

GRE

Verbal Reasoning Assessment

Text Completion

Total Questions: 100

Duration: 150 Min

1. With his sub-four minute mile Bannister broke a psychological barrier, and inspired thousands of others to attempt to overcome seemingly _____ hurdles.

- A. insurmountable
- B. inane
- C. trivial
- D. traumatic
- E. ineffable

2. Ricks has written extensively not only on the poetry of such (i) _____ figures in English poetry as Milton and Housman, but also on the less obviously (ii) _____ lyrics of Bob Dylan.

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| <input type="radio"/> A. obscurantist | <input type="radio"/> D. canonical |
| <input type="radio"/> B. arcane | <input type="radio"/> E. popular |
| <input type="radio"/> C. established | <input type="radio"/> F. judicious |

3. People who seek advice from (i) _____ often find that what they are told can seem true, because these seekers of information attribute significance to some predictions and ignore others. The mind seeks to make sense of predictions that, in themselves, have no (ii) _____ value, and thus it becomes difficult to prove that the forecasts are (iii) _____.

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| <input type="radio"/> A. experts | <input type="radio"/> D. special | <input type="radio"/> G. genuine |
| <input type="radio"/> B. philosophers | <input type="radio"/> E. general | <input type="radio"/> H. specious |
| <input type="radio"/> C. clairvoyants | <input type="radio"/> F. legal | <input type="radio"/> I. accurate |

4. Stress-induced amnesia is a rare and (i) _____ phenomenon; it strikes the patient apparently without warning and the memory loss can be as (ii) _____ as that induced by (iii) _____ trauma.

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| <input type="radio"/> A. devastating | <input type="radio"/> D. generic | <input type="radio"/> G. unexpected |
| <input type="radio"/> B. venial | <input type="radio"/> E. limited | <input type="radio"/> H. mental |
| <input type="radio"/> C. pervasive | <input type="radio"/> F. complete | <input type="radio"/> I. physical |

5. The publishers, unwilling to (i) _____ the entire risk, insisted that the author pay half the cost of the initial print run of his (ii) _____ new book.

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| <input type="radio"/> A. hedge | <input type="radio"/> D. unexceptionable |
| <input type="radio"/> B. shoulder | <input type="radio"/> E. controversial |
| <input type="radio"/> C. mitigate | <input type="radio"/> F. jaundiced |

6. Science advances (i)_____ as (ii)_____ change abruptly and we are forced to stop and reorient ourselves to view old information in new ways.

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- A. exponentially D. paradigms
 B. inexorably E. axioms
 C. jerkily F. continuities

7. The game of chess is an example of a_____information system: the pieces sit inertly on the board until the players move them according to known rules.

- A. interactive
 B. passive
 C. cybernetic
 D. disruptive
 E. logistic

8. A highly intelligent person often thinks (i)_____; a few snippets of information can trigger a (ii)_____ conclusion that might not stand up to closer, and (iii)_____, scrutiny.

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Blank (iii)

- A. too deeply D. firm G. slower
 B. too warily E. labored H. precipitous
 C. too quickly F. hasty I. overt

9. Major philosophical (i)_____ about morality, identity and rationality, for example, can often be (ii)_____ by thought experiments: short and simple expositions that pose an abstract and complex problem in a concrete manner with all the (iii)_____ factors removed.

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- A. certitudes D. mimicked G. extraneous
 B. dilemmas E. illuminated H. inherent
 C. dogmas F. evoked I. pivotal

10. All good comic writers use humor to_____, not to side-step the problems of human behavior.

- A. amuse
 B. avert
 C. juxtapose
 D. confront
 E. solve

11. When staying in a hotel, Bernard would arrange for his valet to bring him his newspaper in the dining room so that

everyone would realize that he had a manservant; this (i)_____embarrassed his nephew who, though equally rich, preferred a more (ii)_____life-style.

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Blank (ii)

- A. ostentation D. opulent
 B. arrogance E. libertine
 C. dissimulation F. understated

12. Although he was finally (i)_____, the years of (ii)_____tore apart his social circle, ruined his health and (iii)_____his mind.

