过程中，我们对我们题目改编的质量更有了信心。

在即将发布这套凝结着所有北京新东方新 GRE 研发和项目团队智慧的教材时，我们仍然进行着大量的修订和编排，我们衷心的希望我们能够给广大新 GRE 的考生们带来最真实的考场体验和最高效的复习资源。

非常感谢在题目改编中给与我们工作大力支持的高智威老师、万炜老师、滕达老师和史禹老师，还有正在或即将使用这套教材的你，是你的不懈努力和期待让我们的成果日趋完善，日臻完美！

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SECTION 1

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 10, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

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

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

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

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

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

- Ⓐ ethos
- Ⓑ idealism
- Ⓒ romance
- Ⓓ paradoxes
- Ⓔ commonplaces

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

- Ⓐ threatening
- Ⓑ riveting
- Ⓒ conniving
- Ⓓ fearsome
- Ⓔ irritating

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

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

6. The form and physiology of leaves vary according to the _____ in which they develop: for example, leaves display a wide range of adaptations to different degrees of light and moisture.

- Ⓐ relationship
- Ⓑ species
- Ⓒ sequence
- Ⓓ patterns
- Ⓔ environment

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

- Ⓐ records
- Ⓑ instincts
- Ⓒ remedies
- Ⓓ proposals
- Ⓔ commercials

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

- Ⓐ elegance
- Ⓑ resolution
- Ⓒ goodness
- Ⓓ originality
- Ⓔ sympathy

9. We first became aware that her support for the new program was less than _____ when she declined to make a speech in its favor.

- Ⓐ qualified
- Ⓑ haphazard
- Ⓒ fleeting
- Ⓓ unwarranted
- Ⓔ wholehearted

10. Both television commercials and programs present _____ view of the material world, one which promotes a standard of living that most of us can probably not attain.

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

SECTION 2

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 10, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

1. Since most if not all learning occurs through _____, relating one observation to another, it would be strange indeed if the study of other cultures did not also illuminate the study of our own.

- Ⓐ assumptions
- Ⓑ experiments
- Ⓒ comparisons
- Ⓓ repetitions
- Ⓔ impressions

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

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

3. Exposure to low-intensity gamma radiation slows the rate of growth of the spoilage microorganisms in food in much the same way that the low heat used in pasteurization _____ the spoilage action of the microorganisms in milk.

- Ⓐ precludes
- Ⓑ initiates
- Ⓒ inhibits
- Ⓓ isolates
- Ⓔ purifies

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

- Ⓐ allies
- Ⓑ resources
- Ⓒ freedom
- Ⓓ education
- Ⓔ self-determination

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

- Ⓐ cause of
- Ⓑ agreement among
- Ⓒ indication of
- Ⓓ interaction between
- Ⓔ concentration of

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

- Ⓐ irrelevant
- Ⓑ facetious
- Ⓒ mistaken
- Ⓓ critical
- Ⓔ insincere

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. Roman historians who study the period 30 B.C. to A.D. 180 can _____ the “Augustan peace” only by failing to recognize that this peace in many respects resembled that of death.

- Ⓐ decry
- Ⓑ applaud
- Ⓒ ridicule
- Ⓓ demand
- Ⓔ disprove

SECTION 3

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 10, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

1. One reason why pertinent fossils are (i) _____ is that crucial stages of evolution occurred in the tropics where it is difficult to explore for fossils, and so their discovery has (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ unique
- Ⓑ uncommon
- Ⓒ prominent

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ resumed
- Ⓔ declined
- Ⓕ lagged

2. The new (i) _____ of knowledge has created (ii) _____ people: everyone believes that his or her subject cannot and possibly should not be understood by others.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ specialization
- Ⓑ decline
- Ⓒ redundancy

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ concern for
- Ⓔ association among
- Ⓕ barriers between

3. The disjunction between educational objectives that stress (i) _____ and those that emphasize obedience to rules and cooperation with others reflects a (ii) _____ that arises from the values on which these objectives are based.

Blank (i)

- (A) efficiency
- (B) compliance
- (C) individuality

Blank (ii)

- (D) conflict
- (E) conformity
- (F) redundancy

4. Whereas biologists must maintain a (i) _____ attitude toward the subjects of their research, social scientists must, paradoxically, combine personal involvement and scholarly (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- (A) passive
- (B) casual
- (C) disinterested

Blank (ii)

- (D) sympathy
- (E) detachment
- (F) abandon

5. In today's world, manufacturers' innovations are easily copied and thus differences between products are usually (i) _____; advertisers, therefore, are forced to (ii) _____ these differences in order to suggest the uniqueness of their clients' products.

Blank (i)

- (A) crucial
- (B) intrinsic
- (C) slight

Blank (ii)

- (D) downplay
- (E) exaggerate
- (F) create

6. The state is a network of exchanged benefits and beliefs, (i) _____ between rulers and citizens based on those laws and procedures that are (ii) _____ to the maintenance of community.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ a counterpoint
- Ⓑ an equivalence
- Ⓒ a reciprocity

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ conductive
- Ⓔ inimical
- Ⓕ subsidiary

7. As businesses become aware that their advertising must (i) _____ the everyday concerns of consumers, their commercials will be characterized by a greater degree of (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ allay
- Ⓑ evade
- Ⓒ address

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ pessimism
- Ⓔ sincerity
- Ⓕ realism

8. The (i) _____ of mass literacy coincided with the first industrial revolution; in turn, the new expansion in literacy, as well as cheaper printing, helped to nurture the (ii) _____ of popular literature.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ receipt
- Ⓑ selection
- Ⓒ emergence

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ source
- Ⓔ rise
- Ⓕ mistrust

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

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ resembles
- Ⓑ reinforces
- Ⓒ compensates

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ introduction
- Ⓔ adjustment
- Ⓕ resistance

10. Artificial light (i) _____ the respiratory activity of some microorganisms in the winter but not in the summer, in part because in the summer their respiration is already at its peak and thus cannot be (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ enhances
- Ⓑ reflects
- Ⓒ inhibits

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ quickened
- Ⓔ lessened
- Ⓕ increased

SECTION 4

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 10, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

1. Until quite recently research on diabetes had, as a kind of holding action, attempted to refine the (i) _____ of the disease, primarily because no preventive strategy seemed at all likely to be (ii) _____ .

