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I. Vocabulary: 60%. One point for each question.
Choose the most suitable answer for each question. Answer each question in capital letter A, B, C, or D.

1. Taichung City is ______ for its rampant crime and thriving sex industry.
   (A) celebrated (B) prominent (C) reputable (D) notorious

2. ______ food such as frozen pizza, hotdog and microwavable meals often costs much more than fresh produce because they go through an elaborate procedure of preparation and packaging.
   (A) Popularized (B) Compound (C) Convenient (D) Processed

3. ______ land produces good vegetable and fruit while barren land yields nothing.
   (A) Effective (B) Lavish (C) Fertile (D) Intricate

4. Strong-willed individuals like Mohandas Gandhi and Nelson Mandela had great ______ for hardship. In crisis, they remained patient and positive.
   (A) accommodation (B) ambition (C) endurance (D) compassion

5. The dinner party is ______ to next week because the host must travel to Italy for an emergency.
   (A) postponed (B) bound (C) pertinent (D) removed

6. A ______ is a difficult situation in which you must choose between two or more alternatives but none of them is a good choice.
   (A) paradox (B) contradiction (C) dilemma (D) trap

7. Highly ______ individuals work hard not because they are forced to but because they are driven by their own ambition.
   (A) concentrated (B) stressed (C) motivated (D) programmed

8. The economic condition in Taiwan has ______ because of misleading government policies; the current situation seems much worse than that of last year.
   (A) compromised (B) complained (C) deleted (D) deteriorated

9. Never respond to ______ letters because these nameless letters are written by people who do not want to be responsible for the things they write about.
   (A) abusive (B) collective (C) annoying (D) anonymous

10. If a piece of antique does not look ______, it is probably a fake. Do not spend money on it.
    (A) aged (B) authentic (C) impressive (D) fragmented

11. This is a ______ for rice pudding. With it, I will know what ingredients are needed and how they should be prepared and cooked.
    (A) procedure (B) recipe (C) version (D) prescription

12. A ______ argument relies on strong evidence and logic, both of which will convince the reader to take an opinion seriously.
    (A) deluding (B) persuasive (C) manipulating (D) controversial

13. Thomas can be easily ______ by activities outside and that explains why he cannot focus on his study. Perhaps, he should stay in a windowless room.
    (A) distracted (B) confused (C) deceived (D) driven

14. Most people drive and talk on the phone _______. Doing these two things at the same time endangers themselves and other people.
    (A) simultaneously (B) loudly (C) deliberately (D) instantly

15. After failing a good number of subjects last semester, Daniel was ______ from school. I have not seen him ever since.
    (A) estranged (B) exempt (C) expelled (D) distanced

16. Simon is gradually _______ from a recent operation. He now looks stronger and happier.
    (A) recovering (B) relieved (C) discharging (D) released
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17. Politicians are good at ______ questions; they avoid questions or refuse to give definite answers.
   (A) dodging (B) changing (C) generating (D) complicating

18. “Spare the rod, spoil the child” is an old saying that tells the importance of ______ your children.
   (A) complimenting (B) disciplining (C) cultivating (D) nurturing

19. Peking University in Mainland China is the ______ of Harvard University in the United States;
    both are considered the most prestigious universities in their respective societies.
   (A) resembling (B) equivalent (C) complementary (D) relevant

20. Bachelor Program of Biotechnology at National Chung Hsing University is an ______ program
    for undergraduates; students of this program receive training from different fields.
   (A) emerging (B) intersecting (C) eminent (D) interdisciplinary

21. After a serious car accident, James is ______ from waist down. Now, he cannot move without a
    wheelchair because his legs are no longer functioning.
   (A) weakened (B) detained (C) paralyzed (D) smothered

22. Power can be ______ by many different ways. For example, it can be produced by steam, water, or
    coal.
   (A) innovated (B) fabricated (C) generated (D) resulted

23. ______ rivalry refers to the inevitable competition among sisters and brothers.
   (A) Peer (B) Genetic (C) Family (D) Sibling

24. Four years of college education will definitely have a great ______ on you because what you learn
    or experience will influence and even change you.
   (A) index (B) inspiration (C) initiative (D) impact

25. In the last two weeks, weather was very ______; you did not know when it would rain and when it
    would become unbearably hot.
   (A) unpredictable (B) inconceivable (C) incredible (D) unreliable

