1. **GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.1**

Nonviolent demonstrations often create such tensions that a community that has constantly refused to ________ its injustices is forced to correct them: the injustices can no longer be ________.

(A) acknowledge ... ignored  
(B) decrease ... verified  
(C) tolerate ... accepted  
(D) address ... eliminated  
(E) explain ... discussed

2. **GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.2**

Since 1813 reaction to Jane Austen’s novels has oscillated between ________ and condescension; but in general later writers have esteemed her works more highly than did most of her literary ________.

(A) dismissal ... admirers  
(B) adoration ... contemporaries  
(C) disapproval ... readers  
(D) indifference ... followers  
(E) approbation ... precursors

3. **GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.3**

There are, as yet, no vegetation types or ecosystems whose study has been ________ to the extent that they no longer ________ ecologists.

(A) perfected ... hinder  
(B) exhausted ... interest  
(C) prolonged ... require  
(D) prevented ... challenge  
(E) delayed ... benefit

4. **GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.4**

Under ethical guidelines recently adopted by the National Institutes of Health, human genes are to be manipulated only to correct diseases for which ________ treatments are unsatisfactory.

(A) similar  
(B) most  
(C) dangerous  
(D) uncommon  
(E) alternative
5. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.5
It was her view that the country’s problems had been ________ by foreign technocrats, so that to invite them to come back would be counterproductive.
(A) foreseen
(B) attacked
(C) ascertained
(D) exacerbated
(E) analyzed

6. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.6
Winsor McCay, the cartoonist, could draw with incredible ________: his comic strip about Little Nemo was characterized by marvelous draftsmanship and sequencing.
(A) sincerity
(B) efficiency
(C) virtuosity
(D) rapidity
(E) energy

7. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 1 no.7
The actual ________ of Wilson’s position was always ________ by his refusal to compromise after having initially agreed to negotiate a settlement.
(A) outcome ... foreshadowed
(B) logic ... enhanced
(C) rigidity ... betrayed
(D) uncertainty ... alleviated
(E) cowardice ... highlighted

ABBED  CC
8. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.1
The senator’s reputation, though ________ by false allegations of misconduct, emerged from the ordeal ________.
(A) shaken ... unscathed
(B) destroyed ... intact
(C) damaged ... impaired
(D) impugned ... unclear
(E) tarnished ... sullied

9. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.2
This poetry is not ________: it is more likely to appeal to an international audience than is poetry with strictly regional themes.
(A) familiar
(B) democratic
(C) technical
(D) complex
(E) provincial

10. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.3
Experienced employers recognize that business students who can ________ different points of view are ultimately more effective as managers than are the brilliant and original students who ________ dogmatically to their own formulations.
(A) discredit ... revert
(B) assimilate ... adhere
(C) impose ... refer
(D) disregard ... incline
(E) advocate ... relate

11. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.4
Poe’s ________ reviews of contemporary fiction, which often find great merit in otherwise ________ literary gems, must make us respect his critical judgment in addition to his well-known literary talent.
(A) thorough ... completed
(B) petulant ... unpopular
(C) insightful ... unappreciated
(D) enthusiastic ... acclaimed
(E) harsh ... undeserving
12. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.5
The significance of the Magna Carta lies not in its ________ provisions, but in its broader impact: it made the king subject to the law.
(A) specific
(B) revolutionary
(C) implicit
(D) controversial
(E) finite

13. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.6
The theory of cosmic evolution states that the universe, having begun in a state of simplicity and ________, has ________ into great variety.
(A) equilibrium ... modulated
(B) homogeneity ... differentiated
(C) contrast ... metamorphosed
(D) proportion ... accelerated
(E) intelligibility ... developed

14. GRE Big Book Test 1 Section 2 no.7
Not wishing to appear ________, the junior member of the research group refrained from ________ any criticism of the senior members’ plan for dividing up responsibility for the entire project.
(A) reluctant ... evaluating
(B) inquisitive ... offering
(C) presumptuous ... venturing
(D) censorious ... undercutting
(E) moralistic ... observing

AEBCA  BC
15. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.1
In the British theater young people under thirty-five have not had much ________ getting recognition onstage, but offstage—in the ranks of playwrights, directors, designers, administrators—they have mostly been relegated to relative obscurity.
(A) trouble
(B) satisfaction
(C) curiosity about
(D) success at
(E) fear of

16. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.2
An institution concerned about its reputation is at the mercy of the actions of its members; because the misdeeds of individuals are often used to ________ the institutions of which they are a part.
(A) reform
(B) coerce
(C) honor
(D) discredit
(E) intimidate

17. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.3
Since many casual smokers develop lung cancer and many ________ smokers do not, scientists believe that individuals differ in their ________ the cancer-causing agents known to be present in cigarette smoke.
(A) heavy ... susceptibility to
(B) chronic ... concern about
(C) habitual ... proximity to
(D) devoted ... reliance upon
(E) regular ... exposure to

18. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.4
We accepted the theory that as people become more independent of one another, they begin to feel so isolated and lonely that freedom becomes ________ condition that most will seek to ________.
(A) a permanent ... postpone
(B) a common ... enter
(C) a negative ... escape
(D) a political ... impose
(E) an irreparable ... avoid
19. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.5
If animal parents were judged by human standards, the cuckoo would be one of nature’s more ________ creatures, blithely laying its eggs in the nests of other birds, and leaving the incubating and nurturing to them.
(A) mettlesome
(B) industrious
(C) domestic
(D) lackluster
(E) feckless

20. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.6
The current penchant for ________ a product by denigrating a rival, named in the advertisement by brand name, seems somewhat ________: suppose the consumer remembers only the rival’s name?
(A) criticizing ... inefficient
(B) touting ... foolhardy
(C) enhancing ... insipid
(D) evaluating ... cumbersome
(E) flaunting ... gullible

21. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 1 no.7
His imperturbability in the face of evidence indicating his deliberate fraud failed to reassure supporters of his essential ________; instead, it suggested a talent for ________ that they had never suspected.
(A) culpability.... intrigue
(B) wisdom ... reproof
(C) remorse ... loquacity
(D) probity ... guile
(E) combativeness ... compromise

ADACE  BD
22. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.1
Although providing wild chimpanzees with food makes them less ________ and easier to study, it is also known to ________ their normal social patterns.
(A) interesting ... reinforce
(B) manageable ... upset
(C) shy ... disrupt
(D) poised ... inhibit
(E) accessible ... retard

23. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.2
There is something ________ about the way the building of monasteries proliferated in eighteenth-century Bavaria, while in the rest of the Western world religious ardor was ________ and church building was consequently declining.
(A) enigmatic ... coalescing.
(B) destructive ... changing
(C) immutable ... dissipating
(D) incongruous ... diminishing
(E) momentous ... diversifying

24. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.3
Because they had various meanings in nineteenth century biological thought, “mechanism” and “vitalism” ought not to be considered ________ terms; thus, I find the recent insistence that the terms had single definitions to be entirely ________.
(A) univocal ... erroneous
(B) problematic ... anachronistic
(C) intractable ... obtuse
(D) congruent ... suspect
(E) multifaceted ... vapid

25. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.4
Many Americans believe that individual initiative epitomized the 1890’s and see the entrepreneur as the ________ of that age.
(A) caricature
(B) salvation
(C) throwback
(D) aberration
(E) personification
26. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.5
Neither the ideas of philosophers nor the practices of ordinary people can, by themselves, ________ reality; what in fact changes reality and kindles revolution is the ________ of the two.
(A) constitute ... divergence
(B) affect ... aim
(C) transform ... interplay
(D) preserve ... conjunction
(E) alter ... intervention

27. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.6
There has been a tendency among art historians not so much to revise as to eliminate the concept of the Renaissance — to ________ not only its uniqueness, but its very existence.
(A) explain
(B) extol
(C) transmute
(D) regret
(E) contest

28. GRE Big Book Test 2 Section 2 no.7
Employees had become so inured to the caprices of top management’s personnel policies that they greeted the announcement of a company-wide dress code with ________.
(A) astonishment
(B) impassivity
(C) resentment
(D) apprehension
(E) confusion

CDAEC  EB
29. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.1
Although the feeding activities of whales and walruses give the seafloor of the Bering Shelf a devastated appearance, these activities seem to be actually ________ to the area, ________ its productivity.
(A) destructive ... counterbalancing  
(B) rehabilitative ... diminishing  
(C) beneficial ... enhancing  
(D) detrimental ... redirecting  
(E) superfluous ... encumbering

30. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.2
In an age without radio or recordings, an age ________ by print, fiction gained its greatest ascendency.
(A) decimated  
(B) denigrated  
(C) dominated  
(D) emphasized  
(E) resurrected

31. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.3
Scientist’ pristine reputation as devotees of the disinterested pursuit of truth has been _____ by recent evidence that some scientists have deliberately ____ experimental results to further their own careers.
(A) reinforced … published  
(B) validated … suppressed  
(C) exterminated … replicated  
(D) compromised … fabricated  
(E) resuscitated … challenged

32. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.4
Although Johnson’s and Smith’s initial fascination with the fortunes of those jockeying for power in the law firm ____ after a few months, the two paid sufficient attention to determine who their lunch partner should be.
(A) revived  
(B) emerged  
(C) intensified  
(D) flagged  
(E) persisted
33. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.5
A war, even if fought for individual liberty and democratic rights, usually requires that these principles be ________, for they are ________ the regimentation and discipline necessary for military efficiency.
(A) espoused ... contrary to
(B) suppressed ... fulfilled through
(C) suspended ... incompatible with
(D) followed ... disruptive of
(E) rejected ... inherent in

34. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.6
To test the ________ of borrowing from one field of study to enrich another, simply investigate the extent to which terms from the one may, without forcing, be ________ the other.
(A) risk ... confused with
(B) universality ... applied to
(C) decorum ... illuminated by
(D) rate ... superseded by
(E) efficacy ... utilized by

35. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 1 no.7
The English novelist William Thackeray considered the cult of the criminal so dangerous that he criticized Dickens’ Oliver Twist for making the characters in the thieves’ kitchen so ________.
(A) threatening
(B) riveting
(C) conniving
(D) fearsome
(E) irritating

CCDDC  EB
36. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.1
The discovery that, friction excluded, all bodies fall at the same rate is so simple to state and to grasp that there is a tendency to ________ its significance.
(A) underrate
(B) control
(C) reassess
(D) praise
(E) eliminate

37. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.2
Their mutual teasing seemed ________, but in fact it ________ a long-standing hostility.
(A) aimless ... produced
(B) friendly ... masked
(C) playful ... contravened
(D) bitter ... revealed
(E) clever ... averted

38. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.3
Noting that few employees showed any ________ for complying with the corporation’s new safety regulations, Peterson was forced to conclude that acceptance of the regulations would be ________, at best.
(A) aptitude ... unavoidable
(B) regard ... indeterminate
(C) respect ... negotiable
(D) patience ... imminent
(E) enthusiasm ... grudging

39. GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.4
It has been argued that politics as ________, whatever its transcendental claims, has always been the systematic organization of common hatreds.
(A) a theory
(B) an ideal
(C) a practice
(D) a contest
(E) an enigma
40. **GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.5**
In many science fiction films, the opposition of good and evil is portrayed as a ________ between technology, which is ________, and the errant will of a depraved intellectal.
(A) fusion ... useful
(B) struggle ... dehumanizing
(C) parallel ... unfettered
(D) conflict ... beneficent
(E) similarity ... malevolent

41. **GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.6**
Although scientists claim that the seemingly ________ language of their reports is more precise than the figurative language of fiction, the language of science, like all language, is inherently ________.
(A) ornamental ... subtle
(B) unidimensional ... unintelligible
(C) symbolic ... complex
(D) literal ... allusive
(E) subjective ... metaphorical

42. **GRE Big Book Test 3 Section 2 no.7**
In recent decades the idea that Cezanne influenced Cubism has been caught in the ________ between art historians who credit Braque with its invention and those who_______ Picasso.
(A) crossfire ... tout
(B) interplay ... advocate
(C) paradox ... prefer
(D) deliberation ... attribute
(E) tussle ... substitute

ABECD  DA
43. **GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.1**
Although adolescent maturational and developmental states occur in an orderly sequence, their timing ________ with regard to onset and duration.

(A) lasts  
(B) varies  
(C) falters  
(D) accelerates  
(E) dwindles

44. **GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.2**
Many of the earliest colonial houses that are still standing have been so modified and enlarged that the ________ design is no longer

(A) pertinent ... relevant  
(B) intended ... necessary  
(C) embellished ... attractive  
(D) appropriate ... applicable  
(E) initial ... discernible

45. **GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.3**
While the delegate clearly sought to ________ the optimism that has emerged recently, she stopped short of suggesting that the conference was near collapse and might produce nothing of significance.

(A) substantiate  
(B) dampen  
(C) encourage  
(D) elucidate  
(E) rekindle

46. **GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.4**
The old man could not have been accused of ________ his affection; his conduct toward the child betrayed his ________ her.

