

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

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| 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 show 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

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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 has 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 suits; however, by thus _____ his _____, he alienated his friends.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) commemorate | (D) prosperity |
| (B) lament | (E) plague |
| (C) condole | (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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) admirable | (D) unjust |
| (B) inescapable | (E) legitimate |
| (C) plausible | (F) tolerable |

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.

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| 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.

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|---------------|----------------|
| 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.

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) extraneous | (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

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

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| 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) vestiges

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

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| 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.

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| 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 _____, defended by the alibi of an important witness.

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 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.

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|---------------|------------------|
| 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.

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|---------------|---------------|
| 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.

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|---------------|----------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) promoting | (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.

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 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

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

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|--------------|---------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) muddled | (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 _____ and nearly _____: they are hard to track as well as to detect.

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|--------------|-------------------|
| 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 _____ other clues such as fossilized tracks and eggs, help us to _____ the evolution of these creatures.

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|----------------------|--------------|
| 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 _____ of ponds: they form as a result of snowmelt and a high water table in winter, and then they _____ by late summer.

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) transitory | (D) teem |
| (B) itinerant | (E) expand |
| (C) anachronistic | (F) evaporate |

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

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) diverse | (D) embellished |
| (B) obdurate | (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 _____ and strict, dour adults are punished for their _____.

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

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

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|----------------|------------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) restrained | (D) ebullient |
| (B) dismissive | (E) antisocial |
| (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 _____ mainly by young, urban audiences, rap music was ultimately _____ by its appreciative listeners of all ages across the country.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) admired | (D) condemned |
| (B) derided | (E) instigated |
| (C) relinquished | (F) embraced |

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

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|---------------|----------------|
| 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.

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| 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.

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 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.

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|--------------|-------------------|
| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 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.

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| 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

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 _____ young spaniel was finally _____ enough to be walked safely without a leash.

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| 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 _____ desire to show off, he remained at heart a very _____ person.

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|------------------|---------------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) blatant | (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 _____ when he attributed his achievements to _____ rather than bravery.

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) gallantry | (D) ineluctability |
| (B) humility | (E) fortune |
| (C) presumption | (F) discretion |

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

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|--------------|----------------------|
| 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 _____ by legal means, had long been the subject of _____ between the antagonistic neighbors.

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) undermined | (D) concord |
| (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 _____ readers, thereby earning him _____ in both realms.

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|---------------|------------------|
| 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 _____ conditions, the commotion of the subway at rush hour presented no _____ his creativity.

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| 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 _____ the rewards of literary success during her lifetime; public recognition and appreciation of her talent were completely _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) identified | (D) fulsome |
| (B) evoked | (E) discredited |
| (C) reaped | (F) posthumous |

3-20 Edmund White is a(n) _____ 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 _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) illusory | (D) indulgent |
| (B) physical | (E) dubious |
| (C) strenuous | (F) taxing |

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

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| 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) aesthetics

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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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
- (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.

- (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)

(A) demagogue

(B) conservative

(C) populist

Blank (ii)

(D) a maverick

(E) an anarchist

(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.

(A) inundated

(B) situated

(C) rejuvenated

(D) submerged

(E) revitalized

(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)

(A) effective in

(B) unsuccessful in

(C) unverified for

Blank (ii)

(D) reconstituted

(E) administered

(F) constrained

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

Blank (i)

(A) qualify

(B) salvage

(C) commandeer

Blank (ii)

(D) prosperous

(E) floundering

(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)

(A) multiplicity

(B) ambivalence

(C) dearth

Blank (ii)

(D) variety

(E) moderation

(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

3-38 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

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 _____.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) undermined | (D) debacles |
| (B) provided | (E) misconceptions |
| (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.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

- (A) brevity
- (B) rigidity
- (C) floridity
- (D) tawdriness
- (E) opacity
- (F) unintelligibility

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 _____.

- (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.

- (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.

- (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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) smugness | (D) console |
| (B) humility | (E) legitimate |
| (C) experimentation | (F) eliminate |

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) overlooks

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) flag
- (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.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) nefarious | (D) compulsive |
| (B) byzantine | (E) adroit |
| (C) facile | (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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) remedy | (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.

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| 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.

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| 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 ____.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) apolitical | (D) conformists |
| (B) seditious | (E) insurrectionists |
| (C) supportive | (F) partisans |

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.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) unconcerned with | (D) profundity |
| (B) inseparable from | (E) legitimacy |
| (C) diminished by | (F) detachment |

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

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| 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) empirical
- (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.

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| 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) unfaltering
- (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.

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|----------------|----------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) eliminated | (D) glorified |
| (B) expanded | (E) disparaged |
| (C) condensed | (F) endorsed |

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

- (A) naiveté
- (B) furtiveness
- (C) wavering
- (D) indecisiveness
- (E) sarcasm
- (F) ingenuousness

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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) paucity | (D) expendable |
| (B) cacophony | (E) orderly |
| (C) rehash | (F) libelous |

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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) guarantee | (D) contend with |
| (B) preclude | (E) lobby for |
| (C) compound | (F) enact |

6-2 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.