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Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

- A. incriminated D. dedication G. sharpened
 B. vindicated E. self-doubt H. deranged
 C. acclaimed F. suspicion I. mellowed

13. As Gerard (i)_____the (ii)_____that greeted his work, he became increasingly smug.

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Blank (ii)

- A. repudiated D. accolades
 B. humbly accepted E. opprobrium
 C. basked in F. lack of interest

14. It is a common complaint that people today have a short attention span. But is it that people are (i)_____if the television camera (ii)_____a view, or is it that the (iii)_____from one angle to another has trained the viewer to expect variety?

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- A. satisfied D. lingers over G. constant shift
 B. fascinated E. cuts short H. delay in moving
 C. impatient F. rapidly changes I. inability to move

15. The (i)_____and virtuosity required of a jazz player make jazz seem to lack (ii)_____; this apparently amorphous flow can make it hard for people with traditional expectations of musical stability to acquire a taste for this genre.

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Blank (ii)

- A. controlled playing D. inherent structure
 B. inventiveness E. underlying rhythm
 C. emotional distance F. controlled emotions

16. An artist's preliminary sketches are often a_____of a subject; on the basis of these sketches the artist makes a decision on his or her approach to the final painting.

- A. reconnaissance
- B. caricature
- C. vignette
- D. pastiche
- E. cameo

17. Taking antibiotics for a viral infection may, it is true, be _____; however, in certain cases a course of these drugs can actually ward off opportunistic bacterial infections.

- A. justified
- B. enough
- C. recommended
- D. ineffective
- E. curative

18. Rock music has often been credited with (or decried for) containing (i) _____ messages, purportedly to influence the minds of (ii) _____ listeners.

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| <input type="radio"/> A. criminal | <input type="radio"/> D. preordained |
| <input type="radio"/> B. overt | <input type="radio"/> E. unsuspecting |
| <input type="radio"/> C. subliminal | <input type="radio"/> F. covert |

19. It cannot be denied that without creative reasoning it would not have been possible to (i) _____ of classical physics. Yet classical physics has no contribution to make to the understanding of (ii) _____. This kind of (iii) _____ is surprisingly common in logic as well as in life.

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| <input type="radio"/> A. dispute the value | <input type="radio"/> D. creative reasoning | <input type="radio"/> G. circular reasoning |
| <input type="radio"/> B. lay the foundations | <input type="radio"/> E. other sciences | <input type="radio"/> H. inflexibility |
| <input type="radio"/> C. understand the basics | <input type="radio"/> F. the arts | <input type="radio"/> I. symmetry |

20. During a decade of (i) _____, social scientists sought to (ii) _____ the idea of the family as a healthy and stabilizing force, and replace it with the view that the family was (iii) _____.

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| <input type="radio"/> A. moderation | <input type="radio"/> D. promote | <input type="radio"/> G. moribund |
| <input type="radio"/> B. conservatism | <input type="radio"/> E. debunk | <input type="radio"/> H. progressive |
| <input type="radio"/> C. iconoclasm | <input type="radio"/> F. iconize | <input type="radio"/> I. paramount |

21. 1. Today Wegener's theory is (i) _____; however, he died an outsider treated with (ii) _____ by the scientific establishment.

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Blank (ii)

- A. unsupported D. reverence
 B. unchallenged E. disdain
 C. undervalued F. impartiality

22. The revolution in art has not lost its steam; it _____ on as fiercely as ever.

- A. trudges
 B. meanders
 C. edges
 D. ambles
 E. rages

23. Each occupation has its own _____; bankers, lawyers and computer professionals, for example, all use among themselves language which outsiders have difficulty following.

- A. merits
 B. disadvantages
 C. rewards
 D. jargon
 E. problems

24. _____ by nature, Jones spoke very little even to his own family members.

- A. garrulous
 B. equivocal
 C. taciturn
 D. arrogant
 E. gregarious

25. Biological clocks are of such (i) _____ adaptive value to living organisms, that we would expect most organisms to (ii) _____ them, and, indeed, we find that such clocks are virtually (iii) _____.

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Blank (ii)

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- A. meager D. eschew G. ubiquitous
 B. ambivalent E. possess H. unknown
 C. clear F. select I. compulsory

26. The revolutionaries working to improve the lives of the peasants faced an (i) _____ task; the peasants were the least (ii) _____ of all people, bound by tradition and (iii) _____ by superstitions.