(A) lavishing ... fondness for  
(B) sparing ... tolerance of  
(C) rationing ... antipathy for  
(D) stinting ... adoration of  
(E) promising ... dislike of
47. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.5
A leading chemist believes that many scientists have difficulty with stereochemistry because much of the relevant nomenclature is ________, in that it combines concepts that should be kept ________.
(A) obscure ... interrelated
(B) specialized ... intact
(C) subtle ... inviolate
(D) descriptive ... separate
(E) imprecise ... discrete

48. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.6
Among the many ________ of the project, expense cannot be numbered; the goals of the project’s promoters can be achieved with impressive ________.
(A) highlights ... efficiency
(B) features ... savings
(C) disadvantages ... innovation
(D) claims ... speed
(E) defects ... economy

49. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 1 no.7
Though science is often imagined as a ________ exploration of external reality, scientists are no different from anyone else: they are ________ human beings enmeshed in a web of personal and social circumstances.
(A) fervent ... vulnerable
(B) neutral ... rational
(C) painstaking ... careless
(D) disinterested ... passionate
(E) cautious ... dynamic

BEBDE  ED
50. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.1
Social scientists have established fairly clear-cut ________ that describe the appropriate behavior of children and adults, but there seems to be ________ about what constitutes appropriate behavior for adolescents.
(A) functions ... rigidity
(B) estimates ... indirectness
(C) norms ... confusion
(D) regulations ... certainty
(E) studies ... misapprehension

51. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.2
As long as nations cannot themselves accumulate enough physical power to dominate all others, they must depend on ________.
(A) allies
(B) resources
(C) freedom
(D) education
(E) self-determination

52. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.3
We realized that John was still young and impressionable, but were nevertheless surprised at his ________.
(A) naïveté
(B) obstinateness
(C) decisiveness
(D) ingeniousness
(E) resolve

53. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.4
Although Mount Saint Helens has been more ________ during the last 4,500 years than any other volcano in the coterminous United States, its long dormancy before its recent eruption ________ its violent nature.
(A) awe-inspiring ... restrained
(B) gaseous ... confirmed
(C) explosive ... belied
(D) familiar ... moderated
(E) volatile ... suggested
54. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.5
Changes of fashion and public taste are often ________ and resistant to analysis, and yet they are among the most ________ gauges of the state of the public’s collective consciousness.
(A) transparent ... useful
(B) ephemeral ... sensitive
(C) faddish ... underutilized
(D) arbitrary ... problematic
(E) permanent ... reliable

55. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.6
The poet W. H. Auden believed that the greatest poets of his age were almost necessarily irresponsible, that the possession of great gifts ________ the ________ to abuse them.
(A) negates ... temptation
(B) controls ... resolution
(C) engenders ... propensity
(D) tempers ... proclivity
(E) obviates ... inclination

56. GRE Big Book Test 4 Section 2 no.7
The self-important cant of musicologists on record jackets often suggests that true appreciation of the music is an ________ process closed to the uninitiated listener, however enthusiastic.
(A) unreliable
(B) arcane
(C) arrogant
(D) elementary
(E) intuitive

CAACB  CB
57. **GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.1**
Heavily perfumed white flowers, such as gardenias, were favorites with collectors in the eighteenth century, when ________ was valued much more highly than it is today.
(A) scent
(B) beauty
(C) elegance
(D) color
(E) variety

58. **GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.2**
In a most impressive demonstration, Pavarotti sailed through Verdi’s “Celeste Aida”, normally a tenor’s ________, with the casual enthusiasm of a folk singer performing one of his favorite ________.
(A) pitfall ... recitals
(B) glory ... chorales
(C) nightmare ... ballads
(D) delight ... chanteys
(E) routine ... composers

59. **GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.3**
Dependence on foreign sources of heavy metals, though ________, remains ________ for United States foreign policy.
(A) deepening ... a challenge
(B) diminishing ... a problem
(C) excessive ... a dilemma
(D) debilitating ... an embarrassment
(E) unavoidable ... a precedent

60. **GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.4**
Cynics believe that people who ________ compliments do so in order to be praised twice.
(A) bask in
(B) give out
(C) despair of
(D) gloat over
(E) shrug off
61. **GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.5**
Although nothing could be further from the truth, freight railroads have been _______ of _______ the nation’s shift from oil to coal by charging exorbitant fees to transport coal.
(A) accused ... impeding
(B) proud ... accelerating
(C) guilty ... delaying
(D) conscious ... contributing to
(E) wary ... interfering with

62. **GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.6**
Although the revelation that one of the contestants was a friend left the judge open to charges of lack of _______, the judge remained adamant in her assertion that acquaintance did not necessarily imply _______.
(A) prudence ... tolerance
(B) detachment ... foreknowledge
(C) exoneration ... impropriety
(D) prejudice ... preference
(E) disinterestedness ... partiality

63. **GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 1 no.7**
Within the next decade, sophisticated telescopes now orbiting the Earth will determine whether the continents really are moving, _______ the incipient _______ among geologists about the validity of the theory of continental drift.
(A) obviating ... consensus
(B) forestalling ... rift
(C) escalating ... debates
(D) engendering ... speculation
(E) resolving ... rumors

ACBEA  EB
64. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.1
The commissions criticized the legislature for making college attendance dependent on the ability to pay, charging that, as a result, hundreds of qualified young people would be _______ further education.
(A) entitled to
(B) striving for
(C) deprived of
(D) uninterested in
(E) participating in

65. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.2
In most Native American cultures, an article used in prayer or ritual is made with extraordinary attention to and richness of detail: it is decorated more _______ than a similar article intended for _______ use.
(A) delicately ... vocational
(B) colorfully ... festive
(C) creatively ... religious
(D) subtly ... commercial
(E) lavishly ... everyday

66. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.3
Having no sense of moral obligation, Shipler was as little subject to the _______ of conscience after he acted as he was motivated by its _______ before he acted.
(A) rewards ... chastisement
(B) balm ... eloquence
(C) reproaches ... promptings
(D) ridicule ... allure
(E) qualms ... atonement

67. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.4
Freud derived psychoanalytic knowledge of childhood indirectly: he _______ childhood processes from adult _______.
(A) reconstructed ... memory
(B) condoned ... experience
(C) incorporated ... behavior
(D) released ... monotony
(E) inferred ... anticipation
68. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.5
While she initially suffered the fate of many pioneers – the incomprehension of her colleagues – octogenarian Nobel laureate Barbara McClintock has lived to _____ the triumph of her once _____ scientific theories.
(A) descry innovative
(B) regret insignificant
(C) perpetuate tentative
(D) enjoy authoritative
(E) savor heterodox

69. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.6
Broadway audiences have become inured to _______ and so _______ to be pleased as to make their ready ovations meaningless as an indicator of the quality of the production before them.
(A) sentimentality ... reluctant
(B) condescension ... disinclined
(C) histrionics ... unlikely
(D) cleverness ... eager
(E) mediocrity ... desperate

70. GRE Big Book Test 5 Section 2 no.7
Any language is a conspiracy against experience in the sense that it is a collective attempt to _______ experience by reducing it into discrete parcels.
(A) extrapolate
(B) transcribe
(C) complicate
(D) amplify
(E) manage

CECAE EE
71. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.1
By divesting himself of all regalities, the former king ________ the consideration that customarily protects monarchs.
(A) merited
(B) forfeited
(C) debased
(D) concealed
(E) extended

72. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.2
A perennial goal in zoology is to infer function from ________, relating the ________ of an organism to its physical form and cellular organization.
(A) age ... ancestry
(B) classification ... appearance
(C) size ... movement
(D) structure ... behavior
(E) location ... habitat

73. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.3
The sociologist responded to the charge that her new theory was ________ by pointing out that it did not in fact contradict accepted sociological principles.
(A) banal
(B) heretical
(C) unproven
(D) complex
(E) superficial

74. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.4
Industrialists seized economic power only after industry had ________ agriculture as the preeminent form of production; previously such power had ________ land ownership.
(A) sabotaged ... threatened
(B) overtaken ... produced
(C) toppled ... culminated in
(D) joined ... relied on
(E) supplanted ... resided in
75. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.5
Rumors, embroidered with detail, live on for years, neither denied nor confirmed, until they become accepted as fact even among people not known for their _______.
(A) insight
(B) obstinacy
(C) introspection
(D) tolerance
(E) credulity

76. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.6
No longer ________ by the belief that the world around us was expressly designed for humanity, many people try to find intellectual ________ for that lost certainty in astrology and in mysticism.
(A) satisfied ... reasons
(B) sustained ... substitutes
(C) reassured ... justifications
(D) hampered ... equivalents
(E) restricted ... parallels

77. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 1 no.7
People should not be praised for their virtue if they lack the energy to be ________; in such cases, goodness is merely the effect of ________.
(A) depraved ... hesitation
(B) cruel ... effortlessness
(C) wicked ... indolence
(D) unjust ... boredom
(E) iniquitous ... impiety

BDBEE BC
78. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.1
Animals that have tasted unpalatable plants tend to ________ them afterward on the basis of their most conspicuous features, such as their flowers.
(A) recognize
(B) hoard
(C) trample
(D) retrieve
(E) approach

79. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.2
As for the alleged value of expert opinion, one need only ________ government records to see ________ evidence of the failure of such opinions in many fields.
(A) inspect ... questionable
(B) retain ... circumstantial
(C) distribute ... possible
(D) consult ... strong
(E) evaluate ... problematic

80. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.3
In scientific inquiry, it becomes a matter of duty to expose a ________ hypothesis to every possible kind of ________.
(A) tentative ... examination
(B) debatable ... approximation
(C) well-established ... rationalization
(D) logical ... elaboration
(E) suspect ... correlation

81. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.4
Charlotte Salomon’s biography is a reminder that the currents of private life, however diverted, dislodged, or twisted by ________ public events, retain their hold on the ________ recording them.
(A) transitory ... culture
(B) dramatic ... majority
(C) overpowering ... individual
(D) conventional ... audience
(E) relentless ... institution
82. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.5
Philosophical problems arise when people ask questions that, though very ________, have certain characteristics in common.
(A) relevant
(B) elementary
(C) abstract
(D) diverse
(E) controversial

83. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.6
Although Johnson _____ great enthusiasm for his employees’ project, in reality his interest in the project was so ________ as to be almost non-existent.
(A) generated ... redundant
(B) displayed ... preemptive
(C) expected ... indiscriminate
(D) feigned ... perfunctory
(E) demanded ... dispassionate

84. GRE Big Book Test 6 Section 2 no.7
Not all the indicators necessary to convey the effect of depth in a picture work simultaneously; the picture’s illusion of ________ three-dimensional appearance must therefore result from the viewer’s integration of various indicators perceived ________.
(A) imitative ... coincidentally
(B) uniform ... successively
(C) temporary ... comprehensively
(D) expressive ... sympathetically
(E) schematic ... passively

ADACD  DB
85. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.1
Her ________ should not be confused with miserliness; as long as I have known her, she has always been willing to assist those who are in need.
(A) intemperance  
(B) intolerance  
(C) apprehension  
(D) diffidence  
(E) frugality

86. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.2
Natural selection tends to eliminate genes that cause inherited diseases, acting most strongly against the most severe diseases; consequently, hereditary diseases that are ________ would be expected to be very ________, but, surprisingly, they are not.
(A) lethal ... rare  
(B) untreated ... dangerous  
(C) unusual ... refractory  
(D) new ... perplexing  
(E) widespread ... acute

87. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.3
Unfortunately, his damaging attacks on the ramifications of the economic policy have been ________ by his wholehearted acceptance of that policy’s underlying assumptions.
(A) supplemented  
(B) undermined  
(C) wasted  
(D) diverted  
(E) redeemed

88. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.4
During the opera’s most famous aria the tempo chosen by the orchestra’s conductor seemed ________, without necessary relation to what had gone before.
(A) tedious  
(B) melodious  
(C) capricious  
(D) compelling  
(E) cautious
89. **GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.5**
In the machinelike world of classical physics, the human intellect appears ________, since the mechanical nature of classical physics does not ________ creative reasoning, the very ability that had made the formulation of classical principles possible.
(A) anomalous ... allow for
(B) abstract ... speak to
(C) anachronistic ... deny
(D) enduring ... value
(E) contradictory ... exclude

90. **GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.6**
During the 1960’s assessments of the family shifted remarkably, from general endorsement of it as a worthwhile, stable institution to widespread ________ it as an oppressive and bankrupt one whose ________ was both imminent and welcome.
(A) flight from ... restitution
(B) fascination with ... corruption
(C) rejection of ... vogue
(D) censure of ... dissolution
(E) relinquishment of ... ascent

91. **GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 1 no.7**
Documenting science’s ________ philosophy would be ________, since it is almost axiomatic that many philosophers use scientific concepts as the foundations for their speculations.
(A) distrust of ... elementary
(B) influence on ... superfluous
(C) reliance on ... inappropriate
(D) dependence on ... difficult
(E) differences from ... impossible

EABCA DB
92. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.1
The spellings of many Old English words have been ________ in the living language, although their pronunciations have changed.
(A) preserved
(B) shortened
(C) preempted
(D) revised
(E) improved

93. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.2
The sheer diversity of tropical plants represents a seemingly ________ source of raw materials, of which only a few have been utilized.
(A) exploited
(B) quantifiable
(C) controversial
(D) inexhaustible
(E) remarkable

94. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.3
For centuries animals have been used as ________ for people in experiments to assess the effects of therapeutic and other agents that might later be used in humans.
(A) benefactors
(B) companions
(C) examples
(D) precedents
(E) surrogates

95. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.4
Social tensions among adult factions can be ________ by politics, but adolescents and children have no such ________ for resolving their conflict with the exclusive world of adults.
(A) intensified ... attitude
(B) complicated ... relief
(C) frustrated ... justification
(D) adjusted ... mechanism
(E) revealed ... opportunity
96. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.5
The state is a network of exchanged benefits and beliefs, _______ between rulers and citizens based on those laws and procedures that are _______ to the maintenance of community.
(A) a compromise ... inimical
(B) an interdependence ... subsidiary
(C) a counterpoint ... incidental
(D) an equivalence ... prerequisite
(E) a reciprocity ... conducive

97. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.6
Far from viewing Jefferson as a skeptical but enlightened intellectual, historians of the 1960’s portrayed him as _______ thinker, eager to fill the young with his political orthodoxy while censoring ideas he did not like.
(A) an adventurous
(B) a doctrinaire
(C) an eclectic
(D) a judicious
(E) a cynical

98. GRE Big Book Test 7 Section 2 no.7
To have true disciples, a thinker must not be too ______: any effective intellectual leader depends on the ability of other people to ______ thought processes that did not originate with them.
(A) popular ... dismiss
(B) methodical ... interpret
(C) idiosyncratic ... reenact
(D) self-confident ... revitalize
(E) pragmatic ... discourage

ADEDE BC
99. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.1
Even though formidable winters are the norm in the Dakotas, many people were unprepared for the ________ of the blizzard of 1888.
(A) inevitability
B) ferocity
(C) importance
(D) probability
(E) mildness

100. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.2
As the first streamlined car, the Airflow represented a ________ in automotive development, and although its sales were ________, it had an immense influence on automobile design.
(A) milestone ... disappointing
(B) breakthrough ... significant
(C) regression ... unimportant
(D) misjudgment ... calculable
(E) revolution ... tolerable

101. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.3
While nurturing parents can compensate for adversity, cold or inconsistent parents may ________ it.
(A) exacerbate
(B) neutralize
(C) eradicate
(D) ameliorate
(E) relieve

102. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.4
The architects of New York’s early skyscrapers, hinting here at a twelfth-century cathedral, there at a fifteenth-century palace, sought to legitimize the city’s social strivings by ________ a history the city did not truly ________.
(A) revealing ... deserve
(B) displaying ... desire
(C) evoking ... possess
(D) preserving ... experience
(E) flouting ... believe
103. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.5
Actual events in the history of life on Earth are accidental in that any outcome embodies just one ________ among millions; yet each out-come can be ________ interpreted.
(A) coincidence ... randomly
(B) relationship ... predictably
(C) fact ... readily
(D) happening ... uniquely
(E) possibility ... rationally

104. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.6
Although some of her fellow scientists ________ the unorthodox laboratory methodology that others found innovative, unanimous praise greeted her experimental results: at once pioneering and ________.
(A) ignored ... untrustworthy
(B) complimented ... foreseeable
(C) welcomed ... mundane
(D) decried ... unexceptionable
(E) attacked ... inconclusive

105. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 1 no.7
Early critics of Emily Dickinson's poetry mistook for simplemindedness the surface of artlessness that in fact she constructed with such ________.
(A) astonishment
(B) vexation
(C) allusion
(D) innocence
(E) cunning

BAACE DE
106. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.1
This project is the first step in a long-range plan of research whose ________ goal, still many years off, is the creation of a new prototype.
(A) cooperative
(B) reasoned
(C) original
(D) ultimate
(E) intentional

107. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.2
Eric was frustrated because, although he was adept at making lies sound ________, when telling the truth, he ________ the power to make himself believed.
(A) plausible ... lacked
(B) convincing ... held
(C) honest ... found
(D) true ... acquired
(E) logical ... claimed

108. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.3
In certain forms of discourse such as the parable, the central point of a message can be effectively communicated even though this point is not ________.
(A) preferred
(B) explicit
(C) inferable
(D) discerned
(E) illustrated

109. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.4
Always circumspect, she was reluctant to make judgments, but once arriving at a conclusion, she was ________ in its defense.
(A) nonplussed
(B) obsequious
(C) intransigent
(D) deferential
(E) negligent
110. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.5
The techniques now available to livestock breeders will continue to be ________, but will probably
be ________ by new ones under development.
(A) fruitful ... reversed
(B) refined ... upgraded
(C) inconvenient ... reassessed
(D) used ... supplemented
(E) harmless ... improved

111. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.6
Any population increase beyond a certain level necessitates greater ________ vegetable foods; thus,
the ability of a society to choose meat over cereals always arises, in part, from ________ the
number of people.
(A) reliance on ... replenishing
(B) production of ... estimating
(C) spending on ... concealing
(D) recourse to ... limiting
(E) attention to ... varying

112. GRE Big Book Test 8 Section 2 no.7
Ethologists are convinced that many animals survive through learning—but learning that is
________ their genetic programming, learning as thoroughly ________ as the most instinctive of
behavioral responses.
(A) superseded by ... primitive
(B) compatible with ... transient
(C) complementary to ... familiar
(D) derived from ... inventive
(E) dictated by ... stereotyped

DABCD DE
113. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.1
Though some of the information the author reveals about Russian life might surprise Americans, her major themes are ________ enough.
(A) familiar
(B) thorough
(C) vital
(D) original
(E) interesting

114. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.2
In the early twentieth century, the discovery of radium ________ the popular imagination; not only was its discoverer, Marie Curie, idolized, but its market value ________ that of the rarest gemstone.
(A) stormed ... sank to
(B) horrified ... approached
(C) taxed ... was equal to
(D) enflamed ... exceeded
(E) escaped ... was comparable to

115. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.3
The president’s secretary and his chief aide adored him, and both wrote obsessively ________ personal memoirs about him; unfortunately, however, ________ does not make for true intimacy.
(A) fatuous ... frankness
(B) devoted ... idolatry
(C) garrulous ... confidentiality
(D) candid ... discretion
(E) rancorous ... criticism

116. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.4
Despite claims that his philosophy can be traced to ________ source, the philosophy in fact draws liberally on several traditions and methodologies and so could justifiably be termed ________.
(A) a particular ... consistent
(B) a schematic ... multifaceted
(C) a dominant ... cogent
(D) an authoritative ... derivative
(E) a single ... eclectic
117. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.5
Du Bois’ foreign trips were the highlight, not the ________, of his travels; he was habitually on the go across and around the United States.
(A) idiosyncrasy
(B) result
(C) precursor
(D) culmination
(E) totality

118. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.6
Business forecasts usually prove reasonably accurate when the assumption that the future will be much like the past is ________; in times of major ________ in the business environment, however, forecasts can be dangerously wrong.
(A) specified ... discontinuities
(B) questioned ... surges
(C) contradicted ... improvements
(D) entertained ... risks
(E) satisfied ... shifts

119. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 1 no.7
It is almost always desirable to increase the yield of a crop if ________ increases are not also necessary in energy, labor, and other inputs of crop production.
(A) predetermined
(B) commensurate
(C) compatible
(D) measured
(E) equivocal

ADBEE EB
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120. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.1
Job failure means being fired from a job, being asked to resign, or leaving ________ to protect yourself because you had very strong evidence that one of the first two was ________.
(A) voluntarily ... impending
(B) abruptly ... significant
(C) knowingly ... operative
(D) understandably ... pertinent
(E) eventually ... intentional

121. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.2
The tone of Jane Carlyle’s letter is guarded, and her feelings are always ________ by the wit and pride that made ________ plea for sympathy impossible for her.
(A) masked ... a direct
(B) bolstered ... a needless
(C) controlled ... a circumspect
(D) enhanced ... an intentional
(E) colored ... an untimely

122. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.3
French folktales almost always take place within the basic ________ that correspond to the ________ setting of peasant life: on the one hand, the household and village and on the other, the open road.
(A) contexts ... hierarchical
(B) structures ... personal
(C) frameworks ... dual
(D) chronologies ... generic
(E) narratives ... ambivalent

123. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.4
Nurturing the Royal Ballet’s artistic growth while preserving its institutional stability has been difficult, because the claims of the latter seem inescapably to ________ development; apparently, attaining artistic success is simpler than ________ it.
(A) ensure ... promoting
(B) inhibit ... perpetuating
(C) undermine ... resurrecting
(D) modify ... appreciating
(E) supplement ... confining
124. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.5
Inspired interim responses to hitherto unknown problems, New Deal economic strategems became _______ as a result of bureaucratization, their flexibility and adaptability destroyed by their transformation into rigid policies.
(A) politicized
(B) consolidated
(C) ossified
(D) ungovernable
(E) streamlined

125. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.6
Biologists _______ isolated oceanic islands like the Galapagos, because, in such small, laboratory-like settings, the rich hurly-burly of continental plant and animal communities is reduced to a scientifically _______ complexity.
(A) explore ... diverse
(B) desert ... manageable
(C) exploit ... intimidating
(D) reject ... intricate
(E) prize ... tractable

126. GRE Big Book Test 9 Section 2 no.7
The startling finding that variations in the rate of the Earth’s rotation depend to an _______ degree on the weather has necessitated a complete _______ of the world’s time-keeping methods.
(A) unexpected ... overhaul
(B) anticipated ... recalibration
(C) indeterminate ... rejection
(D) unobservable ... review
(E) estimated ... acceptance
127. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.1
It was a war the queen and her more prudent counselors wished to ________ if they could and were determined in any event to ________ as long as possible.
(A) provoke ... delay
(B) denounce ... deny
(C) instigate ... conceal
(D) curtail ... promote
(E) avoid ... postpone

128. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.2
Despite many decades of research on the gasification of coal, the data accumulated are not directly ________ to environmental questions; thus a new program of research specifically addressing such questions is ________.
(A) analogous ... promising
(B) transferable ... contradictory
(C) antithetical ... unremarkable
(D) applicable ... warranted
(E) pertinent ... unnecessary

129. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.3
Unlike other creatures, who are shaped largely by their ________ environment, human beings are products of a culture accumulated over centuries, yet one that is constantly being ________ by massive infusions of new information from everywhere.
(A) harsh ... unconfirmed
(B) surrounding ... upheld
(C) immediate ... transformed
(D) natural... mechanized
(E) limited. superseded

130. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.4
Edith Wharton sought in her memoir to present herself as having achieved a harmonious wholeness by having ________ the conflicting elements of her life.
(A) affirmed
(B) highlighted
(C) reconciled
(D) confined
(E) identified
131. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.5
In their preface, the collection’s editors plead that certain of the important articles they ________ were published too recently for inclusion, but in the case of many such articles, this ________ is not valid.
(A) discussed ... replacement
(B) omitted ... excuse
(C) revised ... clarification
(D) disparaged ... justification
(E) ignored ... endorsement

132. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.6
The labor union and the company’s management, despite their long history of unfailingly acerbic disagreement on nearly every issue, have nevertheless reached an unexpectedly ________, albeit still tentative, agreement on next year’s contract.
(A) swift
(B) onerous
(C) hesitant
(D) reluctant
(E) conclusive

133. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 1 no.7
In response to the follies of today’s commercial and political worlds, the author does not ________ inflamed indignation, but rather ________ the detachment and smooth aphoristic prose of an eighteenth-century wit.
(A) display ... rails at
(B) rely on ... avoids
(C) suppress ... clings to
(D) express ... affects
(E) resort to ... spurns

EDCCB  AD
134. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.1
Vaillant, who has been particularly interested in the means by which people attain mental health, seems to be looking for ________ answers: a way to close the book on at least a few questions about human nature.
(A) definitive
(B) confused
(C) temporary
(D) personal
(E) derivative

135. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.2
The well-trained engineer must understand fields as diverse as physics, economics, geology, and sociology; thus, an overly ________ engineering curriculum should be avoided.
(A) narrow
(B) innovative
(C) competitive
(D) rigorous
(E) academic

136. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.3
Although supernovas are among the most ________ of cosmic events, these stellar explosions are often hard to ________, either because they are enormously far away or because they are dimmed by intervening dust and gas clouds.
(A) remote ... observe
(B) luminous ... detect
(C) predictable ... foresee
(D) ancient ... determine
(E) violent ... disregard

137. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.4
During the widespread fuel shortage, the price of gasoline was so that suppliers were generally thought to be ________ the consumer.
(A) reactive ... shielding
(B) stable ... blackmailing
(C) depressed ... cheating
(D) prohibitive ... placating
(E) excessive ... gouging
138. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.5
Art ______ science, but that does not mean that the artist must also be a scientist; an artist uses the fruits of science but need not ______ the theories from which they derive.
(A) precedes ... anticipate
(B) incorporates ... understand
(C) transcends ... abandon
(D) imitates ... repudiate
(E) resembles ... contest

139. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.6
Imposing steep fines on employers for on-the-job injuries to workers could be an effective ______ to creating a safer workplace, especially in the case of employers with poor safety records.
(A) antidote
(B) alternative
(C) addition
(D) deterrent
(E) incentive

140. GRE Big Book Test 10 Section 2 no.7
Literature is inevitably a ______ rather than ______ medium for the simple reason that writers interpose their own vision between the reader and reality.
(A) distorting ... a neutral
(B) transparent ... an opaque
(C) colorful ... a drab
(D) flawless ... an inexact
(E) flexible ... a rigid

AABEB   EA
141. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.1
With its maverick approach to the subject, Shere Hite’s book has been more widely debated than most; the media throughout the country have brought the author’s opinions to the public’s attention.
(A) controversial
(B) authoritative
(C) popular
(D) conclusive
(E) articulate

142. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.2
Though many medieval women possessed devotional books that had belonged to their mothers, formal written evidence of women bequeathing books to their daughters is scarce, which suggests that such bequests were ________ and required no ________.
(A) unselfish ... rationalization
(B) tangential ... approval
(C) customary ... documentation
(D) covert ... discretion
(E) spurious ... record

143. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.3
Although their initial anger had ________ somewhat, they continued to ________ the careless worker who had broken the machine.
(A) blazed ... assail
(B) diminished ... appease
(C) abated ... berate
(D) subsided ... condone
(E) intensified ... torment

144. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 1 no.4
Borrowing a copyrighted book from a library amounts to a form of theft ________ by entrenched custom: the copyright owner’s property, the book, is used repeatedly without ________ for such use.
(A) engendered ... application
(B) anticipated ... acknowledgement
(C) sanctioned ... compensation
(D) provoked ... adjustment
(E) perpetrated ... permission
The notion that a parasite can alter the behavior of a host organism is not mere fiction; indeed, the phenomenon is not even ________.
(A) observable
(B) real
(C) comprehended
(D) rare
(E) imaginable

Although Shakespeare received little formal education, scholarship has in recent years ________ the view that he was ________ the work of classical authors.
(A) substantiated ... unimpressed by
(B) eroded ... obsessed by
(C) supported ... oblivious to
(D) questioned ... influenced by
(E) undermined ... unfamiliar with

Darwin’s method did not really ________ the idea of race as an important conceptual category; even the much more central idea of species was little more than a theoretical ________.
(A) require ... convenience
(B) apply ... measurement
(C) exclude ... practice
(D) subsume ... validation
(E) reject ... fact

ACCCD  EA
148. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.1
The functions of the hands, eyes, and brain are so ________ that using the hands during early childhood helps to promote the child’s entire ________ development.
(A) intertwined ... perceptual
(B) unalterable ... intellectual
(C) enigmatic ... psychological
(D) regulated ... adolescent
(E) individualized ... social

149. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.2
Before 1500 North America was inhabited by more than 300 cultural groups, each with different customs, social structures, world views, and languages; such diversity ________ the existence of a single Native American culture.
(A) complements
(B) implies
(C) reiterates
(D) argues against
(E) explains away

150. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.3
That dealers ________ enough to nurture a young modern painter’s career rather than plunder it exist is not impossible, but the public’s ________ appetite for modern art makes such dealers less and less likely.
(A) chivalrous ... discriminating
(B) magnanimous ... quirky
(C) patient ... insatiable
(D) cynical ... finicky
(E) reckless ... zealous

151. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.4
In the absence of any ________ caused by danger, hardship, or even cultural difference, most utopian communities deteriorate into ________ but enervating backwaters.
(A) turmoil ... frantic
(B) mistrust ... naive
(C) amelioration ... ignorant
(D) decimation ... intrusive
(E) stimulation ... placid
152. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.5
As Juanita argued, this new code of conduct is laughable; its principles are either ________, offering no wisdom but the obvious, or are so devoid of specific advice as to make almost any action ________.
(A) irresolute ... unlikely
(B) corroborative ... redundant
(C) platitudinous ... justifiable
(D) homogeneous ... impartial
(E) labyrinthine ... unacceptable

153. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.6
Histocompatibility antigens that attack foreign tissue in the body cannot have been ________ through evolution expressly to ________ organ transplantation; on the contrary, they have been found to facilitate many essential biological functions.
(A) designed ... retain
(B) produced ... aid
(C) developed ... enhance
(D) selected ... promote
(E) conserved ... foil

154. GRE Big Book Test 11 Section 2 no.7
Their air of cheerful self-sacrifice and endless complaisance won them undeserved praise, for their seeming gallantry was wholly motivated by a ________ wish to avoid conflict of any sort.
(A) poignant
(B) sincere
(C) plaintive
(D) laudable
(E) craven

ADCEC EE
155. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.1
By idiosyncratically refusing to dismiss an insubordinate member of his staff, the manager not only _______ established policy, but he also _______ his heretofore good chances for promotion.
(A) instituted ... bettered
(B) recognized ... protected
(C) contravened ... jeopardized
(D) reiterated ... computed
(E) delimited ... restricted

156. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.2
Congress is having great difficulty developing a consensus on energy policy, primarily because the policy objectives of various members of Congress rest on such _______ assumptions.
(A) commonplace
(B) trivial
(C) explicit
(D) divergent
(E) fundamental

157. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.3
The widespread public shock at the news of the guilty verdict was caused partly by _______ news stories that had _______ acquittal.
(A) sensational ... condemned
(B) buried ... urged
(C) impartial ... mentioned
(D) biased ... predicted
(E) local ... denounced

158. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.4
The idealized paintings of nature produced in the eighteenth century are evidence that the medieval _______ natural settings had been _______ and that the outdoors now could be enjoyed without trepidation.
(A) fear of ... exorcised
(B) concerns about ... regained
(C) affection for ... surmounted
(D) disinterest in ... alleviated
(E) enthusiasm for ... confronted
159. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.5
Some paleontologists debate whether the diversity of species has ________ since the Cambrian period, or whether imperfections in the fossil record only suggest greater diversity today, while in actuality there has been either ________ or decreased diversity.

(A) changed ... escalation  
(B) increased ... stasis  
(C) expanded ... discontinuity  
(D) declined ... reduction  
(E) improved ... deviation

160. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.6
Manipulating laboratory tissue cultures with hormones is one thing; using hormones to treat human beings, however, is contingent on whether hormones that ________ in the laboratory can affect ________ organisms, and in predictable ways.

(A) develop ... similar  
(B) succeed ... simple  
(C) fail ... cellular  
(D) work ... whole  
(E) reproduce ... unknown

161. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 1 no.7
The astronomer and feminist Maria Mitchell’s own prodigious activity and the vigor of the Association for the Advancement of Women during the 1870’s ________ any assertion that feminism was ________ in that period.

(A) exclude ... thriving  
(B) contradict ... prospering  
(C) pervade ... remote  
(D) buttress ... dormant  
(E) belie ... quiescent

CDDAB  DE
162. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.1
Only by ignoring decades of mismanagement and inefficiency could investors conclude that a fresh infusion of cash would provide anything more than a ________ solution to the company’s financial woes.
(A) fair
(B) temporary
(C) genuine
(D) realistic
(E) complete

163. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.2
Although the discovery of antibiotics led to great advances in clinical practice, it did not represent a ________ bacterial illness, for there are some bacteria that cannot be ________ treated with antibiotics.
(A) breakthrough in ... consistently
(B) panacea for ... effectively
(C) neglect of ... efficiently
(D) reexamination of ... conventionally
(E) resurgence of ... entirely

164. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.3
A misconception frequently held by novice writers is that sentence structure mirrors thought: the more convoluted the structure, the more ________ the ideas.
(A) complicated
(B) inconsequential
(C) elementary
(D) fanciful
(E) blatant

165. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.4
Jones was unable to recognize the contradictions in his attitudes that were obvious to everyone else; even the hint of an untruth was ________ to him, but he ________ serious trouble by always cheating on his taxes.
(A) acceptable ... risked
(B) exciting ... averted
(C) repugnant ... courted
(D) anathema ... evaded
(E) tempting ... hazarded
166. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.5
Even though the general’s carefully qualified public statement could hardly be ________, some people took it.
(A) respected ... liberties with
(B) inoffensive ... umbrage at
(C) faulted ... exception to
(D) credited ... potshots at
(E) dismissed ... interest in

167. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.6
Though feminist in its implications, Yvonne Rainer’s 1974 film ________ the filmmaker’s active involvement in feminist politics.
(A) preserved
(B) portrayed
(C) encouraged
(D) renewed
(E) antedated

168. GRE Big Book Test 12 Section 2 no.7
The chances that a species will ________ are reduced if any vital function is restricted to a single kind of organ; ________ by itself possesses an enormous survival advantage.
(A) degenerate ... complexity
(B) expire ... size
(C) disappear ... variety
(D) flourish ... symmetry
(E) persist ... redundancy

BBACC EE
169. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.1
The availability of oxygen is an essential ________ for animal life, while carbon dioxide is equally ________ for plant life.
(A) choice ... optional
(B) duplication ... selective
(C) conversion ... exchangeable
(D) condition ... necessary
(E) luxury ... harmful

170. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.2
Prudery actually draws attention to the vice it is supposed to ________; the very act that forbids speech or prohibits sight ________ what is hidden.
(A) condemn ... distorts
(B) monitor ... signals
(C) repress ... dramatizes
(D) obviate ... fosters
(E) divulge ... conceals

171. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.3
After thirty years of television, people have become “speed watchers”; consequently, if the camera lingers, the interest of the audience ________.
(A) broadens
(B) begins
(C) varies
(D) flags
(E) clears

172. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.4
Compared mathematically to smoking and driving, almost everything else seems relatively risk-free ________ almost nothing seems worth regulating.
(A) yet
(B) since
(C) so
(D) even though
(E) as long as
173. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.5
Ironically, Carver’s precision in sketching lives on the edge of despair ensures that his stories will sometimes be read too narrowly, much as Dickens’ social-reformer role once caused his broader concerns to be _______.
(A) ignored
(B) reinforced
(C) contradicted
(D) diminished
(E) diversified

174. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.6
The demise of the rigorous academic curriculum in high school resulted, in part, from the progressive rhetoric that _______ the study of subjects previously thought _______ as part of school learning.
(A) advocated ... necessary
(B) enhanced ... indispensable
(C) restricted ... impractical
(D) undermined ... popular
(E) sanctioned ... inappropriate

175. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 1 no.7
While some see in practical jokes a wish for mastery in miniature over a world that seems very _______, others believe that the jokes’ purpose is to disrupt, by reducing all transactions to _______.
(A) dubious ... confusion
(B) disorderly ... symmetry
(C) harmonious ... dissonance
(D) unruly ... chaos
(E) turbulent ... uniformity

DCDCA  ED
176. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.1
Aspartame, a new artificial sugar substitute, is only ________ replacement for saccharin because, unlike saccharin, it breaks down and loses its sweetening characteristics at high temperatures, making it ________ for baking.
(A) an interim ... ideal
(B) an apparent ... excellent
(C) a potential .. versatile
(D) a significant ... problematic
(E) a partial ... unsuitable

177. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.2
Trapped thousands of years ago in Antarctic ice, recently discovered air bubbles are ________ time capsules filled with information for scientists who chart the history of the atmosphere.
(A) inconsequential
(B) broken
(C) veritable
(D) resplendent
(E) impenetrable

178. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.3
In the days before the mass marketing of books, censorship was ________ source of ________, which helped the sale of the book and inspired Ralph Waldo Emerson to remark: “Every burned book enlightens the world”.
(A) a respected ... opinion
(B) a constant ... guidance
(C) a prime ... publicity
(D) an unnoticed ... opposition
(E) an unpromising ... criticism

179. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.4
It was not only the ________ geologists that ________ of earlier development of the revolutionary idea that the Earth’s continents were moving plates; classical physicists, who could not then explain the mechanism, had declared continental movement impossible.
(A) indecisiveness ... challenged
(B) radicalism ... deterred
(C) conservatism ... hindered
(D) assumptions ... hastened
(E) resistance ... mandated
180. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.5
Although often extremely critical of the medical profession as a whole, people are rarely willing to treat their personal doctors with equal ________.
(A) impetuosity
(B) sarcasm
(C) mockery
(D) contempt
(E) condescension

181. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.6
Aalto, like other modernists, believed that form follows function; consequently, his furniture designs asserted the ________ of human needs, and the furniture’s form was ________ human use.
(A) universality ... refined by
(B) importance ... relegated to
(C) rationale ... emphasized by
(D) primacy ... determined by
(E) variability ... reflected in

182. GRE Big Book Test 13 Section 2 no.7
A ________ acceptance of contemporary forms of social behavior has misled a few into believing that values in conflict with the present age are for all practical purposes ________.
(A) casual ... reliable
(B) superficial ... trenchant
(C) complacent ... superseded
(D) cautious ... redemptive
(E) plaintive ... redundant

ECCCD DC
Psychology has slowly evolved into an _______ scientific discipline that now functions autonomously with the same privileges and responsibilities as other sciences.

(A) independent  
(B) unusual  
(C) outmoded  
(D) uncontrolled  
(E) inactive

A major goal of law, to deter potential criminals by punishing wrongdoers, is not served when the penalty is so seldom invoked that it _______ to be a _______ threat.

(A) tends ... serious  
(B) appears ... real  
(C) ceases ... credible  
(D) fails ... deceptive  
(E) seems ... coercive

When people are happy, they tend to give _______ interpretations of events they witness: the eye of the beholder is _______ by the emotions of the beholder.

(A) charitable ... colored  
(B) elaborate ... disquieted  
(C) conscientious ... deceived  
(D) vague ... sharpened  
(E) coherent ... confused

Even those who disagreed with Carmen’s views rarely faulted her for expressing them, for the positions she took were as _______ as they were controversial.