- (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.

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| 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, _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) discomposed | (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) 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.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) compromised | (D) insolence |
| (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.

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| 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) mellowness
- (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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) encroaching | (D) reinforce |
| (B) waning | (E) disturb |
| (C) wavering | (F) aid |

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

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) associated with | (D) threatens |
| (B) surrounded by | (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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) conciliatory | (D) confrontational |
| (B) steadfast | (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) twist
- (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.

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| 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.

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|---------------------|------------|
| 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.

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| 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) rebukes
- (C) exacerbates
- (D) explores
- (E) duplicates
- (F) aggravates

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) reprimanded
- (D) criticized
- (E) espoused
- (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) audited
- (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.

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|----------------|---------------------|
| 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.

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|--------------|----------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) reprieve | (D) infusion |
| (B) hearing | (E) inducement |
| (C) rebate | (F) security |

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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) maintain | (D) immune |
| (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.

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| 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) churlish
- (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.

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 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) imperiousness
- (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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) rambunctious | (D) scrupulous |
| (B) extravagant | (E) impulsive |
| (C) circumscribed | (F) indifferent |

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.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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) condensation
- (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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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|---------------|----------------|
| 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) arbitration
- (E) a mandate
- (F) a declaration

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.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) perspicacious | (D) unassuming |
| (B) obtuse | (E) supercilious |
| (C) debauched | (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.

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 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.

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| 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) autonomous
- (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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) predictable | (D) an eloquent |
| (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) whimsy
- (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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) strenuous | (D) dumbfounded |
| (B) facile | (E) distracted |
| (C) stingy | (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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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) donors
- (C) administrators
- (D) managers
- (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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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
- (E) refund
- (F) 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.

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| 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) frighten
- (D) cajole
- (E) bully
- (F) 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.

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| 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

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) monumentalizes

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.

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| 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 _____.

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 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 _____.

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|--------------|-----------------------|
| 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.

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 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) panegyrics
- (B) diatribes
- (C) philippics
- (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.

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| 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 _____.

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|---------------|----------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) embraced | (D) autonomy |
| (B) despised | (E) discipline |
| (C) tolerated | (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 _____.

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| 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.

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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 role in propagating their ideas.

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 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) 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.

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|--------------|----------------|
| 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 _____.

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 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.

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|---------------|-------------|
| 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.

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 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

10-1 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's _____ proved keenest when he accurately predicted that his books would someday appear in his native Russia.

- (A) foresight
- (B) nostalgia
- (C) myopia
- (D) despair
- (E) prescience
- (F) artistry

10-2 The simple and direct images in Dorothea Lange's photographs provide _____ reflection of a bygone social milieu.

- (A) an involved
- (B) a candid
- (C) an ostentatious
- (D) a detailed
- (E) a convoluted
- (F) a forthright

10-3 Kate's impulsive nature and sudden whims led her friends to label her _____.

- (A) capricious
- (B) bombastic
- (C) volatile
- (D) loquacious
- (E) dispassionate
- (F) turgid

10-4 Neurosurgeon Alexa Canady maintained that choosing a career was a visceral decision rather than _____ judgment; that is, it was not so much rational as _____.

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|------------------|------------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) an emotional | (D) intellectual |
| (B) an intuitive | (E) voluntary |
| (C) a deliberate | (F) instinctive |

10-5 Creative business stratagems frequently become _____ as a result of _____, their versatility and adaptability destroyed by their transformation into rigid policies.

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) politicized | (D) jingoism |
| (B) ossified | (E) bureaucratization |
| (C) streamlined | (F) infighting |

10-6 Known for her _____, Miranda eagerly welcomes anyone into her home.

- (A) cowardice
- (B) prudence
- (C) hospitality
- (D) aloofness
- (E) solitude
- (F) affability

10-7 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

10-8 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

10-9 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_____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) negotiate | (D) concessions |
| (B) antagonize | (E) inquiries |
| (C) surrender | (F) denunciations |

10-10 The dancer's performing style was _____ and _____, with each move taken from another artist, and poorly executed at that.

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|----------------|-------------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) rousing | (D) evolving |
| (B) chaotic | (E) unprecedented |
| (C) derivative | (F) inept |

10-11 Lewis Latimer's inexpensive method of producing carbon filaments _____ the nascent electric industry by making electric lamps commercially_____.

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) retarded | (D) unfledged |
| (B) transformed | (E) viable |
| (C) provoked | (F) prohibitive |

10-12 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

10-13 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) apostasy

10-14 The prose of Richard Wright's autobiographical *Black Boy* (1945) is _____, free of stylistic tricks or evasiveness.

