

GRE

基础填空

24套精练 与解析

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“陈琦 GRE 填空训练”是陈琦老师针对市面上目前的新 GRE 题目数量较少，对以往题目进行汇总和改编。由于加入了陈琦老师 20 余次的 GRE 考试经验，相比于其余的诸如 Barron, Princeton Review, Mangoosh 等模考材料，这些题目的选词，改编要更加贴适于 GRE 考试所考查的内容。

（一）适用对象：

本材料属于“陈琦 GRE 填空训练”系列的第一部分，适合于备考 GRE 前 200 小时的 GRE 考生以及参加培训机构中 GRE1 对 1, GRE 基础, GRE 精讲精练课程培训时期课程的考生。同时适合于备考 SAT 的考生在真题做完一遍之后进行反复训练。

（二）题目来源：

该部分的题目来源是同样由 ETS 出题的历年 SAT 考试的填空部分。由于 SAT 填空与 GRE 填空在单词的考察难度上一致，但是在逻辑的对应上更加直接，所以改部分的题目适合考生在 GRE 备考初期使用。

题目进行两方面的训练：1 单词的背诵与巩固；2 对应和重复的找寻。

考生通过先背诵从题目中抽取的核心单词在《新 GRE 核心词汇考法精析》(再要你命 3000) 中的词义之后，再用此材料提升自己的“题感”。使用该部分题目，可以最大程度上避免孤立记忆单词的效率低下，以及在脱离语境和考法的单词记忆后，带来的做题挫败感。

本材料题目的构成如下：

- ◆ 第一部分是 SAT OC (Online Course) 部分，共 3 套，每套 38 个题目，共 14 题。
- ◆ 第二部分是 SAT OG (Official Guide) 部分，共 4 套，每套 38 个题目，共 152 题。
- ◆ 第三部分是 SAT 2005 年-2013 年的真题，共 17 套，每套 38 个题目，共 646 题。

综上，该部分的题目共有 24 套，912 个题目。**是备考 GRE 的考生在现有的备考资料中打好基础的最佳材料。**

同时为了方便大家对新 GRE 考试的适应性，琦叔的“再要你命 3000”团队将每一个题目都按照新 GRE 考试的形式，通过使用 Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary 进行了形式上的改编，**并且每个题目都由琦叔亲自把关，完成修订，确保了题目修改的质量**，可以说这项工作是我们给予各位的独家大礼。

（三）使用方法：

建议参加琦叔 GRE 培训的同学（外地的同学可以学习网络课堂）在课程结束，整理好笔记，用课上讲授的方法做本训练。**建议至少完成 3 遍**。具体训练方法如下：

1 在每套练习之前，提炼了该部分题目最为核心的单词，**请大家先在 3000 中熟悉这些单词的考法，再进行题目的训练。对于 3000 中没有收录的单词，我们会给出这些单词的中英文解释。**

2 在单词熟悉之后，可以开始题目的训练，做题时尤其要注意题目的重复与对应关系的查找。**建议一套 38 个题，用时 20 分钟完成。**

3 第 1 遍训练结束之后，对答案，分析错题。同时开始第 2 遍训练。第 2 遍做题的时候，请大家用课上的方法，**找出做题的线索词，关键词与对应**，熟悉 ETS 出题的原则。

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在该基础训练之后，我们会继续发布后续的“陈琦 GRE 填空训练”的最新练习题目供各位高足备考使用。

愿我们共同拿下新 GRE 最核心的单词！

愿我们在考场上面对新 GRE 题目，来一个，灭一个！

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EXERCISE 1

KEY WORDS**Included:**

avid	acrimonious	barrage	cache
calcify	condemn	contradict	daunt
decry	demur	dispassionate	distort
exuberant	figurative	gargantuan	gullible
gullible	impugn	inundate	lurid
momentous	obligatory	obstinate	obstreperous
ossify	peripheral	plausible	proscribe
provoke	rhetorical	safeguard	skirt
slippery	spur	squander	vignette

Not Included:

avant-garde	: a group of people who develop new and often very surprising ideas in art, literature, etc.
bewilderment	1: the quality or state of being BEWILDERED 2: a BEWILDERING tangle or confusion
bizarre	: very unusual or strange
comprehensive	: including many, most, or all things
cooperative	1: willing to be helpful by doing what someone wants or asks for 2: involving two or more people or groups working together to do something 3: relating to a business or organization that is owned and operated by the people who work there or the people who use its services
correspondence	1: the activity of writing letters or e-mails to someone 2: the letters or e-mails that people write to each other 3: a direct relationship <i>to</i> or <i>with</i> something or <i>between</i> two things
cosmetic	1: used or done in order to improve a person's appearance 2: done in order to make something look better 3: not important or meaningful
efficient	: capable of producing desired results without wasting materials, time, or energy
elusive	: hard to find or capture: hard to understand, define, or remember

encore	1: an extra piece of music performed in response to a request from the audience 2: something that follows a success
euphoric	euphoria : a feeling of great happiness and excitement
exultant	: very happy and excited
fanfare	1: a lot of talk or activity showing that people are excited about something 2: a short piece of music played loudly with trumpets especially to announce that someone is arriving
flaunt	1: to show (something) in a very open way so that other people will notice 2: to show a lack of respect for (something, such as a rule)
frolicsome	: very lively and playful
grouchy	: tending to complain about things : having a bad temper
hail	1: precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps usually consisting of concentric layers of clear ice and compact snow 2: something that gives the effect of a shower of hail <a <i>hail</i> of rifle fire>
hazardous	: involving risk or danger
illicit	1: not allowed by law : unlawful or illegal 2: involving activities that are not considered morally acceptable
incubate	1: <i>of a bird</i> : to sit on eggs so that they will be kept warm and will hatch <i>of an egg</i> : to be kept warm before hatching 2: to keep (something) in the proper conditions for development
intricacy	1: the quality or state of being complex or having many parts 2: the quality or state of being intricate 3: something that is complex or detailed : something intricate
legitimate	1: allowed according to rules or laws 2: real, accepted, or official 3: fair or reasonable
missive	: a letter or other written message
prescribe	1: to officially tell someone to use (a medicine, therapy, diet, etc.) as a remedy or treatment 2: to make (something) an official rule
principle	1: a moral rule or belief that helps you know what is right and wrong and that influences your actions 2: a basic truth or theory : an idea that forms the basis of something

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	3: a law or fact of nature that explains how something works or why something happens
prohibition	1: the act of not allowing something to be used or done 2: a law or order that stops something from being used or done
repudiated	1: to refuse to accept or support (something) 2: to reject (something or someone) 3: to say or show that (something) is not true
resign	: to give up (a job or position) in a formal or official way
salvo	1 a : a simultaneous discharge of two or more guns in military action or as a salute b : the release all at one time of a rack of bombs or rockets (as from an airplane) c : a series of shots by an artillery battery with each gun firing one round in turn after a prescribed interval d : the bombs or projectiles released in a salvo 2: something suggestive of a salvo: as a : a sudden burst <a salvo of cheers> b : a spirited attack <the first salvo of a political campaign>
shatter	1: to break suddenly into many small pieces 2: to damage (something) very badly
stimulation	stimulate 1: to make (something) more active : to cause or encourage (something) to happen or develop 2: to make (a person) excited or interested in something
strain	1 a : LINEAGE, ANCESTRY b : a group of presumed common ancestry with clear-cut physiological but usually not morphological distinctions <a high-yielding strain of winter wheat>; broadly : a specified infra specific group (as a stock, line, or ecotype) c : KIND, SORT <discussions of a lofty strain> 2 a : inherited or inherent character, quality, or disposition <a strain of madness in the family> b : TRACE, STREAK <a strain of fanaticism> 3 a : TUNE, AIR b : a passage of verbal or musical expression c : a stream or outburst of forceful or impassioned speech 4 a : the tenor, pervading note, burden, or tone of an utterance or of a course of action or conduct b : MOOD, TEMPER
swamp	: land that is always wet and often partly covered with water
synergistic	1: having the capacity to act in synergism <synergistic

	drugs> 2: of, relating to, or resembling synergism <a synergistic reaction>
trove	1: DISCOVERY, FIND 2: a valuable collection : TREASURE; also : HAUL, COLLECTION
warping	1: a twist or curve in something that is usually flat or straight 2: the threads that run up and down on a loom or in a woven fabric

EXERCISE

1-1 Despite _____ on taking rare tamarins from their habitat, the illegal trade in the tiny monkeys remains _____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. commendations	D. obligatory
B. consultations	E. illicit
C. prohibitions	F. active

1-2 Representing a round world on a flat surface is impossible without some _____: the Mercator projection may shows Greenland as over ten times larger than Mexico, a country in fact only slightly smaller than Greenland.

A. oversight
B. simplification
C. distortion
D. clarification
E. superficiality
F. warping

1-3 The highly publicized redesign of the car is essentially _____: the exterior has been updated, but the engine remains unchanged.

A. intuitive
B. cosmetic
C. superficial
D. consequential
E. retroactive
F. momentous

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1-4 Many of our memories are _____, escaping our consciousness just as we strain to recall a face or a name.

A. elusive
B. pervasive
C. unvaried
D. insensitive
E. unaffected
F. slippery

1-5 Although Caroline Gordon was rigorously objective in her journalistic writing, her lively and _____ private correspondence _____ a delightful capacity for biting commentary on the social scene.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. incisive	D. exhibited
B. dispassionate	E. decried
C. exuberant	F. minimized

1-6 An effective member of a debating team must focus clearly on the _____ issue and avoid _____ arguments.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. equivocal	D. obstreperous
B. principal	E. peripheral
C. comprehensive	F. pertinent

1-7 The _____ with which merchants and landowners in early-nineteenth-century Maryland and Virginia _____ Joshua Johnston's professional services attests to his artistic skill as a portrait painter.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. avidness	D. sought
B. diffidence	E. replaced
C. disgust	F. overlooked

1-8 The man's colleagues characterized him as _____ because he had an irritable, quarrelsome disposition.

A. crabby
B. disingenuous
C. sanctimonious
D. cantankerous
E. artful
F. tyrannical

1-9 After winning the lottery, John bought sports cars, built a mansion, and wore designer suit; however, by thus _____ his _____, he alienated his friends.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. enduring	D. hardship
B. flaunting	E. prosperity
C. calculating	F. image

1-10 The study of biology, once considered the key to solving nature's mysteries, has instead served to emphasize nature's incredible _____.

A. tranquility
B. immobility
C. intricacy
D. desirability
E. complexity
F. stability

1-11 In 1575 Venetians instituted an annual celebration to _____ the end of the _____ that had struck the city.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. commemorate	D. prosperity
B. lament	E. plague
C. solemnize	F. fame

1-12 Lena Horne's singing style is such that she can invest even the most _____ lyrics with dramatic meaning.

A. harmonious
B. sensational
C. insipid
D. vapid
E. lurid
F. impeccable

1-13 A long-standing theory about the migration of green turtles was _____ by an innovative marine biologist who graciously defused potential _____ by dedicating her work to the original researcher.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. enhanced	D. acrimony
B. repudiated	E. approval
C. instigated	F. attribution

1-14 Most pioneers _____ this valley on their journey to the West because its rugged terrain and frequent landslides made it a _____ place for travelers.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A skirted	D. fascinating
B. enjoyed	E. necessary
C. encompassed	F. hazardous

1-15 Ballads often praise popular figures who have performed feats that many perceive as _____, such as defending the poor or resisting _____ authority.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. admirable	D. unjust
B. inescapable	E. legitimate
C. plausible	F. tolerate

1-16 The serious purpose of the paper-airplane flying contest, which attracted many novel and sometimes truly _____ entries, was to determine whether any _____ aerodynamic designs could be discovered.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. derivative	D. conventional
B. bizarre	E. aesthetic
C. mundane	F. revolutionary

1-17 Carson presents her case so strongly and logically that only the prejudiced or the _____ will attempt to _____ her.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. gullible	D. contradict
B. rational	E. champion
C. obstinate	F. safeguard

1-18 Over the years the anthropologist's opinions had _____: he refused to tolerate new ideas and nothing could change his mind.

A. digressed
B. proliferated
C. ossified
D. deviated
E. calcified
F. incubated

1-19 As the first _____ of the political campaign, the senator unleashed a spirited verbal attack on her leading opponent.

A. salvo
B. encore
C. barrage
D. concession
E. demurrer
F. palliative

1-20 Although visitors initially may find touring the city by subway to be _____, they are pleased to discover that subways are an inexpensive and _____ way to get around.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. convenient	D. generous
B. daunting	E. efficient
C. extravagant	F. prohibitive

1-21 One critic asserts that modern urban architecture causes sensory deprivation because it fails to provide visual and tactile _____.

A. spur
B. stimulation
C. complacency
D. confusion
E. bewilderment
F. latency

1-22 Because little rain falls in the district during summer, municipalities are necessarily _____ to _____ water from winter storms.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. reluctant	D. avoid
B. careful	E. squander
C. free	F. store

1-23 Toni Cade Bambara's novels are engrossing because the protagonists, in striving to achieve goals, are not simply _____ characters.

A. passive
B. independent
C. abandoned
D. resigned
E. redundant
F. autonomous

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1-24 Once his integrity had been _____, the mayoral candidate was quick both to _____ these attacks and to issue counterattacks.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. impugned	D. buttress
B. restored	E. recommence
C. enhanced	F. repudiate

1-25 New data measuring the _____ of land beneath the oceans permit accurate generalizations about the topography of the seafloor.

A. models
B. contours
C. remnants
D. outlines
E. pigments
F. vestige

1-26 Excessive secrecy tends to _____ excessive curiosity and thus serves to _____ the very impulses against which it guards.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. inhibit	D. deride
B. satisfy	E. provoke
C. invite	F. limit

1-27 In frigid regions a layer of permafrost under the soil surface prevents water from sinking deep into the soil, and so the water _____ the land, helping to create bog and _____ conditions.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. freezes	D. tropical
B. parches	E. swamp
C. inundates	F. desert

1-28 Although the bystander's account of the car accident at first seemed _____, the police officer was surprised, on further investigation, to find that it was _____, defied by the alibi of an important witness.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. probable	D. inconsistent
B. implausible	E. correct
C. logical	F. erroneous

1-29 The legislation facing Congress was so _____ that it threatened to shatter the governing body's fragile bipartisanship.

A. rhetorical
B. transparent
C. translucent
D. repetitive
E. disruptive
F. divisive

1-30 In *All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes*, author Maya Angelou uses _____, brief descriptive sketches, to provide _____ view of Ghana that clearly details the land and its people.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. vignettes	D. a vivid
B. treatises	E. an illusory
C. missives	F. an ambiguous

1-31 Because an older horse is more _____ than a younger one, it is safer for a novice rider.

A. docile
B. cantankerous
C. gargantuan
D. tractable
E. grouchy
F. frolicsome

1-32 The library's collection is a _____ of Asian American historical documents, including rare materials about race relations.

A. summary
B. fabrication
C. imitation
D. trove
E. replication
F. cache

1-33 Seeking to _____ what people view and read by determining what art and literature should be available, censorship laws directly _____ free expression.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. balance	D. liberate
B. juxtapose	E. promote
C. govern	F. proscribe

1-34 Myra laughed exuberantly and embraced her friends repeatedly, so _____ was she about having been selected.

A. ambivalent
B. demanding
C. euphoric
D. jaded
E. exultant
F. exacting

1-35 It would be a waste of time for any reviewer to bother _____ a book whose utter worthlessness is _____ to even the least discerning reader.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. condemning	D. doubtful
B. enjoying	E. obvious
C. assessing	F. figurative

1-36 The new policy has been called a quiet revolution because, though introduced without _____, it is already producing _____ changes.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. hesitation	D. specious
B. fanfare	E. negligible
C. concealment	F. momentous

1-37 When two chemical compounds are combined, a _____ effect can be achieved: the resulting combination can be more potent than either of the individual compounds alone.

A. synergistic
B. naturalistic
C. competitive
D. cooperating
E. neutralizing
F. counteracting

1-38 Artists who are described as _____ are the first to experiment with new forms or concepts.

A. aesthetic
B. partisan
C. pioneering
D. biased
E. avant-garde
F. decorous

EXERCISE 2

KEY WORDS**Included:**

aggrandize	anachronistic	anathema	austere
balloon	belie	burgeon	chary
check	clarity	comprehend	conscientious
contradict	convoluted	deft	deify
denounce	deride	dilettante	divulge
downplay	ebullient	epitomize	exploit
fathom	gibe	hamper	harsh
ingenuous	knotty	lionize	malleable
meticulous	mint	orthodox	penchant
robust	shopworn	strident	substantiate
transitory			

Not Included:

admire	1: to feel respect or approval for (someone or something) 2: to look at (something or someone) with enjoyment
adroit	1: having or showing skill, cleverness, or resourcefulness in handling situations
avocation	1: customary employment : VOCATION 2: a subordinate occupation pursued in addition to one's vocation especially for enjoyment : HOBBY
bereavement	1: the state of being sad because a family member or friend has recently died 2: the death of a family member or friend
bereft	1: deprived or robbed of the possession or use of something —usually used with of 2: lacking something needed, wanted, or expected —used with of 3: suffering the death of a loved one : BEREAVED
catalog	1: a book containing a list of things that you can buy, use, etc., and often pictures 2: a group of similar or related things 3: to list or describe (something) in an organized way
condense	1: to make (something) shorter or smaller by removing parts that are less important 2: to change from a gas into a liquid

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	3: to remove water from (something) to make it thicker
conformity	1: correspondence in form, manner, or character : AGREEMENT 2: an act or instance of conforming 3: action in accordance with some specified standard or authority
conjunction	1: the act or an instance of conjoining : the state of being conjoined : COMBINATION 2: occurrence together in time or space : CONCURRENCE
conspiracy	1: a secret plan made by two or more people to do something that is harmful or illegal 2: the act of secretly planning to do something that is harmful or illegal
conventional	1: used and accepted by most people : usual or traditional 2: of a kind that has been around for a long time and is considered to be usual or typical 3: common and ordinary : not unusual
cordial	1: tending to revive, cheer, or invigorate 2: sincerely or deeply felt; warmly and genially affable
corroborating	corroborate : to support or help prove (a statement, theory, etc.) by providing information or evidence
customization	customize : to change (something) in order to fit the needs or requirements of a person, business, etc.
dexterousness	dexterous 1: mentally adroit and skillful : CLEVER 2: done with dexterity : ARTFUL 3: skillful and competent with the hands
divergence	1: a drawing apart (as of lines extending from a common center); DIFFERENCE, DISAGREEMENT ; the acquisition of dissimilar characters by related organisms in unlike environments 2: a deviation from a course or standard
elusive	1: hard to find or capture 2: hard to understand, define, or remember
embellish	: to decorate (something) by adding special details and features : to make (something) more appealing or attractive
embroil	1: to throw into disorder or confusion 2: to involve in conflict or difficulties <a program embroiled in controversy>
evaporate	1: to change from a liquid into a gas; to go away suddenly : to disappear or vanish
eventuality	: something that might happen : a possible event or

	occurrence: POSSIBILITY
felicitous	1: very well suited for some purpose or situation 2: PLEASANT, DELIGHTFUL <felicitous weather>
garnish	1: to put something on (food) as a decoration; also : to be added as a decoration to (food) 2: something (such as small pieces of fruit, chopped herbs, etc.) that is put on food as a decoration
idolize	: to love or admire (someone) very much or too much
imperceptible	: impossible to see or notice
insolence	1: the quality or state of being insolent 2: an instance of insolent conduct or treatment
insolent	: rude or impolite : having or showing a lack of respect for other people
itinerant	: traveling from place to place : staying in a place for only a short amount of time
mediate	1: to work with opposing sides in an argument or dispute in order to get an agreement (US) 2: to get (something, such as a settlement or agreement) by working with opposing sides in a dispute 3: to have an effect or influence in causing (something) to happen
modesty	1: the quality of not being too proud or confident about yourself or your abilities 2: the quality of behaving and especially dressing in ways that do not attract sexual attention
muddle	1: to cause confusion in (someone or someone's mind) 2: to mix up (something) in a confused way
obsession	1: a state in which someone thinks about someone or something constantly or frequently especially in a way that is not normal 2: someone or something that a person thinks about constantly or frequently 3: an activity that someone is very interested in or spends a lot of time doing
preachy	: trying to teach something (such as proper or moral behavior) in a way that is annoying or unwanted: DIDACTIC
recourse	1: a turning to someone or something for help or protection; a source of help or strength : RESORT 2: the right to demand payment from the maker or endorser of a negotiable instrument (as a check) 3: an opportunity or choice to use or do something in order to deal with a problem or situation
renaissance	1: a situation or period of time when there is a new interest in something that has not been popular in a long time

	2: a period of new growth or activity
resort	n. 1: a place where people go for vacations 2: something that you choose for help 3: the act of doing or using something especially because no other choices are possible Vi. 1: to go especially frequently or habitually : REPAIR 2: to have recourse
revitalization	1: a situation or period of time when there is a new interest in something that has not been popular in a long time 2: a period of new growth or activity
rigidity	1: the quality or state of being rigid 2: one that is rigid (as in form or conduct)
spontaneity	1: the quality or state of being spontaneous 2: voluntary or undetermined action or movement; also : its source
susceptible	1: easily affected, influenced, or harmed by something 2: capable of being affected by a specified action or process 3: IMPRESSIONABLE, RESPONSIVE
utilize	: to make use of : turn to practical use or account
withstand	: to not be harmed or affected by (something)

EXERCISE

2-1 Responding to criticism that the script was rambling and (i) _____, the new screenwriter revised the dialogue for greater succinctness and (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. muddle	D. ambiguity
B. terse	E. clarity
C. engaging	F. emptiness

2-2 During the 1990`s, Shanghai benefited from an architectural _____, the result of a dramatic increase in innovative and artistic building.

A. intransigence
B. plenitude
C. revitalization
D. stagnation
E. renaissance
F. abundance

2-3 Many subatomic nuclear particles are (i)_____ and nearly (ii)_____: they are hard to track as well as to detect.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. unstable	D. explosive
B. charged	E. imperceptible
C. elusive	F. indivisible

2-4 The crafty child tricked his innocent brother, a particularly _____ and trusting boy, into committing a mischievous prank.

A. guileless
B. intrusive
C. astute
D. ingenuous
E. chary
F. circumspect

2-5 Ellen Ochoa's _____ with the apparatus in the space shuttle Discovery was apparent when she adroitly manipulated the shuttle's robot arm.

A. conspiracy
B. humility
C. machinations
D. dexterousness
E. deftness
F. synergy

2-6 Much of our knowledge of dinosaurs comes from excavated bones, which, in (i)_____ other clues such as fossilized tracks and eggs, help us to (ii)_____ the evolution of these creatures.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. dependence on	D. belie
B. divergence from	E. supplant
C. conjunction with	F. trace

2-7 Vernal pools are among the most (i)_____ of ponds: they form as a result of snowmelt and a high water table in winter, and then they (ii)_____ by late summer.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. transitory	D. teem
B. itinerant	E. expand
C. anachronistic	F. evaporate

2-8 The (i)_____ experiences of Madonna Swan, the 1983 North American Indian Woman of the Year, cannot be fully appreciated if they are (ii)_____ in a tidy summary.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. diverse	D. embellished
B. profound	E. condensed
C. transformative	F. interposed

2-9 The representative was a traditionalist, reluctant to support any legislation inconsistent with the nation`s most _____ principles.

A. orthodox
B. impassioned
C. precarious
D. conventional
E. indeterminate
F. impressionable

2-10 The author constructed a scenario in which playful, creative children are rewarded for their (i)_____ and strict, dour adults are punished for their (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. spontaneity	D. rigidity
B. inflexibility	E. malice
C. digression	F. buoyancy

2-11 Although usually warm and (i)_____ in greeting friends, Lauren was too reserved ever to be truly (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. restrained	D. ebullient
B. dismissive	E. gracious
C. cordial	F. conventional

2-12 Legal scholars argue that when "justice" is interpreted too broadly, the concept becomes _____, easily changed and controlled by outside forces.

A. malleable
B. influential
C. susceptible
D. felicitous
E. prosaic
F. savory

2-13 The instructor's voice was so _____ that most students preferred taking a test over listening to its grating sound.

A. harsh
B. cajoling
C. melodious
D. muted
E. strident
F. euphonious

2-14 Originally (i)_____ mainly by young, urban audiences, rap music was ultimately (ii)_____ by its appreciative listeners of all ages across the country.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. admired	D. condemned
B. derided	E. instigated
C. relinquished	F. embraced

2-15 It was out of (i)_____ that Professor Green, the author of several highly respected books in his field, described himself to his colleagues as (ii)_____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. insolence	D. pedant
B. egotism	E. avenger
C. modesty	F. dilettante

2-16 Historian Carlo Botta often contradicted himself, as when he first championed and then _____ the ideals of the French Revolution.

A. denounced
B. anathematized
C. conceived
D. coveted
E. invoked
F. investigated

2-17 Luisa worked with extreme precision, _____ that served her well in her law career.

A. a meticulousness
B. an effrontery
C. a contentiousness
D. a litigiousness
E. a conscientiousness
F. an impetuosity

2-18 In 1916 Yellowstone National Park had only 25 bison, but the population has since _____ to more than 2,000

A. ballooned
B. mediated
C. dispersed
D. burgeoned
E. reconciled
F. attenuated

2-19 Though surgeon and researcher Charles Drew never enjoyed celebrity, he truly deserves to be _____ for his life`s achievements.

A. mollified
B. lionized
C. accosted
D. idolized
E. vilified
F. galvanized

2-20 The architect advised tearing down the old structure, since he did not consider it sufficiently _____ to _____ the heavy winds of the tropical storm the peninsula was expecting.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. ramshackle	D. forestall
B. robust	E. repel
C. noteworthy	F. withstand

2-21 When x-ray were discovered around the turn of the twentieth century, doctors quickly began to _____ their newfound ability to diagnose maladies by peering beneath the surface of the human body.

A. bequeath
B. deny
C. exploit
D. finesse
E. utilize
F. dodge

2-22 Though he was fascinated by the _____ behavior of others, Darek was, by contrast, the model of _____ in his own comportment.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. egotistical	D. extremity
B. hedonistic	E. recklessness
C. unorthodox	F. conformity

2-23 Teachers who consider cartoons and comic books harmful to students' literacy skills often use class time to _____ these media.

A. deride
B. rationalize
C. vindicate
D. gibe
E. exonerate
F. foster

2-24 Because he had decided not to _____ himself through the sales of his new product, the inventor anonymously donated all profits to charity.

A. compromise
B. invigorate
C. deify
D. aggrandize
E. enervate
F. debilitate

2-25 Once he had _____ sufficient _____ information, Randall felt confident in publishing his daring article incriminating the local politician.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. written	D. hackneyed
B. believed	E. corroborating
C. obtained	F. sensational

2-26 Since her personal pleas had failed to make her noisy neighbors change their ways, the homeowner felt that her only _____ was to notify the police.

A. backlash
B. recourse
C. resort
D. reckoning
E. cliché
F. bromide

2-27 Despite pressure from reporters to discuss the scandal in which Senator Scottsdale was currently _____, the press secretary would not _____ the details of the senator's upcoming public address.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. alleviated	D. rescind
B. embroiled	E. consort
C. compliant	F. divulge

2-28 The critics found the play _____, in that its social message was unfortunately lost in the awkward twists and turns of the plot.

A. convoluted
B. susceptible
C. suspect
D. knotty
E. preachy
F. dubious

2-29 Muriel was so fond of her dog that their brief separation left her not just saddened, but in a state of _____.

A. vagary
B. abhorrence
C. bereavement
D. degeneration
E. elation
F. bereftness

2-30 Deliberately designed to be devoid of elaborate carving or other _____, Biedermeier furniture was known for its _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. customization	D. uniqueness
B. embellishment	E. garnishes
C. sparseness	F. simplicity

2-31 Because she had mistakenly assumed that the disputes between the parties could be successfully _____, the attorney had not prepared herself for the _____ of a long, drawn-out public trial.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. mediated	D. inevitability
B. foreseen	E. particularity
C. exacerbated	F. eventuality

2-32 Anthropology was much more than _____ for the novelist Zora Neale Hurston: she studied at Barnard College with Franz Boas, who is often called the "Father of American Anthropology".

A. an obsession
B. a recreation
C. an avocation
D. an encumbrance
E. a fascination
F. a career

2-33 Angered that the book arrived in the mail in such a shabby condition, Elliot insisted that the bookseller replace it with _____ copy.

A. an imitation
B. an authentic
C. a pristine
D. a stale
E. a shopworn
F. a mint

2-34 Staring at the abstract painting, Edna could not understand how so many of her fellow museumgoers could pretend to _____ its meaning, when to her its message was so opaque.

