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METHODS IN HISTORICAL RESEARCH AND EXPOSITION

FINAL EXAMINATION

I. Vocabulary

Please use the word bank to fill in the most appropriate term for each sentence.

1. Her husband is a man's man: strong, calm, sensible, and _____.
2. He believes that the world is not divided into good and evil and that it is often irrational to _____ behaviors in this way.
3. The _____ of the car's body was sleek and rounded, as one would imagine a futuristic spacecraft to look.
4. Since you are unable to _____ any reasons in support of changing my behavior, I will continue to act as I did before.
5. Her writing is clear and refined, marked by a(n) _____ style that explains every concept down to the finest detail.
6. Should society publically _____ criminals or simply privately punish them?
7. While you bring up quite a(n) _____ example to support your conclusion, I am still not convinced by your logic.
8. The _____ of this tiny sofa and these very small pillows is dubious; I suggest that you purchase more proportionately matched decorations for your apartment.
9. She is an argumentative person, constantly ready to _____ the position of anyone who offers the slightest opinion.
10. Most scientists maintain that the dinosaurs were rendered extinct by a violent _____, perhaps the landing of a meteoroid on the Earth.
11. While most employees work regular shifts with regular hours, she comes into the office on a(n) _____ basis, working only when she is needed.
12. Some claim that Asian people are more likely to privilege external environment as an explanation of behavior while Europeans focus on individual personality, but I think that the _____ differences between those who grew up in Eastern and Western cultures may not be as marked as some believe.

Word Bank

acumen
ad hoc
adduce
anathema
apposite
cataclysm
commensurability
contour
delirium
denounce
dichotomize
gainsay
implicate
lapidary
precipitately
putative
recrudescence
sequelae
teleological
virile

13. Without a tolerant employer that allows new mothers to return to work after giving birth, pregnancy may be _____ to a woman's career.
14. He was so excited about graduation that he almost fell into a feverish and confused _____ of emotion.
15. She had earned her fortune _____, with a suddenness that left her no means to habituate to her newfound wealth.
16. "On first glance, your evidence seems apposite to the case, but upon further study, it appears that it still fails to _____ my client in the crime," the lawyer proudly declared.
17. The most striking _____ of this disease is a yellowing of the teeth.
18. The intelligent businesswoman's _____ will serve her well in life and career.
19. "The _____ of terrorist activity in the southern region of the country after a brief period of peace worries us," stated the intelligence officer to her commander.
20. In Voltaire's satirical novel *Candide*, the character Pangloss offers his student a humorous and _____ explanation for the existence of noses: support for eyeglasses on the face.

II. Grammar and Formatting

Please find **and correct** at least 15 **grammatical** and **formatting** errors in the sample essay (attached; mark brief corrections on the text itself).

III. Critique

Please write a brief (300-400 words) critique of the **argumentative** and **stylistic** quality of the sample essay attached. **Make sure to support your assertions with citations from the work itself.**