- (A) belligerence
- (B) indigence
- (C) perfidy
- (D) aspersion
- (E) contentiousness
- (F) apostasy

10-15 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.

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|----------------|---------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) negligible | (D) hollow |
| (B) sparse | (E) muted |
| (C) enormous | (F) deafening |

10-16 Evidence that the universe is expanding _____ our perception of the cosmos and thus cause a _____ in astronomical thinking.

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|----------------|----------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) checked | (D) setback |
| (B) altered | (E) revolution |
| (C) reinforced | (F) truce |

10-17 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 |

10-18 The fashion designer favored fabrics that were so _____ as to be virtually transparent.

- (A) palpable
- (B) diaphanous
- (C) variegated
- (D) luxurious
- (E) membranous
- (F) diversified

10-19 Professor Williams disdained tradition: she regularly attacked cherished beliefs and institutions, earning a reputation as _____.

- (A) an egalitarian
- (B) a nonconformist
- (C) an amateur
- (D) a dilettante
- (E) an iconoclast
- (F) a purveyor

10-20 Geoffrey's corrupt dealings earned him such disgrace that any possibility of his being reelected to the city council was completely _____.

- (A) endorsed
- (B) excluded
- (C) belittled
- (D) eliminated
- (E) defended
- (F) approved

10-21 Although the editors were reputed to be very _____, the uneven quality of the material they put into the anthology suggests they were too _____.

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|----------------|--------------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) selective | (D) professional |
| (B) amateurish | (E) discriminating |
| (C) sensitive | (F) inclusive |

10-22 The professor's presentation was both _____ and _____: though brief, it was instructive.

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) comprehensive | (D) edifying |
| (B) succinct | (E) technical |
| (C) provocative | (F) elaborate |

10-23 With its large circulation, Essence magazine has enjoyed _____ only recently challenged by new publications aggressively seeking female African American readers.

- (A) an aggregation
- (B) a prescience
- (C) a prognosis
- (D) a retrenchment
- (E) a preeminence
- (F) a dominance

10-24 The judge's published opinions, though sophisticated and subtle, were undeniably _____: they left no doubt of her intentions.

- (A) unequivocal
- (B) unambiguous
- (C) incorrigible
- (D) tenuous
- (E) ebullient
- (F) effusive

10-25 The movie's plot was _____: once you knew what befell the hero, you could _____ the fate of the villain.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) convincing | (D) misinterpret |
| (B) predictable | (E) foresee |
| (C) spellbinding | (F) ignore |

10-26 A certain additive put in gasoline to reduce air pollution is actually _____ groundwater, a finding that shows that even the most well-intentioned fixes can sometimes _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) contaminating | (D) prevail |
| (B) purifying | (E) backfire |
| (C) saturating | (F) reciprocate |

10-27 The biologist's description of the wolf pack was truly _____, devoid of any emotion or personal prejudice.

- (A) dispassionate
- (B) insubstantial
- (C) unjaundiced
- (D) capricious
- (E) arcane
- (F) esoteric

10-28 No longer considered _____, the belief that all of Puerto Rico's indigenous Taino people perished centuries ago appears to be a _____ now that modern Taino descendants have come forward.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) tenable | (D) reality |
| (B) mythical | (E) misconception |
| (C) erroneous | (F) digression |

10-29 Although easily angered by our mischievous behavior, our mother could be immediately _____ by our expressions of remorse.

- (A) substantiated
- (B) impugned
- (C) appeased
- (D) united
- (E) mollified
- (F) disparaged

10-30 Scientists wonder what to do with the dead satellites, jettisoned rockets, drifting paint flecks, and other _____ orbiting Earth.

- (A) flotsam
- (B) reconnaissance
- (C) decimation
- (D) raiment
- (E) devastation
- (F) debris

10-31 Although aging brings about profound physiological changes, it does not often alter individual's ____: an irascible thirty year old will probably still be ____ at seventy.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) outlook | (D) laconic |
| (B) disposition | (E) cantankerous |
| (C) stature | (F) benevolent |

10-32 The commentator characterized the electorate as ____ because it was unpredictable and given to constantly shifting moods.

- (A) mercurial
- (B) fickle
- (C) disingenuous
- (D) apathetic
- (E) phlegmatic
- (F) corrosive

10-33 Many paintings of the American Southwest convey a feeling of isolation and loneliness that mirrors the ____ landscape they depict.

- (A) lush
- (B) sprawling
- (C) desolate
- (D) fecund
- (E) stark
- (F) monumental

10-34 Only recently created, this orchid is a ____, a plant produced by deliberately crossbreeding two different varieties of flowers.

- (A) misnomer
- (B) hybrid
- (C) vector
- (D) mongrel
- (E) precursor
- (F) harbinger

10-35 The pharmaceutical company insisted that its testing of new drugs was quite ____, more rigorous than the industry standard.