A. obscure
B. disregard
C. comprehend
D. disparage
E. ignore
F. fathom

2-35 Mrs. Rodriguez was under the impression that discipline would _____ her wayward student's academic progress rather than advance it.

A. condone
B. facilitate
C. quicken
D. exalt
E. hamper
F. check

2-36 Despite the director's lifelong reputation for humility, the retirement celebration found him unable to modify the urge to _____ his successes.

A. downplay
B. catalog
C. embellish
D. diminish
E. supplant
F. substitute

2-37 Despite his _____ rich food, the chef was able to practice _____ when his diet became threatening to his health.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. penchant for	D. austerity
B. avoidance of	E. variety
C. talent for	F. virtuosity

2-38 Raul`s game-winning goal in the closing minutes of the game _____ his well-known ability to excel under stressful conditions.

A. belied

B. contradicted

C. substantiated

D. epitomized

E. decried

F. indurated

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EXERCISE 3

KEY WORDS**Included:**

accord	articulate	ascetic	boisterous
conjecture	covert	deplete	dirge
discretion	disjointed	dormant	enunciate
gaffe	gallant	hamper	indolent
ineluctable	lavish	lugubrious	mundane
nominal	obstruct	prescience	quiescent
rapport	reap	redeem	remunerate
reticent	ritual	salient	salvage
serpentine	sloth	submerge	sumptuous
taxing	temperate	tumult	undermine
unexceptionable	unimpeachable	unruly	versatile

Not Included:

administer	1: to manage the operation of (something, such as a company or government) or the use of (something, such as property) 2: to provide or apply (something, such as justice) : to put (something) into effect 3: to give or present (something) officially or as part of a ceremony
antipode	1: the parts of the earth diametrically opposite —usually used in plural —often used of Australia and New Zealand as contrasted to the western hemisphere 2: the exact opposite or contrary
antithesis	1: the exact opposite of something or someone 2: the state of two things that are directly opposite to each other
appoint	1: to choose (someone) to have a particular job : to give (someone) a position or duty 2: to decide or establish (something) in an official way 3: to decide (the time or place at which something will happen or be done)
appurtenant	1: constituting a legal accompaniment 2: AUXILIARY, ACCESSORY
capricious	1: changing often and quickly; especially : often changing suddenly in mood or behavior 2: not logical or reasonable : based on an idea, desire, etc., that is not possible to predict

cavalcade	1: a line of riders, vehicles, etc., moving along in the same direction 2: a series of related things
confer	1: to discuss something important in order to make a decision 2: to give (something, such as a degree, award, title, right, etc.) to someone or something
cynical	1: having or showing the attitude or temper of a cynic ; CAPTIOUS, PEEVISH 2: believing that people are generally selfish and dishonest 3: selfish and dishonest in a way that shows no concern about treating other people fairly
dabbling	1: a superficial or intermittent interest, investigation, or experiment
disputation	1: a disagreement or argument 2: the action of disputing : verbal controversy <continuous disputation between them> <ideological disputations> 3: an academic exercise in oral defense of a thesis by formal logic
effective	1: producing a result that is wanted : having an intended effect of a law, rule, etc. : in use 2: starting at a particular time
elitist	1: the people who have the most wealth and status in a society : the most successful or powerful group of people 2: a person who is a member of an elite : a successful and powerful person
empirical	1: originating in or based on observation or experience <empirical data> 2: relying on experience or observation alone often without due regard for system and theory <an empirical basis for the theory> 3: capable of being verified or disproved by observation or experiment <empirical laws> 4: of or relating to empiricism
flagrant	: conspicuously offensive <flagrant errors>; especially : so obviously inconsistent with what is right or proper as to appear to be a flouting of law or morality <flagrant violations of human rights>
flounder	1: to struggle to move or obtain footing : thrash about wildly 2: to proceed or act clumsily or ineffectually
foresight	1: the ability to see what will or might happen in the future
incoherent	1: not able to talk or express yourself in a clear way that can be easily understood 2: not logical or well-organized : not easy to understand
indiscretion	1: lack of good judgment or care in behavior and especially in

	speech : lack of discretion 2: an act or remark that shows a lack of good judgment : an indiscreet act or remark
longevity	1: long life : the fact of living for many years 2: length of life 3: the length of time that something or someone lasts or continues
multiplicity	1: the quality or state of being multiple or various; the number of components in a system (as a multiplet or a group of energy levels) 2: a great number
occasional	1: happening or done sometimes but not often : not happening or done in a regular or frequent way 2: sometimes doing a particular job or activity
populist	n. 1: a member of a political party claiming to represent the common people; especially often capitalized: a member of a United States political party formed in 1891 primarily to represent agrarian interests and to advocate the free coinage of silver and government control of monopolies 2: a believer in the rights, wisdom, or virtues of the common people adj. : of or relating to a political party that claims to represent ordinary people
posthumous	: happening, done, or published after someone's death
precaution	1: care taken in advance : foresight 2: a measure taken beforehand to prevent harm or secure good : safeguard
preliminary	n. : something that comes first in order to prepare for or introduce the main part of something else adj. : coming before the main part of something
punk	n. 1 : NONSENSE, FOOLISHNESS 2: a young inexperienced person : BEGINNER, NOVICE; especially : a young man; a usually petty gangster, hoodlum, or ruffian adj. 1 : very poor : inferior <played a punk game> 2: being in poor health <said that she was feeling punk>
ruffian	: a strong and violent person (especially a man) who threatens and hurts other people

scholarly	: of, characteristic of, or suitable to learned persons : LEARNED, ACADEMIC
sophomoric	: having or showing a lack of emotional maturity : foolish and immature
strenuous	1: vigorously active : ENERGETIC; FERVENT, ZEALOUS 2: marked by or calling for energy or stamina : ARDUOUS
winding	: having a curved or spiral course or form

EXERCISE

3-1 The garden that had remained _____ for months was now pleasantly enlivened by the budding shoots of its perennial flowers.

A. redolent
B. dormant
C. fragrant
D. quiescent
E. trenchant
F. compliant

3-2 After several months of training, the (i) _____ young spaniel was finally (ii) _____ enough to be walked safely without a leash.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. vigilant	D. helpful
B. placid	E. docile
C. boisterous	F. unruly

3-3 _____ as Mario`s misdeed was, his grandmother, always blind to his faults, pretended to be unaware of it.

A. Unremarkable
B. Apt
C. Random
D. Flagrant
E. Conspicuous
F. Covert

3-4 Despite his (i) _____ desire to show off, he remained at heart a very (ii) _____ person.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. reluctant	D. reticent
B. occasional	E. transparent
C. inexplicable	F. exhibitionistic

3-5 The employer blamed the staff member's lack of productivity on _____ rather than incompetence, claiming that the man knew how to do his job but was too lazy to apply himself.

A. infatuation
B. sloth
C. obsession
D. indolence
E. ineptitude
F. tension

3-6 The audience recognized the officer's characteristic (i) _____ when he attributed his achievements to (ii) _____ rather than bravery.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. gallantry	D. ineluctability
B. humility	E. fortune
C. presumptuous	F. discretion

3-7 The strong (i) _____ the professor was able to establish with his students made him (ii) _____ confidant for those on campus seeking advice beyond the purely academic.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. ambition	D. an occasional
B. program	E. a respected
C. rapport	F. an unappreciated

3-8 After David left him waiting for the third consecutive time, Kirk realized that the same behavior he had initially valued as spontaneous and carefree was, in fact, simply _____.

A. capricious
B. unpredictable
C. extraneous
D. unexceptionable
E. captivating
F. incontrovertible

3-9 The border between the two properties, never (i) _____ by legal means, had long been the subject of (ii) _____ between the antagonistic neighbors.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. undermined	D. concord
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B. quantified	E. disputation
C. established	F. diversion

3-10 Even though Charlie was in apparently good health, the doctor prescribed for him some _____ medication due to his familial history of high blood pressure.

A. presumptive
B. predictive
C. precautionary
D. premeditated
E. preventative
F. preliminary

3-11 Though earlier anatomists had touched on the idea, Paul Broca was the first to _____ fully the modern notion that specific behaviors are controlled by particular areas of the human brain.

A. articulate
B. derogate
C. represent
D. disparage
E. enunciate
F. iterate

3-12 Designed as a gathering place, the new student lounge was appropriately _____ with tables, chairs, and even sofas where groups could assemble comfortably.

A. indicated
B. appointed
C. furnished
D. conflated
E. venerated
F. signified

3-13 Named in honor of the school's founder, the Richard Brownstone Community Service Fellowship is one of the highest awards _____ Brownstone School graduates.

A. conscripted to
B. redeemed for
C. conferred on
D. relegated to
E. imposed on
F. accorded to

3-14 The anthropology professor hoped that his latest book would appeal to popular as well as to (i)_____ readers, thereby earning him (ii)_____ in both realms.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. scholarly	D. acclaim
B. lay	E. remuneration
C. avid	F. anonymity

3-15 As if intended to squelch rumors of cutbacks, the company's annual celebration was as _____ as ever.

A. sparing
B. tawdry
C. sumptuous
D. lavish
E. provident
F. belated

3-16 The professor's _____ lecture on American history served more to confuse the students than to clarify the difficult material.

A. incoherent
B. persuasive
C. cogent
D. scintillating
E. disjointed
F. perspicacious

3-17 Since the foreign correspondent was accustomed to completing his assignments under (i) _____ conditions, the commotion of the subway at rush hour presented no (ii) _____ his creativity.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. tumultuous	D. inspiration for
B. flagrant	E. boon for
C. tranquil	F. obstruction to

3-18 Unlike the _____ presentations of the other students in class, Mary Catherine's presentation demonstrated a thorough and mature grasp of the material.

A. dabbling
B. sophomoric
C. incredulous
D. canny
E. scintillating
F. astute

3-19 Sadly, the author never (i) _____ the rewards of literary success during her lifetime; public recognition and appreciation of her talent were completely (ii) _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. identified	D. fulsome

B. evoked	E. discredited
C. reaped	F. posthumous

3-20 Edmund White is a _____ author: he has written novels, essays, short stories, a travel book, and a biography.

A. demonstrative

B. all-around
C. meticulous
D. versatile
E. metaphoric
F. scrupulous

3-21 The archaeologist believed the coin she unearthed was _____ evidence, unquestionable proof that the site dated to the fourth century.

A. immaterial
B. potential
C. incriminating
D. unimpeachable
E. indisputable
F. nominal

3-22 Although the rigors of ballet dancing are primarily _____, this art is also emotionally and spiritually _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. illusory	D. indulgent
B. physical	E. dubious
C. strenuous	F. taxing

3-23 Studies of _____ among turtles are sometimes _____ by the fact that the subjects live so long that researchers retire before the studies can be completed.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. longevity	D. bolstered
B. extinction	E. belied
C. reproduction	F. hampered

3-24 A model of _____ behavior, Cunningham never ate or drank to excess.

A. temperate
B. laconic

C. duplicitous
D. ascetic
E. reserved
F. aesthetic

3-25 The entrepreneur had a well-deserved reputation for _____, having accurately anticipated many changes unforeseen by established business leaders.

A. prescience
B. conspiracy
C. foresight
D. complicity
E. mendacity
F. avarice

3-26 Scientists require observable data, not _____, to support a hypothesis; sound science is grounded in _____ results rather than speculation.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. experimentation	D. theoretical
B. bombast	E. empirical
C. conjecture	F. diminutive

3-27 The director complained that the sitcom's theme song was downright _____, having no more pep and vigor than a _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. inchoate	D. dirge
B. lugubrious	E. jingle
C. sprightly	F. ballad

3-28 The success of Notes of a Native Son _____ author James Baldwin as one of the most _____ essayists of his time.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. established	D. cynical
B. decried	E. prominent
C. surrendered	F. mundane

3-29 In many parts of the world, people use rice as a central rather than a _____ part of their daily diets.

A. pivotal

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| B. ritualistic |
| C. salient |
| D. supplementary |
| E. solemn |
| F. appurtenant |

3-30 Victor gained a reputation for being a _____ because he constantly bullied other children.

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| A. madcap |
| B. ruffian |
| C. stickler |
| D. punk |
| E. naysayer |
| F. daredevil |

3-31 Paradoxically, the senator was both a _____ and _____: she publicly defended the rights and wisdom of the people, but she often spoke with a disdainful air of superiority.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

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| A. demagogue | D. a maverick |
| B. conservative | E. an anarchist |
| C. populist | F. an elitist |

3-32 The geologist speculated that eons ago, before the area was _____, the present-day island was actually a hilltop in a vast forest.

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| A. inundated |
| B. situated |
| C. rejuvenated |
| D. submerged |
| E. revitalize |
| F. supplanted |

3-33 The new vaccine is _____ preventing certain forms of pneumonia and should, therefore, be more widely _____ in order to prevent outbreaks of the disease.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

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| A. effective in | D. reconstituted |
| B. unsuccessful in | E. administered |
| C. unverified for | F. constrained |

3-34 In an effort to _____ the _____ theater, the troupe members contributed thousands of dollars to keep the playhouse operating.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. qualify	D. prosperous
B. salvage	E. floundering
C. commandeer	F. lucrative

3-35 In her writings about language, the poet Gloria Anzaldua celebrates the _____ of English and Spanish dialects spoken by Mexican Americans, arguing that such _____ lends an empowering flexibility to expression.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. multiplicity	D. variety
B. ambivalence	E. moderation
C. dearth	F. depletion

3-36 The mountain road was distinctly _____: it twisted back and forth along the contours of the hillside.

A. panoramic
B. precipitous
C. serpentine
D. withdrawing
E. retrograde
F. winding

3-37 At the family reunion Hiroko found her cousin charming and gentle, the _____ of his formerly rude and overbearing self.

A. remnant
B. antithesis
C. consequence
D. antipode
E. mainstay
F. outgrowth

3-39 His conduct at the state dinner was a cavalcade of blunders, one _____ following another until the evening ended.

A. query
B. gibe
C. gaffe
D. indiscretion
E. tribute
F. taunt

EXERCISE 4

KEY WORDS**Included:**

adulate	admonish	articulate	ambrosial
choleric	cloying	concord	consummate
calamity	catastrophe	contagious	deleterious
diaphanous	depreciate	eccentric	ephemeral
extravagant	enunciate	eulogize	foil
forfeit	histrionic	hobble	inevitable
ingenious	insipid	intemperate	idiosyncrasy
momentous	morose	opaque	opportune
petulant	profundity	prolong	prosaic
palliate	quell	redolent	rehearsal
release	rhetorical	relinquish	remiss
retribution	robust	shroud	sluggish
solicitous	somber	stalwart	soothe
smug	temporize	theatrical	therapeutic
thwart	tawdry	timely	toady
trivial	vacillate	vindictive	virtuoso
viscid	viscous		

Not Included:

adept	: a highly skilled or well-trained person : someone who is adept at something
anticipate	1: to think of (something that will or might happen in the future) 2: to expect or look ahead to (something) with pleasure : to look forward to (something) 3: to do something before someone else
ardent	: having or showing very strong feelings
consistence	1: degree of firmness, density, viscosity, or resistance to movement or separation of constituent particles <boil the juice to the consistency of a thick syrup> 2: agreement or harmony of parts or features to one another or a whole : correspondence ; <i>specifically</i> : ability to be asserted together without contradiction

	3: harmony of conduct or practice with profession <followed her own advice with <i>consistency</i> >
constructive	1: declared such by judicial <i>construction</i> or interpretation < <i>constructive</i> fraud> 2: of or relating to construction or creation 3: promoting improvement or development < <i>constructive</i> criticism>
counsel	: advice given to someone
demonstrative	: freely and openly showing emotion or feelings
detrimental	: causing damage or injury
enrage	: to make (someone) very angry : to fill (someone) with rage
equitable	: just or fair : dealing fairly and equally with everyone
halt	1: to walk or proceed lamely: limp 2: to stand in perplexity or doubt between alternate courses: waver 3: to display weakness or imperfection: falter
heterogeneous	: made up of parts that are different
legitimate	1: to make (something) real, accepted, or official 2: to show that (something or someone) is fair or reasonable
locale	: the place where something happens : the place where a story happens in a movie, book, etc.
membranous	: thin, pliable, and often somewhat transparent
negligible	: very small or unimportant
nemesis	: an opponent or enemy that is very difficult to defeat
prey	: someone who is easily harmed or affected in a bad way by someone or something
pugnacious	: showing a readiness or desire to fight or argue
restore	1: to give back (someone or something that was lost or taken) : to return (someone or something) 2: to put or bring (something) back into existence or use 3: to return (something) to an earlier or original condition by repairing it, cleaning it, etc.
setting	1: the place and conditions in which something happens or exists 2: the time, place, and conditions in which the action of a book, movie, etc., takes place 3: the rooms, painted backgrounds, furniture, etc., that are used for a scene in a movie or play
threatening	1: to say that you will harm someone or do something unpleasant or unwanted especially in order to make someone do what you want

	2: to be something that is likely to cause harm to (someone or something) : to be a threat to (someone or something)
thrive	: to grow or develop successfully : to flourish or succeed
treacly	: something that is annoying because it is too sentimental
trial	1: a test of the quality, value, or usefulness of something 2: a test of someone's ability to do something that is used to see if he or she should join a team, perform in a play, etc.
uninhibited	: able to express thoughts and feelings freely : not inhibited
unleash	1: to allow or cause (something very powerful) to happen suddenly 2: to remove a leash from (an animal) so that it can freely run, attack someone, etc.
uprising	: a usually violent effort by many people to change the government or leader of a country
veil	: to cover (something) with a veil or with something that is like a veil : to hide or partly hide (something)
vengeful	: feeling or showing a desire to harm someone who has harmed you : feeling or showing a desire for vengeance
weighty	1: very important and serious 2: having the power to influence the opinions of other people

EXERCISE

4-1 The _____ of Maria Irene Fornes' play *Mud* --- a realistic room perched on a dirt pile --- challenges conventional interpretations of stage scenery.

A. appeal
B. plot
C. trial
D. setting
E. locale
F. rehearsal

4-2 Ironically, an affluent society that purchases much more food than it actually needs suffers because of that _____, since in conditions of affluence diseases related to overeating and poor nutrition seem to _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. overabundance	D. adapt
B. practicality	E. vex
C. commonness	F. thrive

4-3 Because of the _____ effects of the hot springs, tourists suffering from various ailments flocked to the village's thermal pools.

A. succulent
B. restorative
C. therapeutic
D. ambrosial
E. cerebral
F. redolent

4-4 More valuable and comprehensive than any previously proposed theory of the phenomenon, Salazar's research has _____ the basis for all subsequent _____ in her field.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. undermined	D. debacles
B. provided	E. misconception
C. celebrated	F. investigations

4-5 Dangerously high winds _____ attempts to begin the space shuttle mission on schedule, delaying the launch by nearly a week.

A. thwarted
B. forfeited
C. foiled
D. discharged
E. redoubled
F. relinquished

4-6 The guest speaker on Oprah Winfrey's talk show offended the audience by first _____ them and then refusing to moderate these _____ remarks.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. enraging	D. commendable
B. accommodating	E. intemperate
C. flattering	F. conciliatory

4-7 By the end of the long, arduous hike, Chris was walking with a _____ gait, limping slowly back to the campsite.

A. halting
B. robust
C. hobbling
D. prompt
E. stalwart
F. constant

4-8 Actors in melodramas often emphasized tense moments by being _____, for example, raising their voices and pretending to swoon.

A. ardent
B. theatrical
C. convivial
D. histrionic
E. solicitous
F. inscrutable

4-9 Soon after the first visitors arrived, increasing numbers of the residents of the remote island thought it possible that the outside world, instead of being _____, could be _____ and worth exploring.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. amiable	D. cooperative
B. insular	E. unlimited
C. threatening	F. fascinating

4-10 Her dislike of _____ made her regard people who tried to win her approval through praise as _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. adulation	D. toadies
B. autocrats	E. dictators
C. defiance	F. connoisseurs

4-11 Some scientists speculate that a small pterosaur of the Jurassic period known as *Sordes pilosus* had _____ wings that were thin, pliable, and somewhat transparent.

A. callous
B. arable
C. viscid
D. membranous
E. viscous
F. diaphanous

4-12 To reflect the _____ of that nation's spoken languages, its writers often make use a mixture of dialects.

A. articulation
B. enunciation
C. multiplicity
D. profundity
E. heterogeneity
F. spontaneity

4-13 She apologized profusely, only to discover that her self-serving excuses failed to have a _____ effect.

A. reprehensible
B. palliative
C. depreciatory
D. soothing
E. pugnacious
F. litigious

4-14 A swindler`s _____ is usually a gullible person who is unable to resist the swindler`s traps.

A. peer
B. sitting duck
C. prey
D. nemesis
E. retribution
F. ally

4-15 Improvements in refrigeration and transportation in the nineteenth century _____ the _____ of available food for many families in the United States.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. slowed	D. variety
B. projected	E. dearth
C. expanded	F. distribution

4-16 Although Eudora Welty and William Faulkner wrote in distinctively different styles, _____ between the two is _____ because they both lived in and wrote about Mississippi.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. comparison	D. legendary
B. discord	E. inevitable
C. rivalry	F. redundant

4-17 Cito Gaston, one of the least _____ baseball managers, surprised reporters by weeping openly after his team won the play-offs.

A. somber
B. demonstrative
C. insufferable
D. uninhibited
E. morose
F. bountiful

4-18 That critic's writing is so obscure and dense that upon first reading, one finds its _____ hard to penetrate.

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|---------------|
| A. brevity |
| B. rigidity |
| C. floridity |
| D. tawdriness |
| E. opacity |
| F. opaqueness |

4-19 Oil companies seeking permission to drill in Alaskan wildlife refuge areas argues that, for animals, the effects of previous drilling in comparable areas have been _____.

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| A. irrepressible |
| B. weighty |
| C. negligible |
| D. momentous |
| E. trivial |
| F. magnanimous |

4-20 To avoid being _____, composer Stephen Sondheim strives for an element of surprise in his songs.

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| A. erratic |
| B. forecastable |
| C. eccentric |
| D. predictable |
| E. idiosyncratic |
| F. informal |

4-21 Because the pandas had already been weakened by disease and drought, a harsh winter would have had _____ consequences for them.

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| A. preventive |
| B. regressive |
| C. catastrophic |
| D. calamitous |
| E. unanticipated |
| F. unforeseen |

4-22 For many of the villagers, marriage was a practical _____, one not necessarily _____ of love but nevertheless grounded largely in economic advantage.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. arrangement	D. devoid
B. entertainment	E. disparaging
C. misfortune	F. worthy

4-23 Maggie is a procrastinator, naturally inclined to _____ and to _____ discussions.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. meddle	D. prolong
B. sneer	E. intrude in
C. temporize	F. scoff at

4-24 Just as glass windows offer buildings both light and insulation, certain atmospheric gases _____ incoming sunlight and _____ heat radiated from the ground, preventing warmth from escaping.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. deflect	D. dispense
B. admit	E. contain
C. conduct	F. transmit

4-25 The speaker, praised for her style yet ridiculed for her vacuity, often moved naïve listeners with _____ alone and led them to believe that her speech had _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. rhetoric	D. futility
B. infelicity	E. dalliance
C. boorishness	F. substance

4-26 The actor was noted for his _____ behavior: he quickly became irritated if his every whim was not immediately satisfied.

A. fastidious
B. vengeful
C. vindictive
D. petulant
E. mercenary

F. choleric

4-27 Hayley Mills's films have been called _____, although most of them are not so sentimental as to deserve that description.

A. treacly

B. cursory

C. prosaic

D. cloying

E. consecrated

F. insipid

4-28 Predictably, detail-oriented workers are _____ keeping track of the myriad particulars of a situation.

A. remiss in

B. adept at

C. ingenious at

D. hesitant about

E. sluggish in

F. humorous about

4-29 The controversial tax fueled a sustained _____ that could not be _____ by the Prime Minister's impassioned speeches.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. uprising

D. challenged

B. conflagration

E. fortified

C. interrogation

F. quelled

4-30 Inbreeding can promote the expression of _____ genes, those that make an animal subject to disease or impair reproductive efficiency.

A. ineffable

B. virtuoso

C. detrimental

D. presumptive

E. deleterious

F. consummate

4-31 The doctor _____ so frequently on disease-prevention techniques that his colleagues accused him of _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. vacillated

D. steadfastness

B. sermonized

E. inconsistency

C. relied

F. negligence

4-32 A judicious biography must be _____ representation that depicts both the strengths and the weaknesses of the subject, avoiding the two extremes of _____ and indictment.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. a polarized	D. discernment
B. a complimentary	E. eulogy
C. an equitable	F. censure

4-33 Though Luis eagerly sought her _____, he subsequently chose not to heed that advice.

A. secretiveness
B. harmony
C. admonition
D. counsel
E. concord
F. pointer

4-34 As a young physics instructor, Richard Feynman discovered that he had the gift of sharing his _____ his subject and making that excitement _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. passion for	D. contagious
B. contempt for	E. futile
C. knowledge of	F. impersonal

4-35 As _____ as the disintegration of the Roman Empire must have seemed, that disaster nevertheless presented some _____ aspects.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. momentous	D. formidable
B. decisive	E. ambiguous
C. catastrophic	F. constructive

4-36 The beauty of Mount McKinley is usually cloaked: clouds _____ the summit nine days out of ten.

A. release
B. unleash
C. entangle
D. shroud
E. attain
F. veil

4-37 Madame C.J. Walker introduced her first hair-care product just as demand was reaching its peak; this _____ marketing made her a millionaire.

A. opportune
B. instantaneous
C. timely
D. dubious
E. extravagant
F. ephemeral

4-38 A scientist should not automatically reject folkways that might at first seem silly or superstitious; scientific qualifications are not a license for _____, nor do they _____ prejudice or bias.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. smugness	D. console
B. humility	E. legitimate
C. experimentation	F. eliminate

EXERCISE 5

KEY WORDS**Included:**

adroit	cacophony	dedicated	descending
dissention	docile	egotistical	elitist
epitome	evaluate	foreshadow	gaiety
gamut	hilarity	hysteric	inseparable
insurrectionist	integrate	intuition	multifarious
overlook	pettiness	phobic	remedy
scope	seditious	swap	testify
toxic	venomous		

Not Included:

arboreal (arboreous)	1: of, relating to, or resembling a tree 2: inhabiting or frequenting trees <arboreal monkeys>
catalogue	noun: 1: list, register 2 a: a complete enumeration of items arranged systematically with descriptive details b: a pamphlet or book that contains such a list c: material in such a list transitive verb: 1: to make a catalog of 2 a: to enter in a catalog b: to classify (as books or information) descriptively intransitive verb: 1: to make or work on a catalog 2: to become listed in a catalog at a specified price <this stamp catalogs at \$2>
corrective	: intended to correct <corrective lenses> <corrective punishment>
emblem	1: a picture with a motto or set of verses intended as a moral lesson 2: an object or the figure of an object symbolizing and suggesting another object or an idea 3 a : a symbolic object used as a heraldic device b: a device, symbol, or figure adopted and used as an identifying mark

EXERCISE

5-1 For a long time, most doctors maintained that taking massive doses of vitamins was relatively harmless; now however, some are warning that excessive dosages can be _____.

A. healthy
B. innocuous
C. wasteful
D. toxic
E. inane
F. venomous

5-2 In Jamaica Kincaid's novel *Lucy*, the West Indian heroine _____ her employers' world, critically examining its assumptions and values.

A. idealizes
B. avoids
C. beautifies
D. scrutinizes
E. excludes
F. overlook

5-3 The frequent name changes that the country has undergone _____ the political turbulence that has attended its recent history.

A. argue against
B. contrast with
C. testify to
D. jeopardize
E. sustain
F. attest

5-4 Brachiopods, clamlike bivalves of prehistoric times, were one of the most _____ forms of life on the Earth: more than 30,000 species have been _____ from fossil records.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. ornate	D. subtracted
B. multifarious	E. catalogued
C. anachronistic	F. extrapolated

5-5 Some interactive computer games are so elaborately contrived and require such _____ strategies that only the most _____ player can master them.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. nefarious	D. compulsive
B. byzantine	E. adroit
C. onerous	F. slipshod

5-6 Commerce on the remote island was conducted exclusively by _____, exchanging goods for goods.

A. fidelity
B. loan
C. faith
D. patronage
E. barter
F. swapping

5-7 The existence of environmental contamination is no longer a point of _____; government, industry, and the public agree that it is a serious problem.

A. concern
B. cooperation
C. urgency
D. exigency
E. dispute
F. dissension

5-8 In rock climbing, survival depends as much on _____, the ability to perceive without conscious reasoning, as on physical strength.