(A) complicated  
(B) political  
(C) subjective  
(D) commonplace  
(E) thoughtful
187. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 1 no.5
New research on technology and public policy focuses on how seemingly ________ design features generally over looked in most analyses of public works projects or industrial machinery, actually ________ social choices of profound significance.
(A) insignificant ... mask
(B) inexpensive ... produce
(C) innovative ... represent
(D) ingenious ... permit
(E) inopportune ... hasten

188. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 1 no.6
Paradoxically, Robinson’s excessive denials of the worth of early works of science fiction suggest that she has become quite ________ them.
(A) reflective about
(B) enamored of
(C) skeptical of
(D) encouraged by
(E) offended by

189. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 1 no.7
Cezanne’s delicate watercolor sketches often served as ________ or a subject, a way of gathering fuller knowledge before the artist’s final engagement of the subject in an oil painting.
(A) an abstraction
(B) an enhancement
(C) a synthesis
(D) a reconnaissance
(E) a transcription

ACAEA  BD
190. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.1
Though it would be ________ to expect Barnard to have worked out all of the limitations of his experiment, he must be ________ for his neglect of quantitative analysis.
(A) unjust ... pardoned
(B) impudent ... dismissed
(C) unrealistic ... criticized
(D) pointless ... examined
(E) inexcusable ... recognized

191. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.2
The hierarchy of medical occupations is in many ways a ________ system; its strata remain ________ and the practitioners in them have very little vertical mobility.
(A) health ... skilled
(B) delivery ... basic
(C) regimental ... flexible
(D) training ... inferior
(E) caste ... intact

192. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.3
Noting the murder victim’s flaccid musculature and pear-like figure, she deduced that the unfortunate fellow had earned his living in some ________ occupation.
(A) treacherous
(B) prestigious
(C) ill-paying
(D) illegitimate
(E) sedentary

193. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.4
In Germany her startling powers as a novelist are widely ________, but she is almost unknown in the English speaking world because of the difficulties of ________ her eccentric prose.
(A) ignored ... editing
(B) admired ... translating
(C) espoused ... revealing
(D) obscured ... comprehending
(E) dispersed ... transcribing
194. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.5
Liberty is not easy, but far better to be an ________ fox, hungry and threatened on its hill, than a ________ canary, safe and secure in its cage.
(A) unfriendly ... fragile
(B) aging ... young
(C) angry ... content
(D) imperious ... lethargic
(E) unfettered ... well-fed

195. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.6
Remelting old metal cans rather than making primary aluminum from bauxite ore shipped from overseas saves producers millions of dollars in ________ and production costs.
(A) distribution
(B) salvage
(C) storage
(D) procurement
(E) research

196. GRE Big Book Test 14 Section 2 no.7
Johnson never ________ to ignore the standards of decent conduct mandated by company policy if ________ compliance with instructions from his superiors enabled him to do so, whatever the effects on his subordinates.
(A) deigned ... tacit
(B) attempted ... halfhearted
(C) intended ... direct
(D) scrupled ... literal
(E) wished ... feigned

CEEBE  DD
Despite the apparently bewildering complexity of this procedure, the underlying ________ is quite ________.
(A) simplicity ... calculated
(B) principle ... elementary
(C) confusion ... imaginary
(D) purpose ... effective
(E) theory ... modern

In television programming, a later viewing time often ________ a more _____ audience and, therefore, more challenging subjects and themes.
(A) requires ... critical
(B) evinces ... affluent
(C) implies ... mature
(D) eliminates ... realistic
(E) invites ... general

The cultivation of the emotion of natsukashii, interpretable as “pleasant sorrow,” brings Japanese to Kyoto in the spring, not to ________ the cherry blossoms in full bloom but to ________ the fading, falling flowers.
(A) mourn ... exclaim over
(B) honor ... protect
(C) describe ... rejoice over
(D) arrange ... preserve
(E) savor ... grieve over

Adam Smith’s Wealth of Nations (1776) is still worth reading, more to appreciate the current ________ of Smith’s valid contributions to economics than to see those contributions as the ________ of present-day economics.
(A) disregard ... outgrowths
(B) reaffirmation ... concerns
(C) relevance ... precursors
(D) acceptance ... byproducts
(E) importance ... vestiges
201. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 1 no.5
At several points in his discussion, graves, in effect, ________ evidence when it does not support
his argument, tailoring it to his needs.
(A) addresses
(B) creates
(C) alters
(D) suppresses
(E) substitutes

202. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 1 no.6
Regardless of what ________ theories of politics may propound, there is nothing that requires daily
politics to be clear, thorough, and consistent? Nothing, that is, that requires reality to conform to
to theory.
(A) vague
(B) assertive
(C) casual
(D) vicious
(E) tidy

203. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 1 no.7
Exposure to sustained noise has been claimed to ________ blood pressure regulation in human
beings and, particularly, to increase hypertension, even though some researchers have obtained
inconclusive results that ________ the relationship.
(A) sharpen ... conflate
(B) increase ... diminish
(C) aggravate ... buttress
(D) disrupt ... neutralize
(E) impair ... obscure

BCECC  EE
After a slow sales start early in the year, mobile homes have been gaining favor as ________ to increasingly expensive conventional housing.
(A) reaction  
(B) an addition  
(C) an introduction  
(D) an alternative  
(E) a challenge

Just as such apparently basic things as rocks, clouds, and clams are, in fact, intricately structured entities, so the self, too, is not an “elementary particle,” but is ________ construction.
(A) a complicated  
(B) a convoluted  
(C) a distorted  
(D) an amorphous  
(E) an illusory

Considering how long she had yearned to see Italy, her first reaction was curiously ________.
(A) meditative  
(B) tepid  
(C) categorical  
(D) unoriginal  
(E) insightful

The successful ________ of an archaeological site requires scientific knowledge as well as cultural ________.
(A) evolution ... awareness  
(B) revelation ... depth  
(C) reconstruction ... sensitivity  
(D) analysis ... aesthetics  
(E) synthesis ... understanding
208. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 2 no.5
As painted by Constable, the scene is not one of bucolic ________; rather it shows a striking emotional and intellectual ________.
(A) intensity ... boredom
(B) complacence ... detachment
(C) serenity ... tension
(D) vitality ... excitement
(E) nostalgia ... placidity

209. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 2 no.6
Our times seem especially ________ bad ideas, probably because in throwing off the shackles of tradition, we have ended up being quite ________ untested theories and untried remedies.
(A) impervious ... tolerant of
(B) hostile ... dependent on
(C) hospitable ... vulnerable to
(D) prone ... wary of
(E) indifferent ... devoid of

210. GRE Big Book Test 15 Section 2 no.7
Although he attempted repeatedly to ________ her of her conviction of his insincerity, he was not successful; she remained ________ in her judgment.
(A) remind ... forceful
(B) convince ... unfeigned
(C) exorcise ... indulgent
(D) disabuse ... adamant
(E) free ... unsure

DABCC  CD
211. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.1
Dreams are ________ in and of themselves, but when combined with other data, they can tell us much about the dreamer.
(A) uninformative
(B) startling
(C) harmless
(D) unregulated
(E) uncontrollable

212. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.2
The Muses are ________ deities: they avenge themselves without mercy on those who weary of their charms.
(A) rueful
(B) ingenuous
(C) solicitous
(D) vindictive
(E) dispassionate

213. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.3
Without the psychiatrist’s promise of confidentiality, trust is ________ and the patient’s communication limited; even though confidentiality can thus be seen to be precious in therapy, moral responsibility sometimes requires a willingness to ________ it.
(A) implicit ... extend
(B) ambiguous ... apply
(C) prevented ... uphold
(D) assumed ... examine
(E) impaired ... sacrifice

214. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.4
Having fully embraced the belief that government by persuasion is preferable to government by ______, the leaders of the movement have recently _____ most of their previous statements supporting totalitarianism.
(A) intimidation     issued
(B) participation     moderated
(C) proclamation     codified
(D) demonstration     deliberated
(E) coercion         repudiated
215. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.5
The powers and satisfactions of primeval people, though few and meager, were ________ their few and simple desires.
(A) simultaneous with
(B) commensurate with
(C) substantiated by
(D) circumscribed by
(E) ruined by

216. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.6
Some scientists argue that carbon compounds play such a central role in life on Earth because of the possibility of ________ resulting from the carbon atom’s ability to form an unending series of different molecules.
(A) deviation
(B) stability
(C) reproduction
(D) variety
(E) invigoration

217. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 1 no.7
Whereas the art critic Vasari saw the painting entitled the Mona Lisa as an original and wonderful ________ feat, the reproduction of a natural object, the aesthetes saw it as ________ that required deciphering.
(A) collaborative ... an aberration
(B) historical ... a symbol
(C) technical ... a hieroglyph
(D) mechanical ... an imitation
(E) visual ... an illusion

ADEEB  DC
218. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.1
As late as 1891 a speaker assured his audience that since profitable farming was the result of natural ability rather than ________, an education in agriculture was ________.
(A) instruction ... vital
(B) effort ... difficult
(C) learning ... useless
(D) science ... intellectual
(E) luck ... senseless

219. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.2
In spite of the ________ nature of Scotland’s terrain, its main roads are surprisingly free from severe ________.
(A) rocky ... weather
(B) mountainous ... grades
(C) uncharted ... flooding
(D) unpredictable ... damage
(E) landlocked ... slipperiness

220. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.3
Walpole’s art collection was huge and fascinating, and his novel The Castle of Otranto was never out of print; none of this mattered to the Victorians, who ________ him as, at best, ________.
(A) dismissed ... insignificant
(B) judged ... worthwhile
(C) revered ... talented
(D) reviled ... meager
(E) taunted ... dangerous

221. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.4
Since the author frequently ________ other scholars, his objection to disputes is not only irrelevant but also ________.
(A) supports ... overbearing
(B) provokes ... frightening
(C) quotes ... curious
(D) ignores ... peevish
(E) attacks ... surprising
222. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.5
Longdale and Stern discovered that mitochondria and chloroplasts ________ a long, identifiable sequence of DNA; such a coincidence could be ________only by the transfer of DNA between the two systems.
(A) manufacture ... accomplished
(B) reveal ... repeated
(C) exhibit ... determined
(D) share ... explained
(E) maintain ... contradicted

223. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.6
Until the current warming trend exceeds the range of normal climatic fluctuations, there will be, among scientists, considerable ________ the possibility that increasing levels of atmospheric CO2 can cause long-term warming effects.
(A) interest in
(B) uncertainty about
(C) enthusiasm for
(D) worry about
(E) experimentation on

224. GRE Big Book Test 16 Section 2 no.7
Without seeming unworldly, William James appeared wholly removed from the ________ of society, the conventionality of academe.
(A) ethos
(B) idealism
(C) romance
(D) paradoxes
(E) commonplaces

CBAED  BE
225. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.1
Created to serve as perfectly as possible their workaday________, the wooden storage boxes made in America’s Shaker communities are now ________ for their beauty.
(A) environment ... accepted
(B) owners ... employed
(C) function ... valued
(D) reality ... transformed
(E) image ... seen

226. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.2
In order to ________ her theory that the reactions are ________, the scientist conducted many experiments, all of which showed that the heat of the first reaction is more than twice that of the second.
(A) support ... different
(B) comprehend ... constant
(C) evaluate ... concentrated
(D) capture ... valuable
(E) demonstrate ... problematic

227. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.3
The sheer bulk of data from the mass media seems to overpower us and drive us to ________ accounts for an easily and readily digestible portion of news.
(A) insular
(B) investigative
(C) synoptic
(D) subjective
(E) sensational

228. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.4
William James lacked the usual ________ death; writing to his dying father, he spoke without ________ about the old man’s impending death.
(A) longing for ... regret
(B) awe of ... inhibition
(C) curiosity about ... rancor
(D) apprehension of ... eloquence
(E) anticipation of ... commiseration
229. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.5
Current data suggest that, although ________ states between fear and aggression exist, fear and aggression are as distinct physiologically as they are psychologically.
(A) simultaneous
(B) serious
(C) exceptional
(D) partial
(E) transitional

230. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.6
It is ironic that a critic of such overwhelming vanity now suffers from a measure of the oblivion to which he was forever ________ others, in the end, all his ________ has only worked against him.
(A) dedicating ... self-procession
(B) leading ... self-righteousness
(C) consigning ... self-adulation
(D) relegating ... self-sacrifice
(E) condemning ... self-analysis

231. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 1 no.7
Famous among job seekers for its ________, the company, quite apart from generous salaries, bestowed on its executives annual bonuses and such ________ as low-interest home mortgages and company cars.
(A) magnanimity ... reparations
(B) inventiveness ... benefits
(C) largesse ... perquisites
(D) discernment ... prerogatives
(E) altruism ... credits

CACBE  CC
232. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.1
There are no solitary, free-living creatures; every form of life is ________ other forms.
(A) segregated from
(B) parallel to
(C) dependent on
(D) overshadowed by
(E) mimicked by

233. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.2
The sale of Alaska was not so much an American coup as a matter of ________ for an imperial
Russia that was short of cash and unable to ________ its own continental coastline.
(A) negligence ... fortify
(B) custom ... maintain
(C) convenience ... stabilize
(D) expediency ... defend
(E) exigency ... reinforce

234. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.3
Despite assorted effusions to the contrary, there is no necessary link between scientific skill and
humanism, and, quite possibly, there may be something of a ________ between them.
(A) generality
(B) fusion
(C) congruity
(D) dichotomy
(E) reciprocity

235. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.4
A common argument claims that in folk art, the artist’s subordination of technical mastery to intense
feeling ________ the direct communication of emotion to the viewer.
(A) facilitates
(B) averts
(C) neutralizes
(D) implies
(E) represses
236. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.5
While not completely nonplussed by the unusually caustic responses from members of the audience, the speaker was nonetheless visibly ________ by their lively criticism.
(A) humiliated
(B) discomfited
(C) deluded
(D) disgraced
(E) tantalized

237. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.6
In eighth-century Japan, people who ________ wasteland were rewarded with official ranks as part of an effort to overcome the shortage of ________ fields.
(A) conserved ... forested
(B) reclaimed ... arable
(C) cultivated ... domestic
(D) irrigated ... accessible
(E) located ... desirable

238. GRE Big Book Test 17 Section 2 no.7
If duty is the natural ________ of one’s ________ the course of future events, then people who are powerful have duty placed on them whether they like it or not.
(A) correlate ... understanding of
(B) outgrowth ... control over
(C) determinant ... involvement in
(D) mitigant ... preoccupation with
(E) arbiter ... responsibility for

CDDAB  BB
239. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.1
Physicists rejected the innovative experimental technique because, although it ______ some problems, it also produced new ______.
(A) clarified ... data
(B) eased ... interpretations
(C) resolved ... complications
(D) caused ... hypotheses
(E) revealed ... inconsistencies

240. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.2
During a period of protracted illness, the sick can become infirm, ______ both the strength to work and many of the specific skills they once possessed.
(A) regaining
(B) denying
(C) pursuing
(D) insuring
(E) losing

241. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.3
The pressure of population on available resources is the key to understanding history; consequently, any historical writing that takes no cognizance of ______ facts is ______ flawed.
(A) demographic ... intrinsically
(B) ecological ... marginally
(C) cultural ... substantively
(D) psychological ... philosophically
(E) political ... demonstratively

242. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.4
It is puzzling to observe that Jones’s novel has recently been criticized for its ______ structure, since commentators have traditionally argued that its most obvious ______ is its relentlessly rigid, indeed schematic, framework.
(A) attention to ... preoccupation
(B) speculation about ... characteristic
(C) parody of ... disparity
(D) violation of ... contradiction
(E) lack of ... flaw
243. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.5
It comes as no surprise that societies have codes of behavior; the character of the codes, on the other hand, can often be ________.
(A) predictable
(B) unexpected
(C) admirable
(D) explicit
(E) confusing

244. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.6
The characterization of historical analysis as a form of fiction is not likely to be received ________ by either historians or literary critics, who agree that history and fiction deal with ________ orders of experience.
(A) quietly ... significant
(B) enthusiastically ... shifting
(C) passively ... unusual
(D) sympathetically ... distinct
(E) contentiously ... realistic

245. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 1 no.7
For some time now, ________ has been presumed not to exist: the cynical conviction that everybody has an angle is considered wisdom.
(A) rationality
(B) flexibility
(C) diffidence
(D) disinterestedness
(E) insincerity

CEAEB  DD
246. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.1
The ________ of mass literacy coincided with the first industrial revolution; in turn, the new expansion in literacy, as well as cheaper printing, helped to nurture the ________ of popular literature.
(A) building ... mistrust
(B) reappearance ... display
(C) receipt ... source
(D) selection ... influence
(E) emergence ... rise

247. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.2
Although ancient tools were ________ preserved, enough have survived to allow us to demonstrate an occasionally interrupted but generally ________ progress through prehistory.
(A) partially ... noticeable
(B) superficially ... necessary
(C) unwittingly ... documented
(D) rarely ... continual
(E) needlessly ... incessant

248. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.3
In parts of the Arctic, the land grades into the land fast ice so ________ that you can walk off the coast and not know you are over the hidden sea.
(A) permanently
(B) imperceptibly
(C) irregularly
(D) precariously
(E) slightly

249. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.4
Kagan maintains that an infant’s reactions to its first stressful experiences are part of a natural process of development, not harbingers of childhood unhappiness or ________ signs of adolescent anxiety.
(A) prophetic
(B) normal
(C) monotonous
(D) virtual
(E) typical
250. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.5
An investigation that is _______ can occasionally yield new facts, even notable ones, but typically the appearance of such facts is the result of a search in a definite direction.
(A) timely
(B) unguided
(C) consistent
(D) uncomplicated
(E) subjective

251. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.6
Like many eighteenth-century scholars who lived by cultivating those in power, Winckelmann neglected to neutralize, by some ______ gesture of comradeship, the resentment his peers were bound to feel because of his ______ the high and mighty.
(A) quixotic ... intrigue with
(B) enigmatic ... familiarity with
(C) propitiatory ... involvement with
(D) salutary ... questioning of
(E) unfeigned ... sympathy for

252. GRE Big Book Test 18 Section 2 no.7
In a ______ society that worships efficiency, it is difficult for a sensitive and idealistic person to make the kinds of ______ decisions that alone spell success as it is defined by such a society.
(A) bureaucratic ... edifying
(B) pragmatic ... hardheaded
(C) rational ... well-intentioned
(D) competitive ... evenhanded
(E) modern ... dysfunctional

EDBAB  CB
253. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.1
Because they had expected the spacecraft Voyager 2 to be able to gather data only about the planets Jupiter and Saturn, scientists were ________ the wealth of information it sent back from Neptune twelve years after leaving Earth.
(A) disappointed in
(B) concerned about
(C) confident in
(D) elated by
(E) anxious for

254. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.2
Wearing the latest fashions was exclusively the ________ of the wealthy until the 1850’s, when mass production, aggressive entrepreneurs, and the availability of the sewing machine made them ________ the middle class.
(A) aspiration ... disagreeable to
(B) vexation ... superfluous for
(C) bane ... profitable to
(D) prerogative ... accessible to
(E) obligation ... popular with

255. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.3
Linguists have now confirmed what experienced users of ASL—American Sign Language—have always implicitly known: ASL is a grammatically ________ language in that it is capable of expressing every possible syntactic relation.
(A) limited
(B) economical
(C) complete
(D) shifting
(E) abstract

256. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.4
He was regarded by his followers, as something of ________, not only because of his insistence on strict discipline, but also because of his ________ adherence to formal details.
(A) a martinet ... rigid
(B) an authority ... sporadic
(C) a tyrant ... reluctant
(D) a fraud ... conscientious
(E) an acolyte ... maniacal
257. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.5
The influence of the Timaeus among early philosophical thinkers was ________, if only because it was the sole dialogue ________ in Europe for almost 1,000 years.
(A) pervasive ... available
(B) inestimable ... suppressed
(C) unnoteworthy ... abridged
(D) underestimated ... studied
(E) circumscribed ... translated

258. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.6
The Gibsons were little given to ________ in any form; not one of them was afraid of ________, of being and seeming unlike their neighbors.
(A) humility ... absurdity
(B) excellence ... mediocrity
(C) anger ... confrontation
(D) conformism ... singularity
(E) ostentation ... eccentricity

259. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 1 no.7
Even after ____ against the ________ of popular sovereignty were included, major figures in the humanistic disciplines remained skeptical about the proposal to extend suffrage to the masses.
(A) recommendations ... continuation
(B) safeguards ... excesses
(C) arguments ... introduction
(D) provisions ... advantages
(E) laws ... creation

DDCAA DB
260. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.1
A recent survey shows that, while ninety-four percent of companies conducting management-training programs open them to women, women are ________ only seventy-four percent of those programs.
(A) protesting against
(B) participating in
(C) displeased by
(D) allowed in
(E) refused by

261. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.2
Thomas Paine, whose political writing was often flamboyant, was in private life a surprisingly ________ man: he lived in rented rooms, ate little, and wore drab clothes.
(A) simple
(B) controversial
(C) sordid
(D) comfortable
(E) discourteous

262. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.3
Their ________ of loyalties is first to oneself, next to kin, then to fellow tribe members, and finally to compatriots.
(A) merging
(B) hierarchy
(C) definition
(D) judgment
(E) cognizance

263. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.4
The belief that science destroys the arts appears to be supported by historical evidence that the arts have ________ only when the sciences have been ________.
(A) declined ... attacked
(B) flourished ... neglected
(C) matured ... unconcerned
(D) succeeded ... developed
(E) floundered ... constrained
264. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.5
The action and characters in a melodrama can be so immediately ________ that all observers can hiss the villain with an air of smug but enjoyable ________.
(A) spurned ... boredom
(B) forgotten ... condescension
(C) classified ... self-righteousness
(D) plausible ... guilt
(E) gripping ... skepticism

265. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.6
In the design of medical experiments, the need for ________ assignment of treatments to patients must be ________ the difficulty of persuading patients to participate in an experiment in which their treatment is decided by chance.
(A) independent ... amended by
(B) competent ... emphasized by
(C) mechanical ... controlled by
(D) swift ... associated with
(E) random ... reconciled with

266. GRE Big Book Test 19 Section 2 no.7
Though dealers insist that professional art dealers can make money in the art market, even an ________ knowledge is not enough: the art world is so fickle that stock-market prices are ________ by comparison.
(A) amateur’s ... sensible
(B) expert’s ... erratic
(C) investor’s ... booming
(D) insider’s ... predictable
(E) artist’s ... irrational

BABBCED
267. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.1
Although economists have traditionally considered the district to be solely an agricultural one, the ________ of the inhabitants’ occupations makes such a classification obsolete.
(A) productivity
(B) diversity
(C) predictability
(D) profitability
(E) stability

268. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.2
The author of this book ________ overlooks or minimizes some of the problems and shortcomings in otherwise highly successful foreign industries in order to ________ the points on which they excel and on which we might try to emulate them.
(A) accidentally ... exaggerate
(B) purposely ... emphasize
(C) occasionally ... counterbalance
(D) intentionally ... confuse
(E) cleverly ... compound

269. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.3
Crosby’s colleagues have never learned, at least not in time to avoid embarrassing themselves, that her occasional ________ air of befuddlement ________ a display of her formidable intelligence.
(A) genuine ... dominates
(B) alert ... contradicts
(C) acute ... precludes
(D) bogus ... presages
(E) painstaking ... succeeds

270. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.4
To ensure the development and exploitation of a new technology, there must be a constant ________ of several nevertheless distinct activities.
(A) interplay
(B) implementation
(C) comprehending
(D) improvement
(E) exploration
271. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.5
Some customs travel well; often, however, behavior that is considered the epitome of ________ at home is perceived as impossibly rude or, at the least, harmlessly bizarre abroad.
(A) novelty
(B) eccentricity
(C) urbanity
(D) coarseness
(E) tolerance

272. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.6
The ________ of the early Greek philosophers’ attempts to explain the operations of the cosmos led certain later thinkers to inquire into the ________ of human reason.
(A) difficulty ... origin
(B) meaning ... supremacy
(C) complexity ... reality
(D) equivocations ... subtlety
(E) failures ... efficacy

273. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 1 no.7
Ever prey to vagrant impulses that impelled him to ________ his talents on a host of unworthy projects, his very ________ nonetheless enhanced his reputation, for the sheer energy of his extravagance dazzled observers.
(A) undermine ... enthusiasm
(B) isolate ... selectiveness
(C) display ... affability
(D) squander ... dissipation
(E) implicate ... genius

BBDAC ED
274. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.1
Given the existence of so many factions in the field, it was unrealistic of Anna Freud to expect any ________ of opinion.

(A) freedom  
(B) reassessment  
(C) uniformity  
(D) expression  
(E) formation

275. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.2
Although specific concerns may determine the intent of a research project, its results are often ________.

(A) unanticipated  
(B) beneficial  
(C) expensive  
(D) spectacular  
(E) specialized

276. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.3
To list Reilly’s achievements in a fragmentary way is ________, for it distracts our attention from the ________ themes of her work.

(A) unproductive ... disparate  
(B) misleading ... integrating  
(C) pragmatic ... comprehensive  
(D) logical ... important  
(E) inevitable ... unsettling

277. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.4
People frequently denigrate books about recent catastrophes as morally ________ attempts to profit, from misfortune, but in my view our desire for such books, together with the venerable tradition to which they belong, ________ them.