- (A) stringent
- (B) contingent
- (C) conditional
- (D) recessive
- (E) obtrusive
- (F) exacting

10-36 Freedom of expression is not necessarily a ____ force: communities that encourage it often feel less threatened by social unrest than do those in which dissent is ____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) militant | (D) promoted |
| (B) positive | (E) fostered |
| (C) divisive | (F) restricted |

10-37 Thomas Hardy's are described as ____ because of their preoccupation with daily life in rural and agricultural settings.

- (A) bucolic
- (B) prolific
- (C) lugubrious
- (D) idyllic
- (E) metaphorical
- (F) sullen

10-38 Some skeptics consider the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) to be ____, even foolish; others go so far as to accuse SETI scientists of outright ____ in applying skewed data.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) painstaking | (D) remonstrance |
| (B) plausible | (E) chicanery |
| (C) wrongheaded | (F) erudition |

11-1 Extensive travel afforded Langston Hughes a _____ perspective, but it was Harlem that served as the creative _____ for his writing.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) worldly | (D) inspiration |
| (B) stunted | (E) defense |
| (C) parochial | (F) obligation |

11-2 One requirement of timeless art is that it deepen and _____ our awareness, not that it merely confirm what we already know.

- (A) hinder
- (B) reconcile
- (C) broaden
- (D) soothe
- (E) extend
- (F) impede

11-3 Despairing that the performance of the chief executive would ever improve, the corporation's board of directors took decisive action and _____ him.

- (A) coddled
- (B) banished
- (C) teased
- (D) ousted
- (E) chided
- (F) taunted

11-4 The discovery of the fossil was _____ and _____, surprising scientists and undermining accepted theories about plant distribution.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) exhilarating | (D) prophetic |
| (B) unanticipated | (E) revolutionary |
| (C) archetypical | (F) banal |

11-5 Citing the _____ of the Asian American community, the scholar argued that Asian Americans constituted the region's fastest-growing minority population.

- (A) digression
- (B) proximity
- (C) expansion
- (D) stabilization
- (E) boost
- (F) steadiness

11-6 Far from being _____, bears in some national parks are surprisingly _____ when approached by humans; still, visitors must exercise caution.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) aggressive | (D) placid |
| (B) benign | (E) frisky |
| (C) reticent | (F) cantankerous |

11-7 Before becoming a stockbroker, Victoria Woodhull had a career as a _____, someone believed to have insights about events beyond ordinary human perception.

- (A) mentor
- (B) profiteer
- (C) counterfeiter
- (D) soothe
- (E) extend
- (F) impede

11-8 The judges for the chili competition were _____, noting subtle differences between dishes that most people would not detect.

- (A) obscure
- (B) ruthless
- (C) discriminating
- (D) sanctimonious
- (E) unrelenting
- (F) screening

11-9 Although the archaeologist _____ the symbols on the cave wall, she was unable to _____ them because they were too faint.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) recollected | (D) ignore |
| (B) scrutinized | (E) conceal |
| (C) obliterated | (F) decipher |

11-10 Popular interest in music performed by folk singer Jean Ritchie acted as a _____ because it _____ a wider interest in the music of Ritchie's native Kentucky.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) catalyst | (D) stirred |
| (B) panacea | (E) overcame |
| (C) barrier | (F) mitigated |

11-11 Oceanographers have identified more than 50 "dead zones" around the world: areas of sea that various forms of pollution have rendered _____ life.

- (A) conducive to
- (B) invaluable t
- (C) bereaved of
- (D) expedient to
- (E) bereft of
- (F) imperative to

11-12 The few female physicians practicing at the end of the nineteenth century might be considered _____ because they constituted a very small percentage of all physicians.

- (A) miscreants
- (B) villains
- (C) anomalies
- (D) pacifists
- (E) outliers
- (F) extremists

11-13 Rose smiled approving but gave neither written nor spoken permission to proceed with the project: her consent, in short, was _____.

- (A) tacit
- (B) acquiescent
- (C) ardent
- (D) impetuous
- (E) conditional
- (F) fervent

11-14 Paradoxically, during the French Revolution, the very leaders who proclaimed _____ philosophies sometimes also engaged in _____ practices.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) regal | (D) imperial |
| (B) liberating | (E) compromised |
| (C) totalitarian | (F) repressive |

11-15 Despite his brilliant career, Gerald was plagued by doubts and could not _____ his feeling of _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) fathom | (D) insecurity |
| (B) embrace | (E) levity |
| (C) dispel | (F) inferiority |

11-16 Jane was both _____ and _____: she was blatantly proud and offensively bold.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) irresolute | (D) impudent |
| (B) haughty | (E) articulate |
| (C) reverential | (F) loquacious |

11-17 New Zealand and Spain can accurately be described as _____ because they are diametrically opposite one another on the globe.

- (A) satellites
- (B) antipode
- (C) reversals
- (D) bifurcations
- (E) dichotomies
- (F) symmetry

11-18 Ken took his _____ obligations seriously, patiently caring for his mother throughout her long recuperation.