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ symptoms
- Ⓑ treatment
- Ⓒ definition

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ costly
- Ⓔ necessary
- Ⓕ practicable

2. Created to serve as perfectly as possible their workaday (i) _____, the wooden storage boxes made in America's Shaker communities are now (ii) _____ for their beauty.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ function
- Ⓑ environment
- Ⓒ owners

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ employed
- Ⓔ valued
- Ⓕ transformed

3. The sale of Alaska was not so much an American coup as a matter of (i) _____ for an imperial Russia that was short of cash and unable to (ii) _____ its own continental coastline.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ negligence
- Ⓑ expediency
- Ⓒ custom

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ defend
- Ⓔ alter
- Ⓕ undermine

4. A perennial goal in zoology is to infer function from (i) _____, relating the (ii) _____ of an organism to its physical form and cellular organization.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ classification
- Ⓑ location
- Ⓒ structure

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ behavior
- Ⓔ ancestry
- Ⓕ habitat

5. No longer (i) _____ by the belief that the world around us was expressly designed for humanity, many people try to find intellectual (ii) _____ for that lost certainty in astrology and in mysticism.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ restricted
- Ⓑ hampered
- Ⓒ sustained

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ reasons
- Ⓔ substitutes
- Ⓕ justifications

6. If a species of parasite is to survive, the host organisms must live long enough for the parasite to (i) _____; if the host species becomes (ii) _____, so do its parasites.

Blank (i)

- (A) atrophy
- (B) reproduce
- (C) defeat

Blank (ii)

- (D) extinct
- (E) widespread
- (F) healthy

7. The success of science is due in great part to its emphasis on (i) _____: the reliance on evidence rather than (ii) _____ and the willingness to draw conclusions even when they conflict with traditional beliefs.

Blank (i)

- (A) creativity
- (B) conservatism
- (C) objectivity

Blank (ii)

- (D) preconceptions
- (E) facts
- (F) experimentation

8. Observable as a tendency of our culture is a (i) _____ of (ii) _____ psychoanalysis: we no longer feel that it can solve our emotional problems.

Blank (i)

- (A) withdraw
- (B) defense
- (C) divergence

Blank (ii)

- (D) weaknesses in
- (E) enigmas in
- (F) belief in

9. Having fully embraced the belief that government by persuasion is preferable to government by (i) _____, the leaders of the movement have recently (ii) _____ most of their previous statements supporting totalitarianism.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ participation
- Ⓑ proclamation
- Ⓒ coercion

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ codified
- Ⓔ deliberated
- Ⓕ repudiated

10. The President reached a decision only after lengthy (i) _____, painstakingly weighing the (ii) _____ opinions expressed by cabinet members.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ deliberation
- Ⓑ canvassing
- Ⓒ relegation

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ consistent
- Ⓔ divergent
- Ⓕ conciliatory

SECTION 5

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 10, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

1. The senator's attempt to convince the public that he is not interested in running for a second term is (i) _____ given the extremely (ii) _____ fund-raising activities of his campaign committee.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ premature
- Ⓑ disingenuous
- Ⓒ praiseworthy

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ apathetic
- Ⓔ public
- Ⓕ abortive

2. The prevailing union of passionate interest in detailed facts with equal devotion to abstract (i) _____ is a hallmark of our present society; in the past this union appeared, at best, (ii) _____ and as if by chance.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ generalization
- Ⓑ computation
- Ⓒ triviality

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ cyclically
- Ⓔ sporadically
- Ⓕ selectively

3. Her first concert appearance was disappointingly perfunctory and derivative, rather than the (i) _____ performance in the (ii) _____ style we had anticipated.

Blank (i)

- (A) prosaic
- (B) inspired
- (C) literal

Blank (ii)

- (D) innovative
- (E) mechanical
- (F) tenuous

4. It is (i) _____ for a government to fail to do whatever it can to eliminate a totally (ii) _____ disease.

Blank (i)

- (A) crucial
- (B) instinctive
- (C) irresponsible

Blank (ii)

- (D) devastating
- (E) preventable
- (F) innocuous

5. Many of the earliest colonial houses that are still standing have been so modified and enlarged that the (i) _____ design is no longer (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- (A) initial
- (B) pertinent
- (C) intended

Blank (ii)

- (D) discernible
- (E) necessary
- (F) applicable

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

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ infect
- Ⓑ prepare
- Ⓒ restore

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ secure
- Ⓔ damage
- Ⓕ repair

7. Stress is experienced when an individual feels that the (i) _____ of the environment (ii) _____ that individual's resources for handling them.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ ambiances
- Ⓑ demands
- Ⓒ benefits

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ intensify
- Ⓔ preclude
- Ⓕ exceed

8. Documenting science's (i) _____ philosophy would be (ii) _____, since it is almost axiomatic that many philosophers use scientific concepts as the foundations for their speculations.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ influence on
- Ⓑ reliance on
- Ⓒ distrust of

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ superfluous
- Ⓔ difficult
- Ⓕ elementary

9. During the widespread fuel shortage, the price of gasoline was so (i) _____ that suppliers were generally thought to be (ii) _____ the consumer.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ oscillatory
- Ⓑ reactive
- Ⓒ excessive

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ placating
- Ⓔ gouging
- Ⓕ shielding

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

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ methodical
- Ⓑ idiosyncratic
- Ⓒ self-confident

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ stimulate
- Ⓔ dismiss
- Ⓕ reenact

SECTION 6

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 6, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

1. The spellings of many Old English words have been _____ in the living language, although their pronunciations have changed.