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Blank (iii)

- A. unwarranted D. free G. rejected
 B. uphill E. reactionary H. obscured
 C. unacceptable F. enthralled I. fettered

27. Many people at that time believed that spices help preserve food; however, Hall found that many marketed spices were _____ bacteria, moulds and yeasts.

- A. devoid of
 B. teeming with
 C. improved by
 D. destroyed by
 E. active against

28. If there is nothing to absorb the energy of sound waves, they travel on (i) _____, but their intensity (ii) _____ as they travel further from their source.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii)
- A. indefinitely D. alleviates
 B. erratically E. diminishes
 C. slowly F. mitigates

29. This recent evaluation of two artists whose works even experts find difficult to (i) _____, reveals a surprising (ii) _____ in their temperaments: Palmer was reserved and courteous, Frazer (iii) _____ and boastful.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii) Blank (iii)
- A. evaluate D. similarity G. choleric
 B. distinguish E. difference H. tractable
 C. critique F. constraint I. phlegmatic

30. The intellectual flexibility inherent in a multicultural nation has been (i) _____ in classrooms where emphasis on British-American literature has not reflected the cultural (ii) _____ of our country.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii)
- A. inculcated D. unanimity
 B. encouraged E. diversity
 C. stifled F. aspirations

31. Unwilling to admit that they had been in error, the researchers tried to _____ their case with more data obtained from dubious sources.

- A. ascertain
 B. buttress

- C. refute
- D. absolve
- E. dispute

32. Archaeology is a poor profession; modest sums are available for excavating sites and even more (i)_____amounts for preserving the excavations. As a result many sites that are still to reveal even a fraction of their potentially vital information have been (ii)_____and left to the forces of Nature. Re-opening such sites in the future will be all but (iii)_____.

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| <input type="radio"/> A. paltry | <input type="radio"/> D. abandoned | <input type="radio"/> G. trivial |
| <input type="radio"/> B. controversial | <input type="radio"/> E. overworked | <input type="radio"/> H. impossible |
| <input type="radio"/> C. abundant | <input type="radio"/> F. denuded | <input type="radio"/> I. rewarding |

33. The student was extremely foolhardy; he had the_____to question the senior professor's judgment.

- A. wisdom
- B. temerity
- C. interest
- D. trepidation
- E. condescension

34. The formerly (i)_____waters of the lake have become (ii)_____. So even though the waters are teeming with life, fish are no longer visible from the surface.

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| <input type="radio"/> A. murky | <input type="radio"/> D. tranquil |
| <input type="radio"/> B. stagnant | <input type="radio"/> E. verdant |
| <input type="radio"/> C. pellucid | <input type="radio"/> F. turbid |

35. After the accident, the nerves to her arm were damaged and so the muscles_____through disuse.

- A. atrophied
- B. contracted
- C. elongated
- D. invigorated
- E. dwindled

36. Some critics maintain that Tennyson's poetry is uneven, ranging from the (i)_____to the (ii)_____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

- A. succinct D. laconic
 B. trite E. sonorous
 C. sublime F. inspired

37. The immune system is capable of distinguishing self from other at the cellular level. After grafting, unless the immune system is effectively (i)____, there is a (ii)____ of lymphocytes in the lymph glands; the newly produced lymphocytes then move in to (iii)____ the foreign tissue.

Blank (i) Blank (ii) Blank (iii)

- A. primed D. reduction G. stimulate
 B. suppressed E. proliferation H. regenerate
 C. activated F. stasis I. attack

38. One (i)____ of the new scheme is that it might actually (ii)____ just those applicants that it was intended to encourage.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

- A. attraction D. induce
 B. highlight E. daunt
 C. drawback F. attract

39. Corruption is (i)____ our society; the integrity of even senior officials is (ii)_____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

- A. rife in D. suspect
 B. endangered throughout E. intact
 C. alien to F. unquestioned

40. In their day to day decision making, many senior managers do not follow the apparently (i)____ model favored by orthodox management experts, but rather rely on intuitive processes that often appear (ii)____ and (iii)_____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii) Blank (iii)

- A. conscientious D. thoughtful G. logical
 B. normal E. cerebral H. iconoclastic
 C. rational F. capricious I. deliberate

41. He was treated like a _____ and cast out from his community.

- A. ascetic
 B. prodigy
 C. prodigal
 D. pariah
 E. tyro

42. The teacher accused me of (i)_____because my essay was so similar to that of another student. Once I was able to (ii)_myself, the teacher viewed the other student's denials with more (iii)_____.