A. autonomy
B. volition
C. intuition
D. sophistry
E. receptivity
F. instinct

5-9 Using computer labs to _____ classroom instruction is most effective when the curriculum _____ lab exercises and classroom teaching in a coordinated manner.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. foster	D. compromises
B. supplement	E. integrates
C. disparage	F. curtails

5-10 Many _____ of the style of painting exemplified by Marcel Duchamp's work focused on Duchamp's *Nude Descending a Staircase* as the _____ of what they detested about modern art.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. proponents	D. realization
B. critics	E. epitome
C. debunkers	F. reversal

5-11 Colonial American playwright Mercy Otis Warren was known for her political _____: her keen judgment and insight were widely acknowledged.

A. partisanship
B. intemperance
C. acumen
D. irreverence
E. immoderation
F. shrewdness

5-12 Johnson's writing is considered _____ and _____ because it is filled with obscure references and baffling digressions.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. deceiving	D. ingenuous
B. arcane	E. esoteric
C. lucid	F. definitive

5-13 Because the congresswoman has been so openhanded with many of her constituents, it is difficult to reconcile this _____ with her private _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. solicitousness	D. virtue
B. magnanimity	E. pettiness
C. insolence	F. inattention

5-14 As sea urchins are becoming scarcer, divers are _____ to more dangerous depths to retrieve them, _____ the potential for diving injuries.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. returning	D. lessening
B. descending	E. increasing
C. climbing	F. belying

5-15 Anne mentioned John`s habitual boasting about his wardrobe as an example of his _____ ways.

A. erratic
B. egotistical
C. politic
D. tactful
E. inconspicuous
F. complacent

5-16 His peers respected him because he was both _____ and _____: steadfast in his beliefs and tactful in his negotiations.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. resourceful	D. indiscriminate
B. tenacious	E. diplomatic
C. outspoken	F. demonstrative

5-17 Considering that many women had little control over their own lives in medieval England, Margery Kempe`s fifteenth-century autobiography demonstrates a remarkable degree of _____.

A. consecration
B. rationalism
C. autonomy
D. effacement
E. sanctification
F. self-government

5-18 Following the decree banning _____ acts, suspected _____ could be forcibly detained without the filing of formal charges.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. apolitical	D. conformists
B. seditious	E. insurrectionists
C. supportive	F. nonpartisans

5-19 By portraying a wide spectrum of characters in his one-man show, John Leguizamo provides a _____ to the theater`s tendency to offer a limited range of roles to Latino actors.

A. corrective
B. harbinger
C. corollary
D. stimulus
E. precursor
F. remedy

5-20 The rebels saw the huge statue of the dictator as _____ of the totalitarian regime and swiftly toppled the monument.

A. an indictment
B. an illusion
C. a parody
D. a symbol
E. a mockery
F. an emblem

5-21 Residents of the isolated island were forced to master the art of navigation, becoming the ocean's most _____ sailors.

A. adept
B. temperamental
C. congenial
D. thin-skinned
E. reclusive
F. virtuoso

5-22 The spotted bowerbird has a _____ for amassing the bright shiny objects it needs for decorating its bower: it will enter houses to _____ cutlery, coins, thimbles, nails, screws, even car keys.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. knack	D. dispense
B. penchant	E. pilfer
C. remedy	F. disturb

5-23 Not only was the science of Hildegard of Bingen _____ her theology, but her religious visions helped give her scientific works _____ by winning her the support of medieval church authorities.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. unconcerned with	profundity
B. inseparable from	legitimacy
C. diminished by	detachment

5-24 Opponents of the research institute label it _____ anachronism: its scholars, they allege, have _____ rivaling those of pre-Revolutionary French nobility.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. a commendable	D. afflictions
B. an elitist	E. perquisites
C. a reprehensible	F. tribulations

5-25 O`Leary tolerates worms and snakes but is _____ about insects: he has an exaggerated fear of them.

A. miscellaneous
B. eclectic
C. empiric
D. phobic
E. quixotic
F. hysteric

5-26 The challenge facing public health officials is to _____ an outbreak of disease and then _____ that school-children are immunized.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. effect	D. allege
B. anticipate	E. ensure
C. sustain	F. question

5-27 Guests at the party found the general merriment infectious and were won over by the party`s _____.

A. gloom
B. gaiety
C. conspicuousness
D. melancholy
E. contagiousness
F. hilarity

5-28 Demagogues do not deserve full blame for last summer`s public hysteria: although they turned the mood to their political advantage, they did not actually _____ it.

A. oppose
B. subdue
C. create
D. postpone
E. confirm
F. produce

5-29 Orangutans are _____ apes: they typically conduct most of their lives up in the trees of tropical rain forests.

A. indigenous
B. arboreous
C. endemic
D. pliant
E. arboreal
F. transitory

5-30 Since establishing the Children's Defense Fund in 1973, Marian Wright Edelman has been an _____ advocate, steadfast and constant.

A. antithetical
B. unswerving
C. dedicated
D. elusive
E. antagonistic
F. inhibiting

5-31 The author _____ the last act of her play to appease those critics who _____ the work for its brevity.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. eliminated	glorified
B. expanded	disparaged
C. condensed	endorsed

5-32 The editorial claimed that the gubernatorial candidate lacked worldly wisdom and that this _____ would likely be his undoing.

A. naïveté
B. furtiveness
C. wavering
D. indecisiveness
E. sarcasm
F. ingenuous

5-33 In the 1960's Americans _____ Jean Toomer's 1923 book *Cane* when an interest in Black culture _____ many of them to read the classics of Black fiction.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. neglected	D. disinclined
B. rediscovered	E. inspired
C. limited	F. coerced

5-34 In addition to _____ stacks of resumes and references, some employers want to _____ the hiring process by employing graphologists to study applicants' hand-writing for character analysis.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. condoning	D. circumvent
B. evaluating	E. supplement
C. envisioning	F. belabor

5-35 Tame koala bears handled by tourists are _____, but wild koalas are hard to control and typically require two people to hold them.

A. amenable
B. gluttonous
C. supple
D. adroit
E. docile
F. mischievous

5-36 Ms. Rivers gave a performance of noteworthy _____ her piano repertoire ranged from classical music to jazz.

A. intensity
B. gamut
C. scope
D. polish
E. nicety
F. precision

5-37 The skepticism of some ancient philosophers _____ and helps to elucidate varieties of nihilism that appeared in the early nineteenth century.

A. suppresses
B. disseminates
C. bamboozles
D. harbingers
E. foreshadows
F. confounds

5-38 Some critics of congressional proceedings contend that important debates on issues are marred by a _____ of denunciations and accusations that precludes _____ discourse.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. paucity	D. expendable
B. cacophony	E. orderly
C. rehash	F. libelous

EXERCISE 6

KEY WORDS**Included:**

alacrity	alleviate	amalgamation	belligerence
censure	copious	denounce	distort
dubious	embarrass	esoteric	espouse
frigid	glacial	impenetrable	implement
jaded	lissome	lithe	mar
motley	onset	palliate	raze
reprieve	screen	surfeit	therapeutic
amass	associate	conciliatory	conflation
confrontational	convergence	curative	decorative
disturb	encroach	fusion	infusion
instantaneously	interfere	intuition	miscellaneous
readiness	rebuke	rectify	remarkable
salvageable	self-serving	stifling	superfluity
truculence	twisted	weary	winnow

Not Included:

accretive	<p>1: the process of growth or enlargement by a gradual buildup: as a: increase by external addition or accumulation (as by adhesion of external parts or particles) b: the increase of land by the action of natural forces</p> <p>2: a product of accretion; especially: an extraneous addition</p>
cumulative	<p>1: a: made up of accumulated parts b: increasing by successive additions</p> <p>2: tending to prove the same point *cumulative evidence*</p> <p>3: a: taking effect upon completion of another penal sentence *a cumulative sentence* b: increasing in severity with repetition of the offense *cumulative penalty*</p> <p>4: formed by the addition of new material of the same kind *a cumulative book index*</p> <p>5: summing or integrating overall data or values of a random variable less than or less than or equal to a specified value *cumulative normal distribution* *cumulative frequency</p>

	distribution*
empathetic	: involving, eliciting, characterized by, or based on empathy
entourage	1: one's attendants or associates 2: SURROUNDINGS
instrumental	1: a: serving as a crucial means, agent, or tool *was instrumental in organizing the strike* b: of, relating to, or done with an instrument or tool 2: relating to, composed for, or performed on a musical instrument 3: of, relating to, or being a grammatical case or form expressing means or agency 4: of or relating to instrumentalism 5: OPERANT 3 *instrumental learning* *instrumental conditioning*
lobby	1: to promote (as a project) or secure the passage of (as legislation) by influencing public officials 2: to attempt to influence or sway (as a public official) toward a desired action
self-serving	serving one's own interests often in disregard of the truth or the interests of others

EXERCISE

6-1 Like many other groups of people in the United States who have needed laws to _____ equal rights, Americans with disabilities have had to _____ legislation addressing their concerns.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. guarantee	D. contend with
B. preclude	E. lobby for
C. compound	F. enact

6-2 The café attracts a _____ clientele: a startlingly heterogeneous group of people collects there.

A. miscellaneous
B. callous
C. languid
D. motley
E. mysterious
F. arcane

6-3 The second edition of the textbook provides _____ footnotes; since the first edition, the editors have apparently _____ a great deal of background data.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. illegible	D. amassed
B. monotonous	E. embellished
C. copious	F. clarified

6-4 Professor Fernandez has been _____ about most of the purportedly humanitarian aspects of the colonial government and has insisted that its actions were, on the contrary, _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. disillusioned	D. self-serving
B. dubious	E. benevolent
C. enthusiastic	F. sporadic

6-5 Concrete is _____ of many materials, a composite of rocks, pebbles, sand, and cement.

A. conflation
B. a distillation
C. a concordance
D. an aberration
E. an amalgamation
F. an agreement

6-6 The depiction of the _____ wolf is largely a misconception; wolves are _____ creatures that prefer to run in packs.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. lone	D. dangerous
B. vicious	E. social
C. hungry	F. famished

6-7 Jazz pioneer Louis Armstrong is renowned for his improvisations on the trumpet; his innovations as a vocalist are equally _____.

A. obscure
B. remarkable
C. conventional
D. erroneous
E. noteworthy
F. inexact

6-8 Andrew's hunch that Ms. Smith would lose the election was _____ when her opponent won in a landslide, proving Andrew's _____ to be correct.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. compromised	D. prediction
B. confirmed	E. intuition
C. belied	F. endorsement

6-9 The medicine does have a salutary effect by _____ pain, even if recent studies prove that it cannot eliminate such discomfort entirely.

A. alleviating
B. annihilating
C. revitalizing
D. eradicating
E. augmenting
F. palliating

6-10 The intern was almost too _____; he felt the suffering of his patients as if it were his own.

A. candid
B. disarming
C. empathetic
D. understanding
E. frank
F. insightful

6-11 As the charismatic speaker left the podium, she was surrounded by _____ of zealous supporters who _____ our attempts to approach her.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. an entourage	D. interfered with
B. a debacle	E. encompassed
C. a dearth	F. pertained to

6-12 Sally was a lighthearted and even-tempered woman: she had none of her sister's _____.

A. mellow
B. affability
C. equanimity
D. resilience
E. truculence
F. belligerence

6-13 Because postmodernist critics often rely on _____ language, their prose frequently seems _____ to nonspecialists who fail to comprehend its meaning.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. accessible	D. exotic
B. esoteric	E. grating
C. hackneyed	F. impenetrable

6-14 Eduardo was _____ to find that the editorial he had written was _____ by several typographical errors.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. overjoyed	D. authenticated
B. intrigued	E. enhanced
C. embarrassed	F. marred

6-15 In order to _____ the loss of natural wetlands used by migrating snow geese, conservationists in the 1960's and 1970's _____ wetland refuges in the northern prairies.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. standardize	D. dismantled
B. compensate for	E. established
C. account for	F. ignored

6-16 Frequently used as a spice, ginger also has _____ properties: it can be used to help treat coughs, colds, and upset stomachs.

A. immutable
B. invariable
C. edible
D. curative
E. therapeutic
F. descriptive

6-17 The scientific organization _____ the newspaper for prominently covering the predictions of a psychic while _____ to report on a major research conference.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. denounced	D. hastening
B. promoted	E. neglecting
C. honored	F. opting

6-18 The colors and patterns on butterflies' wings may seem merely _____, but they are actually _____ the survival of these insects, enabling them to attract mates and to hide from predators.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. artificial	D. results of
B. unique	E. instrumental in
C. decorative	F. precursors of

6-19 A discerning publishing agent can _____ promising material from a mass of submissions, separating the good from the bad.

A. supplant
B. dramatize
C. supersede
D. winnow
E. overhaul
F. screen

6-20 Residents of the secluded island fear that _____ commercial development will _____ their quiet way of life.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. encroaching	D. reinforce
B. waning	E. disturb
C. diminishing	F. aid

6-21 Though it is often exclusively _____ Brazil, the Amazon jungle actually _____ parts of eight other South American countries.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. associated with	D. threatens
B. located in	E. bypasses
C. protected by	F. covers

6-22 Sandra Gilbert and Susan Gubar's recent book presents a _____ of detail, providing far more information than one can easily digest.

A. modicum
B. discrepancy
C. surfeit
D. paucity
E. juxtaposition
F. superfluity

6-23 More _____ than her predecessor, Superintendent Reynolds would, many predicted, have a far less _____ term of office.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. conciliatory	D. confrontational
B. empathetic	E. compassionate
C. vigilant	F. reputable

6-24 Galloping technological progress has made consumers _____: advances undreamed of a generation ago are so common that they seem humdrum.

A. flabbergasted
B. miffed
C. jaded
D. wary
E. embittered
F. weary

6-25 They use language not to explain but to _____; each statement is like a reflection in a warped mirror.

A. decimate
B. distort
C. enlighten
D. negate
E. twisted
F. destroy

6-26 Colonial South Carolina was characterized by cultural _____: Europeans, Africans and Native Americans each absorbed some customs of the other groups.

A. probity
B. conservatism
C. integrity
D. convergence
E. eradication
F. fusion

6-27 Anna Freud's impact on psychoanalysis was _____, coming not from one brilliant discovery but from a lifetime of first-rate work.

A. tangential
B. digressive
C. exorbitant
D. indiscernible
E. cumulative
F. accretive

6-28 Francis learned that by _____ his anger and resentment, and so avoiding _____, he could overcome opponents more successfully than could those who openly defied their adversaries.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. expressing	D. deceit
B. stifling	E. conflict
C. rousing	F. temperance

6-29 Sleep actually occurs _____, though one may receive clues signaling its _____ for several minutes before one falls asleep.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. erratically	D. solace
B. inevitably	E. length
C. instantaneously	F. onset

6-30 Ellen Swallow Richards, a _____ environmental preservation in the United States, campaigned during the nineteenth century to _____ responsible practices in the discipline that has come to be known as ecology.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. foil for	D. expose
B. pioneer of	E. implement
C. mitigator of	F. squelch

6-31 Laila performed her tasks at the office with _____, completing all her projects in record time.

A. alacrity
B. conformity
C. deliberation
D. readiness
E. recrimination
F. exasperation

6-32 Critics say that the autobiographical work *Brothers and Keepers* by John Edgar Wideman is surprising in that it celebrates and yet _____ his own role in the life of his brother.

A. censures
B. rebuke
C. exacerbates
D. explores
E. duplicates
F. aggravate

6-33 Many writers associated with the Harlem Renaissance were not originally from Harlem; drawn by the artistic community it provided, they _____ the place as home.

A. neglected
B. adopted
C. reprimand
D. criticized
E. espouse
F. encountered

6-34 Nicknamed the "contact lens", the device installed on the Hubble telescope successfully _____ its flawed vision, the result of a faulty mirror.

A. corrected
B. displayed
C. audit
D. scrutinized
E. accentuated
F. rectified

6-35 As an architect who rehabilitates older buildings, Roberta Washington objected to a city policy that resulted in the mass _____ of clearly _____ structures.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. protection	D. inconsequential
B. renovation	E. derelict
C. razing	F. salvageable

6-36 The treasurer was intimidated by the _____ demeanor of the auditors who neither spoke nor smiled when they arrived.

A. amiable
B. congenial
C. glacial
D. taunting
E. frigid
F. nondescript

6-37 Rodolfo Gonzales was once described as _____ in body and mind because of the flexibility and grace apparent in both his boxing and his writing of poetry and plays.

A. unyielding
B. tremulous
C. skittish
D. lissome
E. lithe
F. fickle

6-38 On the verge of financial collapse, the museum was granted a _____, receiving a much-needed _____ of cash in the form of a government loan.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. reprieve	D. infusion
B. hearing	E. inducement
C. rebate	F. advance

EXERCISE 7

KEY WORDS**Included:**

alleviate	alloy	altruism	belie
circumscribe	compose	denude	dispatch
disregard	exonerate	flourish	forthright
fraudulent	hubris	imperious	imprudent
innocuous	inquisitive	myopic	obsequious
palliate	prestige	serene	soak
soporific	stipulate	tactile	tangible
vulnerable	acclamation	adroit	amalgam
anodyne	collaborative	concert	confirm
curiosity	declaration	dexterity	disclosure
disposal	distension	divulgence	encroach
eradicate	exemplar	exploitation	gesture
hagiographic	husbandry	identify	impregnable
impulsive	indomitable	ineptitude	inflation
insolvent	lengthy	maintain	manifesto
narrow-minded	plaudit	prompt	realize
regard	repair	reserve	scent
speculation	stimulate	temper	wealth

Not Included:

encroach	1: to enter by gradual steps or by stealth into the possessions or rights of another 2: to advance beyond the usual or proper limits *the gradually encroaching sea*
plaudit	1: an act or round of applause 2: enthusiastic approval -- usually used in plural *received the plaudits of the critics*
temper	: to dilute, qualify, or soften by the addition or influence of something else : MODERATE

EXERCISE

7-1 Initially only the carpeting outside the restroom was _____ by water from the burst pipe; eventually the entire hallway flooded.

A. diverted
B. confined
C. scuttled
D. circumscribed
E. drenched
F. soaked

7-2 Communal nests have advantages and disadvantages for animals like voles and mice: they enable the animals to _____ body heat, but leave them more _____ to discovery by predators.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. maintain	D. liable
B. squander	E. vulnerable
C. stimulate	F. resistant

7-3 He displayed a nearly pathological _____, insisting on knowing every detail of his friends' lives.

A. orderliness
B. credulity
C. curiosity
D. inquisitiveness
E. morbidity
F. shyness

7-4 Despite global efforts to _____ malaria, this mosquito-borne disease continues to _____: the World Health Organization estimates that it still affects up to 500 million people a year.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. foster	D. flourish
B. scrutinize	E. flag
C. eradicate	F. camouflage

7-5 Although condemned by the review panel, to film critic Pauline Kael the movie seemed entirely _____ and unlikely to offend.

A. impressionable
B. innocuous
C. boorish
D. insensitive
E. unapproachable
F. anodyne

7-6 The reviewer characterized Madonna Swan-Abdalla's autobiography as a portrait of an _____ person, one who prevailed against great odds.

A. vulnerable
B. indomitable
C. expeditious
D. idiosyncratic
E. surmountable
F. impregnable

7-7 Although it stayed in business for several months, the company was actually _____ and met its financial obligations only by engaging in _____ activities.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. insolvent	D. fraudulent
B. prudent	E. speculative
C. autonomous	F. subordinate

7-8 Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* centers on a scientist's _____, the overweening pride that makes him believe he can usurp nature.

A. obstinacy
B. hubris
C. impetuosity
D. imperious
E. callousness
F. ruthlessness

7-9 May Sarton had a _____ career: it _____ from 1929, when *Poetry* magazine published her early sonnets, to 1994, when her last collection of poems came out.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. limited	D. developed
B. diverse	E. foundered
C. lengthy	F. lasted

7-10 Recent data recording a bottlenose whale's phenomenal dive of over 4700 feet _____ earlier _____ that such whales were among the sea's deepest divers.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. refuted	D. theories
B. challenged	E. speculations
C. confirmed	F. disclaimers

7-11 The residents of the town lived _____ lives; no one indulged in wild or _____ behavior.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. rambunctious	D. scrupulous
B. extravagant	E. impulsive
C. circumscribed	F. excessive

7-12 The study's warning that monkey populations were declining in Guatemala and Mexico was _____ by new evidence that nearby populations along the Belize River were prospering.

A. corroborated
B. tempered
C. belied
D. confirmed
E. invigorated
F. waxed

7-13 The staff complained that management was _____, focusing on short-term profits while disregarding the long-term welfare of the corporation.

A. irresolute
B. officious
C. narrow-minded
D. punctilious
E. myopic
F. prying

7-14 Efforts are finally being made to _____ the traffic congestion that plagues the downtown area.

A. engage
B. alleviate
C. transport
D. palliate
E. trivialize
F. engross

7-15 Though outwardly _____, the speaker was actually quite disturbed by the tumultuous crowd.

A. apprehensive
B. composed
C. furious
D. serene
E. considerate
F. agitated

7-16 K'ang-hsi, emperor of China from 1661 to 1722, expressed his private thoughts with a _____, rarely found in the usually _____ rulers of great empires.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. forthrightness	D. placid
B. peacefulness	E. dilatory
C. meticulousness	F. reserved

7-17 Farming had been profitable on the Great Plains for many decades, but by 1938 _____ agricultural practices and years of inadequate precipitation had _____ the land.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. shrewd	D. sustained
B. conscientious	E. denuded
C. imprudent	F. fertilized

7-18 Cathedrals usually take decades, even centuries, to complete; thus, no one expected the National Cathedral to be built with _____.

A. dispatch
B. presumption
C. durability
D. deliberation
E. endurance
F. promptness

7-19 New York designer Anna Sui creates eclectic clothes that represent an _____ of playful, 1970's funky styles fused with an edgy, urban sensibility.

A. induction
B. amalgam
C. immersion
D. alloy
E. estrangement
F. alienation

7-20 Once the principal _____ that the fire alarm had been set off by accident, she apologized to the suspected students and announced that they had been _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. realized	D. exonerated
B. denied	E. reprimanded
C. decried	F. enlightened

7-21 Although the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall had _____ that his papers be available only to scholars, the Library of Congress _____ his wishes and exhibited them to the general public.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. denigrated	D. honored
B. denied	E. executed
C. stipulated	F. disregarded

7-22 Royal garments found in the tombs of ancient Egyptians reveal no evidence of having been mended; this discovery suggests that the rulers of Egypt opted for _____ rather than _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. disposal	D. comfort
B. sacrifice	E. opulence
C. wastefulness	F. repair

7-23 The author used a rhetorical question as a terminal flourish to _____ the section of text.

A. disclose
B. rearrange
C. wind up
D. conclude
E. ascertain
F. simplify

7-24 "Foamy" viruses cause cells cultured in laboratories to swell but produce no such _____ in cells of living organism.

A. compression
B. disintegration
C. distension
D. deflation
E. dehydration
F. inflation

7-25 The two sisters selflessly dedicated their lives to the nursing profession: their _____ made them _____, ones whose ways are worthy of imitation.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. aptitude	D. eccentrics
B. erudition	E. exemplars
C. altruism	F. enigmas

7-26 Annoyed by the new employee's excessively _____ manner, the supervisor advised him that such fawning was inappropriate.

A. obsequious
B. mysterious
C. lackadaisical
D. hagiographic
E. aggressive
F. argumentative

7-27 Conservationists argue that unconstrained _____ of natural resources, which might deplete them forever, should be replaced with a policy of _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. dismissal	D. dissipation
B. exploitation	E. husbandry
C. stockpiling	F. extirpation

7-28 Much interpersonal communication is implicit in _____, expressive movements.

A. exposes
B. verbalizations
C. gestures
D. cognitions
E. intuitions
F. signs

7-29 By virtue of her extensive experience and her _____ of practical knowledge, 87-year-old Louisa Vigil was _____ by her family in New Mexico as its chief advice-giver and matriarch.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. modicum	D. consigned
B. supply	E. regarded
C. wealth	F. dismissed

7-30 Castillo's poetry has generated only enthusiastic response: praise from the general public and _____ from the major critics.

A. condemnation
B. sarcasm
C. plaudits
D. irony
E. acclamation
F. pathos

7-31 The twigs of this shrub have a signature _____ whose pungency enables people to _____ the shrub even in winter when its leaves have fallen.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. appearance	D. cultivate
B. scent	E. conceal
C. texture	F. identify

7-32 The announcement that the city would raze the landmark school building was such a distressing _____ that it provoked an outcry.

A. disclosure
B. evaluation
C. divulgence
D. enfranchisement
E. inquiry
F. liberation

7-33 Louise Erdrich and Michael Dorris co-wrote The Crown of Columbus, a _____ effort successfully mingling their individual styles as writers.

A. sporadic
B. fitful
C. collaborative
D. vicarious
E. corresponding
F. concerted

7-34 The eager members of the audience found the lecture topic _____, but unfortunately the lecturer's droning voice had a _____ effect.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. rudimentary	D. rousing
B. insipid	E. beneficial
C. stimulating	F. soporific

7-35 Displays in the Australian Museum's exhibition on dinosaurs are designed to be touched, offering visitors _____ experience.

A. an odoriferous
B. an acoustic
C. an aural
D. a rustic
E. a tactile
F. a tangible

7-36 The magician's _____ astonished us; her deft performance proved the old saying that the hand is quicker than the eye.

A. discernment
B. tenacity
C. hilarity
D. adroitness
E. dexterity
F. sagacity

7-37 Although Keller achieved national _____ as a hero, his lamentable _____ in the political arena soon became painfully apparent.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. prestige	D. rectitude
B. presage	E. finesse
C. notoriety	F. ineptitude

7-38 The professor argued that every grassroots movement needs _____: without this public declaration of motives, there can be no cohesive organization.

A. an invocation
B. a prospectus
C. a manifesto
D. an arbitration
E. a mandate
F. a declaration

EXERCISE 8

KEY WORDS**Included:**

bully	chicanery	circumscribe	consign
contiguous	cosmopolitan	discern	discretion
ecumenical	imperative	indispensable	insurgent
intimidate	lavish	mediocre	monarch
perspicacious	potentate	prodigious	quiescent
recluse	resilience	therapeutic	vulnerable

Not Included:

archipelago	a group of islands
benefactor	someone who helps another person, group, etc., by giving money
bent	a special inclination or capacity
celebrity	a person who is famous
constellation	a group of people or things that are similar in some way
credo	an idea or set of beliefs that guides the actions of a person or group
debilitate	to make (someone or something) weak : to reduce the strength of (someone or something)
emblem	a person or thing that represents an idea
epitome	a perfect example : an example that represents or expresses something very well
galactic	huge
indulge	to allow (someone) to have or do something even though it may not be proper, healthy, appropriate, etc
plain	not having any added or extra things
plasticity	the quality of being able to be made into different shapes
rebellious	refusing to obey rules or authority or to accept normal standards of behavior, dress, etc.
revitalize	to make (someone or something) active, healthy, or energetic again
strenuous	requiring or showing great energy and effort
tenet	a belief or idea that is very important to a group

EXERCISE

8-1 Common garlic has _____ properties; during the First World War British medics saved thousands of lives by wrapping wounds with garlic-soaked bandages.

A. curative
B. flavoring
C. inferior
D. therapeutic
E. infamous
F. spicy

8-2 In her poems, Alice Walker retrieves and _____ parts of Black culture that some have been all too quick to _____ the past as fossilized artifacts.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. revitalizes	D. salvage from
B. diffuses	E. consign to
C. refracts	F. defer to

8-3 The modest acceptance speech of the Academy Award-winning actress revealed a _____ that contrasted with her uninhibited screen performances.

A. discretion
B. sullenness
C. flamboyance
D. reserve
E. nonchalance
F. disregard

8-4 Because howler monkeys rarely come out of the trees in their arboreal habitat, the continued well-being of the rain forest is _____ to their survival.

A. marginal
B. tangential
C. indispensable
D. imperative
E. expeditious
F. baneful

8-5 Doug was both _____ and _____: he possessed penetrating acuity and discernment and was also extremely humble.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. perspicacious	D. unassuming
B. obtuse	E. supercilious
C. sagacious	F. penitent

8-6 The Mona Lisa, shipped in a private cabin and received by important dignitaries, was treated more like _____ than a painting upon its arrival in the United States.

A. a bohemian
B. a maverick
C. a potentate
D. an ascetic
E. a monarch
F. an interloper

8-7 Despite its patent _____, this belief has become so _____ that no amount of rational argument will suffice to eradicate it.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. implausibility	D. outmoded
B. credibility	E. entrenched
C. novelty	F. inconsequential

8-8 The charlatan's seemingly frank and open demeanor was actually a _____ means of enlisting his patient's confidence.