- Ⓐ preserved
- Ⓑ shortened
- Ⓒ preempted
- Ⓓ revised
- Ⓔ improved

2. Dreams are _____ in and of themselves, but, when combined with other data, they can tell us much about the dreamer.

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

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

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ ambivalence
- Ⓑ disregard
- Ⓒ relevance

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ vestiges
- Ⓔ precursors
- Ⓕ byproducts

4. Although (i) _____, almost self-effacing in his private life, he displays in his plays and essays a strong (ii) _____ publicity and controversy.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ conventional
- Ⓑ retiring
- Ⓒ evasive

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ impatience with
- Ⓔ reliance on
- Ⓕ penchant for

5. While many Russian composers of the nineteenth century contributed to an emerging national style, other composers did not (i) _____ idiomatic Russian musical elements, (ii) _____ instead the traditional musical vocabulary of Western European Romanticism.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ incorporate
- Ⓑ exclude
- Ⓒ discern

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ rejecting
- Ⓔ expanding
- Ⓕ preferring

6. Although they were not direct (i) _____, the new arts of the Classical period were clearly created in the spirit of older Roman models and thus (ii) _____ many features of the older style.

Blank (i)

- (A) impressions
- (B) masterpieces
- (C) copies

Blank (ii)

- (D) maintained
- (E) improvised
- (F) excluded

For each of Questions 7 to 10, select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

7. Philosophical problems arise when people ask questions that, though very _____, have certain characteristics in common.

- (A) distinct
- (B) elementary
- (C) abstract
- (D) diverse
- (E) fundamental
- (F) relevant

8. Though one cannot say that Michelangelo was an impractical designer, he was, of all nonprofessional architects known, the most _____ in that he was the least constrained by tradition or precedent.

- A pragmatic
- B adventurous
- C empirical
- D skilled
- E subtle
- F innovate

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

- A transformed
- B weakened
- C altered
- D undetermined
- E distinguished
- F determined

10. Although frequent air travelers remain unconvinced, researchers have found that, paradoxically, the temporal disorientation inherent in jet lag also may yield some mental health _____.

- A benefits
- B hazards
- C disorders
- D advantages
- E deficiencies
- F standards

SECTION 7

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 6, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

1. Although sales have continued to increase since last April, unfortunately the rate of increase has _____.

- Ⓐ resurged
- Ⓑ capitulated
- Ⓒ retaliated
- Ⓓ persevered
- Ⓔ decelerated

2. In spite of the fact that it is convenient to divide the life span of animals into separate stages such as pre-natal, adolescent, and senescent, these periods are not really _____.

- Ⓐ advanced
- Ⓑ variable
- Ⓒ repeatable
- Ⓓ connected
- Ⓔ distinct

3. A computer program can provide information in ways that force students to (i) _____ learning instead of being merely (ii) _____ of knowledge.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ participate in
- Ⓑ compensate for
- Ⓒ comply with

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ recipients
- Ⓔ custodians
- Ⓕ beneficiaries

4. Although Johnson (i) _____ great enthusiasm for his employees' project, in reality his interest in the project was so (ii) _____ as to be almost nonexistent.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ espoused
- Ⓑ embraced
- Ⓒ feigned

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ perfunctory
- Ⓔ preemptive
- Ⓕ indiscriminate

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

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ paradigm
- Ⓑ stratagem
- Ⓒ apparition

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ amalgam
- Ⓔ annexation
- Ⓕ appropriation

6. Unlike philosophers who constructed theoretically ideal states, she built a theory based on (i) _____; thus, although her constructs may have been inelegant, they were (ii) _____ sound.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ intuition
- Ⓑ conjecture
- Ⓒ experience

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ intellectually
- Ⓔ empirically
- Ⓕ aesthetically

For each of Questions 7 to 10, select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

7. Although frequent air travelers remain unconvinced, researchers have found that, paradoxically, the temporal disorientation inherent in jet lag also may yield some mental health _____.

- Ⓐ benefits
- Ⓑ hazards
- Ⓒ disorders
- Ⓓ advantages
- Ⓔ deficiencies
- Ⓕ standards

8. Although any destruction of vitamins caused by food irradiation could be _____ the use of diet supplements, there may be no protection from carcinogens that some fear might be introduced into foods by the process.

- A counterbalanced by
- B attribute to
- C imputed to
- D augmented with
- E stimulated by
- F offset through

9. The corporation expects only _____ increases in sales next year despite a yearlong effort to revive its retailing business.

- A dynamic
- B predictable
- C expanding
- D modest
- E slight
- F volatile

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

- A panacea for
- B neglect of
- C cure-all for
- D breakthrough in
- E resurgence of
- F progress of

SECTION 8

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 6, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

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

- Ⓐ clannish
- Ⓑ declining
- Ⓒ tranquil
- Ⓓ recognized
- Ⓔ sprawling

2. While not completely nonplussed by the usually caustic responses from members of the audience, the speaker was nonetheless visibly _____ by their lively criticism.

- Ⓐ humiliated
- Ⓑ discomfited
- Ⓒ deluded
- Ⓓ disgraced
- Ⓔ tantalized

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

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ athletes
- Ⓑ spectators
- Ⓒ scholars

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ snobbery
- Ⓔ inactivity
- Ⓕ ignorance

4. Social scientists have established fairly clear-cut (i) _____ that describe the appropriate behavior of children and adults, but there seems to be (ii) _____ about what constitutes appropriate behavior for adolescents.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ estimates
- Ⓑ functions
- Ⓒ norms

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ confusion
- Ⓔ rigidity
- Ⓕ misapprehensions

5. Despite an agreement between labor and management to keep the print and electronic media (i) _____ developments, the details of the negotiations were (ii) _____ all but a few journalists from the major metropolitan newspapers.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ abreast of
- Ⓑ speculation about
- Ⓒ ignorant of

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ withheld from
- Ⓔ suppressed by
- Ⓕ undisclosed to

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

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ explained
- Ⓑ conceived
- Ⓒ approached

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ tracking
- Ⓔ eliminating
- Ⓕ diffusing

For each of Questions 7 to 10, select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

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

- Ⓐ record
- Ⓑ speculation
- Ⓒ degree
- Ⓓ importance
- Ⓔ conjecture
- Ⓕ preeminence

8. Even though the folktales Partout collected and retold were not solely French in origin, his versions of them were so decidedly French in style that later anthologizes of French folktales have never _____ them.

