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## Section A: Vocabulary (30%)

This section has ten items, and each correct answer is worth 3 %.

Instruction: Choose the appropriate words to complete the sentences.

1. Most people think that talent is all it takes for a musician to be successful. In reality, the recipe for success requires more ingredients than that. It takes \_\_\_\_ and luck.  
A) persistence  
B) parlance  
C) residence  
D) dissidence  
E) turbulence
2. A simple act of kindness may have a/an \_\_\_\_ impact on people's lives.  
A) promotional  
B) artificial  
C) profound  
D) unanimous  
E) scrumptious
3. Understanding a poem is like \_\_\_\_ a code. For those who love poetry, there is a great satisfaction in working to reveal the secrets hidden in the words.  
A) perpetuating  
B) terminating  
C) fabricating  
D) ostracizing  
E) deciphering
4. More and more studies show that implicit bias is the \_\_\_\_ of the excessive use of force by the police against ethnic minorities in the United States.  
A) sanitation  
B) ambiguity  
C) innovator  
D) culprit  
E) elixir
5. Children play to explore the world and the people in it, whereas adults play to escape the \_\_\_\_ life and reconnect with themselves.  
A) astronomical  
B) torrential  
C) mundane  
D) superfluous  
E) extraterrestrial

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6. MERS is caused by a coronavirus and affects the \_\_\_\_ system including lungs and breathing tubes. The disease manifests itself with symptoms such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath.
- A) restituted  
B) respiratory  
C) recreational  
D) redundant  
E) reciprocal
7. The major causes of death in developed countries are non-communicable such as heart diseases and diabetes, whereas those in sub-Saharan Africa are \_\_\_\_ diseases like malaria.
- A) contagious  
B) contaminated  
C) contextual  
D) conservatory  
E) congregational
8. In terms of what contributes to longevity, there are more \_\_\_\_ in play than a healthy lifestyle and a balanced diet.
- A) felicity  
B) formality  
C) factors  
D) fixtures  
E) furloughs
9. Even though some question the moral \_\_\_\_ of drone strikes, many in the U. S. continue to support the drone policy because of its efficiency, precision, and low casualties.
- A) amphibian  
B) amphitheater  
C) ambivalence  
D) ambulation  
E) ambiguity
10. The Scottish government held a referendum for independence last September. The turnout was a/an \_\_\_\_ 86%, one of the highest in modern democracies.
- A) sustainable  
B) unprecedented  
C) conflicted  
D) irresistible  
E) gastronomical

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## Section B: Knowledge of English usage (30%)

This section has ten items, and each correct answer is worth 3 %.

Instruction: Choose the best answers.

11. "Although modern technology and inventions have significantly improved the quality of life, they have also become the catalyst for many unexpected problems and challenges."  
What is the argument made in the sentence?  
A) Modern technology and inventions are important.  
B) The quality of life is better than it was.  
C) Technology makes life exciting.  
D) Advances in modern technology have created complications.  
E) Progress means good life.
12. Which of the following sentences conveys concession?  
A) Since the meeting was called off, they decided to go for a drink.  
B) While it takes a lot of work and time to master a foreign language, it is a rewarding and mind-expanding endeavor.  
C) When they finally arrived at the train station, their train had already left.  
D) Should you have any problems, please call our customer service center.  
E) If they had not discovered the virus in the software and the device had exploded, it would have been a catastrophe.
13. The 2014 science fiction film *Interstellar* \_\_\_\_\_ a story of a crew of astronauts \_\_\_\_\_ different planets to look for a new home for mankind.  
A) described ... traveled in  
B) tells ... travel to  
C) feature ... who traveling in  
D) depicts ... who travel to  
E) talked about ... traveling
14. \_\_\_\_\_, the strategies to end a war and for peacekeeping are essentially different.  
A) Surprised it may  
B) Surprising it may  
C) As surprising as it may seem  
D) As surprised as it may seem  
E) It may seem surprised
15. \_\_\_\_\_, the project would have been impossible.  
A) Because of their involvement and support