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| <input type="radio"/> A. plagiarism | <input type="radio"/> D. vindicate | <input type="radio"/> G. credulity |
| <input type="radio"/> B. procrastination | <input type="radio"/> E. inculcate | <input type="radio"/> H. cognizance |
| <input type="radio"/> C. decorum | <input type="radio"/> F. reprieve | <input type="radio"/> I. skepticism |

43. We live in a_____age; everyone thinks that maximizing pleasure is the point of life.

- A. ubiquitous
- B. propitious
- C. sporadic
- D. corrupt
- E. hedonistic

44. After having subjected the patient to an aggressive course of treatment that in itself could be (i)_, the doctor was thankful that the disease had gone into (ii)__. He was able to tell the patient that symptoms might (iii)___for many years.

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| <input type="radio"/> A. refulgent | <input type="radio"/> D. remission | <input type="radio"/> G. not recur |
| <input type="radio"/> B. life-enhancing | <input type="radio"/> E. quarantine | <input type="radio"/> H. persist |
| <input type="radio"/> C. life-threatening | <input type="radio"/> F. sequestration | <input type="radio"/> I. malinger |

45. People from all over the world are sent by their doctors to breathe the pure, (i)_____air in this mountain region to counteract the (ii)_____effects of their urban existence.

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| <input type="radio"/> A. insalubrious | <input type="radio"/> D. deracinating |
| <input type="radio"/> B. soporific | <input type="radio"/> E. stimulating |
| <input type="radio"/> C. invigorating | <input type="radio"/> F. debilitating |

46. As were many colonial administrators, Gregory was (i)_____in his knowledge of the grammar of the local language, though his accent was almost (ii)_____.

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| <input type="radio"/> A. deficient | <input type="radio"/> D. unintelligible |
| <input type="radio"/> B. faultless | <input type="radio"/> E. germane |
| <input type="radio"/> C. erratic | <input type="radio"/> F. stentorian |

47. Though Adam Bede is presented to us by the author as_____fiction, there are none of the life-like meanderings of the story of Amos Barton.

- A. realistic
- B. romantic
- C. imaginative
- D. educational
- E. entertaining

48. There is a general (i)_____ in the United States that our ethics are declining and that our moral standards are (ii)_____. That is not to say, however, that (iii)_____ will translate into action.

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| <input type="radio"/> A. complaint | <input type="radio"/> D. improving | <input type="radio"/> G. morality |
| <input type="radio"/> B. optimism | <input type="radio"/> E. deteriorating | <input type="radio"/> H. awareness |
| <input type="radio"/> C. cliché | <input type="radio"/> F. resurgent | <input type="radio"/> I. belligerence |

49. *Homo sapiens*, the proud splitter of the atom, inventor of the electronic computer, (i)_____ of the genetic code may be humbled by a lowly (ii)_____ of the sewers and soils – the microbe.

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| <input type="radio"/> A. designer | <input type="radio"/> D. creation |
| <input type="radio"/> B. author | <input type="radio"/> E. denizen |
| <input type="radio"/> C. decipherer | <input type="radio"/> F. rodent |

50. After centuries of (i)_____, this philosopher's thesis is enjoying a surprising (ii)_____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| <input type="radio"/> A. limelight | <input type="radio"/> D. renaissance |
| <input type="radio"/> B. obscurity | <input type="radio"/> E. decimation |
| <input type="radio"/> C. longevity | <input type="radio"/> F. neglect |

51. Scrooge, in the famous novel by Dickens, was a _____; he hated the rest of mankind.

- A. misanthrope
- B. hypochondriac
- C. philanthropist
- D. hedonist
- E. sybarite

52. A businessman must (i)_____ his horizons; a (ii)_____ attitude will get you nowhere in this age of global communications.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| <input type="radio"/> A. limit | <input type="radio"/> D. parochial |

- B. foresee E. moderate
 C. widen F. comprehensive

53. Our bookshelves at home display a range of books on wide-ranging subjects and in many languages, reflecting the _____ tastes of our family members.