- A excluded
- B admired
- C grasped
- D promoted
- E comprehended
- F omitted

9. Far from viewing Jefferson as a skeptical but enlightened intellectual, historians of the 1960's portrayed him as _____ thinker, eager to fill the young with his political orthodoxy while censoring ideas he did not like.

- A an adventurous
- B a doctrinaire
- C a prudent
- D a judicious
- E a cynical
- F a dictatorial

10. We realized that John was still young and impressionable, but were nevertheless surprised at his _____.

- A naiveté
- B obstinateness
- C decisiveness
- D ingeniousness
- E resolve
- F simplemindedness

SECTION 9

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 6, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

1. Although adolescent maturational and developmental states occur in an orderly sequence, their timing _____ with regard to onset and duration.

- Ⓐ lasts
- Ⓑ varies
- Ⓒ falters
- Ⓓ accelerates
- Ⓔ dwindles

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

- Ⓐ protesting against
- Ⓑ participating in
- Ⓒ displeased by
- Ⓓ allowed in
- Ⓔ refused by

3. Eric was frustrated because, although he was adept at making lies sound (i) _____, when telling the truth, he (ii) _____ the power to make himself believed.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ plausible
- Ⓑ unconvincing
- Ⓒ riveting

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ claimed
- Ⓔ lacked
- Ⓕ acquired

4. During the 1960's assessments of the family shifted remarkably, from general endorsement of it as a worthwhile, stable institution to widespread (i) _____ it as an oppressive and bankrupt one whose (ii) _____ was both imminent and welcome.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ censure of
- Ⓑ fascination with
- Ⓒ flight from

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ dissolution
- Ⓔ ascent
- Ⓕ vogue

5. Although skeptics say financial problems will probably (i) _____ our establishing a base on the Moon. Supporters of the project remain (ii) _____, saying that human curiosity should overcome such pragmatic constraints.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ precipitate
- Ⓑ hasten
- Ⓒ prevent

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ disillusioned
- Ⓔ unconvinced
- Ⓕ enthusiastic

6. Our high (i)_____ vocabulary for street crime contrasts sharply with our (ii)_____ vocabulary for corporate crime, a fact that corresponds to the general public's unawareness of the extent of corporate crime.

Blank (i)

- (A) technical
- (B) uninformative
- (C) differentiated

Blank (ii)

- (D) limited
- (E) abstract
- (F) misleading

For each of Questions 7 to 10, select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

7. Despite a tendency to be overtly _____, the poetry of the Middle Ages often sparks the imagination and provides lively entertainment, as well as pious sentiments.

- (A) diverting
- (B) capricious
- (C) didactic
- (D) romantic
- (E) whimsical
- (F) pedantic

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

- A swift
- B rapid
- C hesitant
- D reluctant
- E conclusive
- F definite

9. Some believe that the tradition of holding elections on Tuesday was established to restrict voting to truly serious voters, but in fact _____ was the original idea behind Tuesday voting, since Tuesday in rural communities was when people were most likely to be in town.

- A elitism
- B convenience
- C apathy
- D favoritism
- E partisanship
- F opportuneness

10. Clearly refuting skeptics, researchers have demonstrated not only that gravitational radiation exists but that it also does exactly what theory _____ it should do.

- A predicted
- B deduced
- C impeded
- D confined
- E belied
- F contradicted

SECTION 10

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 6, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

1. Despite vigorous protestations, the grin on the teenager's face _____ her denial that she had known about the practical joke before it was played on her parents.

- Ⓐ belied
- Ⓑ illustrated
- Ⓒ reinforced
- Ⓓ exacerbated
- Ⓔ trivialized

2. Although Simpson was ingenious at _____ to appear innovative and spontaneous, beneath the ruse he remained uninspired and rigid in his approach to problem-solving.

- Ⓐ intending
- Ⓑ contriving
- Ⓒ forbearing
- Ⓓ declining
- Ⓔ deserving

3. By idiosyncratically refusing to dismiss an insubordinate member of his staff, the manager not only (i) _____ established policy, but he also (ii) _____ his heretofore good chances for promotion.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ instituted
- Ⓑ recognized
- Ⓒ contravened

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ bettered
- Ⓔ jeopardized
- Ⓕ computed

4. Although supernovas are among the most (i) _____ of cosmic events, these stellar explosions are often hard to (ii) _____, either because they are enormously far away or because they are dimmed by intervening dust and gas clouds.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ remote
- Ⓑ luminous
- Ⓒ predictable

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ detect
- Ⓔ foresee
- Ⓕ disregard

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

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ efficacious
- Ⓑ impolitic
- Ⓒ pragmatic

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ hide
- Ⓔ express
- Ⓕ evince

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

Blank (i)

- (A) basis for
- (B) departures from
- (C) criticisms of

Blank (ii)

- (D) innovative
- (E) controversial
- (F) pervasive

For each of Questions 7 to 10, select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

7. The children's _____ natures were in sharp contrast to the even-tempered dispositions of their parents.

- (A) mercurial
- (B) lighthearted
- (C) volatile
- (D) introverted
- (E) artless
- (F) blithe

8. Always circumspect, she was reluctant to make judgments, but once arriving at a conclusion, she was _____ in its defense.

- A deferential
- B intransigent
- C lax
- D negligent
- E obsequious
- F resolute

9. The natural balance between prey and predator has been increasingly _____, most frequently by human intervention.

- A doubted
- B damaged
- C observed
- D disturbed
- E questioned
- F predicted

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

- A satisfy
- B cater to
- C admire
- D flout
- E elude
- F defy

SECTION 11

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 6, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

1. While some argue that imposing tolls on highway users circumvents the need to raise public taxes for road maintenance, the phenomenal expense of maintaining a vast network of roads _____ reliance on these general taxes.