- (A) filial
- (B) symbiotic
- (C) obedient
- (D) convivial
- (E) funerary
- (F) euphoric

11-19 The sound produced by the youth orchestra was so _____ that even its least experienced members were abashed.

- (A) cacophonous
- (B) euphonious
- (C) discordant
- (D) collaborative
- (E) mellifluous
- (F) harmonic

11-20 The engineers heard the claims about the new software with _____, but the demonstration of the software was so _____ that it won them over.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) enthusiasm | (D) routine |
| (B) skepticism | (E) convincing |
| (C) apathy | (F) inconclusive |

11-21 Because the candidate had switched his party allegiance immediately before the campaign, his former associates called him a _____, and even his new allies considered him an _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) strategist | (D) interloper |
| (B) deserter | (E) imbecile |
| (C) prophet | (F) opportunist |

11-22 All copies of Verna Hart's poster commemorating the 1992 Charlotte Jazz Festival were sold in a few hours, an unmistakable _____ of the _____ of this artist's work.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) duplication | (D) appeal |
| (B) investigation | (E) mediocrity |
| (C) indication | (F) durability |

11-23 Although Virginia Woolf was a central figure in London's established literary scene, she nevertheless perceived herself as being _____.

- (A) renowned
- (B) peripheral
- (C) rational
- (D) salutary
- (E) marginal
- (F) celebrated

11-24 Although strangers compliment the comedian on her work repeatedly, almost _____, she is always moved by such enthusiastic encouragement.

- (A) tenuously
- (B) unintermittently
- (C) steadfastly
- (D) incessantly
- (E) inimitably
- (F) staunchly

11-25 In contrast to the _____ maneuvers of his colleagues, Roberto's business relations were always open and aboveboard.

- (A) convivial
- (B) clandestine
- (C) steadfast
- (D) surreptitious
- (E) frank
- (F) straightforward

11-26 The medical study shuns _____ in describing the drug's dangers; the appeal is to rational evaluation rather than to fear.

- (A) obfuscation
- (B) credibility
- (C) sensationalism
- (D) emotionality
- (E) plausibility
- (F) assurance

11-27 Alexis complained that Jim _____ too quickly when their parents imposed a curfew: instead of negotiating, he complied without protest.

- (A) remonstrated
- (B) capitulated
- (C) compromised
- (D) interceded
- (E) denounced
- (F) surrendered

11-28 Once thought to be _____, the dawn redwood was rediscovered in the 1940's, at which time its continued survival seemed _____; today, however, it is commonly cultivated.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) immense | (D) natural |
| (B) extinct | (E) precarious |
| (C) adaptable | (F) inevitable |

11-29 As the name suggests, a geochronologist is a scientist who _____ terrestrial materials in order to _____ them.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) analyzes | (D) display |
| (B) combines | (E) date |
| (C) disregards | (F) excavate |

11-30 Contemporary Inuit sculpture merges traditional carving techniques with current subject matter; thus, it _____ an Inuit practice while _____ a modern cultural identity.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) disregards | (D) dissolving |
| (B) reaffirms | (E) negating |
| (C) supersedes | (F) fashioning |

11-31 Although many novelists write for artistic reasons, others are lured by the money, because popular success in writing can be so _____.

- (A) acquisitive
- (B) aesthetic
- (C) remunerative
- (D) lucrative
- (E) entertaining
- (F) diverting

11-32 The company manager was known for both his _____ and his _____: he lied frequently, but did so with amazing flair.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) duplicity | (D) corruption |
| (B) brashness | (E) extravagance |
| (C) evasiveness | (F) panache |

11-33 Crucial to the expedition's _____ will be accurate assumptions about the weather: without them, the safety of the mountain climbers may be _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) futility | (D) demonstrated |
| (B) plausibility | (E) jeopardized |
| (C) success | (F) enhanced |

11-34 The university's aggressive transformation from a teaching-centered college to a major research institution has brought _____ that teaching is now being _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) recommendations | (D) praised |
| (B) accusations | (E) neglected |
| (C) acclaims | (F) discussed |

11-35 Certain plant seeds are able to remain _____ for years, appearing lifeless when in fact they are merely inactive.

- (A) conspicuous
- (B) verdant
- (C) pliant
- (D) dormant
- (E) thriving
- (F) quiescent

11-36 Wanting desperately to be perceived as learned and authoritative, Johnson affected a _____ tone when speaking in public.

- (A) licentious
- (B) nihilistic
- (C) magisterial
- (D) propitiatory
- (E) epicurean
- (F) imposing

11-37 Critics characterized the memoir as _____ because of the author's excessively sentimental description of her childhood.