- A. anomalous
 B. limited
 C. arcane
 D. furtive
 E. eclectic

54. We humans are selfish creatures, continuing to (i)_____the use of plastic bags, those (ii)_____symbols of consumer society. Wherever you travel you see them clogging drains, polluting beaches and generally threatening the well-being of the biosphere.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii)
- A. condone D. ubiquitous
 B. attenuate E. fleeting
 C. abrogate F. covert

55. The preliminary review concludes that Dr. Stuart needs to (i)_____his argument with more experimental data. In its current avatar his thesis is so (ii)_____that it must be deemed (iii)_____.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii) Blank (iii)
- A. define D. exigent G. succinct
 B. bolster E. monumental H. profound
 C. culminate F. slight I. inadequate

56. After an initially warm reception by most reviewers and continued_____by conservative thinkers, Bloom's work came under heavy fire.

- A. criticism
 B. endorsement
 C. denigration
 D. counterattack
 E. refutation

57. Through the 19th Century, the classics of Western Civilization were considered the (i)_____of wisdom and culture, and an (ii)_____person – by definition – knew them well.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii)
- A. repository D. educated

- B. obituary E. ecclesiastical
 C. frontispiece F. obtuse

58. In this biography we are given a glimpse of the young man (i)_____pursuing the path of the poet despite (ii)_____and rejection slips.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii)
- A. unsuccessfully D. acclaim
 B. sporadically E. disappointment
 C. doggedly F. encouragement

59. While unwilling to forgo the benefits of standardized testing, many European countries are seeking to (i)_____individual (ii)_____which state examinations with their (iii)_____growth have bought in their train.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii) Blank (iii)
- A. increase control over D. spontaneity G. randomizing effects
 B. diminish the check on E. limitations H. tyrannous growth
 C. increase awareness of F. persecution I. empowering actions

60. In keeping with his own (i)_____in international diplomacy, Churchill proposed a personal meeting of heads of government, but the effort was (ii)_____, as the temper of the times was (iii)_____.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii) Blank (iii)
- A. peccadilloes D. doomed to failure G. amicable
 B. aversions E. instantly accepted H. auspicious
 C. predilections F. considered worthwhile I. inimical

61. Stephen was always (i)_____; in fact, his own father described him as having a(n) (ii)_____vacillation.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii)
- A. indecisive D. concern for
 B. earnest E. propensity for
 C. volatile F. aversion to

62. The cricket match seemed_____to our guests; they were used to watching sports in which the action is over in a couple of hours at the most.

- A. unintelligible
 B. inconsequential
 C. interminable
 D. implausible
 E. evanescent

63. Our present accountant is most (i)____; unlike the previous (ii)____ incumbent, he has never made a mistake in all the years that he has worked for the firm.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

- A. pusillanimous D. craven
 B. punctilious E. unreliable
 C. asinine F. mercenary

64. The refugee's poor grasp of English is hardly an_____problem; she can attend classes and improve within a matter of months.

- A. implausible
 B. insuperable
 C. inconsequential
 D. evocative
 E. injudicious

65. The (i)____shades of meaning, and still subtler echoes of association, make language an instrument which scarcely anything short of genius can wield with (ii)____and (iii)_____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

- A. eloquent D. sincerity G. alacrity
 B. nuanced E. certainty H. precision
 C. stygian F. hope I. disinterest

66. His musical tastes are certainly____; he has recordings ranging from classical piano performances to rock concerts, jazz and even Chinese opera.

- A. antediluvian
 B. eclectic
 C. harmonious
 D. sonorous
 E. dazzling

67. All the truly outstanding breakthroughs in this area have come from historians who have been willing to adopt innovative techniques and pursue (i)____lines of inquiry. Yet we should not (ii)____the more (iii)____research, which, after all, has given us the solid core of our knowledge of this important era.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

- A. conservative D. decry G. moribund

- B. unorthodox E. applaud H. convergent
 C. hidebound F. acknowledge I. mundane

68. Before his marriage the Duke had led an austere existence and now regarded the affectionate, somewhat (i)_____ behavior of his young wife as simply (ii)_____.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

- A. restrained D. delightful
 B. frivolous E. sublime
 C. ungainly F. puerile

69. Wilson (i)_____ that human beings inherit a tendency to feel an affinity and awe for other living things, in the same way that we are (ii)_____ to be inquisitive or to protect our young at all costs.