- Ⓐ avoids
- Ⓑ diminishes
- Ⓒ necessitates
- Ⓓ discourages
- Ⓔ ameliorates

2. While scientists dismiss as fanciful the idea of sudden changes in a genetic code (spontaneous mutation), it is possible that nature, like some master musician, _____ on occasion, departing from the expected or predictable.

- Ⓐ repeats
- Ⓑ improvises
- Ⓒ ornaments
- Ⓓ corrects
- Ⓔ harmonizes

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

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ incorporates
- Ⓑ resembles
- Ⓒ transcends

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ understand
- Ⓔ repudiate
- Ⓕ anticipate

4. My family often found others laughable, but I learned quite early to be (i) _____ while people were present, laughing only later at what was funny and mocking what to us seemed (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ wistful
- Ⓑ courteous
- Ⓒ superficial

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ enviable
- Ⓔ bizarre
- Ⓕ extraordinary

5. As is often the case with collections of lectures by (i) _____ authors, the book as a whole is (ii) _____, although the individual contributions are outstanding in themselves.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ different
- Ⓑ mediocre
- Ⓒ controversial

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ abysmal
- Ⓔ systematic
- Ⓕ disconnected

6. While many people utilize homeopathic remedies to treat health problems, other people do not (i) _____ such alternative treatments, (ii) _____ conventional medical treatments instead.

Blank (i)

- (A) distrust
- (B) countenance
- (C) scrutinize

Blank (ii)

- (D) relying on
- (E) turning from
- (F) eschewing

For each of Questions 7 to 10, select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

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

- (A) self-deprecation
- (B) congeniality
- (C) cynicism
- (D) self-mockery
- (E) self-doubt
- (F) self-assured

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

- A independent
- B self-reliant
- C curious
- D social
- E proprietary
- F gregarious

9. The natural balance between prey and predator has been increasingly _____, most frequently by human intervention.

- A rationality
- B neutrality
- C flexibility
- D sanity
- E disinterestedness
- F insincerity

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

- A constituted
- B symbolized
- C undermined
- D precluded
- E subverted
- F eliminate

SECTION 12

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 6, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

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

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

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

- Ⓐ falter
- Ⓑ disappoint
- Ⓒ compete
- Ⓓ work
- Ⓔ circulate

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

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ conquered
- Ⓑ overcome
- Ⓒ released

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ gain
- Ⓔ pleasure
- Ⓕ altruism

4. Since 1813 reaction to Jane Austen's novels has oscillated between (i) _____ and condescension; but in general later writers have esteemed her works more highly than did most of her literary (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ disapproval
- Ⓑ adoration
- Ⓒ defiance

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ contemporaries
- Ⓔ admires
- Ⓕ precursors

5. Although Harry Stack Sullivan is one of the most influential social scientists of this century, his ideas are now so (i) _____ in our society that they seem almost (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ revolutionary
- Ⓑ disputed
- Ⓒ commonplace

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ banal
- Ⓔ esoteric
- Ⓕ familiar

6. Salazar's presence in the group was so (i) _____ the others that they lost most of their earlier (ii) _____; failure, for them, became all but unthinkable.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ endearing to
- Ⓑ unnoticed by
- Ⓒ reassuring to

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ trepidation
- Ⓔ confidence
- Ⓕ exhilaration

For each of Questions 7 to 10, select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

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

- Ⓐ appreciated
- Ⓑ emulated
- Ⓒ criticized
- Ⓓ revised
- Ⓔ altered
- Ⓕ imitated

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

- Ⓐ provincial
- Ⓑ democratic
- Ⓒ technical
- Ⓓ parochial
- Ⓔ convoluted
- Ⓕ complicated

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

- A steadiest
- B essential
- C lightest
- D stable
- E fundamental
- F expendable

10. Her _____ should not be confused with miserliness; as long as I have known her, she has always been willing to assist those who are in need.

- A stinginess
- B diffidence
- C frugality
- D illiberality
- E intolerance
- F thrift

SECTION 13

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 6, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

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

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

2. Although the mental process that creates a fresh and original poem or drama is doubtless _____ that which originates and elaborates scientific discoveries, there is clearly a discernible difference between the creators.

- Ⓐ peripheral to
- Ⓑ contiguous with
- Ⓒ opposed to
- Ⓓ analogous to
- Ⓔ inconsistent with

3. Manipulating laboratory tissue cultures with hormones is one thing; using hormones to treat human beings, however, is contingent on whether hormones that (i) _____ in the laboratory can affect (ii) _____ organisms, and in predictable ways.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ fail
- Ⓑ work
- Ⓒ reproduce

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ whole
- Ⓔ unknown
- Ⓕ cellular

4. Though he refused any responsibility for the failure of the negotiations, Stevenson had no right to (i) _____ himself: it was his (ii) _____ that had caused the debacle.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ absolve
- Ⓑ berate
- Ⓒ congratulate

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ acrimony
- Ⓔ skill
- Ⓕ largesse

5. Charlotte Salomon's biography is a reminder that the currents of private life, however diverted, dislodged, or twisted by (i) _____ public events, retain their hold on the (ii) _____ recording them.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ conventional
- Ⓑ overpowering
- Ⓒ dramatic

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ majority
- Ⓔ institution
- Ⓕ individual

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

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ a martinet
- Ⓑ a tyrant
- Ⓒ an acolyte

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ rigid
- Ⓔ conscientious
- Ⓕ maniacal

For each of Questions 7 to 10, select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

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

- Ⓐ paradoxical
- Ⓑ dichotomous
- Ⓒ constant
- Ⓓ temporal
- Ⓔ successive
- Ⓕ stable

8. The senator's attempt to convince the public that she is not interested in running for a second term is as _____ as her opponent's attempt to disguise his intention to run against her.