(A) inopportune ... encourages  
(B) fortuitous ... fosters  
(C) treacherous ... safeguards  
(D) despicable ... legitimizes  
(E) corrupt ... generates
278. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.5
That many of the important laws of science were discovered during experiments designed to ________ other phenomena suggests that experimental results are the ________ of inevitable natural forces rather than of planning.
(A) analyze ... foundations
(B) disprove ... predecessors
(C) alter ... adjuncts
(D) illuminate ... consequence
(E) verify ... essence

279. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.6
Although in eighteenth-century England an active cultural life accompanied the beginnings of middleclass consumerism, the ________ of literacy was ________ with the rise of such consumerism in the different areas of the country.
(A) repudiation ... reconciled
(B) renewal ... inconsistent
(C) promotion ... combined
(D) spread ... compatible
(E) degree ... uncorrelated

280. GRE Big Book Test 20 Section 2 no.7
The trainees were given copies of a finished manual to see whether they could themselves begin to ________ the inflexible, though tacit, rules for composing more of such instructional materials.
(A) design
(B) revise
(C) disrupt
(D) standardize
(E) derive

CABDD EE
281. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.1
Many artists believe that successful imitation, far from being symptomatic of a lack of _______, is the first step in learning to be creative.
(A) elegance  
(B) resolution  
(C) goodness  
(D) originality  
(E) sympathy

282. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.2
As serious as she is about the bullfight, she does not allow respect to ________ her sense of whimsy when painting it.
(A) inspire  
(B) provoke  
(C) suppress  
(D) attack  
(E) satisfy

283. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.3
No one is ________ about Stephens; he inspires either uncritical adulation or profound ________ in those who work for him.
(A) neutral ... antipathy  
(B) infuriated ... aversion  
(C) worried ... anxiety  
(D) enthusiastic ... veneration  
(E) apprehensive ... consternation

284. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.4
Before about 1960, virtually all accounts of evolution assumed most adaptation to be a product of selection at the level of population; recent studies of evolution, however, have found no _____ this _____ view of selection.
(A) departures from ... controversial  
(B) basis for ... pervasive  
(C) bias toward ... unchallenged  
(D) precursors of ... innovative  
(E) criticisms of ... renowned
285. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.5
The new biological psychiatry does not deny the contributing role of psychological factors in mental illnesses, but posits that these factors may act as a catalyst on existing physiological conditions and ________ such illnesses.
(A) disguise
(B) impede
(C) constrain
(D) precipitate
(E) consummate

286. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.6
During periods of social and cultural stability, many art academies are so firmly controlled by ________ that all real creative work must be done by the ________.
(A) dogmatists ... disenfranchised
(B) managers ... reactionaries
(C) reformers ... dissatisfied
(D) imposters ... academicians
(E) specialists ... elite

287. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 1 no.7
The First World War began in a context of jargon and verbal delicacy and continued in a cloud of ________ as ________ as language and literature, skillfully used, could make it.
(A) circumlocution ... literal
(B) cliché ... lucid
(C) euphemism ... impenetrable
(D) particularity ... deliberate
(E) subjectivity ... enthralling

DCABD  AC
288. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.1
Because no comprehensive _______ exist regarding personal reading practices, we do not know, for example, the greatest number of books read in an individual lifetime.
(A) records
(B) instincts
(C) remedies
(D) proposals
(E) commercials

289. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.2
In our corporation there is a _______ between male and female _______ because 73 percent of the men and 34 percent of the women polled believe that our company provides equal compensation to men and women.
(A) contrast ... stereotypes
(B) difference ... perceptions
(C) variation ... salaries
(D) resemblance ... employees
(E) similarity ... aspirations

290. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.3
The wonder of De Quincey is that although opium dominated his life, it never _______ him; indeed, he turned its use to _______ when he published the story of its influence in the London Magazine.
(A) overcame ... altruism
(B) intimidated ... triumph
(C) distressed ... pleasure
(D) conquered ... gain
(E) released ... necessity

291. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.4
The reduction of noise has been _______ in terms of _______ its sources, but the alternative of canceling noise out by adding sound with the opposite wave pattern may be more useful in practice.
(A) justified ... diffusing
(B) accomplished ... tracking
(C) conceived ... concealing
(D) explained ... isolating
(E) approached ... eliminating
292. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.5
While Parker is very outspoken on issues she cares about, she is not _______; she concedes the ________ of opposing arguments when they expose weaknesses inherent in her own.
(A) fickle ... validity
(B) arrogant ... restraint
(C) fanatical ... strength
(D) congenial ... incompatibility
(E) unyielding ... speciousness

293. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.6
Hampshire’s assertions, far from showing that we can_______ the ancient puzzles about objectivity, reveal the issue to be even more than we had thought.
(A) adapt ... pressing
(B) dismiss ... relevant
(C) rediscover ... unconventional
(D) admire ... elusive
(E) appreciate ... interesting

294. GRE Big Book Test 21 Section 2 no.7
Usually the first to spot data that were inconsistent with other findings, in this particular experiment she let a number of ___ results slip by.
(A) inaccurate
(B) verifiable
(C) redundant
(D) salient
(E) anomalous

ABDEC  BE
295. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.1
There is perhaps some truth in that waggish old definition of a scholar—a siren that calls attention to a fog without doing anything to ________ it.
(A) describe
(B) cause
(C) analyze
(D) dispel
(E) thicken

296. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.2
Cryogenic energy storage has the advantage of being suitable in any ________, regardless of geography or geology, factors that may ________ both underground gas storage and pumped hydroelectric storage.
(A) location ... limit
(B) climate ... deter
(C) site ... forebode
(D) proportion ... typify
(E) surface ... hamper

297. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.3
The newborn human infant is not a passive figure, nor an active one, but what might be called an actively ________ one, eagerly attentive as it is to sights and sounds.
(A) adaptive
(B) selective
(C) inquisitive
(D) receptive
(E) intuitive

298. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.4
Opponents of the expansion of the market economy, although in ________, continued to constitute ________ political force throughout the century.
(A) error ... an inconsequential
(B) retreat ... a powerful
(C) disarray ... a disciplined
(D) jeopardy ... an ineffective
(E) command ... a viable
299. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.5
Nature’s energy efficiency often ___ human technology: despite the intensity of the light fireflies produce, the amount of heat is negligible; only recently have humans developed chemical light-producing systems whose efficiency ___ the firefly’s system.
(A) engenders  manipulates
(B) reflects  simulates
(C) outstrips  rivals
(D) inhibits  matches
(E) determines  reproduces

300. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.6
Scholars’ sense of the uniqueness of the central concept of “the state” at the time when political science became an academic field quite naturally led to striving for a correspondingly ________ mode of study.
(A) thorough
(B) distinctive
(C) dependable
(D) scientific
(E) dynamic

301. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 1 no.7
Just as astrology was for centuries ________ faith, countering the strength of established churches, so today believing in astrology is an act of ________ the professional sciences.
(A) an individual ... rebellion by
(B) an accepted ... antagonism toward
(C) an underground ... defiance against
(D) a heretical ... support for
(E) an unknown ... concern about

DADBC  BC
302. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.1
Despite the fact that the two council members belonged to different political parties, they ________ the issue of how to finance the town debt.
(A) complicated
(B) avoided
(C) attested to
(D) reported on
(E) agreed on

303. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.2
The breathing spell provided by the ________ arms shipments should give all the combatants a chance to reevaluate their positions.
(A) plethora of
(B) moratorium on
(C) reciprocation of
(D) concentration on
(E) development of

304. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.3
The notion that cultural and biological influences ________ determine cross-cultural diversity is discredited by the fact that, in countless aspects of human existence, it is cultural programming that overwhelmingly accounts for cross-population variance.
(A) jointly
(B) completely
(C) directly
(D) equally
(E) eventually

305. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.4
Because medieval women’s public participation in spiritual life was not welcomed by the male establishment, a compensating ________ religious writings, inoffensive to the members of the establishment because of its ________, became important for many women.
(A) involvement with ... privacy
(B) attention to ... popularity
(C) familiarity with ... scarcity
(D) dissatisfaction with ... profundity
(E) resistance to ... domesticity
306. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.5
This final essay, its prevailing kindliness ________ by occasional flashes of savage irony, bespeaks the ________ character of the author.
(A) illuminated ... imperturbable
(B) marred ... dichotomous
(C) untainted ... vindictive
(D) exemplified ... chivalrous
(E) diluted ... ruthless

307. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.6
Although his attempts to appear psychotic were so ________ as to be almost _________, there is evidence that Ezra Pound was able to avoid standing trial for treason merely by faking symptoms of mental illness.
(A) spontaneous ... amusing
(B) contrived ... believable
(C) clumsy ... ludicrous
(D) stylized ... distressing
(E) sporadic ... premeditated

308. GRE Big Book Test 22 Section 2 no.7
The ________ questions that consistently structure the study of history must be distinguished from merely ________ questions, which have their day and then pass into oblivion.
(A) recurrent ... practical
(B) instinctive ... factual
(C) ingrained ... discriminating
(D) philosophical ... random
(E) perennial ... ephemeral

EBDAB  CE
309. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.1
The natural balance between prey and predator has been increasingly ________, most frequently by human intervention.
(A) celebrated  
(B) predicted  
(C) observed  
(D) disturbed  
(E) questioned

310. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.2
There is some ________ the fact that the author of a book as sensitive and informed as Indian Artisans did not develop her interest in Native American art until adulthood, for she grew up in a region rich in American Indian culture.
(A) irony in  
(B) satisfaction in  
(C) doubt about  
(D) concern about  
(E) presumptuousness in

311. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.3
Ecology, like economics, concerns itself with the movement of valuable ________ through a complex network of producers and consumers.
(A) commodities  
(B) dividends  
(C) communications  
(D) nutrients  
(E) artifacts

312. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.4
Observable as a tendency of our culture is a ________ of ________ psychoanalysis: we no longer feel that it can solve our emotional problems.
(A) divergence ... certainty about  
(B) confrontation ... enigmas in  
(C) withdrawal ... belief in  
(D) defense ... weaknesses in  
(E) failure ... rigor in
313. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.5
The struggle of the generations is one of the obvious constants of human affairs; therefore, it may be presumptuous to suggest that the rivalry between young and old in Western society during the current decade is _______ critical.
(A) perennially
(B) disturbingly
(C) uniquely
(D) archetypally
(E) captiously

314. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.6
Rhetoric often seems to _______ over _______ reason in a heated debate, with both sides _______ in hyperbole.
(A) cloud ... subsiding
(B) prevail ... yielding
(C) triumph ... engaging
(D) reverberate ... clamoring
(E) trample ... tangling

315. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 1 no.7
Melodramas, which presented stark oppositions between innocence and criminality, virtue and corruption, good and evil, were popular precisely because they offered the audience a world _______ of _______.
(A) bereft ... theatricality
(B) composed ... adversity
(C) full ... circumstantiality
(D) deprived ... polarity
(E) devoid ... neutrality

DAACC CE
316. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.1
In the current research program, new varieties of apple trees are evaluated under different agricultural ________ for tree size, bloom density, fruit size, ________ to various soils, and resistance to pests and disease.  
(A) circumstances ... proximity  
(B) regulations ... conformity  
(C) conditions ... adaptability  
(D) auspices ... susceptibility  
(E) configurations ... propensity

317. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.2
At first, I found her gravity rather intimidating; but, as I saw more of her, I found that ________ was very near the surface.  
(A) seriousness  
(B) confidence  
(C) laughter  
(D) poise  
(E) determination

318. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.3
Even though in today’s Soviet Union the ________ the Muslim clergy have been accorded power and privileges, the Muslim laity and the rank-and-file clergy still have little ________ to practice their religion.  
(A) practitioners among ... opportunity  
(B) dissidents within ... obligation  
(C) adversaries of ... inclination  
(D) leaders of ... latitude  
(E) traditionalists among ... incentive

319. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.4
The proponents of recombinant DNA research have decided to ________ federal regulation of their work; they hope that by making this compromise they can forestall proposed state and local controls that might be even stiffer.  
(A) protest  
(B) institute  
(C) deny  
(D) encourage  
(E) disregard
320. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.5
It is to the novelist’s credit that all of presented realistically, without any ________ or playful supernatural tricks.
(A) elucidation
(B) discrimination
(C) artlessness
(D) authenticity
(E) whimsy

321. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.6
Our new tools of systems analysis, powerful though they may be, lead to ________ theories, especially, and predictably, in economics and political science, where productive approaches have long been highly ________.
(A) pragmatic ... speculative
(B) inelegant ... efficacious
(C) explanatory ... intuitional
(D) wrongheaded ... convergent
(E) simplistic ... elusive

322. GRE Big Book Test 23 Section 2 no.7
Nineteenth-century scholars, by examining earlier geometric Greek art, found that classical Greek art was not a magical ________ or a brilliant ________ blending Egyptian and Assyrian art, but was independently evolved by Greeks in Greece.
(A) stratagem ... appropriation
(B) exemplar ... synthesis
(C) conversion ... annexation
(D) paradigm ... construct
(E) apparition ... amalgam

CCDDE EE
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323. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.1
Clearly refuting sceptics, researchers have ________ not only that gravitational radiation exists but that it also does exactly what theory ________ it should do.
(A) doubted ... warranted
(B) estimated ... accepted
(C) demonstrated ... predicted
(D) assumed ... deduced
(E) supposed ... asserted

324. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.2
Sponsors of the bill were ________ because there was no opposition to it within the legislature until after the measure had been signed into law.
(A) unreliable
(B) well-intentioned
(C) persistent
(D) relieved
(E) detained

325. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.3
The paradoxical aspect of the myths about Demeter, when we consider the predominant image of her as a tranquil and serene goddess, is her ________ search for her daughter.
(A) extended
(B) agitated
(C) comprehensive
(D) motiveless
(E) heartless

326. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.4
Yellow fever, the disease that killed 4,000 Philadelphians in 1793, and so ________ Memphis, Tennessee, that the city lost its charter, has reappeared after nearly two decades in ________ in the Western Hemisphere.
(A) terrorized ... contention
(B) ravaged ... secret
(C) disabled ... quarantine
(D) corrupted ... quiescence
(E) decimated ... abeyance
327. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.5
Although _______, almost self-effacing in his private life, he displays in his plays and essays a strong _______ publicity and controversy.
(A) conventional ... interest in
(B) monotonous ... reliance on
(C) shy ... aversion toward
(D) retiring ... penchant for
(E) evasive ... impatience with

328. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.6
Comparatively few rock musicians are willing to laugh at themselves, although a hint of ________ can boost sales of video clips very nicely.
(A) self-deprecation
(B) congeniality
(C) cynicism
(D) embarrassment
(E) self-doubt

329. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 1 no.7
Parts of seventeenth-century Chinese pleasure gardens were not necessarily intended to look ________; they were designed expressly to evoke the melancholy resulting from a sense of the _________ of natural beauty and human glory.
(A) beautiful ... immutability
(B) cheerful ... transitoriness
(C) colorful ... abstractness
(D) luxuriant ... simplicity
(E) conventional ... wildness