Blank (i) Blank (ii)

- A. contends D. predisposed
 B. fears E. taught
 C. demurs F. encouraged

70. The pond was a place of reek and corruption, of _____ smells and of oxygen-starved fish breathing through laboring gills.

- A. fragrant
 B. evocative
 C. dolorous
 D. resonant
 E. fetid

71. The crew of the air balloon _____ the sand bags to help the balloon rise over the hill.

- A. capsized
 B. jettisoned
 C. salvaged
 D. augmented
 E. enumerated

72. We were not fooled by his (i)_____ arguments; his plan was (ii)_____. That even he was (iii)_____ by his own reasoning was apparent from his unenthusiastic demeanor.

Blank (i) Blank (ii) Blank (iii)
 A. specious D. obviously untenable G. duped

- B. cogent E. clearly brilliant H. persuaded
 C. labyrinthine F. cunningly contrived I. unconvinced

73. Hawkins is _____ in his field; no other contemporary scientist commands the same respect.

- A. disparaged
 B. ignominious
 C. obsolete
 D. anachronistic
 E. preeminent

74. The model paraded in front of the celebrities with (i) _____; it was impossible to tell that this was her (ii) _____.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii)
- A. trepidation D. first assignment
 B. consternation E. normal gait
 C. panache F. real persona

75. English words and expressions have come into being (i) _____, and some common expressions are decidedly illogical. The term lead pencil, for example, is a (ii) _____; pencils are filled with graphite not lead.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii)
- A. haphazardly D. misdemeanor
 B. rationally E. misnomer
 C. *ab initio* F. euphemism

76. When the (i) _____ weather forced us to stay indoors, we resorted to (ii) _____ board games to pass the time. Anything, however (iii) _____, was better in our present troubled state of mind than sitting in silence.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii) Blank (iii)
- A. congenial D. inane G. time-consuming
 B. restorative E. exhilarating H. vacuous
 C. inclement F. challenging I. versatile

77. It will be hard to (i) _____ Leonid now that you have so (ii) _____ him.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii)
- A. indict D. subjugated
 B. mollify E. incensed
 C. lampoon F. bemused

78. Edward was understandably upset that he had lost the position, but he was (i) _____ by the conviction that he had done nothing to (ii) _____ the dismissal.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii)
- A. saddened D. merit
- B. miffed E. mar
- C. consoled F. delay

79. She was roundly condemned for her _____; she betrayed the woman to whom she owed her success.

- A. truculence
- B. perfidy
- C. serendipity
- D. pragmatism
- E. discernment

80. Our grandfather was an entertaining (i) _____; he used to (ii) _____ us with marvelous anecdotes that we, in our childlike simplicity, (iii) _____.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii) Blank (iii)
- A. raconteur D. intimidate G. accepted unquestioningly
- B. rascal E. regale H. debated ferociously
- C. curmudgeon F. bore I. debunked readily

81. The parliamentary session degenerated into (i) _____ with politicians (ii) _____ each other and refusing to (iii) _____.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii) Blank (iii)
- A. mayhem D. trading banter with G. escalate the situation
- B. obsolescence E. hurling invectives at H. challenge the opposition
- C. authoritarianism F. staring pointedly at I. come to order

82. Contrary to his reputation, the admiral was not a (i) _____. He (ii) _____ his order to attack when he saw the white flag raised by the enemy sailors, and was actually relieved that he could bring an end to the (iii) _____.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii) Blank (iii)
- A. bloodthirsty man D. countermanded G. truce
- B. pacifist E. reiterated H. hiatus
- C. pedant F. commandeered I. hostilities

83. **3.** In a fit of _____ she threw out the valuable statue simply because it had belonged to her ex-husband.

- A. pique
- B. goodwill
- C. contrition
- D. pedantry
- E. prudence

84. Many 17th century buildings that are still in existence have been so (i)_____by successive owners that the original layout is no longer (ii)_____beneath the sometimes much-needed, but usually (iii)_____attempts to personalize or improve.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii) Blank (iii)
A. preserved D. discernible G. adept
B. transmogrified E. extant H. grotesque
C. decimated F. enshrouded I. tasteful

85. Since ancient times sculpture has been considered the prerogative of men; women sculptors have, until recently, consistently met with (i)_____, or even (ii)_____.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii)
A. discouragement D. ridicule
B. vilification E. approbation
C. concern F. tolerance

86. (i)_____at this time would be inadvisable; we have not yet accumulated sufficient expertise to warrant anything other than a (ii)_____approach.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii)
A. Circuitous proceedings D. decisive
B. Vacillation E. direct
C. Precipitate action F. cautious

87. I cannot conclude this preface without_____that an early and untimely death should have prevented Persius from giving a more finished appearance to his works.

