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1) In the northern part of South America, where the land is bordered on every hand by vast tropical seas, which load the hot and thirsty air with vapor, and where the ___ (MIGHT) Cordillera of the Andes rears its icy summits to chill and precipitate the vapors again, a quantity of rain amounting to more than ten feet in perpendicular height falls in a year.

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4) As it is, in flowing off through the valleys to the sea, the united torrents form the greatest river on the globe—the Amazon; and the vegetation, stimulated by the heat, and nourished by the abundant and incessant supplies of ____ (MOIST), becomes so rank, and loads the earth with such an entangled and matted mass of trunks, and stems, and twining wreaths and vines, that man is almost excluded from the scene.

5) Of course, the district of St. Petersburg, with its icy winter, its low and powerless sun, and its twelve inches of annual rain, must ____ (NECESSARY) present, in all its phenomena of vegetable and animal life, a striking contrast to the exuberant prolificness of New Grenada.

8) In these rainless regions all is necessarily ____ (SILENT), desolation, and death. No plant can grow; no animal can live.

9) There are certain regions on the surface of the earth that are ____ (ACTUAL) rainless; and it is these which present us with the true and real contrast to the luxuriant vegetation and teeming life of the country of the Amazon.

10) The boundless forests become a vast and almost impenetrable jungle, ____ (ABANDON) to wild beasts, noxious reptiles, and huge and ferocious birds of prey.

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2) These and other similar causes, it is found, do, in fact, produce a vast ____ (DIFFER) in the quantity of rain which falls in different regions.

3) At St. Petersburg, on the other hand, the quantity thus ____ (FALL) in a year is but little more than one foot. The immense deluge which pours down from the clouds in South America would, if the water were to remain where it fell, wholly submerge and inundate the country.

6) Man, too, is forever and hopelessly ____ (EXCLUDE).

7) It is, however, after all, not ____ (ABSOLUTE) the opposite extreme.