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- B) Without their generous financial funding  
C) Despite the meaningful partnership  
D) As for their expertise  
E) Considering their assistance
16. \_\_\_\_\_ the importance of play in a child's psychological development.  
A) It can ever emphasize  
B) Rarely can they emphasize  
C) One can never overemphasize  
D) How to overemphasize  
E) There is too much emphasis
17. They \_\_\_\_\_ another team \_\_\_\_\_ this project for three months when it was suddenly called off.  
A) worked along... with  
B) had been working with ... on  
C) are working to ... by  
D) work in ... for  
E) have been working by ... about
18. Which sentence is CORRECT?  
A) Provided that they keep their end of the bargain, we might have a slight chance of completing the project on time.  
B) It is no use try to convince them.  
C) Should you have any questions regardless the application process, don't hesitate to contact us.  
D) Talked with the parents, the teacher decided to change his approach slightly.  
E) It was until last night that they found where the leak was.
19. While some think their destiny is \_\_\_\_\_, some believe they are the master of their fate.  
A) predetermine  
B) predetermination  
C) predetermining  
D) predetermined  
E) predeterminingly
20. \_\_\_\_\_ by the time an agreement is reached.  
A) It was too late  
B) It had been too lately  
C) It is too lately  
D) It must have been too late  
E) It will be too late

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## Section C: Reading Comprehension (40%)

This section has ten items, and each correct answer is worth 4%.

Instruction: You will read two passages, A and B. Questions 21-25 are based on passage A, and questions 26-30 are based on passage B.

Passage A: (excerpted from a *National Geographic* article written by Susan Ager and published on June 13, 2015)

Saturday is the first International Albinism Awareness Day, declared by the United Nations, because 40 years ago a Canadian boy was bullied for having poor eyesight, pale skin, and white hair from a genetic condition as old as humanity.

That boy with albinism survived the taunts and punches. But decades later, Peter Ash saw reports of others who did not survive their attackers. In parts of sub-Saharan Africa, Ash learned, people with albinism are considered ghost spirits, called zero zero or "nothingness." They are thought stupid or evil. They are deemed both less and more than human.

Their body parts are *coveted* for witch-doctor potions that promise riches, bounteous harvests, and election victories. An albino arm might sell for \$4,000 and an entire body—limbs, genitals, ears, tongue and nose—can fetch up to \$75,000, according to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

In Tanzania, the first African country Ash visited, he met the family of a 6-year-old girl whose *assailants* hacked off her arms and her legs, then slit her throat and cut out her tongue.

"My wife and I, fortunate to have done well, had been wondering how we could serve," the Vancouver investor recalls. "When I got to Tanzania, I felt truly called."

He had worked for a time as a minister and counselor before changing his career to commercial real estate investor. But he is now best known as probably the world's leading activist for albinism education, inclusion and protection. By lobbying the United Nations, he helped create International Albinism Awareness Day, which will occur each June 13.

21. Which of the following statement is CORRECT?

- A) The first albino was discovered in Canada 40 years ago.
- B) Albinism is a genetic condition that exists only in Canada.
- C) The United Nations first became aware of albinism 40 year ago.
- D) Albinos have poor eyesight, pale skin, and fair hair.
- E) Albinism only exists in boys.

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22. Albinos are \_\_\_\_.

- A) ghost spirits.
- B) thought to be less intelligent.
- C) witch-doctors.
- D) violence-prone.
- E) from sub-Saharan African.

23. Which of the following words can best replace the word *coveted* in paragraph 3?

- A) sought after
- B) compensated
- C) set up
- D) dumbfounded
- E) taken down

24. Which of following words is synonymous to the word *assailants* in paragraph 4?

- A) witch-doctors
- B) ministers
- C) assaulters
- D) venders
- E) guardians

25. What can be inferred about albinos from this passage?

- A) Albinos are better received in Africa.
- B) There were no records of Albinos until the end of the twentieth century.
- C) Albinos are medicine men and women.
- D) Albinos are considered beautiful because of their fair skin.
- E) Albinos are discriminated.