- A. rejoicing
B. lamenting
C. affirming
D. commenting
E. mentioning

88. Harding was unable to (i)_____the results of the survey; although entirely unexpected, the figures were obtained by a market research firm with an (ii)_____reputation.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii)
A. believe D. mediocre
B. accept E. unenviable
C. discount F. impeccable

89. The quantum theory was initially regarded as absurd, unnatural and_____with common sense.

- A. consanguineous
B. discernible
C. incompatible
D. decipherable
E. consistent

90. Do not be fooled by her (i)_____manner; her superficial (ii)_____belies her worldliness.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| A. unsophisticated | D. proficiency |
| B. gregarious | E. naiveté |
| C. off-hand | F. seriousness |

91. The success of the business venture_____his expectations; he never thought that the firm would prosper.

- A. confirmed
- B. belied
- C. nullified
- D. fulfilled
- E. ratified

92. The journalist (i)_____the efforts of the drug squad to control drug peddling, claiming that they had actually (ii)_____the problem.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) |
| <input type="radio"/> A. commended | <input type="radio"/> D. delineated |
| <input type="radio"/> B. deprecated | <input type="radio"/> E. mollified |
| <input type="radio"/> C. noted | <input type="radio"/> F. exacerbated |

93. Since the Romans failed to subjugate the tribes in Northern Britain, they built a wall in a (i)_____attempt to (ii)_____the natives. After all, what wall can (iii)_____the determined?

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| <input type="radio"/> A. seemingly overoptimistic | <input type="radio"/> D. intimidate | <input type="radio"/> G. deter |
| <input type="radio"/> B. thoroughgoing | <input type="radio"/> E. exclude | <input type="radio"/> H. conquer |
| <input type="radio"/> C. successful | <input type="radio"/> F. barricade | <input type="radio"/> I. circumscribe |

94. The professor became increasingly_____in later years, flying into a rage whenever he was opposed.

- A. taciturn
- B. voluble
- C. subdued
- D. contrite
- E. irascible

95. To Simon, not usually so (i)_____, their bantering talk seemed (ii)_____. Actually their exchanges masked underlying (iii)_____.

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| Blank (i) | Blank (ii) | Blank (iii) |
| <input type="radio"/> A. inscrutable | <input type="radio"/> D. amicable | <input type="radio"/> G. antagonism |

- B. unperceptive E. exasperating H. assumptions
 C. perspicacious F. hostile I. geniality

96. The new systematic nomenclature was so (i)_____ that many chemists preferred to (ii)_____ the older trivial names that were at least shorter. At least, that is the ostensible reason. Actually, tradition seems to carry more weight than (iii)_____ with some scientists.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii) Blank (iii)
- A. succinct D. revert to G. chronology
 B. cumbersome E. adopt H. longevity
 C. irrational F. suspend I. system

97. Even though the auditors (i)_____ the accountant, his reputation, hitherto unblemished, was (ii)_____ by the allegations of fraud.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii)
- A. indicted D. enhanced
 B. betrayed E. tarnished
 C. vindicated F. condoned

98. Many so-called social playwrights are distinctly_____; rather than allowing the members of the audience to form their own opinions, these writers force a viewpoint on the viewer.

- A. conciliatory
 B. prolific
 C. iconoclastic
 D. didactic
 E. contumacious

99. The archaeologist, viewing the fragmentary remains of the ancient city, reflected on the (i)_____ of human (ii)_____.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii)
- A. impermanence D. endeavor
 B. dearth E. thought
 C. durability F. humility

100. He was normally entirely (i)_____, but in the embarrassing situation in which he found himself he felt compelled to (ii)_____.

- Blank (i) Blank (ii)
- A. equable D. concede
 B. considerate E. prevaricate
 C. forthright F. capitulate