A. disingenuous
B. debilitating
C. uncandid
D. cathartic
E. deleterious
F. diminutive

8-9 Scientific discoveries are often thought of as the result of _____ effort, but many discoveries have, in fact, arisen from _____ or a mistake.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. incidental	D. an accident
B. systematic	E. a method
C. collaborative	F. a mishap

8-10 Nations that share a border are, by definition, _____.

A. allied
B. autonomy
C. contiguous
D. juxtaposed
E. sovereign
F. pluralistic

8-11 Much of this author's work, unfortunately, is _____ with _____ chapter often immediately following a sublime one.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. predictable	D. eloquence
B. uneven	E. a mediocre
C. enthralling	F. an intelligible

8-12 In young children, some brain cells have a _____ that enables them to take over the functions of damaged or missing brain cells.

A. detrimental
B. reminiscence
C. perniciousness
D. whimsicality
E. plasticity
F. resilience

8-13 "Less government spending" is _____ of this political party, a belief shared by most party members.

A. an acronym
B. an impasse
C. a tenet
D. a credo
E. a prospectus
F. a plight

8-14 Unable to discover how the fire started, the inspectors filed a tentative report stating that the cause was _____.

A. noteworthy
B. definitive
C. fundamental
D. unambiguous
E. indeterminate
F. inconclusive

8-15 The celebrants at the _____ party for Cinco De Mayo were understandably _____ by the spectacle of the mariachi bands and the colorful piñatas of the children.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. mundane	D. dazzled
B. somber	E. jaded
C. lavish	F. stymied

8-16 "Hawaii" refers both to the group of islands known as the Hawaiian islands and to the largest island in that _____.

A. flora
B. sierra
C. archipelago
D. flotilla
E. savanna
F. constellation

8-17 Given the exponential growth of scientific knowledge medicine is far less _____ unsubstantiated fads than it used to be; its record of folly, however, remains an undeniable _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. vulnerable to	D. embarrassment
B. suspicious of	E. felicity
C. averse to	F. impossibility

8-18 The aspiring writer, who remained _____ even after being rejected by several major publishers, felt certain of achieving literary _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. undaunted	D. abasement
B. disgruntled	E. neglect
C. obsequious	F. celebrity

8-19 Fred often used _____ to achieve his professional goals, even though such artful subterfuge alienated his colleagues.

A. chicanery
B. wile
C. consensus
D. disputation
E. disagreement
F. assent

8-20 Years of _____ lifting of heavy furniture had left him too _____ to be able to stand erect for long periods of time.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. strenuous	D. dumbfounded
B. facile	E. distracted
C. unstinting	F. debilitated

8-21 Canadian Lynn Johnston was named Cartoonist of the Year in 1985, the first woman to be so _____.

A. inspired
B. awarded
C. entrusted
D. honored
E. employed
F. invigorated

8-22 Because the photographer believed that wild animals should be _____ only in their various natural surroundings, she _____ often in her career.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. depicted	D. roamed
B. domesticated	E. spoke
C. captured	F. protested

8-23 Folk painter Grandma Moses has become such an enduring icon that many consider her _____ of America.

A. an innovator
B. an emblem
C. a successor
D. a detractor
E. an epitome
F. a nitpicker

8-24 Whether substances are medicines or poisons often depends on dosage, for substances that are _____ in small doses can be _____ in large.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. useless	D. miraculous
B. mild	E. toxic
C. curative	F. innocuous

8-25 Critics dismissed the engineer's seemingly creative design as being _____, that is, underdeveloped and lacking in sophistication.

A. defunct
B. plain
C. simplistic
D. erroneous
E. ambiguous
F. inaccurate

8-26 The professor commented to other faculty members that Sheila seemed temperamentally suited to the study of logic, given her _____ for _____ intricate arguments.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. sympathy	D. influencing
B. bent	E. unhinging
C. disregard	F. analyzing

8-27 While traveling near the Sun, the comet Hale-Bopp produced a _____ amount of dust, much more than the comets Halley or Hyakutake.

A. voracious
B. disposable
C. redundant
D. galactic
E. superficial
F. prodigious

8-28 Many private universities depend heavily on _____, the wealthy individuals who support them with gifts and bequests.

A. instructors
B. doner
C. administrators
D. manager
E. accountants
F. benefactors

8-29 One of the characters in Milton Murayama's novel is considered _____ because he deliberately defies an oppressive hierarchical society.

A. rebellious
B. impulsive
C. insurgent
D. despotic
E. industrious
F. tyrannical

8-30 Nightjars possess a camouflage perhaps unparalleled in the bird world: by day they roost hidden in shady woods, so _____ with their surroundings that they are nearly impossible to _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. vexed	D. dislodge
B. blended	E. discern
C. segregated	F. construe

8-31 Many economists believe that since resources are scarce and since human desires cannot all be _____, a method of _____ is needed.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. indulged	D. apportionment
B. usurped	E. expropriation
C. expressed	F. reparation

8-32 The range of colors that homeowners could use on the exterior of their houses was _____ by the community's stringent rules regarding upkeep of property.

A. circumscribed
B. bolstered
C. embellished
D. restricted
E. insinuated
F. cultivated

8-33 The writer came to be labeled _____ because she isolated herself in her apartment, shunning outside contact.

A. a loner
B. a miser
C. a connoisseur
D. a skinflint
E. an ingénue
F. a recluse

8-34 Some Tibetan nomads used yak butter as a _____, one that often took the place of money in commercial transactions.

A. reimbursement
B. merchandise
C. commodity
D. formula
D. refund
E. register

8-35 Geysers vary widely: some may discharge _____, whereas others may have only a brief explosive eruption and then remain _____ for hours or days.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. vehemently	D. dangerous
B. continuously	E. quiescent
C. spontaneously	F. unpredictable

8-36 Although the administration repeatedly threatened to use its authority in order to _____ the student protestors into submission, they refused to be intimidated.

A. blandish
B. delude
C. intimidate
C. cajole
D. bully
E. nudge

8-37 Only after the campaign volunteers became aware of their candidate's questionable motives could they recognize the _____ statements made in his seemingly _____ speeches.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. partisan	D. candid
B. cordial	E. surreptitious
C. duplicitous	F. astute

8-38 No longer narrowly preoccupied with their own national pasts, historians are increasingly _____ in that they often take a transnational perspective.

A. conciliatory
B. bombastic
C. mendacious
D. cosmopolitan
E. propitiatory
F. ecumenical

EXERCISE 9

KEY WORDS**Included:**

abhor	acrid	apostasy	ascetic
census	compliant	convoluted	deliberate
derivative	despise	diaphanous	diatribe
diffident	dissension	diversity	efficacious
enigma	euphonious	facetious	forthright
forthright	fracture	iconoclast	incentive
indispensable	inept	insight	myriad
negotiate	partisan	perfidy	precursor
predilection	prescience	profundity	propensity
protean	pungent	refute	reserved
reticent	spartan	supercilious	terse
tout	trenchant	trifling	versatile
viable	volatile	zealot	

Not Included:

aplomb	confidence and skill shown especially in a difficult situation
cathartic (catharsis)	the act or process of releasing a strong emotion (such as pity or fear) especially by expressing it in an art form
chronicle	a description of events in the order that they happened
embellish	to decorate (something) by adding special details and features
flippant	lacking proper respect or seriousness
incisive	very clear and direct: able to explain difficult ideas clearly and confidently
insatiable	always wanting more : not able to be satisfied
philippic	a discourse or declamation full of bitter condemnation
picayune	something trivial
precocious	having or showing the qualities or abilities of an adult at an unusually early age
progenitor	an ancestor in the direct line : forefather
rack	to cause to suffer torture, pain, anguish, or ruin
unleash	to allow or cause (something very powerful) to happen suddenly
unslakable	unable to be slaked : unquenchable

EXERCISE

9-1 *Black Americans in Fight*, a mural honoring several aviation pioneers, also _____ the 1992 spaceflight of astronaut Mae Jemison.

A. discerns
B. alleges
C. approximates
D. commemorates
E. asserts
F. monumentalize

9-2 The new antifungal agent has such _____ uses, from treating Dutch elm disease to rescuing water-damaged works of art from molds, that it is considered one of the more _____ antibiotics.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. innovative	D. precipitous
B. varied	E. discriminating
C. mysterious	F. versatile

9-3 The child had a tendency toward aggressive behavior, a _____ fighting rather than resolving differences amicably.

A. propensity for
B. confusion about
C. disregard of
D. bent for
E. compunction about
F. hostility toward

9-4 Physical exercise often has a _____ effect, releasing emotional tension and refreshing the spirit.

A. pejorative
B. unleashing
C. cathartic
D. retentive
E. tenacious
F. derogatory

9-5 Because rap and hip-hop offer such _____ commentary on contemporary issues, they are often said to be sharp-edged musical genres.

A. nebulous
B. trenchant
C. incisive
D. prosaic
E. evasive
F. circumspect

9-6 Some fans feel that sports events are _____ only when the competitors are of equal ability, making the outcome of the game _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. prosaic	D. unambiguous
B. stereotyped	E. foreseen
C. exciting	F. uncertain

9-7 Alfred Schnittke's musical compositions are _____: phrases are clipped, broken into sections, and split apart by long rests.

A. fractured
B. improvisational
C. fragmented
D. homogeneous
E. uniform
F. garnished

9-8 The consumer advocate claimed that while drug manufacturers _____ the supposed advantages of their proprietary brands, generic versions of the same medications are often equally _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. tout	D. efficacious
B. research	E. counterproductive
C. extract	F. prescriptive

9-9 Latoya's _____ is shown by her ability to be _____; she can see her own faults more clearly than anyone else can.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. cynicism	D. self-critical
B. objectivity	E. self-centered
C. insightfulness	F. self-destructive

9-10 The bearded dragon lizard is a voracious eater, so _____ that it will consume as many insects as possible.

A. unslakable
B. cannibalistic
C. continent
D. insatiable
E. slovenly
F. abstemious

9-11 Because drummer Tony Williams paved the way for later jazz-fusion musicians, he is considered a _____ of that style.

A. connoisseur
B. revivalist
C. precursor
D. disparager
E. progenitor
F. depreciator

9-12 The politician's speech to the crowd was composed of nothing but _____, a bitter railing against the party's opponents.

A. panegyric
B. diatribes
C. philippic
D. machinations
E. acclamations
F. platitudes

9-13 Favoring economy of expression in writing, the professor urged students toward a _____ rather than an _____ prose style.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. terse	D. embellished
B. baroque	E. opinionated
C. personal	F. academic

9-14 As a child, Mary _____ her stringent upbringing; however, as she grew older she began to appreciate her grandmother's strict _____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. embraced	D. autonomy
B. despised	E. discipline
C. tolerate	F. abstinence

9-15 His mouth stinging and burning, Virgil hurried to the kitchen for water to wash away the dish's _____ taste.

A. earthy
B. pungent
C. outlandish
D. acrid
E. succulent
F. exotic

9-16 Since other seabirds customarily nest in colonies on ocean cliffs and islands, the marbled murrelet's _____ nesting in forests many miles from the sea must be considered _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. ambivalence about	D. atypical
B. aversion to	E. bold
C. predilection for	F. dangerous

9-17 The cause of Mozart's _____ is a long-standing medical _____: over the years, physicians have suggested more than 100 possibilities, including poisoning, malnutrition, kidney disease, and hear failure.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. demise	D. enigma
B. bereavement	E. trial
C. genius	F. phenomenon

9-18 At first the children were _____, but as the morning progressed they began to laugh and talk eagerly.

A. ostentatious
B. naïve
C. reserved
D. puerile
E. reticent
F. solicitous

9-19 Oren missed the play's overarching significance, focusing instead on details so minor that they would best be described as _____.

A. ingrained
B. indelible
C. moribund
D. picayune
E. trifling
F. impervious

9-20 Her political _____ came from her _____ vision of the nation, a vision that included and drew strength from every social constituency.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. success	D. mystical
B. autonomy	E. comprehensive
C. reticence	F. conventional

9-21 As one would expect the reclusive poet _____ public appearance and invasions of privacy.

A. advocated
B. abhorred
C. neglected
D. invited
E. detested
F. endorsed

9-22 Turn-of-the-century actress Sarah Bernhardt had so _____ a talent that she _____ audiences with her (diverse) and utterly convincing characterizations.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. protean	D. bedazzled
B. quixotic	E. confounded
C. mediocre	F. wearied

9-23 In the classroom, Carol was unusually _____; on the playground, however, she became as intractable as the other children.

A. compliant
B. mercurial
C. magnanimous
D. taciturn
E. docile
F. volatile

9-24 Bubble gum is not a topic usually treated seriously, so it is appropriate that this new book tracing the cultured history bubble gum has a _____ tone.

A. morbid
B. didactic
C. pedantic
D. flippant
E. facetious
F. reticent

9-25 Jamake Highwater manages to touch on the arts of almost every American Indian nation in one reasonably sized book that makes up for its occasional lack of _____ with its remarkable _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. uniqueness	D. detail
B. profundity	E. inclusiveness
C. discontinuity	F. comparability

9-26 Though Judd is typically _____ and reserved in social gatherings, at last night's reception he spoke and acted with uncharacteristic _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. querulous	D. aplomb
B. loquacious	E. languor
C. diffident	F. decorum

9-27 Most politician find television _____ to the _____ of their messages: the medium plays an (essential) roles in [propagating] their ideas.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. detrimental	D. interpretation
B. tangential	E. legislation
C. indispensable	F. dissemination

9-28 Canaries are often said to have _____ voices because they make such sweet harmonious sound.

A. cacophonous
B. euphonious
C. melodious
D. inaudible
E. strident
F. unnatural

9-29 The _____ plots of Agatha Christie's detective stories reflect the complexities hidden beneath the simple appearances of English village life.

A. intricate
B. discrete
C. convoluted
D. forthright
E. vacuous

F. straightforward

9-30 Government officials authorized _____ because they want to have a complete enumeration of the country's population.

A. discontinuance

B. an appointment

C. an imposition

D. a census

E. a levy

F. a nose-count

9-31 Even in her fiction writing, Denise Chavez functions as a link of historian in that she _____ the real experiences of Hispanic women through her characters.

A. predicts

B. defends

C. chronicles

D. documents

E. surmises

F. forecasts

9-32 Fanatically committed to one political cause, Anderson was a _____, maintaining an exclusively _____ outlook.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. maverick

D. partisan

B. zealot

E. provincial

C. rebel

F. altruistic

9-33 The outbreak of disease could not be labeled pandemic, since despite its rapid _____ it remained confined to one small region.

A. dissemination

B. advancement

C. spread

D. symptoms

E. improvement

F. fading

9-34 The author's theory about modern design had an enormous impact when first published, but as _____ as it was then, it is now clearly _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. lackluster

D. erudite

B. primitive

E. outdated

C. influential

F. impressive

9-35 Texas is known for its wild orchids, whose _____ is evident in their _____ colors: 52 species have been catalogued, ranging from pure white to bright red.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. novelty	D. uniform
B. diversity	E. myriad
C. toxicity	F. vibrant

9-36 In 1974 the committee overseeing the Pulitzer Prize in Literature was _____ so much _____ that it bestowed no award at all that year.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. racked with	D. concordance
B. emboldened by	E. scrutiny
C. exempt from	F. dissension

9-37 Pablo Picasso was _____ youth; his extraordinary artistic talent was obvious at a very early age.

A. an articulate
B. an immature
C. a greenhand
D. a precocious
E. a premature
F. a callow

9-38 Jared has the habits of _____: he lives simply and donates most of his income to local charities.

A. a skeptic
B. a spartan
C. a doubter
D. an insurgent
E. an ascetic
F. a pundit

EXERCISE 12

KEY WORDS**Included:**

abandon	autonomy	benign	condemn
convoluted	cryptic	forestall	improvise
munificent	nonchalant	occult	ostentatious
perfunctory	pragmatic	recessive	relinquish
resign	resolute	restitution	skimp
stodgy	strident	suppress	tedious
vestigial			

Not Included:

backlash	a strong public reaction against something
degenerate:	having declined or become less specialized (as in nature, character, structure, or function) from an ancestral or former state
demographic	the study of changes (such as the number of births, deaths, marriages, and illnesses) that occur over a period of time in human populations
enthraling	to hold the attention of (someone) by being very exciting, interesting, or beautiful
franchise	the right to vote
gracious	very polite in a way that shows respect
grating	to cause irritation
itinerant	traveling from place to place
polemical	polemic: a strong written or spoken attack against someone else's opinions, beliefs, practices, etc
regressive	regress: an act or the privilege of going or coming back
speculative	based on guesses or ideas about what might happen or be true rather than on facts
suffrage	the right to vote in an election
transgression	infringement or violation of a law, command, or duty
unstinting way	used to say that someone gives something (such as praise or support) in a very strong and generous
commiserative	to express sadness or sympathy for someone who has experienced something unpleasant
compassion	sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it

denizen:	inhabitant
forerunner	a sign of something that is going to happen
methodology	a set of methods, rules, or ideas that are important in a science or art : a particular procedure or set of procedures
parochial	limited to only the things that affect your local area
tenacity	tenacious: very determined to do something
veneration	respect or awe inspired by the dignity, wisdom, dedication, or talent of a person

EXERCISE

12-1 Momentum gathered for a new property tax, but the _____ from home owners was so great that this proposal had to be _____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. backlash	D. endorsed
B. publicity	E. revealed
C. penalty	F. abandoned

12-2 Most of the students found the lecturer's speech _____; in fact, it was so dull that some even nodded off.

A. illuminating
B. cryptic
C. tedious
D. stodgy
E. disjointed
F. occult

12-3 The attempts of epidemiologists to _____ the infectious disease ultimately proved futile: as soon as they managed to _____ it in one community, it would emerge somewhere else.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. contain	D. extend
B. replicate	E. check
C. defend	F. unleash

12-4 The accused affected a _____ air during the interview; he made no vehement protestation of innocence, just a _____ denial of guilt.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. nonchalant	D. loquacious
B. bombastic	E. scathing
C. pugnacious	F. perfunctory

12-5 The award-winning novel is such _____ tale that its very intricacy has a daunting effect on readers.

A. a convoluted
B. a culpable
C. a succinct
D. an enthralling
E. an involved
F. a gripping

12-6 Women in the United States gained _____ long after Black American men did, but Black citizens had greater difficulty exercising their new voting rights.

A. restitution
B. suffrage
C. solace
D. franchise
E. initiatives
F. indemnification

12-7 Marketing firms rely heavily on _____ information: statistical data about the size, growth, and distribution of human populations.

A. classified
B. demographic
C. conjectural
D. qualitative
E. speculative
F. sampling

12-8 Selecting not to stay in subordinate positions in large firms, some attorneys _____, seeking more _____ and independence elsewhere.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. resign	D. conformity
B. persevere	E. autonomy
C. acquiesce	F. banality

12-9 The kiwi bird's wings are _____: that is, they are rudiments of wings and serve no function.

A. degenerated
B. vestigial
C. decorative
D. invasive
E. kinetic
F. ostentatious

12-10 Because all members of this organization are idealists, they _____ any assertion that political enterprises should be purely _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. ignore	D. indulgent
B. condone	E. pragmatic
C. condemn	F. universal

12-11 The critic noted that the _____ tone that characterizes much of the writer's work stands in stark contrast to his gentle dispositions.

A. strident
B. somber
C. stoic
D. gracious
E. grating
F. benign

12-13 Peter was _____ without being _____: he held fast to his beliefs but avoided arguing about them with others.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. resolute	D. acquiescent
B. haphazard	E. polemical
C. sentimental	F. philanthropic

12-14 African American poet Lucille Clifton writes in a notably _____ style, achieving great impact in a few unadorned works.

A. incantatory
B. economical
C. disaffected
D. unembellished
E. munificent
F. unstinting

12-15 Unlike some entertainers whose performances rarely vary, jazz great Louis Armstrong frequently _____ during his performances, spontaneously _____ new phrasing in existing songs.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. vocalized	D. bungling
B. improvised	E. introducing

C. deliberated	F. rehearsing
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12-16 Not wanting to speak _____, Julia _____ the urge to announce her scientific finding until she had double-checked the data.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. harshly	D. defined
B. enthusiastically	E. indulged
C. prematurely	F. suppressed

12-17 Some readers find the crime fiction for Patricia Highsmith to be _____ because her protagonists are not always punished for their _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. immoral	D. altruism
B. ethical	E. temperance
C. redemptive	F. transgressions

12-18 People did not suddenly learn to use fire, but did so slowly over time with countless advances offset by _____ period.

A. recessive
B. fertile
C. accumulated
D. contemplative
E. explosive
F. regressive

12-19 Hoping to preserve natural habitats, conservationists lobbies for legislation that would _____ commercial development in these areas.

A. skimp
B. accommodate
C. economize
D. diversity
E. arrest
F. forestall

12-20 Because her new job required daily attendance, Joan was obliged to _____ her formerly _____ lifestyle as a traveling musician.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. relinquish	D. sedentary
B. perpetuate	E. lavish
C. glorify	F. itinerant

12-21 As scientist at the Smithsonian have observed, the institution`s range of scientific inquiry may be _____, but its financial resources are far less _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. predictable	D. extensive
B. vast	E. stable
C. admirable	F. limited

12-22 As advocates of free speech confront those who would regulate entertainment strictly, the debate over shocking content in movies will likely

A. abate
B. escalate
C. mediate
D. wax
E. decline
F. conclude

12-23 The author`s love of harmonious and pleasing sounds was reflected in the _____ phrases of her fiction.

A. mellifluous
B. perfidious
C. bellicose
D. euphonious
E. sympathetic
F. commiserative

12-24 The respect accorded choreographer Martha Graham by her students and colleagues alike was so great that it amounted to _____.

A. exasperation
B. commiseration
C. reverence
D. compassion
E. veneration
F. consternation

12-25 The speaker announced that her primary focus would be on broad global concerns rather than on _____ issues.

A. parochial
B. substantive
C. disputatious
D. contentious
E. contemporary

F. insular

12-26 The scientist warned that global warming might _____ a dangerous _____ of some mosquito-borne disease, resulting in an increasing number of epidemics around the world.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. precede	D. resurgence
B. stimulate	E. decline
C. eliminate	F. quarantine

12-27 The seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were the era when Pueblo pottery was least likely to be _____ and from which consequently, the fewest authentic examples _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. discovered	D. survive
B. preserved	E. disappear
C. promoted	F. originate

12-28 Some psychologists argue that a _____ of choices can be paralyzing, since too many options can impede meaningful selection.

A. nip
B. manifestation
C. plethora
D. modicum
E. misapplication
F. surfeit

12-29 His goal was to _____ the committee's deliberations, and a measure of his success was the ease with which a decision was reached.

A. perplex
B. accelerate
C. facilitate
D. debilitate
E. exacerbate
F. obfuscate

12-30 The Classical Age of Greece, 500 B.C. to 323 B.C., was characterized by contradictions: it was a mix of superstition and _____, of _____ concepts and centuries-old traditions.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. intuition	D. reputable
B. rationality	E. established
C. revelation	F. revolutionary

12-31 Celia Tomlinson personifies _____: she overcame poverty, language barriers, and discriminations to found, own, and operate her own engineering company.

A. indomitableness
B. nonchalance
C. circumspection
D. expediency
E. prudence
F. tenacity

12-32 The crude animated effects _____ projected images from seventeenth-century lantern slides have now been recognized as _____ of modern film animation.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. afforded by	D. derivatives
B. forestalled by	E. replicas
C. complemented by	F. forerunners

12-33 The _____ of impact craters on Venus suggests that erosion may have smoothed its surface over the past billion years.

A. magnitude
B. pittance
C. spate
D. ruggedness
E. panoply
F. paucity

12-34 Certain clear patterns in the metamorphosis of a butterfly indicate that the process is _____.

A. systematic
B. methodical
C. spontaneous
D. experimental
E. unwilling
F. involuntary

12-35 The book's final chapter on Mildred Imach Cleghorn suffers from an obvious _____: it fails to cover Cleghorn's years as an Apache tribal leader.

A. extravagance
B. inconsistency
C. omission
D. misconception
E. incoherence
F. lapse

12-36 To keep their negotiations _____, the leaders of rival groups in the country arranged meetings that were _____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. relaxed	D. clandestine
B. secret	E. illicit
C. productive	F. prestigious

12-37 Darren's sensitivity to his celebrity clients is nothing short of _____: he is able to _____ their needs before they themselves are fully aware of them.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. superfluous	D. forestall
B. interminable	E. anticipate
C. preternatural	F. minimize

12-38 Detractors attacked the study's _____, claiming that researchers used lax procedures to gather and analyze data.

A. hypothesis
B. predictability
C. methodology
D. procedure
E. inflexibility
F. assumption

12-39 The musical Scrambled Feir _____ the _____ of the theatrical world, poking fun at actors, directors, play wrights, and audiences alike.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. glorifies	D. denizens
B. spoofs	E. pitfalls
C. avoids	F. genres

EXERCISE 13

KEY WORDS**Included:**

abstemious	anachronistic	backfire	connoisseur
consequence	delusion	dilatory	discreet
erudite	finicky	indifferent	laconic
mitigate	nominal	opprobrious	palliate
prudent	pundit	repress	retrieve
simulate	subdue	temperate	trifling
virtuoso	trivial	truncate	repeal
abbreviate	candor	complacent	cosmopolitan
digress	disregard	enigma	fluent
headlong	humble	ingenuous	liberal
lucid	mishap	momentous	nonchalant
nuance	pedestrian	precipitate	

Not Included:

adulatory	excessive or slavish admiration or flattery
apathetic	not having or showing much emotion or interest
defusing	defuse: to make (something) less serious, difficult, or tense
discriminating	liking only things that are of good quality
equanimity	calm emotions when dealing with problems or pressure
exhaustive	including all possibilities : very thorough
garner	to get or receive (something wanted or valued)
groundbreaker	one that innovates
impalpable	not readily discerned by the mind
imperceptible	not perceptible by a sense or by the mind
outdated	no longer current
patron	a person who gives money and support to an artist, organization, etc.
polymath	someone who knows a lot about many different things
streamline	to make simpler or more efficient
sycophantic	sycophant: a servile self-seeking flatterer
ultimatum	a final threat
verbosity	using more words than are needed

vituperative	uttering or given to censure: containing or characterized by verbal abuse
armistice	an agreement to stop fighting a war
artifice	dishonest or insincere behavior or speech that is meant to deceive someone
cerebral	related to the mind rather than to feelings
craftiness	clever in usually a deceptive or dishonest way
magnanimous	having or showing a generous and kind nature
munificence	very generous
perspicuous	plain to the understanding especially because of clarity and precision of presentation

EXERCISE

13-1 The field of cinematography of is evolving so rapidly that cinematographers must constantly _____ their skills to keep pace with the craft.

A. harvest
B. advance
C. rehash
D. dislodge
E. update
F. garner

13-2 True vertigo is not mere dizziness but _____ motion: an involuntary, erroneous perception that one is moving.

A. a precursor to
B. an illusion of
C. an effect of
D. a suspicion of
E. a consequence of
F. a delusion of

13-3 While serving as editor of the Anchorage Daily News, Katherine Fanning significantly increased the news-paper's _____, making it Alaska's _____ paper.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. integrity	D. underground
B. liability	E. oldest
C. readership	F. favorite

13-4 Commentators suggested that many students of the 1950s were _____ radical politics because they saw nothing in American life against which they should revolt.

A. apathetic to
B. susceptible to
C. implicated in
D. indifferent to
E. discreet about
F. prudent in

13-5 Through his term, Governor Clayton was considered _____ and _____: he said little and did even less.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. laconic	D. productive
B. supercilious	E. energetic
C. loquacious	F. ineffectual

13-6 The movie star's often infuriating behavior on the set had few lasting effects: he was so adept at _____ his colleagues' irritation with a joke that he easily restored their _____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. defusing	D. despondency
B. prolonging	E. aloofness
C. conceding	F. equanimity

13-7 The archaeologist's examination of the evidence was remarkably careful and thorough: indeed, it was nothing short of _____.

A. exhaustive
B. nominal
C. trifling
D. combative
E. vicarious
F. thorough

13-8 Carla draws _____ responses, reactions characterized by verbal abuse, from those disagree with her most strongly.

A. languorous
B. adulatory
C. amicable
D. opprobrious

E. vituperative

F. sycophantic

13-9 Anishinabe activist Winona LaDuke has worked to _____ many parcels of tribal land that, over decades, have been lost through sales or foreclosures.

A. retrieve

B. publicize

C. repress

D. subdue

E. recover

F. abolish

13-10 The route was not _____: it was mazelike, confusing, and difficult to follow.