26. Before buying a new printer, make sure that it is ______ with your computer.
   (A) coordinate (B) composite (C) according (D) compatible

27. The famous fortune-teller is believed to have the ability to ______ everyone’s future. But he is
    unable to predict his own.
   (A) foreshadow (B) forecast (C) forebode (D) foresee

28. Clare is ______. She has attempted to kill herself for at least three times. Now, her family and friends
    closely watch her.
   (A) narcissistic (B) self-indulgent (C) suicidal (D) hallucinated

29. Each fall, Chung Hsing University ______ nearly 2000 freshmen. Their arrival is an important event
    on campus.
   (A) entitles (B) involves (C) enrolls (D) drafts

30. It is every adult’s ______ to take care of his or her parents whereas it is parents’ duty to nurture and
    educate their children until they are independent.
   (A) obsession (B) obligation (C) perspiration (D) objective

31. 7-Eleven and Family Mart are ______ stores. They make our lives easier because they stay open 24
    hours a day and seven days a week.
   (A) convenience (B) community (C) compound (D) convention

32. Emma likes to scribble on the ______ of her textbook. She finds the book’s empty space useful to
    endure boring classes.
   (A) margin (B) cover (C) preface (D) bibliography

33. A ______ circle is a problem that has the effect of creating new problems which then cause the
    original problems to occur.
   (A) repetitive (B) vicious (C) inverted (D) violent
34. Do not forget your personal _____ before you get off a train or bus. Most people leave their bags, books, and even wallets behind.
   (A) goods  (B) belongings  (C) remnants  (D) souvenirs

35. _____ issues cause debates from two opposing sides.
   (A) Undecided  (B) Tangled  (C) Controversial  (D) Convoluted

36. AIDS is an abbreviation for “acquired immune deficiency ______.”
   (A) symptom  (B) syndrome  (C) synonymy  (D) syntax

37. Edward _____ his apartment key so that his parents could use the spare keys when he is not at home.
   (A) fabricates  (B) duplicates  (C) implicates  (D) doubles

38. Unhappy customers have the right to file ______ about detects of the products they have purchased.
   (A) complaints  (B) accusation  (C) condemnation  (D) compensation

39. Brad Pitt, Michael Jordan, Tom Cruise, Lady Gaga, and David Beckhem are _______. Their faces and names are widely recognized, and their personal lives capture worldwide attention.
   (A) celebrities  (B) news-makers  (C) contenders  (D) performers

40. College students have easy _____ to internet, library books, and tutorial services, but they do not always consider availability of these resources their privileges.
   (A) entry  (B) involvement  (C) admission  (D) access

41. Before sending a box of glass or china to a friend, people often write “_____” on the top of the box so that the item will remain intact when reaching its destination.
   (A) Fragile  (B) Broken  (C) Warning  (D) Watch Out

42. Westerners tend to have _____ reactions to stinky tofu. While some love it, many others are horrified by its smell.
   (A) dramatic  (B) polarized  (C) confusing  (D) ambivalent

43. Most health problems _____ bad habits. Diabetes, backache, high-blood pressure are such cases.
   (A) encompass  (B) engender  (C) originate from  (D) derive in

44. A man of _____ will not lie. His words and deeds are consistent.
   (A) ingenuity  (B) aspiration  (C) harmony  (D) integrity

45. To _____ a rocket, missile, or a satellite means to send it into the air or into space.
   (A) launch  (B) embark  (C) flaunt  (D) shoot

46. GE soybeans are genetically ______. Their genetic structure is modified.
   (A) engineered  (B) eroded  (C) edited  (D) erased

47. People we work with are our _____ or coworkers.
   (A) companions  (B) colleagues  (C) coordinators  (D) contenders

48. Most children could not _____ green onion from leek because they look very much alike.
   (A) compare  (B) contrast  (C) differentiate  (D) remove

49. Sarah looks _____ at social gatherings. She is awkward and uneasy. Apparently, she does not have social skills to interact with others.
   (A) detained  (B) puzzled  (C) irritable  (D) inadequate

50. Think twice before you make a decision because every action has its ______. Some of the outcomes may not be what you wish for.
   (A) companions  (B) consequences  (C) components  (D) constituents