- A unintentional
- B unsuccessful
- C inadvertent
- D indecisive
- E remote
- F futile

9. MacCrorry's conversation was _____: she could never tell a story, chiefly because she always forgot it, and she was never guilty of a witticism, unless by accident.

- A scintillating
- B unambiguous
- C perspicuous
- D stultifying
- E facetious
- F stodgy

10. Of all the professor's various mentors, Carabelli was clearly the most _____, since it was he who fundamentally shaped the professor's now highly regarded research approach.

- A circumspect
- B influential
- C exacting
- D idealistic
- E severe
- F impactful

SECTION 14

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 6, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

1. Although it seems _____ that there would be a greater risk of serious automobile accidents in densely populated areas, such accidents are more likely to occur in sparsely populated regions.

- Ⓐ paradoxical
- Ⓑ axiomatic
- Ⓒ anomalous
- Ⓓ irrelevant
- Ⓔ portentous

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

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

3. The transition from the Paleolithic to the Neolithic era is viewed by most art historians as a (i) _____, because, instead of an increasingly (ii) _____ pictorial art, we find degeneration.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ consolidation
- Ⓑ milestone
- Ⓒ regression

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ debased
- Ⓔ sophisticated
- Ⓕ aberrant

4. Although he was known to be extremely (i) _____ in his public behavior, scholars have discovered that his diaries were written with uncommon (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ reserved
- Ⓑ polite
- Ⓒ impertinent

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ frankness
- Ⓔ vagueness
- Ⓕ tenderness

5. In sharp contrast to the intense (i) _____ of the young republic, with its utopian faith in democracy and hopes for eternal human progress, recent developments suggest a mood of almost unrelieved (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ righteousness
- Ⓑ sectarianism
- Ⓒ idealism

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ ambition
- Ⓔ recklessness
- Ⓕ cynicism

6. Social tensions among adult factions can be (i) _____ by politics, but adolescents and children have no such (ii) _____ for resolving their conflict with the exclusive world of adults.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ intensified
- Ⓑ revealed
- Ⓒ adjusted

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ mechanism
- Ⓔ attitude
- Ⓕ opportunity

For each of Questions 7 to 10, select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

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

- Ⓐ adventurous
- Ⓑ frivolous
- Ⓒ willful
- Ⓓ impermissible
- Ⓔ irrational
- Ⓕ unreasonable

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

- Ⓐ negates
- Ⓑ invokes
- Ⓒ engenders
- Ⓓ tempers
- Ⓔ obviates
- Ⓕ moderates

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

- A affirmed
- B highlighted
- C reconciled
- D confined
- E underscored
- F accommodated

10. Data concerning the effects on a small population of high concentrations of a potentially hazardous chemical are frequently used to _____ the effects on a large population of lower amounts of the same chemical.

- A verify
- B redress
- C predict
- D corroborate
- E augment
- F anticipate

SECTION 15

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 6, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

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

- Ⓐ praise
- Ⓑ revile
- Ⓒ scrutinize
- Ⓓ criticize
- Ⓔ neglect

2. At first, I found her gravity rather intimidating; but, as I saw more of her, I found that _____ was very near the surface.

- Ⓐ seriousness
- Ⓑ confidence
- Ⓒ laughter
- Ⓓ poise
- Ⓔ determination

3. In spite of (i) _____ reviews in the press, the production of her play was (ii) _____ almost certain oblivion by enthusiastic audiences whose acumen was greater than that of the critics.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ sensitive
- Ⓑ admiring
- Ⓒ lackluster

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ reduced to
- Ⓔ scheduled for
- Ⓕ rescued from

4. Although the architect's concept at first sounded too (i) _____ to be (ii) _____, his careful analysis of every aspect of the project convinced the panel that the proposed building was indeed, structurally feasible.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ visionary
- Ⓑ eclectic
- Ⓒ mundane

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ appealing
- Ⓔ practicable
- Ⓕ ignored

5. Although a change in management may appear to (i) _____ a shift in a company's fortunes, more often than not its impact is (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ follow
- Ⓑ argue
- Ⓒ corrupt

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ demonstrate
- Ⓔ inconsiderable
- Ⓕ fundamental

6. Bebop's legacy is (i) _____ one: bebop may have won jazz the right to be taken seriously as an art form, but it (ii) _____ jazz's mass audience, which turned to other forms of music such as rock and pop.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ a univocal
- Ⓑ a mixed
- Ⓒ an enduring

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ seduced
- Ⓔ alienated
- Ⓕ pleased

For each blank, select the word or phrase that best fits the context. Use the words or phrases in the boxes to complete the sentences that are alike in meaning.

7. If the theory is self-evidently true, as its proponents assert, then why does _____ it still exist among well-informed people?

- Ⓐ support for
- Ⓑ excitement about
- Ⓒ endorsement for
- Ⓓ resignation about
- Ⓔ opposition to
- Ⓕ resistance to

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

- Ⓐ model
- Ⓑ practice
- Ⓒ behavior
- Ⓓ paradigms
- Ⓔ commitment
- Ⓕ allegiance

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

- A insight
- B obstinacy
- C introspection
- D gullibility
- E credulity
- F tolerance

10. In certain forms of discourse such as the parable, the central point of a message can be effectively communicated even though this point is not _____.

- A preferred
- B explicit
- C inferable
- D discerned
- E entailed
- F clear-cut

SECTION 16

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 6, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

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

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

2. High software prices are frequently said to _____ widespread illegal copying, although the opposite—that high prices are the cause of the copying—is equally plausible.