Passage B: (excerpted from a *New York Times* article written by David Brooks and published on June 12, 2015)

Every society has its rites of passage, marking the transition from youth to adulthood. Most of these rites of passage are ritualized and structured, with adult supervision and celebration. But the major rite of passage in our society is unrationalized, unstructured and unnamed. Most of the people in the middle of it don't even know it is going on. It happens between ages 22 and 30.

The people who endure this rite of passage have often attended colleges where they were not taught how to work hard. As Richard Arum and Josipa Roksa write in their book "Aspiring Adults Adrift," the average student at a four-year

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college studies alone just over one hour per day. That is roughly half of how much students were compelled to study just a generation ago. (A)

Meanwhile, colleges have become socially rich, stocked with student centers, student organizations, expensive gyms, concerts and activities. *As Arum's and Roksa's research demonstrates, academic life is of secondary or \_\_ (28) \_\_ importance to most students. Social life comes first.* (B) Students experience college as a place to meet other people and learn to build relationships.

When they leave campus, though, most of those social connections and structures are ripped away. Suddenly fresh alumni are cast out into a world almost without support organizations and compelled to hustle for themselves.

These twenty-somethings live in a world of radical freedom, flux and insecurity. Surveys show they are very pessimistic about the state of the country, but amazingly optimistic about their own eventual destiny. (C) According to the Clark University Poll of Emerging Adults, 86 percent agree with the statement, "I am confident that eventually I will get what I want out of life."

(D) They are largely unattached to religious institutions. Two-thirds report that they are not politically engaged. Half the students in Arum's and Roksa's recent study reported that they lacked clear goals or a sense of direction two years after graduation.

Yet they are not sure they want to rush into adulthood. (E) As Jeffrey Jensen Arnett and Elizabeth Fishel write in "Getting to 30," "The value of youth has risen, and the desirability of adulthood has dropped accordingly. Today's young people expect to reach adulthood eventually, and they expect to enjoy their adult lives, but most are in no hurry to get there."

One way they cope is by moving back home. A third of the graduates in the Arum and Roksa sample were living at home, levels roughly double the share of grads living at home in the 1960s. Three-quarters of 18- to 25-year-olds who were not living at home received financial assistance from their parents. American parents provide an average of \$38,000 in assistance to their young adult children.

26. What would be a good definition of the expression "rites of passage"?

- A) Supervised architectural works.
- B) Pathways between cities or countries.
- C) Rights of way in designated areas.
- D) Ceremonies indicative of moving from one phase of life to another.
- E) Dance rituals that teenagers have to learn before going to college.

27. According to the passage, which of the following statements about current college students is INCORRECT?

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- A) They are eager to embrace adulthood.  
B) Academic life is no longer their priority.  
C) More graduates choose to move back with their parents.  
D) They are less enthusiastic about politics or religion.  
E) The prospects of their country look grim to them.
28. Which word best completes the following sentence in paragraph 3 and coheres the meaning of the paragraph?  
*As Arum's and Roksa's research demonstrates, academic life is of secondary or \_\_\_\_ importance to most students.*  
A) terrestrial  
B) tumultuous  
C) titanic  
D) turbulent  
E) tertiary
29. What is the best place to insert the sentence below?  
*In the meantime, many spend the first few years out of college aspiring but adrift.*  
A) A  
B) B  
C) C  
D) D  
E) E
30. Which statement about graduates from college is CORRECT?  
A) Most of them know exactly what they would like to accomplish in life.  
B) One-third of them prefer to have a place of their own.  
C) Many of them are financially dependent on their parents.  
D) They think their future is bleak.  
E) None of the statements above is true.