51. An upscale restaurant often expects its diners to dress _______. Men, for instance, have to wear a tie and suit so that they will look proper.
   (A) fancily  (B) expensively  (C) formally  (D) officially
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52. Please follow the ________ before you answer the questions in this examination. Follow each step as it is dictated.
   (A) formula  (B) composition  (C) manual  (D) instruction
53. To be a medical doctor or lawyer, you need to take an exam and get a ________. Only with this official document can you practice medicine or law.
   (A) license  (B) credit  (C) warrant  (D) identification card
54. Bill is neither intelligent nor stupid. He is just as ________ as most of us.
   (A) normal  (B) ordinary  (C) typical  (D) usual
55. The world is now described as a ________ village in which people from different parts of the world interact so frequently as if they were next-door neighbors.
   (A) virtual  (B) transitional  (C) global  (D) compound
56. Every summer, it is hot and ________ in Taiwan. The dampness makes the heat even more unbearable.
   (A) dewy  (B) foggy  (C) humid  (D) murky
57. Tammy is not a tidy person. Her room is always in ________; clothes, shoes, and books are scattered everywhere.
   (A) confusion  (B) uncertainty  (C) perplexity  (D) disorder
58. The ________ for Massachusetts Institute of Technology is MIT.
   (A) abbreviation  (B) abridgement  (C) initiation  (D) brevity
59. While some countries call their underground railways “_______”, others simply name the mass rapid transit system MRT.
   (A) tunnel-cars  (B) subways  (C) sub-tubes  (D) underpasses
60. Daniel is known for his ________. He gives money to the poor and supports educational programs for the disadvantaged children. Many people in this city benefit from his bigheartedness.
   (A) audacity  (B) prosperity  (C) generosity  (D) supremacy

II. Reading Comprehension: 20%. Two points for each question.
   Choose the most suitable answer for each question. Answer each question in capital letter A, B, C, or D.

Article-One
If you were to meet 32-year-old Robin Sloan of San Francisco, you might think him a Luddite unable to get his head around new technologies. He owns an old Nokia phone with one main application: making phone calls. He takes notes using a pen and paper notepad. And he reads books printed on paper. But Mr. Sloan is far from a Luddite. He used to work at Twitter as a media manager, teaching news outlets to use the hottest social media tools. Before that he was with Current TV as an online strategist, inventing the future of digital journalism.

Yet last year, as he set out to write his first book, “Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore,” he found his iPhone and other technologies were getting in the way of his productivity, so he simply got rid of them. “I found it was more important and more productive for me to be daydreaming and jotting down notes,” he said. “I needed my idle minutes to contribute to the story I was doing, not checking my e-mail, or checking tweets.”

As every aspect of our daily lives has become hyperconnected, some people on the cutting edge of tech are trying their best to push it back a few feet. Keeping their phone in their pocket. Turning off their home Wi-Fi at night or on weekends. And reading books on paper, rather than pixels.

Two years ago, when the iPhone and iPad were spiking in popularity, when I dined with other technology bloggers and reporters we enthusiastically passed our phones around the table, showing off the latest app or funny YouTube clip.

Now, even as our gadgets can hold more apps and stream faster videos, when I’m at dinner with technologists we play a new game. Attendees happily place their smartphones in a stack in the middle of the table, and the first person who
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touches his or her phone before the meal is over has to pay the bill.

Some couples who work in tech seem to be trying to step back the most.

Other couples have told me of a "no gadgets in the bedroom" rule. (Kindles are sometimes an exception.) Some say they leave their phones at home when they go for Sunday brunch. Rather than take a picture of their bacon and eggs to post to Instagram, they can now enjoy each other's company, and do that strange thing called talking.

Mr. Sloan, who has since published his book, said his break from technology was a resounding success. He still checks his e-mail, but not while he's getting coffee with someone or going for a stroll.

"It sounds silly because we all used to do this all the time, but after getting rid of my smartphone I am now so much more comfortable just leaving the house without any phone at all," he said. "I feel like I kind of learned how to do that again, and I would do the same thing if I had a fancy new smartphone too."

1. Why is Mr. Sloan frequently mentioned in this article?
   (A) Because his background and lifestyle support the article's standpoint.
   (B) Because his drastic change challenges conventional values.
   (C) Because he is a successful businessman and writer.
   (D) Because he proves modern technology useless.