- Ⓐ contribute to
- Ⓑ result from
- Ⓒ correlate with
- Ⓓ explain
- Ⓔ precede

3. The techniques now available to livestock breeders will continue to be (i) _____, but will probably be (ii) _____ new ones under development.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ refined
- Ⓑ harmless
- Ⓒ used

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ improved
- Ⓔ reassured
- Ⓕ supplemented

4. The “impostor syndrome” often afflicts those who fear that true self-disclosure will lower them in others’ esteem; rightly handled, however, (i) _____ may actually (ii) _____ one’s standing.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ affectation
- Ⓑ candor
- Ⓒ imposture

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ jeopardize
- Ⓔ enhance
- Ⓕ ameliorate

5. In contrast to the (i) _____ with which the acquisition of language by young children was once regarded, the process by which such learning occurs has now become the object of (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ incuriosity
- Ⓑ anxiety
- Ⓒ intensity

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ scrutiny
- Ⓔ training
- Ⓕ relief

6. Although strong legal remedies for nonpayment of child support are (i) _____, the delay and expense associated with these remedies take it (ii) _____ to develop other options.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ available
- Ⓑ nonexistent
- Ⓒ unpopular

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ imperative
- Ⓔ impossible
- Ⓕ ridiculous

For each of Questions 7 to 10, select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

7. Thomas Paine, whose political writing was often flamboyant, was in private life a surprisingly _____ man: he lived in rented rooms, ate little, and wore drab clothes.

- Ⓐ abstemious
- Ⓑ controversial
- Ⓒ sordid
- Ⓓ austere
- Ⓔ discourteous
- Ⓕ impertinent

8. Species with relatively _____ metabolic rates, including hibernators, generally live longer than those whose metabolic rates are more rapid.

- Ⓐ prolific
- Ⓑ sedentary
- Ⓒ sluggish
- Ⓓ tranquil
- Ⓔ restive
- Ⓕ lethargic

9. A leading chemist believes that many scientists have difficulty with stereochemistry because much of the relevant nomenclature is imprecise, in that it combines concepts that should be kept _____.

- A interrelated
- B intact
- C violate
- D separate
- E discrete
- F reticulate

10. The astronomer and feminist Maria Mitchell's own prodigious activity and the vigor of the Association for the Advancement of Women during the 1870's belie any assertion that feminism was _____ in that period.

- A remote
- B quiescent
- C instable
- D calm
- E thriving
- F prospering

SECTION 17

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 6, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

1. The significance of the Magna Carta lies not in its _____ provisions. But in its broader impact: it made the king subject to the law.

- Ⓐ specific
- Ⓑ revolutionary
- Ⓒ implicit
- Ⓓ controversial
- Ⓔ finite

2. In the British theater young people under thirty-five have not had much _____ getting recognition onstage, but offstage—in the ranks of playwrights, directors, designers, administrators—they have mostly been relegated to relative obscurity.

- Ⓐ trouble
- Ⓑ satisfaction
- Ⓒ curiosity about
- Ⓓ success at
- Ⓔ fear of

3. Experienced and proficient, Susan is a good, (i) _____ trumpeter. Her music is often more satisfying than Carol's brilliant but (ii) _____ playing.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ reliable
- Ⓑ amateur
- Ⓒ mediocre

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ inimitable
- Ⓔ reassured
- Ⓕ renowned

4. Ethologists are convinced that many animals survive through learning-but learning that is (i) _____ their genetic programming, learning as thoroughly (ii) _____ as the most instinctive of behavioral responses.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ dictated by
- Ⓑ complementary to
- Ⓒ compatible with

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ transient
- Ⓔ stereotype
- Ⓕ inventive

5. As the first streamlined car, the Airflow represented a (i) _____ in automotive development, and although its sales were (ii) _____, it had an immense influence on automobile design.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ discontinuity
- Ⓑ milestone
- Ⓒ regression

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ calculable
- Ⓔ disappointing
- Ⓕ unimportant

6. In their preface, the collection's editors plead that certain of the important articles they (i) _____ were published too recently for inclusion, but in the case of many such articles, this (ii) _____ is not valid.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ omitted
- Ⓑ disparaged
- Ⓒ revised

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ replacement
- Ⓔ excuse
- Ⓕ endorsement

For each of Questions 7 to 10, select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

7. Those who fear the influence of television deliberately _____ its persuasive power, hoping that they might keep knowledge of its potential to effect social change from being widely disseminated.

- Ⓐ appraise
- Ⓑ underplay
- Ⓒ excuse
- Ⓓ laud
- Ⓔ promote
- Ⓕ de-emphasize

8. Because the lawyer's methods were found to be _____, the disciplinary committee revoked his privileges.

- A unscrupulous
- B impeachable
- C ubiquitous
- D arcane
- E esoteric
- F ingenious

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

- A simulating
- B displacing
- C fostering
- D imitating
- E nurturing
- F deterring

10. Doors were closing on our past, and soon the values we had lived by would become so obsolete that we would seem to people of the new age as _____ as travelers from an ancient land.

- A elegant
- B eccentric
- C interesting
- D comfortable
- E quaint
- F chic

SECTION 18

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 6, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

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

- Ⓐ substantiate
- Ⓑ dampen
- Ⓒ encourage
- Ⓓ elucidate
- Ⓔ rekindle

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

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

3. Although the young violinist's (i) _____ performance, with the orchestra demonstrated his technical competence, his uninspired style and lack of interpretive maturity labeled him as a novice musician rather than as a truly (ii) _____ performer.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ steady
- Ⓑ marginal
- Ⓒ spectacular

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ accomplished
- Ⓔ conventional
- Ⓕ unskilled

4. Although the politician was basically conservative in her views, she was not (i) _____ : her positions on certain issues could even be called (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ moderate
- Ⓑ calculated
- Ⓒ reactionary

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ progressive
- Ⓔ extremist
- Ⓕ cautious

5. However (i) _____ they might be, Roman poets were bound to have some favorite earlier author whom they would (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ subservient
- Ⓑ original
- Ⓒ creative

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ emulate
- Ⓔ inspire
- Ⓕ neglect

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

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ element in
- Ⓑ obstacle to
- Ⓒ aid to

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ evolution
- Ⓔ diffusion
- Ⓕ acceptance

For each of Questions 7 to 10, select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

7. For some time now, _____ has been presumed not to exist: the cynical conviction that everybody has an angle is considered wisdom.