A. imperceptible

B. impalpable

C. unambiguous

D. substantial

E. straightforward

F. ascendant

13-11 Even imperiously demanded that he be awarded a much-needed raise or be dismissed, _____ that _____ when he was summarily terminated.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. an innuendo

D. lingered

B. an entreaty

E. sufficed

C. an ultimatum

F. backfired

13-12 Many animals are able to _____ the harmful effects of cold weather by means of feathers, fur or blubber.

A. palliate

B. decry

C. mitigate

D. predict

E. simulate

F. imitate

13-13 To students accustomed to using calculators, the textbook's suggestion that computations be made by hand was _____.

A. scholarly

B. prescient

C. erudite

D. unequivocal

E. anachronistic

F. outdated

13-14 Many people mistakenly imagine that life in space is full of ____; in reality, an astronaut's day includes many tasks so ____ as to be boring.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. tedium

D. sporadic

B. difficulty

E. leisurely

C. excitement

F. routine

13-15 Marine biologists consider sea otters ____ eaters because otters select only two or three kinds of prey out of thirty potential food sources.

A. irregular

B. discriminating

C. finicky

D. carnivorous

E. temperate

F. abstemious

13-16 Patricia Roberts Harris is considered a ____, having been the first African American woman to serve in a presidential cabinet.

A. pioneer

B. visionary

C. pundit

D. groundbreaker

E. bureaucrat

F. polymath

13-17 In an effort to ____ her writing, Lauren attempted to eliminate the ____ and make only points that were truly necessary.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. disguise

D. usefulness

B. streamline

E. verbosity

C. complicate

F. terseness

13-18 The foundation has been appropriately labeled ____ of the arts, as many painters and artists have received its financial support.

A. a connoisseur

B. a friend

C. a virtuoso

D. a patron

E. an executor

F. a beneficiary

13-19 The senator never formally declared her opposition to the proposed legislation; instead, she engineered a series of _____ actions that ultimately _____ passage of the bill.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. expeditious	D. facilitated
B. proverbial	E. disconcerted
C. dilatory	F. forestalled

13-20 That Carl Stokes, former mayor of Cleveland, was truly _____ is evident from the significant impact he had in many different arenas.

A. humble
B. unassuming
C. influential
D. reflective
E. aloof
F. weighty

13-21 Though the work of celebrated artist Eugene Delacroix _____ accolades from both art critics and the public, he remain _____, someone shrouded in mystery.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. distributed	D. a paradox
B. garnered	E. an enigma
C. excluded	F. a revelation

13-22 Gwendolyn Brooks was _____ writer: she wrote more than twenty books of poetry as well as numerous essays and reviews.

A. an eloquent
B. productive
C. an idiosyncratic
D. a prolific
E. a fluent
F. a subversive

13-23 His book on the history of science is admittedly conventional, perhaps even _____; nevertheless it is _____ work that covers a formidable amount of ground.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. pedestrian	D. a superficial
B. inscrutable	E. an edifying

C. audacious	F. a contentious
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13-24 The executive was faulted for acting _____, for implementing sweeping changes without fully considering what the consequence might be.

A. regretfully
B. remorsefully
C. disingenuously
D. precipitately
E. headlong
F. belligerently

13-25 The discoveries made by Nobel Prize-winning geneticist Barbara McClintock considered to be among the major _____ of twentieth-century biological science.

A. deliberations
B. regulations
C. suggestions
D. accomplishments
E. achievements
F. proposals

13-26 In the United States, social activists who strongly _____ a particular law can attempt to obtain a constitutional amendment to _____ it.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. cope with	D. ignore
B. object to	E. repeal
C. interact with	F. support

13-27 Because Alex was a very _____ person, he found satisfaction only in work that involved intellectual stimulation.

A. intellectual
B. peripheral
C. cerebral
D. self-satisfied
E. complacent
F. superficial

13-28 Readers of history often marvel that _____ events were triggered by actions that seemed _____ at the time.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. inconsequential	D. unconscionable
B. arbitrary	E. capricious

C. momentous	F. trivial
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13-29 Place-names can be strikingly _____: there is, for example, nothing particularly _____ about the town of Peculiar, Missouri.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. inapt	D. odd
B. descriptive	E. controversial
C. inimitable	F. congruous

13-30 Such was Norton's generosity that he was at times criticized for being _____ to a fault.

A. nonchalant
B. magnanimous
C. scrupulous
D. perfunctory
E. substantial
F. liberal

13-31 Identifying Lusia Capetillo only with the early labor union movement in Puerto Rico _____ the _____ nature of her career: she also worked in Florida, New York, and Cuba.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. impugns	D. contentious
B. condones	E. cosmopolitan
C. disregards	F. innovative

13-32 The singer displays her sensitivity to delicate shades of meaning and feeling in the recording: her performance is a model of _____.

A. craftiness
B. gradation
C. denotation
D. nuance
E. parody
F. artifice

13-33 More concerned with contributing to science than with earning public acclaim, nineteenth-century astronomer Caroline Herschel _____ the _____ she received for her achievements.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. relished	D. recognition
B. resisted	E. seclusion
C. demanded	F. subordination

13-34 The art professor was never one to ____: she always stuck closely to the subject of every lecture.

A. carp
B. deviate
C. abbreviate
D. retaliate
E. digress
F. truncate

13-35 A researcher who described a peaceful reunion between normally adversarial chimpanzees as a _____ was criticized for inferring human motives.

A. truce
B. competition
C. mischance
D. coincidence
E. mishap
F. armistice

13-36 Because insect communities serve as a sort of barometer, _____ conditions in their _____, an entomologist's analysis of the insect species in a handful of soil can reveal much about the ecosystem.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. preserving	D. environment
B. stabilizing	E. range
C. registering	F. destination

13-37 In stark contrast to the vague and often rambling comments of other students, Jessica's remarks were refreshingly _____.

A. ambiguous
B. verbose
C. perspicuous
D. convoluted
E. lucid
F. equivocal

13-38 Nineteenth-century Plains Indians valued _____ quite highly and expected their elites to be the most giving of all.

A. generosity
B. intrepidity
C. ingenuousness
D. candor
E. jocularly
F. munificence

EXERCISE 14

KEY WORDS**Included:**

agreeable	ally	arduous	assuage
auspicious	autonomy	badinage	banter
bombast	compose	compunction	confound
conjecture	consummate	convoluted	dilettante
diplomatic	dire	discreet	eclectic
erode	escalate	expurgate	extol
imperturbable	inept	laborious	lucid
misgiving	mollify	moribund	nonplus
paramount	partisan	persevere	plummet
profusion	propitious	prudent	redundant
repress	resurgence	scorn	serene
subdue	superfluous	tout	

Not Included:

absolutist	absolutism: advocacy of a rule by absolute standards or principles
affluence	abundant flow or supply
alliance	a union between people, groups, countries, etc
aplomb	confidence and skill shown especially in a difficult situation
averse	having an active feeling of repugnance or distaste
casting	the assignment of parts and duties to actors or performers
cognitive	of, relating to, or involving conscious mental activities
combat	active fighting especially in a war
debauch	to corrupt by intemperance or sensuality
delude	to cause (someone) to believe something that is not true
devastate	to destroy much or most of (something) : to cause great damage or harm to (something)
emulative	emulation: imitation
epistemic	of or relating to knowledge or knowing
gratifying	giving pleasure or satisfaction
hapless	having no luck : very unfortunate

incarnation	a person who represents a quality or idea
indecision	difficulty in making a decision
indecisive	not able to make choices quickly and confidently
infinitesimal	extremely small
introspection	the process of examining your own thoughts or feelings
irresolution	not certain about what to do
licit	conforming to the requirements of the law
meddle	to become involved in the activities and concerns of other people when your involvement is not wanted
mimetic	imitative
resuscitation	to bring (someone who is unconscious, not breathing, or close to death) back to a conscious or active state again
rivalry	a state or situation in which people or groups are competing with each other
whimsical	subject to erratic behavior or unpredictable change

EXERCISE

14-1 The works of Paraguayan artist Carlos Colombino are _____: they include sculpture, painting, printmaking, and architecture.

A. distorted
B. whimsical
C. eclectic
D. instructive
E. varied
F. capricious

14-2 Some actors have complained that the director, rather than treating them as his _____, dominated them and expected them to be _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. equals	D. recalcitrant
B. rivals	E. remorseful
C. Protégé	F. subservient

14-3 The Prime Minister handled the crisis calmly and dispassionately, thereby enhancing his reputation for being _____.

A. conciliatory
B. prejudiced
C. composed
D. imperturbable

E. cynical

F. partisan

14-4 Writing in a straightforward as opposed to _____ style, the author produced _____ argument that shed new light on a controversial topic.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. a candid

D. a nonsensical

B. a austere

E. a lucid

C. a convoluted

F. a poignant

14-5 The scientist ____ the value of an interdisciplinary approach to environment studies, arguing such an approach was of paramount importance in promoting environmental literacy among students.

A. ignored

B. disparaged

C. touted

D. extolled

E. perturbed

F. imploded

14-6 In retrospect, the presidency of Dwight Eisenhower is perceived as _____ period because it was relatively free of domestic turmoil.

A. a tranquil

B. an intractable

C. a dire

D. an intimidating

E. a vanquished

F. a serene

14-7 The two astronomers who simultaneously discovered Comet Hale-Bopp were _____: individuals pursuing astronomy as an interest, not as a profession.

A. researchers

B. amateurs

C. skeptics

D. dilettantes

E. pioneers

F. experimenters

14-8 The dictator ____ democracy as the _____ of ordinary citizens in government affairs.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. lauded

D. absence

B. scorned	E. meddling
C. endorsed	F. duty

14-9 The two friends occasionally indulged in _____, as they both enjoyed a bout of good-natured teasing.

A. banter
B. grandiloquence
C. badinage
D. controversy
E. blather
F. bombast

14-10 Never an _____, but tending instead to see both sides of an issue, the senator was considered _____ by those who did not know her well.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. absolutist	D. arrogant
B. ideologue	E. adamant
C. elitist	F. indecisive

14-11 The passengers experienced an intimacy not uncommon among vacationers spending days together, an intimacy more often due to _____ than to any community of taste.

A. proximity
B. compatibility
C. vicinity
D. profusion
E. recalcitrance
F. affluence

14-12 Chairperson and CEO Andrea Jung has revitalized her company, considered _____ in recent years, to one whose products now attract millions of consumers worldwide.

A. avant-grade
B. moribund
C. auspicious
D. dying
E. propitious
F. spurious

14-13 Jessica was ____ by Jon`s angry outburst: she literally did not know what to say, think, or do.

A. disenchanted
B. mollified
C. assuaged
D. beguiled
E. nonplussed
F. confounded

14-14 In Dorothy West`s novel *The Living Is Easy*, the main character feels ____ by her father`s authority, resenting his attempts to check her ____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. favored	D. anger
B. revived	E. patience
C. limited	F. independence

14-15 Believing that the problem could be solved if enough information were garnered, the scientist vowed to ____ her research as long as some ____ of obtaining additional data existed.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. dispense with	D. likelihood
B. terminate	E. doubtfulness
C. persevere in	F. pretext

14-16 Once the animal`s usual sources of nourishment have been exhausted, acorns are its only means of ____.

A. resuscitation
B. distraction
C. subsistence
D. survival
E. resurgence
F. camouflage

14-17 Although many of the students had found the assignment ____, Harrison completed it with ease.

A. frivolous
B. laborious
C. gratifying
D. arduous

E. agreeable

F. timely

14-18 Juan is _____ examining his own feelings and motives: he cannot tolerate _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. accustomed to

D. adulation

B. averse to

E. introspection

C. mindful of

D. spontaneity

14-19 The new governor attempted to win the public's sympathy by _____ himself as the _____ inheritor of his predecessor's fiscal mismanagement.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. casting

D. grateful

B. applauding

E. complicit

C. commending

F. hapless

14-20 Rebecca knew that to finish her project she must overcome her tendency toward _____ and learn to make up her mind.

A. indecision

B. independence

C. buoyancy

D. irresolution

E. expertise

F. autonomy

14-21 Jane Eyre is among the most _____ of feminist novels: it is still widely _____ more than 150 years after its publication.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. confusing

D. mimicked

B. provocative

E. read

C. enduring

F. overlooked

14-22 Led by Massasoit and William Bradford, the Wampanoag communities and Plymouth Colony created a military and economic _____, drawing upon one another's resources for decades.

A. combat

B. stalemate

C. dilemma
D. rivalry
E. alliance
F. ally

14-23 Jason's gullibility was remarkable: he _____ the most outrageous assertions and was therefore much too easily _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. trusted	D. apprehended
B. proposed	E. deluded
C. repeated	F. imitated

14-24 Because curiosity is deemed the _____ of the scientific temperament, theoretical physicist Richard Feynman, renowned for his ceaseless questioning, was regarded by some as an _____ of the scientific spirit.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. bane	D. incarnation
B. essence	E. adversary
C. inverse	F. inception

14-25 The editorial charged that some contemporary music _____ fundamental social values by glamorizing what is essentially an outlaw lifestyle.

A. enjoins
B. erodes
C. debauches
D. spawns
E. escalates
F. augments

14-26 Some people believe a parrot can comprehend the words it utters, but most biologists believe parrots lack such _____ ability.

A. auditory
B. cognitive
C. emulative
D. mimetic
E. prophetic
F. epistemic

14-27 Nothing in the essay is _____: every sentence contributes in an essential way to the overall meaning.

A. paramount
B. querulous
C. redundant
D. mandatory

E. superfluous

F. consummate

14-28 Unlike the wild turkey, which can successfully fly for short distances, the domesticated turkey is completely ____ flight.

A. subject to

B. bend to

C. inept at

D. captivated by

E. incapable of

F. worthy of

14-29 Morale among the staff scientists ____ when the director dolefully announced that chances of the projects' receiving additional funding were ____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. soared

D. overwhelming

B. plummeted

E. calculable

C. splintered

F. infinitesimal

14-30 The slogan "What goes up must come down" was so universally accepted by economists that it was considered ____.

A. a conjecture

B. an axiom

C. a fad

D. a testimonial

E. a speculation

F. a maxim

14-31 The corporation's code of ethics is ludicrous; its principles are either ____, offering clichés in lieu of guidance, or so unspecific as to make any behavior ____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. platitudinous

D. unlikely

B. anonymous

E. portentous

C. instructive

F. permissible

14-32 Sally, thoroughly convinced of her own importance, often acts without ____: she feels no guilt, for example, about appropriating her brother's possessions.

A. compunction

B. assurance

C. misgiving
D. indignation
E. inducement
F. aplomb

14-33 While the official's actions were widely denounced, they were nonetheless ____, fully within the boundaries of recognized laws.

A. profitable
B. legal
C. advantageous
D. licit
E. disturbing
F. unforgivable

14-34 While tributyltin (TBT) is generally not as ____ as certain other toxic substances, studies of damaging effects on marine life show it is ____ to mollusk fisheries.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. neutral	D. essential
B. controversial	E. devastating
C. dangerous	F. attracted

14-35 Eager to maintain the party's lighthearted atmosphere, the host skillfully averted ____ between two of his guests with ____ change of subject.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. a quarrel	D. a diplomatic
B. a friendship	E. an ineffectual
C. an respite	F. an irritating

14-36 Although normally cheerful and energetic, Nathan was noticeably ____ during the week preceding the announcement of the pending job transfers.

A. coherent
B. discreet
C. subdued
D. prudent
E. methodical
F. repressed

14-37 The editor removed large portions of the manuscript, ____ entire

paragraphs that she considered either erroneous or ____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. fabricating	D. simplistic
B. expurgating	E. decorous
C. salvaging	F. offensive

14-38 On Gold Mountain is both ____ and ____; by recounting her Chinese American relatives' lives, Lisa See also illuminates the larger story of the immigrant experience in the United States.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. particular	D. universal
B. conspicuous	E. ornate
C. austere	F. exclusive

EXERCISE 15

KEY WORDS**Included:**

accidental	ambiguous	assertive	benign
blight	burgeon	captious	censure
cognizant	colossal	cowardice	deliberate
diffident	disparate	eclectic	effusive
elude	erudite	erudite	exonerate
expedite	expurgate	farce	hamper
hobble	inclement	indispensable	innocuous
largesse	lush	meticulous	moderate
paucity	perilous	persistence	quarantine
scrupulous	solemnity	sparing	spur
suffuse	willful	wilt	

Not Included:

admonition	a criticism or warning about behavior
annihilation	to destroy (something or someone) completely
dissemination	to cause (something, such as information) to go to many people
embroil	to involve (someone or something) in conflict or difficulties
entreaty	a serious request for something
indomitability	impossible to defeat or discourage
inhospitable	having an environment where plants, animals, or people cannot live or grow easily
malleability	capable of being stretched or bent into different shapes
nemesis	an opponent or enemy that is very difficult to defeat
polymath	someone who knows a lot about many different things
proscription	an imposed restraint or restriction
recrimination	an angry statement in which you accuse or criticize a person who has accused or criticized you
redress	to correct (something that is unfair or wrong)
rejuvenate	to make (someone) feel or look young, healthy, or energetic again
resonance	the quality of a sound that stays loud, clear, and deep for a long time
slapstick	comedy that involves physical action

supplication	to make a humble entreaty
timidity	feeling or showing a lack of courage or confidence
ward	to turn aside (something threatening)

EXERCISE

15-1 Costa Rican-born artist Jimenez Deredia works on a _____ scale: the sculptures he creates are truly immense.

A. monumental
B. prolific
C. colossal
D. polemical
E. lush
F. holistic

15-2 Gertrude Stein's life demonstrates her _____, her refusal ever to give up without having achieved her goal.

A. largesse
B. sedateness
C. indomitability
D. originality
E. munificence
F. persistence

15-3 Around strangers, Ravi appeared _____; but once he was with his friends, his self-confidence returned, and he became more _____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. unflinching	D. taciturn
B. diffident	E. assertive
C. assured	F. skittish

15-4 Despite the _____ of popular interest in rain forests and medicinal plants, there is a _____ easy-to-use field guides.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. abatement	D. paucity of
B. burgeoning	E. marked for
C. flurry	F. wealth of

15-5 While the manager clearly sought to _____ the optimism of the marketing team, she stopped short of pronouncing their plan unfeasible.

A. sustain
B. temper
C. emulate
D. rejuvenate
E. moderate

F. rekindle

15-6 Magician Harry Houdini performed spectacular feats of escape so astounding that they became _____; even now, his name has a _____ aura for generations who never saw him perform.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. legendary	D. tarnished
B. fraudulent	E. crude
C. dangerous	F. mythic

15-7 This new report focuses on how seemingly _____ technological design features, often cosmetic in nature, can actually _____ consumer's decisions in profound ways.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. innovative	D. influence
B. ingenious	E. neutralize
C. insignificant	F. criticize

15-8 Some medieval European painters saw iniquity all around them: they felt that the visible world was _____ sin.

A. conscious of
B. repulsed by
C. mystified by
D. suffused with
E. immersed in
F. cognizant of

15-9 Because the editors refused to take a stand on controversial subjects, their magazine acquired a reputation for intellectual _____.

A. cowardice
B. timidity
C. solemnity
D. graveness
E. favoritism
F. precision

15-10 She vowed to proclaim her innocence until she was _____, cleared from blame for any involvement in the conspiracy.

A. compensated
B. indemnified
C. exonerated
D. importuned

E. consecrated

F. exculpate

15-11 When evidence is _____, reasonable people may demur, but when firm scientific proof has been supplied, they should _____ their opposition.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. rational

D. reconsider

B. conjectural

E. express

C. tangible

F. augment

15-12 Though usually _____ in her praise, the teacher was _____ in acknowledging Chandra's achievements: she could not say enough positive things.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. strident

D. pedantic

B. sparing

E. derisive

C. irrepressible

F. effusive

15-13 In the early twentieth century, a _____ decimated American chestnut tree populations; relatively few of these stately trees now remain.

A. wilt

B. resilience

C. blight

D. stagnation

E. quarantine

F. isolation

15-14 Maxwell Perkins is considered a particularly _____ editor because he was among the first to _____ the extraordinary literary talent of Ernest Hemingway and Thomas Wolfe.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. easygoing

D. question

B. inefficient

E. recognize

C. insightful

F. inflate

15-15 Because only a few speakers of northern Australia's Gagadju language remain, the deaths of these tribal elders may mean the _____ of their mostly oral traditions.

A. dissemination

B. extinction

C. annihilation

D. vindication

E. diffusion

F. interpretation

15-16 As a college professor, Woodrow Wilson was _____ in all things: he brought the same exacting attention to detail to preparing his lectures and arranging his office furniture.

A. erudite
B. scholarly
C. eloquent
D. meticulous
E. archaic
F. scrupulous

15-17 Frances Keller's 1904 expose of abuses of immigrants by employers _____ a political reaction: it inspired the Progressive Party to work toward legislation to _____ the situation.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. delineated	D. redress
B. forestalled	E. perpetuate
C. spurred	F. bungle

15-18 Although many swimmers fear encountering jellyfish in the ocean, most species are actually _____ and do no harm to humans.

A. amorphous
B. innocuous
C. benign
D. perplexing
E. perilous
F. jeopardizing

15-19 If Williams had a fault, it was an almost complete _____ others, a proclivity bordering on _____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. trust in	D. greed
B. condescension toward	E. reciprocity
C. sympathy for	F. naïveté

15-20 Although the hardy emperor penguin survives in Antarctica in great numbers, the region's harsh climate is _____ to many species.

A. indispensable
B. necessary
C. inhospitable
D. inclement

E. predictable

F. sustaining

15-21 The defendant's ____ demeanor on the witness stand tended to ____ the jury's impression that he had little respect for the law.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. remorseful

D. reinforce

B. deferential

E. palter

C. defiant

F. discompose

15-22 Metis, the innermost ____ of Jupiter, completes a full revolution around this giant planet every seven hours.

A. moon

B. constellation

C. core

D. midpoint

E. satellite

F. atmosphere

15-23 Civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer's statement "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired" was an intentional ____ that illustrated Hamer's ____ about the plight of African Americans in the 1960s.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. redundancy

D. insouciance

B. euphemism

E. frustration

C. paradox

F. exultation

15-24 It was not until Dr. Anna Reinstein ____ the results of her several different research projects that the findings ____ into a single, definitive patterns.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. compromised

D. degenerated

B. synthesized

E. regressed

C. repudiated

F. crystallized

15-25 Benjamin Franklin was renowned for being a ____, having delved deeply into fields as diverse as politics, business, diplomacy, statecraft, science, and publishing.

A. sycophant

B. pedant

C. erudite

D. nemesis

E. polymath

F. opponent

15-26 Readers who delight in rarefied words cannot help but be ____ by the esoteric ____ Annie Dillard expertly wields in her novel *The Maytrees*.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. incensed	D. diction
B. embroiled	E. portent
C. extolled	F. syllogism

15-27 Media reports alleged that the candidate's campaign strategy was designed to ____ her opponent's chances for election by defaming his reputation.

A. hobble
B. hamper
C. expedite
D. decode
E. augment
F. accelerate

15-28 The widely documented ____ between these two diseases has prompted scientists to undertake studies to determine if treating one can ____ the other.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. disconnect	D. ward off
B. correlation	E. bring about
C. incoherency	F. duplicate

15-29 Essentially a blues artist, Robert Cray plays music influenced by progressive rock, yet he remains ____ the blues tradition.

A. disparate to
B. hampered by
C. distinct from
D. grounded in
E. ambivalent toward
F. founded on

15-30 The new composite material exhibits an extraordinary degree of ____, which enables it to be molded into almost any shape.

A. plasticity
B. resonance
C. malleability
D. buoyancy
E. impermeability

F. empathy

15-31 The forest ranger cautioned the hikers that their proposed route might prove dangerous, but they ignored her _____.

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|-----------------|
| A. vacillation |
| B. indiscretion |
| C. admonition |
| D. counsel |
| E. prohibition |
| F. proscription |

15-32 Eager to improve upon their journalistic skills, Ines and Juanita were disappointed in their editor for criticisms that were often more _____ than _____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. constructive	D. extemporaneous
B. perceptive	E. edifying
C. captious	F. inapt

15-33 Zoologists hope to learn whether minor variations in the migration routes of certain animals are intentional or merely _____.

- | |
|-----------------|
| A. fortuitous |
| B. legendary |
| C. accidental |
| D. deliberate |
| E. accomplished |
| F. willful |

15-34 The country's _____ political freedom had been long and arduous, but eventually the _____ government was replaced by a true democracy.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. rejection of	D. egalitarian
B. struggle for	E. tyrannical
C. depletion of	F. disposable

15-35 In winning the Man Booker Prize, novelist Kiran Desai _____ an honor that had _____ her mother, Anita Desai, who was a runner-up three times but never won.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. coveted	D. distinguished
B. achieved	E. eluded
C. avoided	F. overwhelmed

15-36 In the zany comedy series I Love Lucy, Lucille Ball's exaggerated, clumsy antics displayed the comedian's famous talent for _____.

A. farce
B. celebration
C. dexterity
D. misery
E. tact
F. slapstick

15-37 What had begun as good-natured teasing quickly gave way to _____ as the lost hikers blamed one another for their predicament.

A. supplications
B. recriminations
C. censure
D. permutations
E. entreaties
F. musings

15-38 Although some critics maintain that his latest book can be situated in a _____ genre, it draws liberally on several different genres and so can rightly be termed _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. discrete	D. eclectic
B. venerable	E. anachronistic
C. unambiguous	F. iconoclastic

EXERCISE 16

KEY WORDS**Included:**

accidental	ambiguous	captious	captivate
censure	charlatan	contentious	deliberate
disparate	eclectic	eclectic	elude
enlighten	erudite	expedite	exploit
fanciful	farce	hamper	hobble
illuminate	impostor	inclement	indispensable
nominal	persevere	plagiarize	reserved
reticent	scour	serpentine	sordid
squalid	succinct	terse	tycoon
voluble	willful		

Not Included:

cataclysmic	cataclysm: something that causes great destruction, violence, etc.
edify	to teach (someone) in a way that improves the mind or character
enchant	to attract and hold the attention of (someone) by being interesting, pretty, etc.
entreaty	a serious request for something
ferocity	a very fierce or violent quality
fortuitous	happening by chance
ostensibly	to all outward appearances
patronage	money and support that is given to an artist, organization, etc.
persist	to continue to do something or to try to do something even though it is difficult or other people want you to stop
philanthropist	a wealthy person who gives money and time to help make life better for other people
saliently	very important or noticeable
seemingly	external appearance as distinguished from true character
sinuously	having many twists and turns
sponsorship	sponsor: a person or organization that pays the cost of an activity or event
startling	very surprising, shocking, or frightening
sustenance	something (such as food) that keeps someone or something

	alive
terminated	terminate: coming to an end or capable of ending
vulnerability	vulnerable: easily hurt or harmed physically, mentally, or emotionally

EXERCISE

16-1 Deer overbrowsing has dramatically reduced plant ____ in many eastern United States forests; the few surviving plant species are that regrow quickly or that deer find ____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. mortality	D. edible
B. disease	E. nutritious
C. diversity	F. unpalatable

16-2 The teacher unabashedly used ____, flattering his students in an attempt to coax them to ____ research projects for extra credit.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. coercion	D. suppress
B. cajolery	E. glorify
C. innuendo	F. undertake

16-3 No ____ the case exists: in reaching a decision, the court is bound to break new legal ground.

A. interest in
B. demand for
C. precedent for
D. authentication of
E. antecedent of
F. requisite for

16-4 Her actions did nothing but good, but since she performed them out of self-interest, they could not be called ____.

A. altruistic
B. egotistic
C. benign
D. fortuitous
E. self-centered
F. self-sacrificing

16-5 Max Roach is regarded as a ____ of modern jazz drumming because he was one of the first artists to ____ the melodic, rather than merely rhythmic, possibilities of his instrument.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. diehard	D. jettison
B. progenitor	E. repudiate
C. chronicler	F. exploit

16-6 Since codfish are ____ part of the marine ecosystem, their ____ would adversely affect the animals who depend on them as a source of food.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. a negligible	D. existence
B. an integral	E. proximity
C. an inexplicable	F. extinction

16-7 The gifted child-poet Minou Drouet, hailed in the 1950s, as an artistic ____, now lives in relative ____, enjoying a privacy unavailable to her as a child.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. dilettante	D. opulence
B. prodigy	E. anonymity
C. charlatan	F. passivity

16-8 The legislator is known on Capitol Hill for his oratorical spontaneity, his ability to deliver ____ speech.

A. an enigmatic
B. a conscientious
C. an impromptu
D. an extemporaneous
E. a lackluster
F. a meticulous

16-9 Ms. Nunez was ____, remaining assured and self-controlled even in the most volatile of situations.