2. Which sentence best characterizes the main idea of this article?
   (A) The article criticizes the overuse of modern technology.
   (B) The article attends to the new attitude people have toward modern technology.
   (C) It predicts that gadgets like smartphone and Kindle will soon come to their end.
   (D) It emphasizes the importance of tradition values.

3. What does Mr. Sloan aim for?
   (A) Good health  (B) Family life  (C) Less dependence on gadgets  (D) Spirituality

4. What source of reference does this article mostly rely on?
   (A) Statistics  (B) Experiment results  (C) Experts' remark  (D) Personal testimony

5. The conclusion informs us that Mr. Sloan finds his changed lifestyle to be ________.
   (A) Liberating  (B) Redundant  (C) Juvenile  (D) Ridiculous

Article-Two
I now know why I gained more than 13 kilograms in my early 20s: I was lonely. I had left for school and a job in the Upper Midwest and I knew no one. I filled my lonely nights and days with food, especially candy, cookies and ice cream. I could not rein in my eating until I returned to New York and my family, and began dating my future husband.

Loneliness, says John T. Cacioppo, an award-winning psychologist at the University of Chicago, undermines people's ability to self-regulate. In one experiment he cites, participants made to feel socially disconnected ate many more cookies than those made to feel socially accepted.

In a real-life study of middle-aged and older adults in the Chicago area, Dr. Cacioppo and colleagues found that those who scored high on the University of California, Los Angeles, Loneliness Scale, a widely used assessment, ate more fatty foods than those who scored low.

"Is it any wonder that we turn to ice cream or other fatty foods when we're sitting at home feeling all alone in the world?" Dr. Cacioppo said in his well-documented book, "Loneliness," written with William Patrick.
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may overeat, drink too much, smoke, speed or engage in indiscriminate sex.

A review of research published in 1988 found that “social isolation is on a par with high blood pressure, obesity, lack of exercise or smoking as a risk factor for illness and early death,” Dr. Cacioppo wrote.

Even without the presence of unwholesome behaviors, Dr. Cacioppo and others have shown that loneliness can impair health by raising levels of stress hormones and increasing inflammation. The damage can be widespread, affecting every bodily system and brain function.

Lisa Jaremka of Ohio State University reported in January that people who are lonely have higher levels of antibodies to certain herpes viruses, indicating more activated viruses in their systems. In another study, she found higher levels of inflammation-inducing substances in the blood of lonely people.

Chronic inflammation has been linked to heart disease, arthritis, Type 2 diabetes, and even suicide attempts, Dr. Jaremka noted.

Loneliness has also been linked to cognitive decline. A Dutch study published last year in The Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry found that participants who reported feeling lonely were more likely to develop dementia than those who lived on their own but were not lonely.

The Dutch study suggests that how people perceive their situation may have a stronger impact on health than whether they live alone and lack social connections. Divorced people have reported feeling lonelier in a bad marriage than they do being single. And people who live alone may still have a large network of friends and family that helps to keep loneliness at bay.

People are fundamentally social beings who require meaningful connections with others to maximize health and well-being. Dr. Cacioppo suggests reaching out to others with “random acts of kindness”: doing something that helps them physically or emotionally, maybe something as simple as complimenting a stranger’s outfit or helping an old person cross the street.

“What's required,” he wrote, “is to step outside the pain of our own situation long enough to ‘feed’ others. Real change begins with doing.”

6. This article supports its argument mainly by citing ______.
(A) Experts’ studies (B) personal observation (C) unofficial records (D) government statistics

7. This article relates loneliness to ______.
(A) Social skills (B) health problems (C) family history (D) personality flaws

8. What does Dr. Cacioppo’s suggestion in the concluding paragraph indicate?
(A) the kindness of strangers (B) the importance of charity
(C) the benefit of human connection (D) the value of psychological study

9. Dr. Jaremka’s research focuses on how loneliness affects ______.
(A) cognition (B) language ability (C) memory (D) immune system

10. This article mainly adopts a ______ approach to the issue of loneliness.
(A) psychological (B) humanitarian (C) sociological (D) feminist

III. Composition: 20% Write a 10-sentence paragraph on “Things I Do to Amuse Myself”.

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