- Ⓐ rationality
- Ⓑ neutrality
- Ⓒ flexibility
- Ⓓ sanity
- Ⓔ disinterestedness
- Ⓕ insincerity

8. Compassion is a great respecter of justice: we pity those who suffer _____.

- Ⓐ fiercely
- Ⓑ unwittingly
- Ⓒ vicariously
- Ⓓ intensive
- Ⓔ undeservedly
- Ⓕ objectively

9. No work illustrated his disdain for a systematic approach to research better than his dissertation, which was rejected primarily because his bibliography constituted, at best, _____ survey of the major texts in his field.

- A an unimaginative
- B an orthodox
- C a meticulous
- D a pedestrian
- E a haphazard
- F a slapdash

10. Robin's words were not without emotion: they retained their level tone only by a careful _____ imminent extremes.

- A equipoise between
- B embrace of
- C oscillation between
- D limitation to
- E subjection to vacillation between
- F balance within

SECTION 19

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 6, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

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

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

2. A common argument claims that in folk art, the artist's subordination of technical mastery to intense feeling _____ the direct communication of emotion to the viewer.

- Ⓐ facilitates
- Ⓑ averts
- Ⓒ neutralizes
- Ⓓ implies
- Ⓔ repress

3. William James lacked the usual (i) _____ death; writing to his dying father, he spoke without (ii) _____ about the old man's impending death.

Blank (i)

- (A) awe of
- (B) anticipation of
- (C) longing for

Blank (ii)

- (D) inhibition
- (E) eloquence
- (F) rancor

4. In the current research program, new varieties of apple trees are evaluated under different agricultural (i) _____ for tree size, bloom density, fruit size, (ii) _____ to various soils, and resistance to pests and disease.

Blank (i)

- (A) conditions
- (B) regulations
- (C) configurations

Blank (ii)

- (D) conformity
- (E) proximity
- (F) adaptability

5. As late as 1891 a speaker assured his audience that since profitable farming was the result of natural ability rather than (i) _____, an education in agriculture was (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- (A) luck
- (B) learning
- (C) instruction

Blank (ii)

- (D) difficult
- (E) useless
- (F) vital

6. To test the (i) _____ of borrowing from one field of study to enrich another, simply investigate the extent to which terms from the one may, without forcing, be (ii) _____ the other.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ universality
- Ⓑ efficacy
- Ⓒ decorum

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ utilized by
- Ⓔ confused with
- Ⓕ superseded by

For each of Questions 7 to 10, select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

7. The prospects of discovering new aspects of the life of a painter as thoroughly studied as Vermeer are not, on the surface, _____.

- Ⓐ promising
- Ⓑ daunting
- Ⓒ encouraging
- Ⓓ superficial
- Ⓔ challenging
- Ⓕ shallow

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

- Ⓐ maturity
- Ⓑ fiction
- Ⓒ sophistication
- Ⓓ inventiveness
- Ⓔ fabrication
- Ⓕ brilliance

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

- A complete
- B fleeting
- C momentary
- D premature
- E trivial
- F total

10. Whereas the Elizabethans struggled with the transition from medieval _____ experience to modern individualism, we confront an electronic technology that seems likely to reverse the trend, rendering individualism obsolete and interdependence mandatory.

- A literary
- B intuitive
- C corporate
- D visceral
- E spiritual
- F collective

SECTION 20

Verbal Reasoning – Text Completion and Sentence Equivalence

Time – 10 minutes

10 Questions

For each question, indicate the best answer using the directions given.

For each of Questions 1 to 6, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

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

- Ⓐ recognize
- Ⓑ hoard
- Ⓒ trample
- Ⓓ retrieve
- Ⓔ approach

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

- Ⓐ bereft of theatricality
- Ⓑ composed of adversity
- Ⓒ full of circumstantiality
- Ⓓ deprived of polarity
- Ⓔ devoid of neutrality

3. Chavez' account of her supervisors' (i) _____ decision making belies the agency's image as little more than (ii) _____ bureaucracy.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ headlong
- Ⓑ systematic
- Ⓒ cautious

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ an organized
- Ⓔ a timorous
- Ⓕ an antiquated

4. Speakers and listeners are often at odds: language that is easy for the receiver to understand is often difficult to (i) _____, and that which is easily formulated can be hard to (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ produce
- Ⓑ estimate
- Ⓒ suppress

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ comprehend
- Ⓔ ignore
- Ⓕ defend

5. The belief that science (i) _____ the arts appears to be supported by historical evidence that the arts have flourished only when the sciences have been (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ destroys
- Ⓑ facilitates
- Ⓒ rescues

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ neglected
- Ⓔ developed
- Ⓕ attacked

6. Many of her followers remain (i) _____ to her, and even those who have rejected her leadership are unconvinced of the (ii) _____ of replacing her during the current turmoil.

Blank (i)

- Ⓐ loyal
- Ⓑ opposed
- Ⓒ apathy

Blank (ii)

- Ⓓ disadvantage
- Ⓔ wisdom
- Ⓕ harm

For each of Questions 7 to 10, select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

7. Our biological uniqueness requires that the effects of a substance must be verified by _____ experiments, even after thousands of tests of the effects of that substance on animals.

- Ⓐ controlled
- Ⓑ random
- Ⓒ replicated
- Ⓓ human
- Ⓔ stochastic
- Ⓕ anthropic

8. The passions of love and pride are often found in the same individual, but having little in common, they mutually _____, not to say destroy, each other.

- A reinforce
- B annihilate
- C enhance
- D weaken
- E embrace
- F enervate

9. In arguing against assertions that environmental catastrophe is imminent, her book does not ridicule all predictions of doom but rather claims that the risks of harm have in many cases been _____.

- A exaggerated
- B ignored
- C overlooked
- D derided
- E increased
- F hyperbolized

10. The exhibition's importance lies in its _____: curators have gathered a diverse array of significant works from many different museums.

- A prescience
- B sophistry
- C scope
- D farsightedness
- E insularity
- F breadth

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