A. ungainly
B. autocratic
C. unflappable
D. effusive
E. demonstrative

F. imperturbable

16-10 The delegates' behavior at the convention was utterly disgraceful and fully deserving of the _____ it provoked.

A. rancor
B. lethargy
C. commiseration
D. animosity
E. compunction
F. misgiving

16-11 Gwen's ambitious desert hike was impeded by the heat that sapped her strength and resolve, leaving her _____ and _____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. feverish	D. unerring
B. dexterous	E. resilient
C. debilitated	F. disheartened

16-12 Because of their sparse, white appearance, ancient Greek statues in modern museums are often considered _____; yet newly unearthed antiquities showing traces of bright pigment are not so _____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. elaborate	D. unadorned
B. austere	E. vivid
C. ostentatious	F. unattainable

16-13 Former news anchor Dan Rather had _____ for colorful _____: for example, he once described a political race as "Spandex tight."

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. a distaste	D. epistles
B. a penchant	E. paradigms
C. an antipathy	F. locutions

16-14 Lan Cao describes her novel *Monkey Bridge* as autobiographical "in mood rather than fact," claiming it depicts _____, not _____, truth.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. poetic	D. romanticized
B. objective	E. literal
C. emotional	F. personal

16-15 Because Alejandra and Raina have never allowed their differences of opinion to come between them, their friendship remains ____.

A. conditional
B. exciting
C. distant
D. staunch
E. steadfast
F. remote

16-16 In a grievous example of ____ behavior, the consultants repeatedly managed to dupe the team of scientists by presenting fabricated data.

A. incompetent
B. contentious
C. deceptive
D. abstruse
E. fraudulent
F. arcane

16-17 Elephants have a sense of smell that is remarkably ____: they can reportedly smell water up to several miles away.

A. tacit
B. acute
C. aromatic
D. keen
E. ubiquitous
F. universal

16-18 Some environmentalists fear that the practices contributing to global warming are so ____ in industrialized nations that there are no simple ways to ____ their effects.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. established	D. alleviate
B. latent	E. enhance
C. ephemeral	F. disregard

16-19 The testimony of the witness, meant to ____ the defense of the man accused of theft, actually strengthened the case of his accusers.

A. appease
B. deprecate
C. buttress
D. initiate
E. bolster

F. mitigate

16-20 Unsuccessful in her first campaigns, Barbara Jordan ____, eventually becoming the first Black woman elected to the Texas State Senate.

A. persisted

B. gloated

C. retired

D. persevered

E. terminated

F. despaired

16-21 Some scientists speculate that children who wash frequently are more likely to become asthmatic than those who wash infrequently: that ____, not the lack of it, is the problem.

A. pollution

B. dirtiness

C. scour

D. misbehavior

E. cleanliness

F. nutrition

16-22 Newspaper advertisers feel their messages are more believable and ____ when they are printed next to news reports; hence, advertising charges are higher for such ____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. persuasive

D. investigation

B. irrelevant

E. thoroughness

C. vague

F. positioning

16-23 Despite accusations to the contrary, it is unlikely that he intended to ____ the articles, since he cited them in his bibliography.

A. enlighten

B. illuminate

C. plagiarize

D. acknowledge

E. contradict

F. steal

16-24 Ralph Ellison learned the hard way about the ____ of a written manuscript: he suffered the ____ of the only draft of a work in progress in a household fire.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. magnitude

D. preservation

B. proliferation

E. destruction

C. vulnerability	F. isolation
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16-25 The new human resources director is both ____ and ____ about being able to improve employment opportunities for women at the executive level: she has great resolve but harbors no illusions.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. cynical	D. irrational
B. determined	E. deceptive
C. uncooperative	F. realistic

16-26 Years of neglect had left the inside of the building in ____ condition: workstations were filthy and furnishings were dilapidated.

A. a squalid
B. a volatile
C. a sordid
D. a rudimentary
E. a cataclysmic
F. a catastrophic

16-27 The Wild Parrots of Telegraphy Hill is only ____ about birds; despite its title, the documentary actually examines human relationships.

A. ostensibly
B. distinctively
C. seemingly
D. saliently
E. noticeably
F. intelligibly

16-28 Heckling during a political rally is so ____ that it surprises no one; the same behavior, however is ____ when it is exhibited at a scientific conference.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. revolting	D. startling
B. comical	E. meaningless
C. commonplace	F. bearable

16-29 Steve was ____ by the intricacy of the ice crystals forming on his windowpane: he couldn't take his eyes off them.

A. edified
B. troubled
C. enlighten
D. emboldened
E. captivated
F. enchanted

16-30 The experiment did not yield the decisive _____ that the scientist had hoped for: instead, the findings were only of _____ significance.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. sources	D. nominal
B. outcome	E. influential
C. risks	F. astronomical

16-31 NASA engineer Gloria Yamauchi uses _____ approach to research, in that it draws on physics, aerodynamics, mathematics, and other fields.

A. a self-evident
B. an interdisciplinary
C. an eclectic
D. an economical
E. an impractical
F. an unfeasible

16-32 Less confident employees tend to be _____ about asking for a pay increase, preferring to wait for their supervisors to raise the issue.

A. voluble
B. presumptuous
C. reticent
D. talkative
E. tenacious
F. reserved

16-33 In dire need of _____, the travelers fortified themselves with food and drink in order to complete their journey.

A. patronage
B. sponsorship
C. sustenance
D. nourishment
E. sentiment
F. persecution

16-34 John wished to become an _____ because he was interested in learning about ancient cultures.

A. charlatan
B. archaeologist
C. apologist
D. illusionist
E. impostor
F. historian

16-35 Although children's books about animals and plants are often _____ rather than accurate in their descriptions, a skillful elementary-school teacher can still _____ such texts for meaningful scientific learning.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. factual	D. confuse
B. fanciful	E. exploit
C. creative	F. ignore

16-36 Because she was a successful entrepreneur who donated large amounts of money to charitable causes, Madame C. J. Walker is remembered today as both a _____ and a _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. protégé	D. dilettante
B. tycoon	E. philanthropist
C. sojourner	F. prevaricator

16-37 The _____ of the scientist's rebuttal of the hypothesis was startling even in the notoriously _____ world of nineteenth-century geology.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. arrogance	D. narrow-minded
B. ferocity	E. inexact
C. accuracy	F. contentious

16-38 Like cartoonists, some painters seek to communicate character _____, but this economy of means is not artistic shallowness.

A. serpentine
B. ludicrously
C. tersely
D. mercilessly
E. succinctly
F. sinuously

EXERCISE 17

KEY WORDS**Included:**

ambiguous	apocalyptic	arbitrary	assiduous
banal	benign	circumspect	conform
decorum	deleterious	demanding	distill
downplay	eclectic	enmity	ephemeral
exacting	exonerate	exorbitant	extravagant
fecund	fleeting	incessant	industrious
inimical	innocuous	insouciant	lavish
magnitude	penchant	perfunctory	pernicious
pique	sinecure	slovenly	spectator
squander	steadfast	stereotype	substantiate
suffuse	trenchant	unremitting	vacuous
vocation			

Not Included:

arbiter	a person who is considered to be an authority on what is right, good, or proper
assembly	the act of connecting together the parts of something
besiege	to overwhelm (someone) with too many questions or requests for things
compassionate	feeling or showing concern for someone who is sick, hurt, poor, etc.
convocation	a large formal meeting of people
decency	the behaviors that people in a society consider to be proper or acceptable
featherbedding	the requiring of an employer usually under a union rule or safety statute to hire more employees than are needed or to limit production
grandstanding	done in a way that is intended to impress the people who are watching
heterogeneous	made up of parts that are different
impasse	a situation in which no progress seems possible
insurmountable	impossible to solve or get control of : impossible to overcome
libelous	containing an untrue written statement that causes people to have a bad opinion of someone
misnomer	a name that is wrong or not proper or appropriate

mudslinging	one that uses offensive epithets and invective especially against a political opponent
permeate	to pass or spread through
pierce	to go through or into (something) in a forceful or noticeable way
profligate	carelessly and foolishly wasting money, materials, etc
provocative	causing discussion, thought, argument, etc
reclusive	marked by withdrawal from society
reconciliation	the act of causing two people or groups to become friendly again after an argument or disagreement
retiring	quiet and shy
showmanship	showman: a notably spectacular, dramatic, or effective performer
solitary	separate from other people or things
trinity	a group of three closely related persons or things
triumvirate	a group of three people who share a position of authority or power
vertiginous	causing or likely to cause a feeling of dizziness especially because of great height
vilification	vilify: to say or write very harsh and critical things about
woozy	slightly dizzy, sick, or weak

EXERCISE

17-1 Manuel was so _____ that he would gladly spend months without more than perfunctory contact with other people.

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| A. affable |
| B. spurious |
| C. reclusive |
| D. exacting |
| E. solitary |
| F. demanding |

17-2 Judy Dater's photographs depict everyday reality while also evoking qualities so _____ that few photographers can capture them.

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| A. unwavering |
| B. ephemeral |
| C. fleeting |
| D. immovable |
| E. dreary |
| F. steadfast |

17-3 The visually striking movie was diminished by its _____ content: its characters were inane, and its story was unintelligent.

A. dire
B. vacuous
C. vacant
D. exorbitant
E. extravagant
F. maudlin

17-4 Diego Velazquez, Francisco de Goya, and El Greco, three of the most distinctive and influential artists in Spain`s history, together form the great _____ of Spanish painting.

A. triage
B. sojourn
C. triumvirate
D. convocation
E. trinity
F. assembly

17-5 The _____ has proved to be _____: as a result, negotiations have been suspended indefinitely.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. impasse	D. infelicitous
B. reconciliation	E. exhilarating
C. conjecture	F. insurmountable

17-6 To study predators one must adopt the role of _____, that is, refrain from interfering with an animal`s natural behavior.

A. vigilante
B. arbiter
C. observer
D. spectator
E. specialist
F. judge

17-7 Most human behaviors is _____: that is, it tends to _____ a norm.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. topsy-turvy	D. vary from
B. regressive	F. deviate from
C. conventional	E. conform to

17-8 The experts could not believe that a beginner had created such an accomplished work: they found the idea _____.

A. capricious
B. implausible
C. coincidental
D. arbitrary
E. circumstantial
F. incredible

17-9 The magazine article discussing the governor's financial dealings contained _____ statements, but it stopped short of being _____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. exaggerated	D. decorous
B. documented	E. laudatory
C. pretentious	F. libelous

17-10 The deterioration of the ozone layer is _____, with the loss of penguin habitats being just one of the _____ results.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. dormant	D. salutary
B. pernicious	E. deficient
C. protracted	F. deleterious

17-11 Literally meaning "without care", a _____ is a job that requires little work yet provides an income.

A. culmination
B. sinecure
C. vocation
D. occupation
E. sanctum
F. featherbedding

17-12 Climbing the steep mountainside could make even experienced climbers _____; not surprisingly, June, a novice, felt dizzy while still at the bottom.

A. indefatigable
B. vertiginous
C. woozy
D. pugnacious
E. ambiguous
F. equivocal

17-13 Compelled by powerful impulses to _____ her energies on myriad unworthy projects, Emilia nonetheless dazzled observers with the sheer magnitude of that _____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. squander	D. malevolence
B. distill	E. discernment
C. economize	F. profligacy

17-14 When acid rain attacks stone, it does not remain confined to the surface; instead, it _____ the stone.

A. displaces
B. pierce
C. penetrates
D. illuminates
E. distill
F. purifies

17-15 By citing data from nations where female scientists earn less than equivalent male counterparts, the author attempted to _____ the claim that _____ still lingers in the scientific workplace

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. winnow	D. discrimination
B. substantiate	E. opportunity
C. undermine	F. opposition

17-16 Wanting to appear both _____ and _____, the official tried to cultivate an authoritative yet solicitous public image.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. credible	D. disingenuous
B. charismatic	E. resilient
C. commanding	F. compassionate

17-17 The scientists hypothesized that the newly discovered virus multiplies by _____ living cells, where the viral genetic material uses the cellular materials of the host to _____ new viruses.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. invading	D. extinguish
B. shunning	E. manufacture
C. purifying	F. restore

17-18 The success of the space program came as a pleasant surprise to a nation that had been _____ by political turmoil and social unrest.

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| A. exonerated |
| B. beleaguered |
| C. eulogized |
| D. besieged |
| E. absolved |
| F. homogenized |

17-19 Cottontail rabbits are known for being remarkably _____, some individual females producing up to 35 offspring a year.

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| A. innocuous |
| B. prolific |
| C. symbiotic |
| D. reclusive |
| E. fecund |
| F. inoffensive |

17-20 No space was _____ inside the spaceship: there was nothing in it that did not serve an important function.

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| A. occupied |
| B. wasted |
| C. modern |
| D. lavished |
| E. taken up |
| F. unfamiliar |

17-21 Long after the day's catch had been brought ashore, the smell of fish still _____ the air.

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| A. rarified |
| B. purified |
| C. illuminated |
| D. thinned |
| E. permeated |
| F. suffuse |

17-22 Certain museum antiquities are of questionable legal status, tainted by histories of bribery, thievery, and other _____ activities.

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|-----------------|
| A. illicit |
| B. provincial |
| C. illegitimate |
| D. provocative |
| E. sovereign |
| F. piquing |

17-23 The shrewd dictator publicized the prosperity of one small village in order to ____ the ____ of the economic hardships that plagued most of his country.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. announce	D. retrospect
B. expedite	E. instability
C. downplay	F. magnitude

17-24 With his unlauded shirt and his wrinkled suit, Ted appeared ____.

A. belligerent
B. slovenly
C. casual
D. untidy
E. informal
F. gracious

17-25 The estranged friends attempted ____, but their deep-seated ____ made the resumption of cordial relations impossible.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. a reallocation	D. reciprocity
B. a disputation	E. veracity
C. a reconciliation	F. enmity

17-26 Ramona practiced ceaselessly, but even such ____ efforts could not compensate for the poor performance of her teammates.

A. precocious
B. dilatory
C. incessant
D. insouciant
E. unremitting
F. perfunctory

17-27 Although ____, nearly self-effacing, in her personal affairs, the journalist displays in her articles and columns an overriding ____ publicity and controversy.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. charismatic	D. disdain for
B. monotonous	E. penchant for
C. retiring	F. unbiased toward

17-28 Films and paintings ____ a similar challenge: to ____ the viewer's eye that a two-dimensional surface actually has depth.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. share	D. persuade
B. overlook	E. warn
C. disprove	F. question

17-29 There was so much _____ in the recent senatorial campaign that voters tuned out, disgusted with the barrage of malicious accusations.

A. incompetence
B. vilification
C. obstinacy
D. mudslinging
E. grandstanding
F. showmanship

17-30 Recent advances indicate that cures for some seemingly intractable diseases are now within reach, but scientists are being _____ in their public statements, mindful of past claims that proved _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. nonchalant	D. unambiguous
B. circumspect	E. unimpeachable
C. adamant	F. apocalyptic

17-31 Nuclear engineer Meena Mutyala argues that nuclear power is an environmentally _____ technology, operating with essentially no emissions.

A. hostile
B. culpable
C. inimical
D. benign
E. capricious
F. innocuous

17-32 Harper Lee cannot be called _____ writer as she has published only one major work; however, her writing in that novel is so _____, so sharply perceptive, that it has earned her enduring popularity.

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Blank (ii)

A. an astute	D. convoluted
B. a prolific	E. timorous
C. an erudite	F. trenchant

17-33 Because Isaac found the language of advertising both _____ and insulting, he _____ watching commercials on television.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. amusing	D. enjoyed
B. offensive	E. avoided
C. complicated	F. discussed

17-34 In the red Namibian desert of Demarala, about 100 black rhinos still manage to ____ even though the terrain is extraordinarily ____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. explore	D. spacious
B. thrive	E. abundant
C. migrate	F. hostile

17-35 The term "dry cleaning "is something of a ____ since this process generally involves application of perchloroethylene, a liquid chemical.

A. stereotype
B. memento
C. proverb
D. misnomer
E. misnaming
F. banal

17-36 For thousands of years, nomads, conquerors, traders, and pilgrims have ____ the region, contributing to its multicultural heritage and its ____ of artifacts.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. circumvented	D. dearth
B. traversed	E. uniformity
C. canvassed	F. wealth

17-37 Displaying a heightened sense of ____, many of author Maria Cristina Mena`s characters exemplify a dignified and polite society.

A. eminence
B. decorum
C. ebullience
D. decency
E. dissipation
F. noteworthiness

17-38 Dr. Yuan headed a medical team that was highly ____, in that it represented multifarious specialties and varied experiences.

A. refractory
B. assiduous
C. eclectic
D. remunerative
E. industrious
F. heterogeneous

EXERCISE 18

KEY WORDS**Included:**

anomalous	aphorism	arrest	audacious
bolster	castigate	cleave	connoisseur
considerable	contagious	contumacious	crook
cryptic	curtail	deleterious	demolition
divert	ephemeral	epigram	erratic
eschew	evoke	exceptional	fortify
gregarious	hardy	imperturbable	indelible
integral	laconic	meteoric	obstreperous
pernicious	pointer	procrastinate	reconcile
redundant	ruffle	soothe	succinct
superfluous	surmise	timorous	transitory
virtuoso			

Not Included:

austerity	a situation in which there is not much money and it is spent only on things that are necessary
bewilderment	bewilder: to confuse (someone) very much
commiserative	to express sadness or sympathy for someone who has experienced something unpleasant
devastation	to destroy much or most of (something)
devotional	relating to or used in religious services
diminutive	a word or suffix that indicates that something is small
dogmatic	expressing personal opinions or beliefs as if they are certainly correct and cannot be doubted
duplicitous	deceptive in words or action
empathy	the feeling that you understand and share another person's experiences and emotions
holistic	relating to or concerned with complete systems rather than with individual parts
infectious	capable of causing infection
infinitesimal	immeasurably or incalculably small
inscrutable	difficult to understand
magnanimity	display a noble generosity
miniature	a very small sculpture, portrait, or painting
minuscule	very small

misconduct	wrong behavior
misnomer	a name that is wrong or not proper or appropriate
mushiness	too romantic or sentimental
prodigy	a young person who is unusually talented in some way
repudiation	repudiate: to refuse to accept or support (something)
rumination	to think carefully and deeply about something
transference	the redirection of feelings and desires and especially of those unconsciously retained from childhood toward a new object (as a psychoanalyst conducting therapy)
trepid	timorous, fearful
vicinity	the area around or near a particular place

EXERCISE

18-1 Abida quickly realized that the director was extremely ____: she and the other cast members could never anticipate how he would respond.

A. negative
B. audacious
C. unpredictable
D. humorous
E. erratic
F. courageous

18-2 Flannery O`Connor was ____ as a writer of ____ talent early in her career, receiving high praise for her short stories while she was still a student.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. criticized	D. little
B. celebrated	E. considerable
C. challenged	F. shallow

18-3 The bee hummingbird has an average length of only two inches, making it the most ____ of all hummingbird species.

A. miniature
B. diminutive
C. capricious
D. superfluous
E. redundant
F. prodigal

18-4 Naturally, ____ facilitates friendships: the people we live near or interact with frequently are more likely to become our friends.

A. enmity
B. proximity
C. generosity
D. partisanship
E. magnanimity
F. vicinity

18-5 Able to survive subzero temperatures, long periods of darkness, and days without food, the Arctic wolf is clearly a very ____ animal.

A. greedy
B. social
C. tough
D. hardy
E. aggressive
F. gregarious

18-6 Ellen respects Gary's qualities of broad-mindedness and humanism; she cannot, however, ____ them with his ____ support of a political creed that seems to oppose precisely those qualities.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. repudiate	D. dogmatic
B. reconcile	E. wavering
C. undermine	F. jingoistic

18-7 The paucity of autobiographical documents left by the royal attendants has compelled historian Raul Salazar to ____ the motives of these courtiers from their ____ rather than from any diaries or correspondence.

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Blank (ii)

A. surmise	D. missives
B. elicit	E. journals
C. stipulate	F. deeds

18-8 The painter lamented the evanescence of beauty, even though she seemed in several of her work to have ____ it as it passed and so ____ it for posterity.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. arrested	D. absolved
B. dispelled	E. diminished
C. vanquished	F. preserved

18-9 Excelling in her academic studies, Yuki earned a number of ____ and awards.

A. vindications
B. proposals
C. glories
D. honors
E. pointers
F. contingencies

18-10 The newspapers' editorial section regularly publishes the ____ of those readers who are knowledgeable enough about an issue to ____ their points powerfully and articulately.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. rambling	D. dismiss
B. retractions	E. argue
C. opinions	F. subvert

18-11 Doctors initially feared that antibiotics would have ____ effect, destroying healthy tissue as well as harmful bacteria.

A. a deleterious
B. a pernicious
C. a salutary
D. an antiquated
E. an infinitesimal
F. a minuscule

18-12 Native American potters often ____ the shortcuts offered by modern technology (such as the use of commercial clay, pigments, or kiln firing), instead ____ the traditional methods of their ancestors.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. flout	D. cleaving to
B. eschew	E. relinquishing
C. propound	F. renouncing

18-13 Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker leaves an ____ impression on audiences: children especially remember the dazzling costumes and stirring music.

A. amorphous
B. inscrutable
C. ineffable
D. cryptic
E. indelible
F. memorable

18-14 During the Han dynasty, trade expansion to distant Persia allowed the Chinese to ____ their ____ of other cultures.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. deny	D. dismantling
B. discourage	E. awareness
C. increase	F. avoidance

18-15 The ambitious politician promoted the tax cuts not so much for the citizens' ____ as for his own ____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. treachery	D. downfall
B. disbelief	E. reputation
C. welfare	F. persistence

18-16 Although certainly talented, the child could not really be called ____: there was nothing particularly ____ about his achievements.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. a virtuoso	D. affected
B. a prodigy	E. fanatical
C. an upstart	F. exceptional

18-17 The tranquil story recounted by Ezra Jack Keats in The Snowy Day ____ the calm presence of the book's illustrations: both ____ the silence of a snow-covered landscape.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. undercuts	D. evoke
B. violates	E. repel
C. mirrors	F. disrupt

18-18 Jean-Michel Basquiat's ascendancy was truly ____: his provocative art suddenly propelled him from New York street artist to international celebrity.

A. piecemeal
B. digressive
C. meteoric
D. integral
E. holistic
F. swift

18-19 Because these speeding particles' compositions were quite different from those of other low-energy cosmic rays, scientists dubbed them ____ cosmic rays.

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| A. abnormal |
| B. transitory |
| C. resilient |
| D. anomalous |
| E. ephemeral |
| F. intermittent |

18-20 Tania excels at dancing the meringue, having ____ the steps during her childhood years in the Dominican Republic.

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| A. grasped |
| B. mastered |
| C. ignored |
| D. confused |
| E. amused |
| F. diverted |

18-21 The artist, often so ____ as to seem unapproachable tended to be more relaxed and easygoing when among friends.

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| A. generous |
| B. creative |
| C. sympathetic |
| D. reserved |
| E. commiserative |
| F. uncommunicative |

18-22 For centuries, Mars has been called the "Red Planet," but the designation is ____, because Mars is not precisely red.

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| A. a technicality |
| B. a misnomer |
| C. an inaccuracy |
| D. an understatement |
| E. an aphorism |
| F. an epigram |

18-23 In his essay, writer Rudolfo Anaya strives to ____ his sometimes incongruous Mexican and American identities by combining ____ worldviews to create one unique vision.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. distinguish	D. divergent
B. reinforce	E. simultaneous
C. synthesize	F. redundant

18-24 The mayor's reelection by an overwhelming majority was not so much an endorsement of his administration's ____ as it was a ____ of his opponent's extreme views.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. policies	D. vindication
B. adversities	E. repudiation
C. indifference	F. dissemination

18-25 Lina Wertmuller's film *Love and Anarchy* is a ____ its title, contemplating the two concepts without taking a position on them.

A. demolition of
B. devastation of
C. commemoration of
D. meditation on
E. diatribe against
F. rumination on

18-26 City leaders practiced ____ out of respect for taxpayers, ____ the number of new public projects.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. profligacy	D. curtailing
B. mendacity	E. extolling
C. austerity	F. augmenting

18-27 To call Carlos ____ would be to mistake his natural self-confidence and youthful high spirits for willful defiance.

A. crooked
B. contumacious
C. obstreperous
D. duplicitous
E. incredulous
F. voracious

18-28 According to his supervisor, Kenji was an inveterate ____: he habitually put off doing his work until the last minute.

A. iconoclast
B. connoisseur
C. procrastinator
D. postponer
E. misanthrope
F. virtuoso

18-29 Although pre-Columbian jewelry often incorporated complex religious symbolism, its function was generally more ____ than ____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. ritualistic	D. devotional
B. decorative	E. utilitarian
C. theological	F. conspicuous

18-30 Mayor Hardy remains ____ in her ____, refusing to adopt an expedient silence on controversial issues of social importance.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. circumspect	D. equanimity
B. firm	E. capriciousness
C. neutral	F. outspokenness

18-31 Unlike her predecessor's rambling prose, Susan Hubel's reports were both ____ and comprehensive.

A. laconic
B. complete
C. intractable
D. banal
E. succinct
F. exhaustive

18-32 The sentimentality of Tom's screenplay was so extreme that it bordered on ____.

A. rectitude
B. opulence
C. abundance
D. mawkishness
E. mushiness
F. serendipity

18-33 Honey, which has antibacterial properties, is commonly used in traditional medicine as a balm to ____ painful wounds.

A. bolster
B. ease
C. fortify
D. soothe
E. induce
F. clarify

18-34 The biographer now displays greater ____ in her work: she explores the feelings and motives of her subjects with deeper insight than she once did.

A. transference
B. bewilderment
C. empathy
D. perplexity
E. suspense
F. impatience

18-35 The ability to cram computer circuitry onto silicon chips faces fundamental limitations: it is possible to make the innards of a circuit so ____ that they no longer ____.

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Blank (ii)

A. flexible	D. bend
B. successful	E. function
C. small	F. break

18-36 Citing irrefutable evidence of corruption, the investigating committee ____ the senator for his ____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. eulogized	D. misconduct
B. exonerated	E. propriety
C. castigated	F. veracity

18-37 Astronomer Heidi Hammel, a proponent of science education, conveys a passion for planetary science that her enraptured audiences find ____.

A. duplicitous
B. infectious
C. timorous
D. equivocal
E. contagious
F. trepid

18-38 Joe claimed always to be ____ in a crisis, but Kameko insisted that he was, on the contrary, easily ____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. overwrought	D. undone
B. flustered	E. ruffled
C. imperturbable	F. consoled

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EXERCISE 19

KEY WORDS**Included:**

acclaim	ameliorate	amicable	appall
belie	calculated	caprice	censure
compelling	compliant	congenial	connoisseur
cosmopolitan	derivative	digress	disregard
downplay	duplicate	dynamic	erratic
eschew	esoteric	exacerbate	fickle
harbinger	herald	innovative	insipid
insular	integrity	intransigent	lenient
lethargic	lurid	mercurial	minimize
moratorium	officious	plebeian	presumptuous
proliferate	provincial	recondite	replicate
resolute	respite	scour	submissive
vapid	vulnerable		

Not Included:

aristocrat	aristocracy: the highest social class in some countries
byproduct	something that happens as a result of something else
celerity	rapidity of motion or action
commoner	one of the common people
confute	to overwhelm in argument : refute conclusively
custodian	one that guards and protects or maintains
daunting	tending to overwhelm or intimidate
demonstrative	freely and openly showing emotion or feelings
deterring	deter: to turn aside, discourage, or prevent from acting
faculty	one of the powers of your mind or body
flick	to appear or pass briefly or quickly
guardian	someone or something that watches or protects something
idiosyncratic	idiosyncrasy: an unusual way in which a particular person behaves or thinks
lambast	to criticize very harshly
laud	praise, acclaim
legitimate	allowed according to rules or laws

longevity	long life : the fact of living for many years
marginalize	to put or keep (someone) in a powerless or unimportant position within a society or group
meddling	meddle: to become involved in the activities and concerns of other people when your involvement is not wanted
melancholy	a sad mood or feeling
mischief	harmful behavior
notorious	well-known or famous especially for something bad
overlook	to pay no attention to (something)
rebut	to prove (something) is false by using arguments or evidence
render	to reproduce or represent by artistic or verbal means
resilient	able to return to an original shape after being pulled, stretched, pressed, bent, etc.
reticence	reticent: inclined to be silent or uncommunicative in speech
retiring	quiet and shy
setback	a problem that makes progress more difficult or success less likely
suspicion	a feeling of doubt
venture	to start to do something new or different that usually involves risk
veracity	truth or accuracy

EXERCISE

19-1 Although most people in the early years of the Internet explored only _____ uses of computer networks, some unscrupulous people took advantage of the technology's potential for _____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. forbidden	D. mischief
B. thrifty	E. education
C. legitimate	F. stability

19-2 Difficult working conditions that ranged from merely _____ to extremely intimidating were the norm for jazz performer Billie Holiday.

