

1. Murray, whose show of recent paintings and drawings is her best in many years, has been eminent hereabout for a quarter century, although often regarded with _____, but the most _____ of these paintings _____ all doubts.

Blank (i)

Partiality
Credulity
Ambivalence

Blank (ii)

Problematic
Successful
Disparaged

Blank(iii)

Exculpate
Assuage
Whet

2. It is truly paradoxical that the Amazon, the lushest of all rainforests, is rooted in the most _____ of all soils.

- a) coarse
- b) stark
- c) impoverished
- d) infertile
- e) austere