- (A) maudlin
- (B) candid
- (C) motley
- (D) enigmatic
- (E) lachrymose
- (F) eclectic

11-38 Ernest Gaines's *A Lesson Before Dying* is _____ of rural Louisiana: the writing is so evocative that the Southern atmosphere seems almost to _____ from the book's pages.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) redolent | (D) ebb |
| (B) dismissive | (E) veer |
| (C) critical | (F) waft |

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

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) concede | (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

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

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) resolute | (D) acquiescent |
| (B) haphazard | (E) polemical |
| (C) sentimental | (F) philanthropic |

12-13 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

12-14 Unlike some entertainers whose performances rarely vary, jazz great Louis Armstrong frequently _____ during his performances, spontaneously _____ new phrasing in existing songs.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) vocalized | (D) bungling |
| (B) improvised | (E) introducing |
| (C) deliberated | (F) rehearsing |

12-15 Not wanting to speak _____, Julia _____ the urge to announce her scientific finding until she had double-checked the data.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) harshly | (D) defined |
| (B) enthusiastically | (E) indulged |
| (C) prematurely | (F) suppressed |

12-16 Some readers find the crime fiction for Patricia Highsmith to be _____ because her protagonists are not always punished for their _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) immoral | (D) altruism |
| (B) ethical | (E) temperance |
| (C) redemptive | (F) transgressions |

12-17 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

12-18 Hoping to preserve natural habitats, conservationists lobbied for legislation that would _____ commercial development in these areas.

- (A) skimp
- (B) accommodate
- (C) economize
- (D) diversify
- (E) arrest
- (F) forestall

12-19 Because her new job required daily attendance, Joan was obliged to _____ her formerly _____ lifestyle as a traveling musician.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) relinquish | (D) sedentary |
| (B) perpetuate | (E) lavish |
| (C) glorify | (F) itinerant |

12-20 As scientist at the Smithsonian have observed, the institution's range of scientific inquiry may be _____, but its financial resources are far less _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) predictable | (D) extensive |
| (B) vast | (E) stable |
| (C) admirable | (F) limited |

12-21 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

12-22 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

12-23 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

12-24 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

12-25 The scientist warned that global warming might _____ a dangerous _____ of some mosquito-borne disease, resulting in an increasing number of epidemics around the world.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) precede | (D) resurgence |
| (B) stimulate | (E) decline |
| (C) eliminate | (F) quarantine |

12-26 The seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were the era when Pueblo pottery was least likely to be _____ and from which consequently, the fewest authentic examples _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) discovered | (D) survive |
| (B) preserved | (E) disappear |
| (C) promoted | (F) originate |

12-27 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

12-28 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

12-29 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) intuition | (D) reputable |
| (B) rationality | (E) established |
| (C) revelation | (F) revolutionary |

12-30 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

12-31 The crude animated effects _____ projected images from seventeenth-century lantern slides have now been recognized as _____ of modern film animation.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) afforded by | (D) derivatives |
| (B) forestalled by | (E) replicas |
| (C) complemented by | (F) forerunners |

12-32 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

12-33 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

12-34 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) deletion

12-35 To keep their negotiations _____, the leaders of rival groups in the country arranged meetings that were _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) relaxed | (D) clandestine |
| (B) secret | (E) illicit |
| (C) productive | (F) prestigious |

12-36 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) superfluous | (D) forestall |
| (B) interminable | (E) anticipate |
| (C) preternatural | (F) minimize |

12-37 Detractors attacked the study's _____, claiming that researchers used lax procedures to gather and analyze data.

- (A) hypothesis
- (B) predictability
- (C) methodology
- (D) program
- (E) inflexibility
- (F) proposition

12-38 The musical *Scrambled Feir* _____ the _____ of the theatrical world, poking fun at actors, directors, playwrights, and audiences alike.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) glorifies | (D) denizens |
| (B) spoofs | (E) pitfalls |
| (C) avoids | (F) genres |

13-1 The field of cinematography 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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) comprehensive

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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) expeditious | (D) facilitated |
| (B) proverbial | (E) announced |
| (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.

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| 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) a 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) pedestrian | (D) a superficial |
| (B) inscrutable | (E) an edifying |
| (C) audacious | (F) a contentious |

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) headlongly
- (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.

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| 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) highbrow
- (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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) inconsequential | (D) unconscionable |
| (B) arbitrary | (E) capricious |
| (C) momentous | (F) trivial |

13-29 Place-names can be strikingly _____: there is, for example, nothing particularly _____ about the town of Peculiar, Missouri.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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

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 ____.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) a candid | (D) a nonsensical |
| (B) an 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) accustomed to | (D) adulation |
| (B) averse to | (E) introspection |
| (C) mindful of | (F) spontaneity |

14-19 The new governor attempted to win the public's sympathy by _____ himself as the _____ inheritor of his predecessor's fiscal mismanagement.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) a quarrel | (D) a diplomatic |
| (B) a friendship | (E) an ineffectual |
| (C) a 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) particular | (D) universal |
| (B) conspicuous | (E) ornate |
| (C) austere | (F) exclusive |

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 _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) unfaltering | (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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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|-------------------|----------------|
| 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) exculpated

15-11 When evidence is _____, reasonable people may demur, but when firm scientific proof has been supplied, they should _____ their opposition.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) trust in | (D) greed |
| (B) condescension toward | (E) reciprocity |
| (C) sympathy for | (F) naiveté |

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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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*.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) disconnection | (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 _____.