CDBED  AB
330. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.1
Since it is now ________ to build the complex central processing unit of a computer on a single silicon chip using photolithography and chemical etching, it seems plausible that other miniature structures might be fabricated in ________ ways.
(A) unprecedented ... undiscovered
(B) difficult ... related
(C) permitted ... unique
(D) mandatory ... congruent
(E) routine ... similar

331. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.2
Given the evidence of Egyptian and Babylonian ________ later Greek civilization, it would be incorrect to view the work of Greek scientists as an entirely independent creation.
(A) disdain for
(B) imitation of
(C) ambivalence about
(D) deference to
(E) influence on

332. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.3
Laws do not ensure social order since laws can always be ________, which makes them ________ unless the authorities have the will and the power to detect and punish wrongdoing.
(A) contested ... provisional
(B) circumvented ... antiquated
(C) repealed ... vulnerable
(D) violated ... ineffective
(E) modified ... unstable

333. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.4
Since she believed him to be both candid and trustworthy, she refused to consider the possibility that his statement had been ________.
(A) irrelevant
(B) facetious
(C) mistaken
(D) critical
(E) insincere
334. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.5
Ironically, the party leaders encountered no greater ________ their efforts to build a progressive party than the ________ of the progressives already elected to the legislature.
(A) support for ... advocacy
(B) threat to ... promise
(C) benefit from ... success
(D) obstacle to ... resistance
(E) praise for ... reputation

335. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.6
It is strange how words shape our thoughts and trap us at the bottom of deeply ________ canyons of thinking, their imprisoning sides carved out by the ________ of past usage.
(A) cleaved ... eruptions
(B) rooted ... flood
(C) incised ... river
(D) ridged ... ocean
(E) notched ... mountains

336. GRE Big Book Test 24 Section 2 no.7
That his intransigence in making decisions ________ no open disagreement from any quarter was well known; thus, clever subordinates learned the art of ________ their opinions in casual remarks.
(A) elicited ... quashing
(B) engendered ... recasting
(C) brooked ... intimating
(D) embodied ... instigating
(E) forbore ... emending

EEDED  CC
337. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.1
Hydrogen is the ________ element of the universe in that it provides the building blocks from which the other elements are produced.
(A) steadiest
(B) expendable
(C) lightest
(D) final
(E) fundamental

338. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.2
Few of us take the pains to study our cherished convictions; indeed, we almost have a natural ________ doing so.
(A) aptitude for
(B) repugnance to
(C) interest in
(D) ignorance of
(E) reaction after

339. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.3
It is his dubious distinction to have proved what nobody would think of denying, that Romero at the age of sixty-four writes with all the characteristics of ________.
(A) maturity
(B) fiction
(C) inventiveness
(D) art
(E) brilliance

340. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.4
The primary criterion for ________ a school is its recent performance: critics are ________ to extend credit for earlier victories.
(A) evaluating ... prone
(B) investigating ... hesitant
(C) judging ... reluctant
(D) improving ... eager
(E) administering ... persuaded
341. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.5
Number theory is rich in problems of an especially ________ sort: they are tantalizingly simple to state but ________ difficult to solve.
(A) cryptic ... deceptively
(B) spurious ... equally
(C) abstruse ... ostensibly
(D) elegant ... rarely
(E) vexing ... notoriously

342. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.6
In failing to see that the justice’s pronouncement merely ________ previous decisions rather than actually establishing a precedent, the novice law clerk ________ the scope of the justice’s judgment.
(A) synthesized ... limited
(B) overturned ... misunderstood
(C) endorsed ... nullified
(D) qualified ... overemphasized
(E) recapitulated ... defined

343. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 1 no.7
When theories formerly considered to be ________ in their scientific objectivity are found instead to reflect a consistent observational and evaluative bias, then the presumed neutrality of science gives way to the recognition that categories of knowledge are human ________.
(A) disinterested ... constructions
(B) callous ... errors
(C) verifiable ... prejudices
(D) convincing ... imperatives
(E) unassailable ... fantasies
344. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.1
Although the minuet appeared simple, its ________ steps had to be studied very carefully before they could be gracefully ________ in public.
(A) progressive ... revealed
(B) intricate ... executed
(C) rudimentary ... allowed
(D) minute ... discussed
(E) entertaining ... stylized

345. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.2
The results of the experiments performed by Elizabeth Hazen and Rachel Brown were ________ not only because these results challenged old assumptions but also because they called the ________ methodology into question.
(A) provocative ... prevailing
(B) predictable ... contemporary
(C) inconclusive ... traditional
(D) intriguing ... projected
(E) specious ... original

346. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.3
Despite the ________ of many of their colleagues, some scholars have begun to emphasize “pop culture” as a key for ________ the myths, hopes, and fears of contemporary society.
(A) antipathy ... entangling
(B) discernment ... evaluating
(C) pedantry ... reinstating
(D) skepticism ... deciphering
(E) enthusiasm ... symbolizing

347. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.4
In the seventeenth century, direct flouting of a generally accepted system of values was regarded as ________, even as a sign of madness.
(A) adventurous
(B) frivolous
(C) willful
(D) impermissible
(E) irrational
348. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.5
Queen Elizabeth I has quite correctly been called a ________ of the arts, because many young artists received her patronage.
(A) connoisseur
(B) critic
(C) friend
(D) scourge
(E) judge

349. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.6
Because outlaws were denied ________ under medieval law, anyone could raise a hand against them with legal ________.
(A) propriety ... authority
(B) protection ... impunity
(C) collusion ... consent
(D) rights ... collaboration
(E) provisions ... validity

350. GRE Big Book Test 25 Section 2 no.7
Rather than enhancing a country’s security, the successful development of nuclear weapons could serve at first to increase that country’s ________.
(A) boldness
(B) influence
(C) responsibility
(D) moderation
(E) vulnerability

BADEC  BE
351. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.1
The Chinese, who began systematic astronomical and weather observations shortly after the ancient Egyptians, were assiduous record keepers, and because of this, can claim humanity’s longest continuous _______ of natural events.

(A) defiance
(B) documentation
(C) maintenance
(D) theory
(E) domination

352. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.2
Because many of the minerals found on the clean floor are still ________ on land, where mining is relatively inexpensive, mining the ocean floor has yet to become a ________ enterprise.

(A) scarce ... common
(B) accessible ... marginal
(C) unidentified ... subsidized
(D) conserved ... public
(E) plentiful ... profitable

353. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.3
The valedictory address, as it has developed in American colleges and universities over the years, has become a very strict form, a literary _______ that permits very little ________.

(A) text ... clarity
(B) work ... tradition
(C) genre ... deviation
(D) oration ... grandiloquence
(E) achievement ... rigidity

354. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.4
A human being is quite _______ creature, for the gloss of rationality that covers his or her fears and _______ is thin and often easily breached.

(A) a logical ... problems
(B) a frail ... insecurity
(C) a valiant ... phobias
(D) an ambitious ... morality
(E) a ludicrous ... laughter
355. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.5
Although the passage of years has softened the initially hostile reaction to his poetry, even now only a few independent observers ________ his works.
(A) praise
(B) revile
(C) scrutinize
(D) criticize
(E) neglect

356. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.6
Unlike philosophers who constructed theoretically ideal states, she built a theory based on ________; thus, although her constructs may have been inelegant, they were ________ sound.
(A) reality ... aesthetically
(B) intuition ... intellectually
(C) surmise ... scientifically
(D) experience ... empirically
(E) conjecture ... factually

357. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 1 no.7
Once a duckling has identified a parent, then instinctive bond becomes a powerful ________ for additional learning since, by ________ the parent, the duckling can acquire further information that is not genetically transmitted.
(A) impulse ... surpassing
(B) referent ... recognizing
(C) force ... acknowledging
(D) inspiration ... emulating
(E) channel ... mimicking

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358. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.1
Nearly two-thirds of the country’s mushroom crop is produced by 160 growers in a single county, the greatest ________ growers anywhere.
(A) cause of
(B) agreement among
(C) indication of
(D) interaction between
(E) concentration of

359. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.2
The disjunction between educational objectives that stress independence and individuality and those that emphasize obedience to rules and cooperation with others reflects a ________ that arises from the values on which these objectives are based.
(A) conflict
(B) redundancy
(C) gain
(D) predictability
(E) wisdom

360. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.3
It is ________ for a government to fail to do whatever it can to eliminate a totally ________ disease.
(A) folly ... innocuous
(B) irresponsible ... preventable
(C) crucial ... fatal
(D) instinctive ... devastating
(E) detrimental ... insignificant

361. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.4
Dramatic literature often ________ the history of a culture in that it takes as its subject matter the important events that have shaped and guided the culture.
(A) confounds
(B) repudiates
(C) recapitulates
(D) anticipates
(E) polarizes
362. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.5
The legislators of 1563 realized the ________ of trying to regulate the flow of labor without securing its reasonable remuneration, and so the second part of the statute dealt with establishing wages.
(A) intricacy
(B) anxiety
(C) futility
(D) necessity
(E) decadence

363. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.6
Scientists who are on the cutting edge of research must often violate common sense and make seemingly ________ assumptions because existing theories simply do not ________ newly observed phenomena.
(A) radical ... confirm
(B) vague ... incorporate
(C) absurd ... explain
(D) mistaken ... reveal
(E) inexact ... corroborate

364. GRE Big Book Test 26 Section 2 no.7
The ________ with which the French aristocracy greeted the middle-class Rousseau was all the more because he showed so little respect for them.
(A) deference ... remarkable
(B) suspicion ... uncanny
(C) reserve ... unexpected
(D) anger ... ironic
(E) appreciation ... deserved

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365. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.1
Agronomists are increasingly worried about “desertification,” the phenomenon that is turning many of the world’s ________ fields and pastures into ________ wastelands, unable to support the people living on them.
(A) fertile ... barren
(B) productive ... blooming
(C) arid ... thriving
(D) poorest ... marginal
(E) largest ... saturated

366. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.2
Old beliefs die hard: even when jobs became ________ the long-standing fear that unemployment could return at a moment’s notice ________.
(A) vacant ... perished
(B) easier ... changed
(C) plentiful ... persisted
(D) protected ... subsided
(E) available ... receded

367. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.3
Intellectual ________ and flight from boredom have caused him to rush pell-mell into situations that less spirits might hesitate to approach.
(A) restlessness ... adventurous
(B) agitation ... passive
(C) resilience ... quiescent
(D) tranquility ... versatile
(E) curiosity ... lethargic

368. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.4
Science advances in ________ spiral in that each new conceptual scheme—the phenomena explained by its predecessors and adds to those explanations.
(A) a discontinuous ... decries
(B) a repetitive ... vitiates
(C) a widening ... embraces
(D) an anomalous ... captures
(E) an explosive ... questions
369. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.5
Politeness is not a ______ attribute of human behavior, but rather a central virtue, one whose very existence is increasingly being ______ by the faddish requirement to “speak one’s mind.”
(A) superficial ... threatened
(B) pervasive ... undercut
(C) worthless ... forestalled
(D) precious ... repudiated
(E) trivial ... affected

370. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.6
The painting was larger than it appeared to be, for, hanging in a darkened recess of the chapel; it was ______ by the perspective.
(A) improved
(B) aggrandized
(C) embellished
(D) jeopardized
(E) diminished

371. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 1 no.7
Because folk art is neither completely rejected nor accepted as an art form by art historians, their final evaluations of it necessarily remain ____.
(A) arbitrary
(B) estimable
(C) orthodox
(D) unspoken
(E) equivocal

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372. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.1
Because it is ________ to ________ all the business costs related to employee discontent, an accurate estimate of the magnitude of these costs is not easily calculated.
(A) difficult ... measure
(B) impossible ... justify
(C) improper ... overlook
(D) useless ... discover
(E) necessary ... pinpoint

373. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.2
Consider the universal cannibalism of the sea, all of whose creatures ________ one another.
(A) hide from
(B) ferret out
(C) prey on
(D) glide among
(E) compete against

374. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.3
How could words, confined as they individually are to certain ________ meanings specified in a dictionary, eventually come, when combined in groups, to create obscurity and actually to prevent thought from being ________?
(A) indefinite ... articulated
(B) conventional ... conceivable
(C) unlikely ... classified
(D) archaic ... expressed
(E) precise ... communicable

375. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.4
Even though they tended to be ________ strangers, fifteenth-century Europeans did not automatically associate ________ and danger.
(A) trusting of ... diversity
(B) haughty with ... nonconformity
(C) interested in ... enmity
(D) antagonistic to ... rudeness
(E) hostile to ... foreignness
376. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.5
The modern age is a permissive one in which things can be said explicitly, but the old tradition of ________ dies hard.
(A) garrulousness
(B) exaggeration
(C) excoriation
(D) bombast
(E) euphemism

377. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.6
Although many findings of the Soviet and United States probes of Venus were complementary, the two sets of atmospheric results clearly could not be ________ without a major change of data or ________.
(A) obtained ... experimentation
(B) completed ... position
(C) matched ... implementation
(D) reconciled ... interpretation
(E) produced ... falsification

378. GRE Big Book Test 27 Section 2 no.7
While it is assumed that the mechanization of work has a ________ effect on the lives of workers, there is evidence available to suggest that, on the contrary, mechanization has served to ________ some of the traditional roles of women.
(A) salutary ... improve
(B) dramatic ... undermine
(C) benign ... revise
(D) debilitating ... weaken
(E) revolutionary ... reinforce

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