A. amicable
B. daunting
C. uniform
D. deterring
E. abominable
F. congenial

19-3 Jessica's smile _____ her sorrow, hiding her feelings from everyone except those who knew her best.

A. belied
B. rendered
C. masked
D. embedded
E. deployed
F. portrayed

19-4 In contrast to chimpanzees, who are extroverted exhibitionists, orangutans are _____ by nature.

A. cooperative
B. demonstrative
C. unreserved
D. amusing
E. retiring
F. self-effacing

19-5 Recognizing that time was a critical factor, the paramedics responded to the call with _____.

A. impunity
B. promptness
C. celerity
D. uncertainty
E. equanimity
F. suspicion

19-6 The newest member of the research team, not wanting to appear _____, refrained from _____ any criticism of the principal scientist's plan for completing the project.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. presumptuous	D. evaluating
B. inquisitive	E. condoning
C. ambivalent	F. venturing

19-7 Because his themes and use of imagery are highly eccentric, painter Sigmar Polke is said to have _____ style.

A. an idiosyncratic
B. an erratic
C. a vapid
D. an archaic
E. an insipid
F. a plangent

19-8 Some scientists believe that Adelie penguins may be _____ of global warming, that their population decline may presage climatic changes throughout Antarctic.

A. figments
B. purveyors
C. derivatives
D. heralds
E. harbingers
F. by-products

19-9 Articles for the magazine are always subjected to painstaking _____ before publication: fact checkers and editors _____ them for potential errors before they are sent to the printer.

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A. disputation	D. retract
B. scrutiny	E. secure
C. deletion	F. scour

19-10 Unlike her more _____ friends, Danielle is _____, preferring sleep to almost any kind of activity.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. dynamic	D. beguiling
B. gullible	E. lethargic
C. indolent	F. solicitous

19-11 The only _____ on the flat desert landscape was the occasional rock outcrop jutting skyward.

A. regularity
B. relief
C. symmetry
D. comfort
E. depression
F. melancholy

19-12 The sanitized version of the Madame Curie saga had the dishonest quality of _____ the problems that even she, the great scientist, could not overcome.

A. censuring
B. dismissing
C. minimizing
D. eulogizing
E. lambasting

F. exposing

19-13 Commercial trade in endangered species of whales was suspended globally in 1986, but this _____ may end for some species.

A. restitution
B. proliferation
C. fluctuation
D. boom
E. moratorium
F. respite

19-14 The city council's unanimous rejection of a proposal so critical to the mayor's agenda was a shocking _____ for the mayor, because she had fully expected the council's _____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. setback	D. apathy
B. victory	E. support
C. advance	F. opposition

19-15 The actor's reputation as a _____ public figure suffered after an embarrassing personal incident made him more _____ than illustrious.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. serious	D. notorious
B. distinguished	E. innovative
C. predictable	F. respected

19-16 Because their previous supervisor had been especially _____ and understanding, the staff members were _____ the authoritarian style of the new director.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. fervent	D. buoyed by
B. cynical	E. put off by
C. lenient	F. supportive of

19-17 The city's _____ atmosphere resulted from its location at the crossroads of trade routes used by merchants of many nations.

A. transnational
B. cosmopolitan
C. homogeneous
D. insular
E. unaffected
F. provincial

19-18 Newscasts are routinely filled with such sensational stories that the public is seldom _____ by even the most _____ revelations.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. uplifted	D. mundane
B. demoralized	E. sordid
C. appalled	F. lurid

19-19 During the 1950s, talented African American actresses like Dorothy Dandridge were often _____, relegated to playing mostly stereotypical roles.

A. downplayed
B. inspired
C. protected
D. marginalized
E. lauded
F. acclaimed

19-20 Amanita bisporigera, a variety of destroying angel mushroom, is so _____ that it can be _____ if consumed.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. beautiful	D. tasty
B. poisonous	E. deadly
C. scarce	F. nutritious

19-21 The politician was a _____ speaker whose debating skills were admired even by the _____ she outwitted.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. clever	D. voters
B. bashful	E. advisers
C. good-hearted	F. opponents

19-22 Michiko Shoda was not of noble rank when she married into the Japanese imperial family: she was the first _____ to do so.

A. plebeian
B. nobleman
C. commoner
D. imposter
E. investor
F. aristocrat

19-23 After years of taking art history courses and visiting museums, Ed considered himself a true ____ of fine art.

A. censor
B. guardian
C. custodian
D. connoisseur
E. simulator
F. specialist

19-24 The candidate ____ the media's charge of political inexperience by citing his broad background in both local and state government.

A. reiterated
B. rebutted
C. confuted
D. conflated
E. disregarded
F. overlooked

19-25 As reformers, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X each sought to ____ social injustice by distinctly different means.

A. amend
B. exonerate
C. ameliorate
D. replicate
E. elaborate
F. duplicate

19-26 While the movie employs stock characterizations, admirers argue that it is ____ even if its depiction are ____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. maladroit	D. proficient
B. compelling	E. controversial
C. soporific	F. formulaic

19-27 Believing that scientists should ____ the public about important scientific issues, marine ecologist Jane Lubchenco has urged the research community to abandon its usual ____ in favor of more effective communication.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. assuage	D. reticence
B. beguile	E. candor
C. edify	F. probity

19-28 Some ecosystems are more ____ than others, better able to withstand changes, while other ecosystems are more ____ and therefore susceptible to the slightest alteration.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. stagnant	D. vulnerable
B. resilient	E. dependent
C. fragile	F. ubiquitous

19-29 During decades of oppression, the people lost their will to resist and became ____, yielding readily to the government's demands.

A. resolute
B. intransigent
C. compliant
D. cunning
E. submissive
F. fervid

19-30 Ryan's ____ bothered his friends, who tired of instability and constant changes of allegiance.

A. blundering
B. simplicity
C. flick
D. naiveté
E. cocksureness
F. caprice

19-31 Hypatia of Alexandria, a noted mathematician in Roman Egypt who also taught philosophy and astronomy, championed ____, deliberately ____ the mystical thinking and occult practices prevalent during her times.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. rationalism	D. inculcating
B. spiritualism	E. eschewing
C. stoicism	F. bolstering

19-32 The mayor is renowned for her ____ temperament, she can be warm and talkative one moment, aloof and supercilious the next.

A. acrimonious
B. fickle
C. mercurial
D. beguiling
E. officious

F. meddling

19-33 The proposed research projects were praised as both ____ and ____: they were inexpensive yet promised to break new ground.

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Blank (ii)

A. suspect	D. redundant
B. pointless	E. innovative
C. economical	F. efficient

19-34 As health care and nutrition continue to improve, Americans on average are enjoying increased ____, living to a more advanced age than ever before.

A. equanimity
B. proximity
C. veracity
D. longevity
E. integrity
F. seniority

19-35 The speaker ____ frequently, but these tangents were the most entertaining parts of the presentation.

A. deliberated
B. digressed
C. exclaimed
D. paused
E. deviated
F. calculated

19-36 Although she often described reason as the noblest ____, author Ayn Rand never implied that she rejected ____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. enigma	D. logic
B. faculty	E. semantics
C. fantasy	F. emotion

19-37 The governor concluded that, because the city's fiscal problems were ____ by entrenched mismanagement, providing rescue funding would be foolhardy.

A. aggravated
B. mitigated
C. ascertained
D. exacerbated
E. eased
F. supplanted

19-38 Using fiber optics to deliver information initially seemed a ____ field of research, hard to understand by non specialists.

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| A. substantive |
| B. fallacious |
| C. recondite |
| D. esoteric |
| E. hackneyed |
| F. commonplace |

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EXERCISE 20

KEY WORDS**Included:**

aberrant	abeyance	accessible	accidental
accomplish	acerbic	anonymous	boon
brisk	carve	chagrin	clandestine
collaborate	conceal	consummate	conundrum
corrosive	cryptic	discompose	distinctive
elevate	enigma	ensconce	favorable
forestall	gregarious	harsh	histrionic
humble	imperious	influx	insensitive
intelligible	inure	irritate	laconic
meditate	melodramatic	meticulous	mulish
nonchalant	obdurate	orthodox	perfunctory
persistence	presumptuous	prophetic	revive
ruminate	serendipity	sinecure	stealth
stolid	stymie	submissive	surreptitious
surreptitious	terse	theatrical	torpid
tractable	voluble	voluptuous	

Not Included:

affluence	a flowing to or toward a point
boast	a statement in which you express too much pride in yourself or in something you have, have done, or are connected to in some way
bohemian	a person (as a writer or an artist) living an unconventional life usually in a colony with others
cathartic	catharsis: the act or process of releasing a strong emotion
conspire	to secretly plan with someone to do something that is harmful or illegal
deferential	deference: a way of behaving that shows respect for someone or something
disquietude	anxiety, agitation
elixir	a magical liquid that can cure illness or extend life
erudition	impressive knowledge that is learned by studying
luscious	richly luxurious or appealing to the senses

narcissist	egoism, egocentrism
nonconformist	a person who does not behave the way most people behave
philanthropy	the practice of giving money and time to help make life better for other people
prescient	the ability to know what will or might happen in the future
quackery	the methods and treatments used by unskillful doctors or by people who pretend to be doctors
recall	to remember (something) from the past
recollect	to remember
sculpt	to make (something) by carving or molding clay, stone, etc
suspension	the act of making something invalid or ineffective for a usually short period of time
transcribe	to make a written copy of (something)

EXERCISE

20-1 Jacob felt great _____ about his upcoming trip to Brazil; indeed, he could hardly contain his enthusiasm.

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| A. discomposure |
| B. agitation |
| C. confusion |
| D. generosity |
| E. excitement |
| F. exhilarated |

20-2 The professor's classroom manner was quite _____, never revealing the warmth and playfulness she showed in private.

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| A. orthodox |
| B. brisk |
| C. lively |
| D. formal |
| E. friendly |
| F. witty |

20-3 Instead of taking notes during the interview, the journalist recorded the celebrity's remarks on tape and later _____ them.

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| A. disavowed |
| B. transcribed |
| C. copied |
| D. retracted |
| E. recollected |
| F. recalled |

20-4 Like several other important advances in medicine, penicillin was a somewhat _____ discovery resulting from _____ combination of blind chance and technical expertise.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. progressive	D. a favorable
B. untimely	E. an unlucky
C. accidental	F. a reliable

20-5 Author Luis Zalamea calls novel writing a _____ experience, one that cleanses him of feelings of rebellion and frustration.

A. subliminal
B. acerbic
C. stupefying
D. cathartic
E. releasing
F. corrosive

20-6 The scientist was _____ in her evaluation of her own research, choosing to analyze and report on seemingly _____ results as well as those that were more expected.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. deferential	D. aberrant
B. myopic	E. embryonic
C. meticulous	F. quotidian

20-7 Writer John Worthen suggested that, in some cases, biographers should be _____, considering all available details rather than making _____ a first principle.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. forthright	D. selection
B. cynical	E. incrimination
C. inclusive	F. drudgery

20-8 Grover Pease Osborne`s 1893 economics treatise was remarkably _____ since it foresaw that technological advances would increase the availability of natural resources.

A. prescient
B. accessible
C. naive
D. influential
E. intelligible
F. prophetic

20-9 Due to the _____ of architect Benjamin Banneker, the remarkable street plan for Washington, D. C., that had nearly been abandoned was _____ and carried out.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. artistry	D. rejected
B. persistence	E. substituted
C. pessimism	F. revived

20-10 Because marine algae indirectly remove atmospheric carbon dioxide, a major _____ in marine algae populations might result in _____ levels of carbon dioxide.

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Blank (ii)

A. reduction	D. perceptible
B. transformation	E. elevated
C. explosion	F. stabilized

20-11 Keats's poetry was called _____ by those critics who noted that he indulged in sensuous imagery and luxuriant diction.

A. voluptuous
B. luscious
C. sheepish
D. presumptuous
E. pedantic
F. imperious

20-12 Even when offstage, the acting troupe exhibited the _____ behavior usually associated with histrionic temperaments.

A. pessimistic
B. melodramatic
C. exaggerated
D. judicious
E. insensitive
F. torpid

20-13 Danieele was easily the most _____ of her classmates, rarely willing to compromise or even listen to others pleas.

A. submissive
B. deferential
C. loquacious
D. obdurate
E. rapacious
F. mulish

20-14 Marie Curie is _____ among female Nobel Prize winners: she alone has been honored in two different fields.

A. unique
B. unsung
C. nameless
D. resigned
E. anonymous
F. distinctive

20-15 John Updike's literary _____ was _____: it included novels, short stories, essays, poetry, criticism, children's books, and more.

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Blank (ii)

A. output	D. limited
B. fame	E. diverse
C. calamity	F. generic

20-16 While most pets are relatively _____ in a veterinarian's office, occasionally vets have to treat more aggressive animal patients.

A. fastidious
B. tractable
C. surreptitious
D. docile
E. clandestine
F. minuscule

20-17 Biodemographer S. Jay Olshansky regards commercial products that promise to stop aging as _____, arguing that while these nostrums might possibly _____ some of aging's superficial manifestations, they cannot touch the process at its core.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. prosperity	D. forestall
B. foreshadowing	E. enhance
C. quackery	F. elude

20-18 Rosario _____ on the problem at length, but no amount of extended reflection could provide her with a satisfactory solution.

A. collaborated
B. conspired
C. expounded
D. expostulated
E. ruminated
F. meditated

20-19 Because Russell was such a memorable and _____ public speaker, many people mistook his ability to talk about a wide range of topics for genuine _____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. adroit	D. inquisitiveness
B. uncharismatic	E. diffidence
C. enervating	F. erudition

20-20 Dave Anderson, founder of a national restaurant chain, promotes _____, encouraging others to start their own businesses.

A. charity
B. enterprise
C. patronage
D. entrepreneurship
E. connoisseurship
F. philanthropy

20-21 The English monarch Elizabeth I may have wanted the miniature portraits of herself and her disgraced mother kept secret, since they were _____ her ring.

A. concealed within
B. carved upon
C. displayed beside
D. ensconced in
E. sculpted upon
D. sheltered from

20-22 Aware that his party's _____ image was a direct result of its distasteful policies, the candidate espoused a kinder, more _____, political platform.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. affable	D. malicious
B. harsh	E. phevlegmatic
C. altruistic	F. benevolent

20-23 Edgar's _____ at having bungled the simple assignment was clear from his trembling lips and averted eyes.

A. smugness
B. cunning
C. surreptitiousness
D. chagrin
E. disquietude
F. stealth

20-24 While many educators have hailed the new documentary about climate change as a _____ for teachers interested in engaging their students on the issue, such enthusiasm is far from _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. hindrance	D. unclear
B. boon	E. universal
C. harbinger	F. uninformed

20-25 Fermat's last theorem has been called the most _____ problem in all mathematics: for over 350 years, the conjecture _____ mathematicians, until it was finally proven in 19921-2

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. banal	D. marginalized
B. vexing	E. assuaged
C. facile	F. stymied

20-26 The lifestyle of modern-dance pioneer Isadora Duncan was considered _____, since it was marked by unconventional behavior and attitudes.

A. equestrian
B. abstemious
C. nonchalant
D. perfunctory
E. bohemian
F. nonconformist

20-27 The normally _____ Mr. Bell was uncharacteristically _____ in discussing the film in an interview last week.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. inscrutable	D. cryptic
B. voluble	E. upbeat
C. reserved	F. pragmatic

20-28 Dana's colleagues complained that she was both _____ and _____: she spoke condescendingly and talked about herself too much.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. patronizing	D. attentive
B. sympathetic	E. boastful
C. timid	F. dejected

20-29 The _____ of new orders meant that enough work had arrived to keep everyone at the plant working overtime.

A. influx
B. instigation
C. abeyance
D. diminution
E. suspension
F. affluence

20-30 Many important inventions are the result of _____; for example, Chinese alchemists accidentally discovered gunpowder while trying to create _____ that would make their emperor immortal.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. perseverance	D. a bane
B. expedience	E. an elixir
C. serendipity	F. a toxin

20-31 A notorious _____, the critic struck readers as being more concerned with the _____ of his own literary performance than with the book being reviewed.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. narcissist	D. success
B. pragmatist	E. consistency
C. misanthrope	F. condemnation

20-32 That bison congregate in large herds suggests that they are _____ animals, yet individually they appear _____, seemingly indifferent to their circumstances.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. fastidious	D. tractable
B. gregarious	E. stolid
C. ubiquitous	F. skittish

20-33 The most objectionable passages in the novel were _____ at the insistence of the censors.

A. deleted
B. returned
C. advertised
D. restored
E. celebrated
F. obliterated

20-34 Saul Williams has won critical acclaim as a musician, poet, and actor, demonstrating that he is both versatile and _____.

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| A. humble |
| B. consummate |
| C. accomplished |
| D. dismissive |
| E. overcommitted |
| F. modest |

20-35 Anyone serving as transportation commissioner must become accustomed to public criticism, and indeed Henderson is now quite _____ it.

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| A. habituated to |
| B. irritated by |
| C. inured to |
| D. repentant about |
| E. annoyed by |
| F. vulnerable to |

20-36 Increasingly, nurse practitioners are _____ the heavy workload of physicians by performing medical tasks once thought to be the exclusive _____ of doctors.

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| A. amassing | D. problem |
| B. compounding | E. province |
| C. lessening | F. assertion |

20-37 Brenda's job was by no means _____: she actually had to work quite hard for her salary.

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| A. a free ride |
| B. a sinecure |
| C. an enigma |
| D. an enumeration |
| E. an appraisal |
| F. a conundrum |

20-38 The first Moon explorers were rarely expansive in describing their surroundings: on the contrary, their reports tended to be _____.

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| A. implacable |
| B. histrionic |
| C. theatrical |
| D. laconic |
| E. terse |

F. extemporaneous

EXERCISE 21**KEY WORDS****Included:**

accelerate	accessible	baffling	circumscribe
comprehend	contagious	credulous	defy
dilettante	dismay	embrace	emollient
erudite	erudite	feckless	fervent
frustrate	gullible	hypnotic	impassive
indispensable	instill	jaundice	legion
minute	momentous	nonentity	ostentatious
overbearing	phlegmatic	presage	proffer
protean	revere	scant	sensitive
shirk	slight	soporific	subtle
trivial	urbane	venerate	

Not Included:

acclamation	strong and enthusiastic approval or praise
autonomous	existing or acting separately from other things or people
catalyst	a person or event that quickly causes change or action
collective	shared or done by a group of people
complement	something that completes something else or makes it better
conviviality	of or relating to social events where people can eat, drink, and talk in a friendly way with others
delusional	a false idea or belief that is caused by mental illness
disparity	different from each other
distress	unhappiness or pain
empathy	the feeling that you understand and share another person's experiences and emotions
equanimity	calm emotions when dealing with problems or pressure
foretell	to describe (something) before it happens
impassion	to arouse the feelings or passions of
impediment	something that makes it difficult to do or complete something
indefatigable	able to work or continue for a very long time without becoming tired
infinitesimal	extremely small
jollification	festivity, merrymaking
lucrative	producing money or wealth

mutable	able or likely to change often
nimble	able to move quickly, easily, and lightly
overriding	more important than anything else
polymath	someone who knows a lot about many different things
pretentious	having or showing the unpleasant quality of people who want to be regarded as more impressive, successful, or important than they really are
provinciality	provincial: having narrow or limited concerns or interests
resentment	a feeling of anger or displeasure about someone or something unfair
skew:	to change (something) so that it is not true or accurate
summation	a brief description of the most important information about something
susceptible	easily affected, influenced, or harmed by something
suspicious	having or showing a feeling that something is wrong or that someone is behaving wrongly

EXERCISE

21-1 In 1909, the first significant strike of working women was _____ by garment workers in New York to _____ low wages and long working hours.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. suspended	D. protest
B. investigated	E. promote
C. organized	F. accommodate

21-2 Aerospace engineer Dr. Aprille Ericsson-Jackson does not _____ her responsibilities as a role model; instead, she _____ the opportunity to encourage women and minorities to pursue careers in math and science.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. shirk	D. squanders
B. welcome	E. embraces
C. ponder	F. resists

21-3 Steve tempers his _____ with _____: despite his intense desire to succeed, he remains sensitive to the feelings of others.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. insolence	D. despondency
B. ambition	E. banality
C. lethargy	F. empathy

21-4 The senator delivered such _____ speech that her supporters, inspired by her obvious fervor, were moved to action.

A. a fervent
B. an impassioned
C. a fastidious
D. an ostentatious
E. a pretentious
F. an endearing

21-5 The ancient Greek writer Herodotus was inordinately _____, blithely accepting wildly improbable legends as historical facts.

A. productive
B. gullible
C. credulous
D. derisive
E. anachronistic
F. prolific

21-6 Alarmed that land-clearing practices are rapidly _____ crucial habitat, the government of Madagascar is working hard to _____ in its citizens a sense of pride in the nation's diverse animal and plant species.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. isolating	D. deter
B. restoring	E. prolong
C. destroying	F. instill

21-7 Not even a microscope is sufficiently powerful to view the _____ molecules that chemist Jacqueline Barton designs.

A. trivial
B. grandiloquent
C. infinitesimal
D. minute
E. frivolous
F. distended

21-8 The conclusion of such a vast and complex book should have contained a _____ of the author's ideas to _____ the general remarks he made in the introduction.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. rebuttal	D. complement
B. summation	E. incense
C. retraction	F. disprove

21-9 Elena, who strongly favored the proposal, was understandably _____ when an influential committee member expressed a view _____ to her own.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. indifferent	D. sympathetic
B. distressed	E. opposed
C. puzzled	F. similar

21-10 The psychologist's ostensibly objective experiments were in fact _____: they subtly yet invariably supported her personal predilections.

A. ominous
B. ingratiating
C. profitable
D. lucrative
E. biased
F. jaundiced

21-11 The commentator's misuse of language and reliance on inappropriate colloquialisms and jargon are considerable _____ the audience's comprehension.

A. obstruction to
B. impediments to
C. comments on
D. bonuses to
E. catalysts of
F. accelerator of

21-12 Although Michael's invidious accusations aroused our _____, we managed to preserve our _____ and remain composed.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. resentment	D. ire
B. remorse	E. innocence
C. gratitude	F. equanimity

21-13 Architect Maya Lin wants people to experience her commemorative monuments tactily: that is, she wants them to _____ these structures.

A. interpret
B. venerate
C. revere
D. confront
E. touch

F. feel

21-14 The signs that the skeleton had been tampered with were so _____ that the archaeologist almost failed to notice them.

A. subtle
B. numerous
C. indiscernible
D. legion
E. substantial
F. unavoidable

21-15 In the past, paintings by Black American artists often were _____; in contrast, many art critics today advocate an understanding of the works of Black artists as _____ to appreciating America's diverse heritage.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. slighted	D. indispensable
B. praised	E. obvious
C. studied	F. indifferent

21-16 Although optimists often encourage people to anticipate success, an excessive _____ in future outcomes may be unrealistic, even _____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. negation	D. delusional
B. confidence	E. speculative
C. interest	F. judicious

21-17 Studying gray whales during the 1970s, marine biologist Mary Lou Jones dubbed one of her subjects "Amazing Graces," for its friendliness was _____ and its movements underwater _____ beyond description.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. prosaic	D. lethal
B. astonishing	E. taut
C. deceptive	F. nimble

21-18 The _____ nature of the virus allows it to continually change its form and thus go undetected by the body's immune system.

A. infectious
B. mutable
C. debilitating
D. protean
E. benign
F. contagious

21-19 The city reveals its unique type of _____ most fully during the cheerful and noisy New Year`s celebrations, which attract international as well as local participants.

A. insularity
B. reflection
C. conviviality
D. provinciality
E. jollification
F. introspection

21-20 John Hope Franklin`s From Slavery to Freedom was _____ book because it permanently altered how United States history was studied.

A. an influential
B. a comfortable
C. a momentous
D. a confusing
E. an outrageous
F. a baffling

21-21 Students already confused by difficult college-admission procedures will be further _____ by the university`s complex new online process.

A. cheered
B. frustrated
C. dismayed
D. inspired
E. soothed
F. encouraged

21-22 Cherokee women traditionally exercised _____ authority: they managed agriculture, determined clan membership, and wielded considerable economic power.

A. extensive
B. temporary
C. limited
D. circumscribed
E. unjust
F. comprehensive

21-23 The _____ that met the novella upon publication was so _____ its modest achievement that even the author wondered whether the response was truly deserved.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. incredulity	D. disproportionate to
B. indifference	E. commensurate with

C. acclamation	F. essential of
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21-24 The participants in the study considered themselves _____ but in yielding to the wishes of the group, they were assuming _____ values.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. expedient	D. narcissistic
B. autonomous	E. collective
C. cooperative	F. munificent

21-25 Basset hounds tend to be _____ breed of dog: most are not easily aroused into action.

A. a perspicacious
B. a phlegmatic
C. an estimable
D. an impassive
E. an overriding
F. an overbearing

21-26 Mary Somerville's career was that of a true _____: she wrote on astronomy, mathematics, physics, and geography, among other subjects.

A. philistine
B. amateur
C. charlatan
D. erudite
E. polymath
F. dilettante

21-27 Eager to appear sophisticated and learned, Vincent cultivated a persona that was both _____ and _____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. morose	D. gregarious
B. urbane	E. erudite
C. mordant	F. pedantic

21-28 Because the perfumer possessed an unusually sensitive nose, he had the ability to _____ subtle variations in even the most complex odors.

A. foretell
B. contain
C. distinguish
D. avoid
E. detect
F. presage

21-29 The official's record was both _____ and _____: he missed many important votes and never led any legislative initiatives.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. ambitious	D. accomplished
B. scant	E. unique
C. reasonable	F. undistinguished

21-30 Irene is _____ compliments, feeling that they are often nothing but empty flattery.

A. appreciative of
B. sensitive to
C. susceptible to
D. suspicious of
E. incredulous of
F. hungry of

21-31 When elected director general of the World Health Organization, Dr. Margaret Chan promised to work _____, to be unflagging in her efforts to produce results.

A. vaingloriously
B. fecklessly
C. indefatigable
D. untiringly
E. circumspectly
F. ineffectually

21-32 Some deep-sea creatures discovered by marine biologist seem to _____ the imagination, so great is the _____ between these creatures and the more familiar marine organisms found in the shallower waters.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. defy	D. enmity
B. electrify	E. disparity
C. elucidate	F. collusion

21-33 Maria never _____ advice: she prefers to solve her problems without help from others.

A. proffer
B. forgets
C. requests
D. seeks

E. discounts

F. offers

21-34 The _____ of homing pigeons to sense Earth's magnetic field may serve as _____ tool in helping them find their way home, even across hundreds of miles.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. ability

D. a useless

B. reluctance

E. a valuable

C. unsuitability

F. an undiscovered

21-35 Because they make up just a small percent of all objects that fall to Earth, carbonaceous meteorites are considered _____.

A. nonentity

B. large

C. rare

D. dense

E. nonexistent

F. scarce

21-36 The vocation of literary criticism should in no way _____ the critic's pleasure in a work of art; at the same time, however, such enjoyment should not _____ judgment.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. inspire

D. supplant

B. inhibit

E. skew

C. extend

F. hone

21-37 It is not surprising that the writings of this philosopher are among the most _____ in the field, because he deliberately makes them easy to _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. complex

D. comprehend

B. profound

E. ignore

C. accessible

F. forget

21-38 The meeting had _____ effect on Hannah: he found that her concerns about the new policy were adequately addressed.