- (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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) coveted | (D) distinguished |
| (B) achieved | (E) eluded |
| (C) avoided | (F) overwhelmed |

15-36 In the zany comedy series *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 _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) discrete | (D) eclectic |
| (B) venerable | (E) anachronistic |
| (C) unambiguous | (F) iconoclastic |

16-1 Deer overgrowing has dramatically reduced plant _____ in many eastern United States forests; the few surviving plant species are that regrow quickly or that deer find _____.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) feverish | (D) unerring |
| (B) dexterous | (E) resilient |
| (C) debilitated | (F) disheartened |

16-12 Because of their space, white appearance, ancient Greek statues in modern museums are often considered _____; yet newly unearthed antiquities showing traces of bright pigment are not so _____.

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| 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."

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) magnitude | (D) preservation |
| (B) proliferation | (E) destruction |
| (C) vulnerability | (F) isolation |

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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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) tenacious
- (E) talkative
- (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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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

17-1 Manuel was so _____ that he would gladly spend months without more than perfunctory contact with other people.

- (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.

- (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.

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| 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 behavior is _____: that is, it tends to _____ a norm.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) topsy-turvy | (D) vary from |
| (B) regressive | (E) deviate from |
| (C) conventional | (F) 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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) feather bed

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 _____.

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| 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) pierces
- (C) penetrates
- (D) illuminates
- (E) distills
- (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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

- (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.

- (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.

- (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.

- (A) rarified
- (B) purified
- (C) illuminated
- (D) thinned
- (E) permeated
- (F) suffused

17-22 Certain museum antiquities are of questionable legal status, tainted by histories of bribery, thievery, and other _____ activities.

- (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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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, disguised 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 _____.

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| 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 (i) | 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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) banality

17-36 For thousands of years, nomads, conquerors, traders, and pilgrims have _____ the region, contributing to its multicultural heritage and its _____ of artifacts.

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| 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

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.

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| 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.

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| 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 (i) | 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

- (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.

- (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.

- (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.

- (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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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 (i) | 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 _____.

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| 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 _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) overwrought | (D) undone |
| (B) flustered | (E) ruffled |
| (C) imperturbable | (F) nonplused |

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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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) vagary
- (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.

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| 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 (i) | 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 _____.

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| 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.

- (A) substantive
- (B) fallacious
- (C) recondite
- (D) esoteric
- (E) hackneyed
- (F) commonplace

20-1 Jacob felt great _____ about his upcoming trip to Brazil; indeed, he could hardly contain his enthusiasm.

- (A) discomposure
- (B) agitation
- (C) confusion
- (D) generosity
- (E) excitement
- (F) exhilaration

20-2 The professor's classroom manner was quite _____, never revealing the warmth and playfulness she showed in private.

- (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.

- (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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 (i) | 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 (i) | 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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
- (F) 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) affable | (D) malicious |
| (B) harsh | (E) phlegmatic |
| (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 _____.

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| 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 1995.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

- (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.

- (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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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (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.

- (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 _____.

- (A) implacable
- (B) histrionic
- (C) theatrical
- (D) laconic
- (E) terse
- (F) extemporaneous

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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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) ominous
- (B) ingratiating
- (C) profitable
- (D) lucrative
- (E) biased
- (F) jaundiced

21-12 Although Michael's invidious accusations aroused our _____, we managed to preserve our _____ and remain composed.

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| 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 tactilely: 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) incredulity | (D) disproportionate to |
| (B) indifference | (E) commensurate with |
| (C) acclamation | (F) essential of |

21-24 The participants in the study considered themselves _____ but in yielding to the wishes of the group, they were assuming _____ values.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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) indefatigably
- (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.

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| 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) proffers
- (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.

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| 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) wanting
- (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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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

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.

- (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 proponent of _____, this activist lectured internationally on the evils of alcohol consumption.

- (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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) orthodox | (D) precipitated |
| (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 _____.

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| 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
- (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.

- (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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

- (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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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

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.

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| (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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) guarded | (D) querulous |
| (B) garrulous | (E) embittered |
| (C) solicitous | (F) hypersensitive |

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.

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| 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) accentuated

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) secret

23-9 Although he felt that Steven was _____, Mark did not sense that Steven's ill will amounted to outright _____.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 _____.