A. a mollifying

B. a bewildering

C. a soporific

D. a hypnotic

E. an indiscernible

F. an emollient

EXERCISE 22

KEY WORDS**Included:**

acclaim	acerbic	apprehension	audacious
avarice	circumspect	conservative	conviction
dampen	dearth	dehydrate	deleterious
desiccate	dilatory	disregard	droll
dubious	enervate	flag	flexible
fraudulent	garble	gregarious	innocuous
intransigent	lugubrious	malaise	metaphysical
mirage	nostalgia	partisan	placate
precarious	precipitate	pristine	ravenous
reckless	scads	slight	sluggish
spate	substantiate	volatile	voluptuous
voracious	warp	wary	

Not Included:

affront	to do or say something that shows a lack of respect for
appease	to make (someone) pleased or less angry by giving or saying something desired
debauchery	bad or immoral behavior that involves sex, drugs, alcohol, etc.
deprecating	to criticize or express disapproval of (someone or something)
detestable	causing or deserving strong dislike
devour	to prey upon
diminution	the act or process of becoming less
disparage	to describe (someone or something) as unimportant, weak, bad, etc.
disperse	to go or move in different directions
doleful	very sad
egregious	very bad and easily noticed
elasticity	the quality of being adaptable
embellish	to decorate (something) by adding special details and features
evocative	bringing thoughts, memories, or feelings into the mind
execrable	very bad
factionous	inclined to faction or the formation of factions
indulgence	the act of doing something that you enjoy but that is usually thought of as wrong or unhealthy
intersperse	to put (something) at different places among other things
legendary	very famous or well-known

libelous	containing an untrue written statement that causes people to have a bad opinion of someone
lucrative	producing money or wealth
luscious	richly luxurious or appealing to the senses
monotony	a lack of change that makes something boring
otherworldly	suggesting a world that is different from the world we know
rejuvenate	to make (someone) feel or look young, healthy, or energetic again
reminiscent	thinking about the past
revitalize	to make (someone or something) active, healthy, or energetic again
scandalous	involving immoral or shocking things that a person has done or is believed to have done
teetotalism	the principle or practice of complete abstinence from alcoholic drinks
temperance	the practice of drinking little or no alcohol
tutelage	the teaching of an individual student by a teacher

EXERCISE

22-1 In 2008, Muslims in the United States were the religious group most evenly _____ the political spectrum: 29 percent liberal, 38 percent moderate, 25 percent conservative.

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| A. distributed across |
| B. predicted by |
| C. dispersed across |
| D. opposed to |
| E. disconnected from |
| F. Segregated from |

22-2 As one of history's most visible proponents of _____, this activist lectured internationally on the evils of alcohol consumption.

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| A. debauchery |
| B. indulgence |
| C. democracy |
| D. temperance |
| E. individualism |
| F. teetotalism |

22-3 By _____ many aspects of natural river ecosystems, some dams cause serious harm, producing _____ effects on water, land, wildlife, and even the atmosphere.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. obliterating	D. negligible
B. altering	E. salutary
C. ameliorating	F. deleterious

22-4 The company was so _____, so unwilling to change, that it lost any ability to compete in a _____ market.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. tractable	D. regulated
B. flighty	E. perilous
C. intransigent	F. volatile

22-5 Although it is natural to take umbrage at _____ remarks, Latoya always went to great pains to act as though she was not _____ when people harshly criticized her.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. discreet	D. unaffected
B. droll	E. affronted
C. acerbic	F. mollified

22-6 Sally could not _____ the family trip to Colorado, but her older brother Brad was able to _____ many of its details.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. avoid	D. allude
B. remember	E. recall
C. prevent	F. dismiss

22-7 The theory is _____ so much _____ evidence that it is now accepted by the great majority of scientists.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. inconsistent with	D. contradictory
B. unrelated to	E. supporting
C. substantiated by	F. irrelevant

22-8 Not wishing to incur the disapproval of her teachers, who were generally _____, Helen was _____ attempting radical new artistic styles in her paintings.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. conservative	D. delighted about
B. progressive	E. wary of
C. complimentary	F. criticized for

22-9 Far from exhausting him, the more arduous work schedule seems to have _____ the convalescent doctor.

A. enticed
B. dampened
C. enervated
D. alienated
E. rejuvenated
F. revitalized

22-10 As head of the National Education Association in 1965-66, Elizabeth Duncan Koontz advocated higher salaries for teachers because she believed that the more _____ teaching is, the greater its attraction for highly qualified people.

A. precarious
B. dubious
C. controversial
D. lucrative
E. productive
F. profitable

22-11 Although in public life Simone de Beauvoir's feminist stance was uncompromising, her personal life revealed a greater degree of ideological _____.

A. reciprocity
B. flexibility
C. elasticity
D. assurance
E. analysis
F. conviction

22-12 Noting a _____ of robins around his home, the bird-watcher wondered whether this reflected an overall _____ in this species' population.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. dearth	D. diminution

B. spate	E. uniformity
C. jumble	F. stability

22-13 The critic wrote that Hoffman`s novel was _____, so abominable, in fact, that slamming it shut was the only pleasure it provided.

A. prescient
B. labyrinthine
C. execrable
D. detestable
E. otherworldly
F. metaphysical

22-14 Although the commentator claimed to be politically neutral, she was quite obviously _____: her broadcasts always revealed an unmistakable, unreasoning _____ toward her pet political causes.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. optimistic	D. pathos
B. pedantic	E. apathy
C. partisan	F. bias

22-15 Dr. Abraham often understated his accomplishments, even at times _____ the way he had achieved his success against overwhelming obstacles.

A. recounting
B. deprecating
C. controlling
D. lauding
E. disparaging
F. acclaiming

22-16 The researcher adroitly _____ his presentation with personal anecdotes, breaking up dauntingly technical material with short accounts of biographical interest.

A. interspersed
B. verified
C. dissected
D. garbled
E. warped
F. embellished

22-17 Margot O`Toole`s allegations of _____ practices among her scientific colleagues _____ a charged debate regarding the ethics of scientific research.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. orthodox	D. precipitated
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B. fraudulent	E. corrupted
C. exemplary	F. annulled

22-18 Like avid gardeners who attack weeds tirelessly, some damselfish are _____ weeders of algae gardens in coral reefs.

A. dilatory
B. sluggish
C. indefatigable
D. unwieldy
E. capricious
F. unflagging

22-19 As Sam's behavior was a flagrant violation of basic civility, Kendra was right to call it _____.

A. obsequious
B. egregious
C. notorious
D. perfunctory
E. gregarious
F. social

22-20 The _____ of this remote region was remarkable: towering peaks loomed above plunging valleys.

A. topography
B. mythology
C. terrain
D. cartography
E. legendry
F. archaeology

22-21 In countries plagued by cholera and other waterborne diseases, attempts at _____ water cannot keep pace with its _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. squandering	D. contamination
B. producing	E. consumption
C. purifying	F. exploration

22-22 After her long, arduous hike, Hillary was _____: she wanted to eat until she could eat no more.

A. enervated
B. voracious
C. dehydrated

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| D. ecstatic |
| E. ravenous |
| F. desiccated |

22-23 It is not wise to attempt to _____ aggressive groups; the more concessions you make, the more they will demand.

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| A. brandish |
| B. slight |
| C. disregard |
| D. placate |
| E. traverse |
| F. appease |

22-24 The candidate responded to the _____ of campaigning by being _____, relieving the tedium with her wry sense of humor.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. brevity	D. insipid
B. monotony	E. droll
C. allure	F. voluble

22-25 Continuing education helps health care professionals keep up with _____ scientific information and the _____ health care needs of the population.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. confusing	D. superficial
B. mushrooming	E. decreasing
C. diminishing	F. changing

22-26 Archaeologists have _____ a great variety of motifs _____ the walls of ancient synagogues still standing in Rome.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. discovered	D. concealing
B. created	E. defacing
C. enjoyed	F. adorning

22-27 The bill incited such vigorous debate and caused such partisanship that it was dubbed the most _____ in history.

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| A. scandalous |
| B. divisive |
| C. preeminent |
| D. factious |

E. coherent

F. libelous

22-28 Though a certain jellyfish _____ anchovy eggs and larvae, marine biologist Jennifer Purcell argues that direct _____ is not the means through which this invader affects anchovy stock.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. scavenges

D. reciprocation

B. deposits

E. predation

C. devours

F. fertilization

22-29 The slogan "greed is good" epitomizes the controversial notion that _____ might actually be _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. avarice

D. equivocal

B. philanthropy

E. outmoded

C. frugality

F. beneficial

22-30 The Amazon rain forest remained _____ for years because its soils were unsuitable for agriculture and because endemic diseases such as malaria and yellow fever _____ most settlers.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. pristine

D. attracted

B. luminous

E. thwarted

C. cultivated

F. exposed

22-31 Horgan argues that many scientists today are gripped by a profound unease, _____ that results from current social uncertainties.

A. a conviviality

B. a homesickness

C. a nostalgia

D. a felicity

E. a malaise

F. an apprehension

22-32 The renewed interest in Elizabethan times is evident in the _____ of new Hollywood films set during that period.

A. spate

B. hypocrisy

C. rejuvenation

D. transience

E. scads

F. revival

22-33 Bessie Coleman, the world's first licensed Black aviator, was considered _____ because she regularly performed risky flying stunts.

A. circumspect

B. venturesome

C. audacious

D. cautious

E. magnanimous

F. decorous

22-34 Yellow jackets are not mere _____, preprogrammed mechanisms; rather, these insects change behavioral patterns in response to their experiences.

A. automatons

B. fledglings

C. self-motions

D. saboteurs

E. mirages

F. miracles

22-35 Joe publicly advocates _____ and self-control but, oddly enough, seems to admire most those people who achieve great things through _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. simplicity

D. obedience

B. prosperity

E. benevolence

C. moderation

F. recklessness

22-36 The _____ of drummer Art Blakey was akin to a university education in jazz, as _____ by the plethora of successful musicians who benefited from playing with him.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. nuance

D. recanted

B. virtuosity

E. decried

C. tutelage

F. evidenced

22-37 The candidate's comments during the debate were so _____ that not even his most vehement critics could seize on something to use against him.

A. innocuous

B. evocative

C. reminiscent

D. pivotal

E. inoffensive

F. uproarious

22-38 There was a certain _____ quality to the artist's paintings, an exaggerated gloom that permeated every brushstroke.

A. voluptuous

B. perfunctory

C. doleful

D. lugubrious

E. intrepid

F. luscious

EXERCISE 23

KEY WORDS

Included:

abate	abstruse	advocate	aggressive
alleviate	arcane	bromide	cameo
compound	conserve	debacle	discursive

disparate	enmity	exhort	foil
ingenuity	lampoon	menace	myopic
occult	palpable	pillory	pioneer
platitude	postulate	predilection	prerequisite
recondite	redundant	revere	sage
savant	secrete	summon	superfluous
trespass	venerate	vignette	vivacious

Not Included:

accentuate	to make (something) more noticeable
antagonistic	showing dislike or opposition
apprehensible	apprehend: arrest, seize
bellicosity	having or showing a tendency to argue or fight
celestial	of or relating to heaven
corroboration	corroborate: to support or help prove (a statement, theory, etc.) by providing information or evidence
demonstrative	freely and openly showing emotion or feelings
discomposing	to destroy the composure of
elective	permitting a choice
exemplify	to be a very good example of
heighten	to increase the amount, degree, or extent of
improvident	not providing or saving for the future
itinerary	the places you go to or plan to go to on a journey
obduracy	obdurate: refusing to do what other people want
prepossession	an attitude, belief, or impression formed beforehand
quibbler	quibble: to evade the point of an argument by caviling about words
ramble	to go from one subject to another without any clear purpose or direction
replica	an exact or very close copy of something
sequential	of, relating to, or arranged in a particular order or sequence
solitary	separate from other people or things
sophist	a captious or fallacious reasoner
spotlight	to give special attention to
synthetic	not natural
touchstone	something that is used to make judgments about the quality of other things
unnerve	to make (someone) feel afraid or upset and unable to think clearly

venality	venal: willing to do dishonest things in return for money
voyage	an act or instance of traveling
weary	bored or annoyed by something because you have seen it, heard it, done it, etc., many times or for a long time

EXERCISE

23-1 Mongolian gazelles are the dominant herbivore in Mongolia's eastern steppe, but they are _____ by the ongoing loss of their habitat.

A. threatened
B. trespassed
C. invaded
D. established
E. strengthened
F. menaced

23-2 A trained anthropologist raised in an Alutiiq community, Sven Haakanson has stressed the importance of indigenous communities _____ anthropologists so that such communities can take an active role in _____ their own cultural heritage.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. ousting	D. describing
B. collaborating with	E. exempting
C. contending with	F. depleting

23-3 Despite her reputation for being _____ and _____, the musician in fact was neither reserved nor thin-skinned.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. guarded	D. querulous
B. garrulous	E. embittered
C. solicitous	F. hypersensitive

23-4 13MY2-23-4 Halle Berry's portrayal of Dorothy Dandridge is a powerful _____: it calls forth the qualities that made Dandridge a legend.

A. summoning
B. hyperbole
C. prepossession
D. predilection
E. evocation
F. polemic

23-5 As CEO, Tanier`s worst quality was her ____: she stuck with misguided policies long after their flaws were obvious.

A. assiduousness
B. intransigence
C. bellicosity
D. aggressiveness
E. obduracy
F. fulsomeness

23-6 A firm ____ of peace, Montana congresswoman Jeannette Rankin was the only lawmaker to ____ the United States` entry into both world wars.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. guru	D. support
B. spectator	E. restore
C. advocate	F. oppose

23-7 Multiplane cameras were a critical invention for early animated films: they ____ realism by allowing drawings to appear three-dimensional.

A. divided
B. heightened
C. interrupted
D. disturbed
E. neglected
F. accentuate

23-8 Social networking websites are ____ by nature, as individuals vie with one another (and with advertisements) for their friends` attention.

A. educational
B. informal
C. competitive
D. private
E. rival
F. secrete

23-9 Although he felt that Steven was ____, Mark did not sense that Steven`s ill will amounted to outright ____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. couth	D. conspiracy
B. competent	E. enmity
C. antagonistic	F. bravery

23-10 Emily Dickinson`s poems can be disquieting, and some people found that, in person, Dickinson was just as ____.

A. discomposing
B. unnerving
C. beguiling
D. wearying
E. exhausted
F. mollifying

23-11 For Albert Einstein, the unvarying speed of light was a _____, an essential presupposition on which his reasoning was based.

A. prerequisite
B. contingency
C. postulate
D. confirmation
E. discrepancy
F. corroboration

23-12 Some teachers worry that history courses will become _____ for students due to curricular pressures that are _____ the subject.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. ensconced	D. promulgating
B. elective	E. marginalizing
C. enhanced	F. elucidating

23-13 The details of the agreement were so _____ that only a few people were capable of fully comprehending them.

A. occult
B. pejorative
C. imprudent
D. arcane
E. palpable
F. apprehensible

23-14 By recycling materials and salvaging unused supplies, the health care industry can _____ the amount of waste it generates.

A. conserve
B. reduce
C. preserve
D. overlook
E. compound
F. abate

23-15 Sitala _____ her Miwok name, meaning "of good memory": she can be counted on to _____ any experience, no matter how long ago it occurred.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. exaggerates	D. forego
B. embraces	E. recognize
C. exemplifies	F. recall

23-16 Both candidates wanted to appeal to voters who are normally _____ with politics, those who express little or no _____ the outcome of the election.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. delighted	D. patience with
B. conversant	E. opinion about
C. bored	F. unawareness of

23-17 During the voyage Dan relied on the stars' positions for guidance, demonstrating his skill at navigating by means of _____ cues.

A. terrestrial
B. heavenly
C. equatorial
D. celestial
E. sequential
F. serial

23-18 The setting of Ntozake Shange's first novel is exotic, even _____, making that of her second novel seem _____ by contrast.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. intricate	D. ordinary
B. fantastic	E. isolated
C. routine	F. foreign

23-19 Pardis Sabeti has earned distinction in _____ ways: she developed a means of tracing natural selection in the genome and she sings in a successful rock band.

A. disparate
B. providential
C. abstruse
D. prosaic
E. recondite
F. divergent

23-20 For centuries, sailors have reported seeing the surface of the ocean glowing with a uniform milky light, a _____ scientists say may be _____ by luminescent bacteria.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. phenomenon	D. validated
B. boon	E. exacerbated
C. quandary	F. generated

23-21 Ecologist Frank Ortega warned that the state's decision to _____ the rigid standards for disposal of toxic wastes would be construed as a signal that sloppiness in handling such wastes will be tolerated.

A. enforce
B. advertise
C. codify
D. relax
E. publicize
F. alleviate

23-22 In this film, the dull rhetoric and plodding behavior of the hero make him a splendid _____ for the witty and _____ heroine.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A. foil	D. insipid
B. inspiration	E. vivacious
C. proxy	F. pedantic

23-23 Philosopher Cornel West argues that both European and African civilizations have _____ histories, with notable instances of barbarism during some eras and humanism during others.

A. irregular
B. discursive
C. unblemished
D. unredeemed
E. rambling
F. uneven

23-24 The instability of the regime, _____ by global economic woes, unfortunately led to a national _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. mitigated	D. capitulation
B. compounded	E. triumph
C. rectified	F. debacle

23-25 Lourdes' teacher praised her geography project for its _____: he had rarely seen one so cleverly inventive.

A. relevance
B. timeliness
C. ingenuity
D. bravery
E. creativeness
F. courage

23-26 Despite its past reputation for _____ land use planning, London today shows an unrivaled genius for _____ old and downtrodden areas and then promoting them as new trendy neighborhoods.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. singular	D. neglecting
B. uninspired	E. restoring
C. exceptional	F. abandoning

23-27 Maya Angelou and Anais Nin were _____ of self-exposure: they were among the first female writers willing to _____ their own sometimes questionable exploits and emotional shortcomings.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. advocates	D. spotlight
B. pioneers	E. understate
C. critics	F. hide

23-28 The _____ of turtles and tortoises is _____; one giant tortoise in a Calcutta zoo is believed to have reached the age of 250 years.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. transience	D. legendary
B. ubiquity	E. dubious
C. longevity	F. perplexing

23-29 An important _____ for assessing the performance of a glider is its capacity to remain aloft for extended periods.

A. routine
B. evaluation
C. criterion
D. estimation
E. notation
F. touchstone

23-30 As a debater, Lenny was something of a _____ in that he often used subtly deceptive reasoning to win points.

A. sage
B. sophist
C. stickler
D. savant
E. quibbler
F. scapegoat

23-31 Accused of _____ the public's trust by pilfering tax-payers' money, the state legislators were condemned for their _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. mystifying	D. venality
B. betraying	E. inefficiency
C. maintaining	F. contemptuousness

23-32 Greek comic playwrights often _____ rulers; in one play, a brutal despot is replaced in office by a sausage seller.

A. placated
B. venerated
C. exonerated
D. lampooned
E. revered
F. pilloried

23-33 The highly detailed _____ of the ship looked identical to the actual ship in all but size.

A. replica
B. cargo
C. model
D. weight
E. voyage
F. itinerary

23-34 Dylan preferred baking with _____ ingredients such as fresh fruits and nuts rather than with _____ ones such as food coloring and chocolate chips.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. nutritious	D. available
B. tasty	E. complex
C. natural	F. synthetic

23-35 Former astronaut Mae Jemison works to recruit more high school students to science and engineering by tirelessly _____ them to _____ careers in those fields.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. cautioning	D. pursue
B. exhorting	E. contemplate
C. forbidding	F. relinquish

23-36 My brother is a loner who showers his few friends with affection; thus he is both _____ and _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. suspicious	D. serene
B. solitary	E. knowledgeable
C. cantankerous	F. demonstrative

23-37 The novel *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents* is actually a series of _____; these sketches recount the experiences of four sisters from the Dominican Republic after they immigrate to the United States.

A. vignettes
B. platitudes
C. bromides
D. similes
E. epics
F. cameo

23-38 The company's policies were _____: they lacked foresight, making no provisions for new product development.

A. superfluous
B. improvident
C. intrinsic
D. myopic
E. redundant
F. sustainable

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EXERCISE 24

KEY WORDS

Included:

abundant	aloof	ambiguous	aphorism
belligerence	blight	clarity	clement

conspicuous	convoluted	deliberate	derivative
diaphanous	dilettante	disparate	epitomize
evoke	exonerate	flamboyant	forthright
gaudy	iconoclast	imperturbable	incentive
indigenous	inept	inimical	judicious
justify	maverick	meager	meticulous
negotiate	paraphrase	pellucid	perfidy
placate	preeminent	punctilious	quotidian
refute	scant	shrewd	solitude
supercilious	uncanny	vague	variegated
viable			

Not Included:

aviate	to navigate the air
bombastic	bombast: speech or writing that is meant to sound important or impressive but is not sincere or meaningful
capricious	changing often and quickly
contentiousness	likely to cause people to argue or disagree
currency	the quality or state of being used or accepted by many people
derail	to obstruct the progress of
dictum	a statement or well-known remark that expresses an important idea or rule
engaging	very attractive or pleasing in a way that holds your attention
flair	a natural ability to do something
foresight	the ability to see what will or might happen in the future
freakish	very strange or abnormal
hypocrisy	behavior that does not agree with what someone claims to believe or feel
illustrate	to show or make clear by using examples
implicated	to cause to twine about one another
indiscretion	a socially improper or unsuitable act or remark
instinctive	done instantly and without conscious thought or decision
intricate	having many complexly interrelating parts or elements
limpidity	perfectly clear
obtrusive	tending to bother people by appearing where you are not welcome or invited
ossified	to become or to cause something to become unable to change

pleasance	a feeling of pleasure
prevision	foresight, prescience
stimulus	something that causes something else to happen, develop, or become more active

EXERCISE

24-1 Architect Toyo Ito strives to design spaces that seem "aqueous", creating environments wherein objects appear to_____.

A. drift
B. float
C. shrink
D. smolder
E. collide
F. aviate

24-2 Although it is often difficult to _____ someone as charming as Hank, his colleagues can no longer overlook his_____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. excuse	D. indiscretions
B. criticize	E. obligations
C. olerate	F. resolutions

24-3 The scrapbooks compiled by artist and historian William Dorsey are so_____ that they constitute_____ view Philadelphia's African American community between 1873 and 19024-3

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. inventive	D. a constricted
B. extensive	E. a comprehensive
C. prosaic	F. a vibrant

24-4 Patricia is so_____ that she is unable to tolerate others deviating in the least from rules and conventions.

A. importunate
B. imperturbable
C. unshakable
D. punctilious
E. complaisant
F. meticulous

24-5 Unlike Colin, whose _____ for dramatic presentation captivated his audiences, Nick was not _____ speaker.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. antipathy	D. a temperate
B. contempt	E. an engaging
C. flair	F. an unskilled

24-6 Although Elayne helped to _____ the defendant by supporting his alibi, she unwittingly _____ herself with her testimony.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. chastise	D. acquitted
B. admonish	E. implicated
C. exonerate	F. disparaged

24-7 Stewart O’Nan’s novels are aptly described as _____ each is noticeably unlike its predecessor in style, tone, and narrative approach.

A. disparate
B. preeminent
C. strident
D. fulsome
E. divergant
F. distinguished

24-8 The picture book Red Sings from Treetops _____ the changing seasons, with whimsical illustrations that _____ colors, sounds, and tastes associated with different times of the year.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. perpetuates	D. epitomize
B. inaugurates	E. castigate
C. evokes	F. detail

24-9 Information about Abigail and John Adams is so _____ because of the wealth of letters the couple exchanged during John’s frequent absences.

A. vague
B. agreeable
C. abundant
D. problematic
E. ambiguous
F. ample

24-10 In her movie *Chocolat*, filmmaker Claire Denis shuns _____ and attempts instead to depict events as realistically as possible.

A. hypocrisy
B. clarity
C. repetition
D. elation
E. artificiality
F. limpidity

24-11 Although many companies _____ the idea of using solar power, the start-up costs are often too high to _____ the conversion from other technologies.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. applaud	D. ignore
B. reject	E. justify
C. understand	F. predict

24-12 Many linguists believe that the human ability to learn language is _____, an essential part of our nature.

A. innate
B. uncanny
C. theoretical
D. mysterious
E. fragmented
F. indigenous

24-13 Thriving hub though it was, medieval Fustat probably presented a _____ kind of appearance; excavations there have revealed dwellings similar to unremarkable structures elsewhere in rural Egypt.

A. Commodious
B. damaged
C. vertiginous
D. commonplace
E. quotidian
F. blighted

24-14 The interviews published in the magazine were actually more like_____, open and friendly exchanges of ideas and feelings.

A. conversations
B. invitations
C. excursions
D. dialogues
E. paraphrases
F. translations

24-15 The student's actions struck many as _____, but they were actually intended to _____ a point: they demonstrated the absurdity of the new school policy.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. purposeful	D. accept
B. proud	E. examine
C. odd	F. illustrate

24-16 In the valleys of northern Peru, the arid climate naturally_____ leather, textiles, and other organic materials, allowing scholars to create detailed_____ of the Moche society that once flourished there.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

A. erodes	D. prohibitions
B. preserves	E. portraits
C. endorses	F. reconstructions

24-17 The wild and splashy floral print skirt was far too_____ for Estela's taste; she preferred dark and understated clothing.

A. timid
B. flamboyant
C. severe
D. scant
E. meager
F. gaudy

24-18 Menacing clouds and a sudden drop in temperature signaled the onset of_____ weather.

A. balmy
B. inhospitable
C. lofty
D. inimical
E. clement
F. parched

24-19 Suffrage leader Carrie Chapman Catt was known for ____: she avoided controversy, welcomed compromise, and ____ her foes.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. erudition	D. subjugated
B. conciliation	E. confounded
C. duplicity	F. placated

24-20 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's ____ proved keenest when he accurately predicted that his books would someday appear in his native Russia.

A. foresight
B. nostalgia
C. hopelessness
D. despair
E. prevision
F. artistry

24-21 The simple and direct images in Dorothea Lange's photographs provide ____ reflection of a bygone social milieu.

A. an intricate
B. a candid
C. an ostentatious
D. a detailed
E. a convoluted
F. frank

24-22 Kate's impulsive nature and sudden whims led her friends to label her ____.

A. capricious
B. bombastic
C. freakish
D. loquacious
E. dispassionate
F. decorous

24-23 Neurosurgeon Alexa Canady maintained that choosing a career was a visceral decision rather than ____ judgment; that is, it was not so much rational as ____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. an emotional	D. intellectual
B. an intuitive	E. impulsive
C. a deliberate	F. instinctive

24-24 Creative business stratagems frequently become _____ as a result of _____, their versatility and adaptability destroyed by their transformation into rigid policies.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. mitigated	D. jingoism
B. ossified	E. bureaucratization
C. venerable	F. infighting

24-25 Known for her _____, Miranda eagerly welcomes anyone into her home.

A. cowardice
B. prudence
C. hospitality
D. aloofness
E. solitude
F. pleasance

24-26 Not surprisingly, supporters of the governor`s plan to set aside land for a forest preserve were disappointed when a court decision _____ the plan.

A. applauded
B. derailed
C. refuted
D. acknowledged
E. permitted
F. anticipated

24-27 Because playing a musical instrument increases brain activity, it is sometimes used as a _____ to promote learning in children.

A. condition
B. incentive
C. highlight
D. stimulus
E. dictum
F. aphorism

24-28 The ambassador argues that, in diplomacy, there is a subtle but important difference between a country`s showing a willingness to _____ and a too-obvious readiness to make_____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. negotiate	D. concessions
B. antagonize	E. friends
C. surrender	F. denunciations

24-29 The dancer's performing style was _____ and _____, with each move taken from another artist, and poorly executed at that.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. pedestrian	D. evolving
B. chaotic	E. unprecedented
C. derivative	F. inept

24-30 Lewis Latimer's inexpensive method of producing carbon filaments _____ the nascent electric industry by making electric lamps commercially _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. cheapened	D. inaccessible
B. transformed	E. viable
C. provoked	F. prohibitive

24-31 After winning the award, Phillip adopted a haughty pose, treating even his best friends in a _____ manner.

A. cryptic
B. arrogant
C. judicious
D. shrewd
E. supercilious
F. pugnacious

24-32 The general was so widely suspected of _____ during the war that his name eventually became synonymous with disloyalty.

A. belligerence
B. indigence
C. perfidy
D. aspersion
E. contentiousness
F. betrayal

24-33 The prose of Richard Wright's autobiographical *Black Boy* (1945) is _____, free of stylistic tricks or evasiveness.

A. conspicuous
B. straightforward
C. deficient
D. forthright
E. obtrusive
F. elliptical

24-34 It seemed from the size of the crowd, which was _____, and the resonance of its cheers, which were _____, that the team was experiencing a resurgence of popularity.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. negligible	D. hollow
B. sparse	E. muted
C. enormous	F. deafening

24-35 Evidence that the universe is expanding _____ our perception of the cosmos and thus cause a _____ in astronomical thinking.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. advanced	D. setback
B. altered	E. revolution
C. reinforced	F. truce

24-36 Although the theory that widespread lead poisoning contributed to the decline of the Roman Empire has gained _____, the evidence is still _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. disrepute	D. irrefutable
B. momentum	E. systematic
C. currency	F. inconclusive

24-37 The fashion designer favored fabrics that were so _____ as to be virtually transparent.

A. palpable
B. diaphanous
C. variegated
D. luxurious
E. pellucid
F. diversified

24-38 Professor Williams disdained tradition: she regularly attacked cherished beliefs and institutions, earning a reputation as _____.

A. an egalitarian
B. a maverick
C. an amateur
D. a dilettante
E. an iconoclast
F. a purveyor

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