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| 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) cameos

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

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_____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) excuse | (D) indiscretions |
| (B) criticize | (E) obligations |
| (C) tolerate | (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 1902.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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) divergent
- (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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) erudition | (D) subjugated |
| (B) conciliation | (E) confounded |
| (C) duplicity | (F) placated |

24-20 Mala based her new online business in the _____, because she wanted to work far away from the crowded, expensive city.

- (A) metropolis
- (B) suburb
- (C) countryside
- (D) emporium
- (E) multitude
- (F) megacity

24-21 In his vivid representations of the African American experience, painter Romare Bearden often used colors so _____ that viewers could not take their eyes off his works of art.

- (A) sensible
- (B) affected
- (C) vibrant
- (D) brisk
- (E) formulaic
- (F) mannered

24-22 By discovering how to _____ an affordable substitute for cortisone from soybeans, Percy Julian helped to make arthritis treatment _____ large number of people.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) eliminate | (D) prohibitive for |
| (B) synthesize | (E) irrelevant to |
| (C) compromise | (F) feasible for |

24-23 Although the women in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries who undertook botanical illustration were primarily _____, their contributions as naturalists and catalogers actually helped _____ the field as an academic discipline.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) researchers | (D) depreciate |
| (B) amateurs | (E) chronicle |
| (C) historians | (F) legitimize |

24-24 To end his lecture on time, Professor Bruke decided to _____ his final point and address it instead at the next class meeting.

- (A) improvise
- (B) amend
- (C) forgo
- (D) reiterate
- (E) ad-lib
- (F) abjure

24-25 Although A.S. Byatt's stories are elaborate and sometimes contain supernatural elements, her characters do not seem _____; on the contrary, they are quite _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) contrived | (D) eccentric |
| (B) realistic | (E) plausible |
| (C) simplistic | (F) memorable |

24-26 Dr. Allan was told informally of several intriguing cases that accorded with her theory, but this _____ evidence could not provide the confirmation that a more _____ series of experiments would.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) anecdotal | (D) analogous |
| (B) dogmatic | (E) dilatory |
| (C) theoretical | (F) systematic |

24-27 Despite the _____ of books written about Greta Garbo, she ultimately remains _____, an inscrutable personality.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) obtuseness | (D) a paragon |
| (B) dearth | (E) a paradox |
| (C) profusion | (F) an enigma |

24-28 Knowing the reward of _____, NASA astronaut Ellen Ochoa encourages students to study hard if they wish to pursue career in science and engineering.

- (A) generosity
- (B) serendipity
- (C) diligence
- (D) largesse
- (E) industry
- (F) merriment

24-29 The editor did not wish to print an article based on mere _____; she therefore ordered the reporter to find convincing _____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| (A) conjecture | (D) guesswork |
| (B) amicability | (E) proof |
| (C) substantiation | (F) interpretation |

24-30 Linda is _____ in matters large and small: she is inflexible in her opinions and utterly resistant to persuasion.

- (A) facetious
- (B) avuncular
- (C) pliable
- (D) obdurate
- (E) tractable
- (F) adamant

24-31 Jason was truly_____, for he squandered a great deal of money with no thought for the future.

- (A) prescient
- (B) infallible
- (C) extravagant
- (D) improvident
- (E) sedulous
- (F) farsighted

24-32 The 1990's were _____ years for the organization: the staff was happy, customers were satisfied and profits were excellent.

- (A) halcyon
- (B) notorious
- (C) arbitrary
- (D) thriving
- (E) expedient
- (F) capricious

24-33 Lumbee storyteller Barbara Braveboy-Locklear has performed in college theaters, powwows, and backyards, settings whose striking _____ highlights the _____ appeal that storytelling holds.

Blank (i)

- (A) diversity
- (B) uniformity
- (C) incongruity

Blank (ii)

- (D) insignificant
- (E) universal
- (F) diminishing

24-34 Thomas Edison, who found collaboration essential stereotype of the _____ inventor, struggling alone in a garret.

- (A) surly
- (B) cowardly
- (C) solitary
- (D) weary
- (E) tedious
- (F) singular

24-35 Claudia is so adept at controlling her temper that she can seem quite_____ when she is actually _____.

Blank (i)

- (A) ambivalent
- (B) perturbed
- (C) placid

Blank (ii)

- (D) tranquil
- (E) furious
- (F) reticent

24-36 The young man possessed_____ disposition, abjectly submissive to the will of others.

- (A) an amiable
- (B) an inscrutable
- (C) a servile
- (D) a genial
- (E) a menial
- (F) a melancholy

24-37 Although other European states broke apart under the stresses of political upheaval, the seventeenth-century Dutch republic proved remarkably _____.

- (A) propitious
- (B) illusory
- (C) resilient
- (D) pertinent
- (E) apposite
- (F) elastic

24-38 It is her supremely skillful use of sophisticated laboratory instruments that make Veronica the _____ research technician that she is.

- (A) susceptible
- (B) consummate
- (C) didactic
- (D) vitriolic
- (E) virtuoso
- (F) doctrinaire