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I. Choose appropriate answers to complete the following passages. There are 25 items in this section. Each correct answer is worth two points. (50%)

Coraline by Neil Gaiman is a weird and delightfully scary fairy tale / ghost story. I call it "delightfully scary" because while it (1) the reader's attention with creepy (2) that may cause a case of the shivers, it is not the kind of scary book that (3) nightmares of the "it could happen to me" kind. The story (4) around the very strange experiences Coraline has when she and her parents move into an apartment in an old house. Coraline must save herself and her parents from the evil forces that (5) them. I recommend *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman for ages 8-12.

Source: www.thoughtco.com

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| 1. A) trips | B) clips | C) grips | D) flips |
| 2. A) happen | B) happens | C) happened | D) happenings |
| 3. A) lead to | B) leads to | C) led to | D) leading to |
| 4. A) revolves | B) evolves | C) involves | D) devolves |
| 5. A) heighten | B) risk | C) threaten | D) strengthen |

However, a different reaction is called for when an enemy is also a bully. Enemies in this category lack the maturity to control their (6). The result is insults, attempts to (7) your happiness or your reputation, and even physical violence. This is a serious matter that must be dealt with firmly. Sad cases such as that of Phoebe Prince, a 13-year-old immigrant to the US who committed suicide after constant bullying, have raised public (8) of such destructive behavior. For the sake of your welfare (as well as theirs), such enemies cannot be ignored. They must be (9) and stopped, preferably with the help of a counselor or other (10).

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| 6. A) hospitality | B) hostility | C) huggability | D) humility |
| 7. A) undertake | B) underestimate | C) undermine | D) underpin |
| 8. A) unconsciousness | B) concreteness | C) awareness | D) weariness |
| 9. A) confrontation | B) confront | C) confronts | D) confronted |
| 10. A) vocational | B) confrontational | C) institutional | D) professional |

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Role models who (11) high ethical or moral values are typically not the people who make the news. We've all been (12) to public figures who qualify as "anti-role models." Their antics include (13) toward paparazzi or abuse of illegal drugs. (14), the attention these anti-role models receive can lead others to lose their moral (15). They start to believe that, by misbehaving every once in a while, they too can get more out of life.

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| 11. A) uphold | B) withhold | C) behold | D) freehold |
| 12. A) exploited | B) expounded | C) exposed | D) exploded |
| 13. A) aggress | B) aggressor | C) aggressive | D) aggression |
| 14. A) Incredibly | B) Unfortunately | C) Indiscriminately | D) Tentatively |
| 15. A) compass | B) composition | C) compensation | D) compassion |

The most powerful weapon vegetarians have is the (16) cruelty of the meat (17). There is no excuse for making a living thing suffer unnecessarily. And there is no doubt that pigs, cows, chickens, and other animals that we eat do, in fact, suffer. In factory farms, (18) animals receive abuse that would be rightly (19) (and in many places, be made illegal) if suffered by a family pet. These animals live short, miserable lives in tiny cages without ever seeing daylight, just because it is (20). This is criminal.

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| 16. A) digestible | B) undeniable | C) irresistible | D) inedible |
| 17. A) industrial | B) industrious | C) industry | D) industriousness |
| 18. A) million | B) million of | C) millions | D) millions of |
| 19. A) condemned | B) condoned | C) conducted | D) condensed |
| 20. A) cost | B) costly | C) cost-effective | D) cost-free |

Despite the popular myth, Walt Disney's body was not frozen. In fact, Disney died a year before the first man was cryogenically (21). Cryonics, the study of preserving tissues by lowering them to very low temperatures, can be traced back to the 1960's to a professor of physics at Wayne State University named Robert Ettinger. Ettinger, considered to be the "father of cryonics," just died last year at 92. His body remains cryogenically preserved in a (22) just outside of Detroit, MI.

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In his 1962 book *Prospect of Immortality*, Ettinger described the moral and practical characteristics of cryogenic preservation. The manifesto (23) a public nerve during a time when people were already frayed by the Cold War and the general intellectual (24) of the time, including the development of such things as the atomic bomb, microwave ovens, and Sputnik. Ettinger's ideas did not seem impossible. While most academics handedly dismissed Ettinger, his ideas (25) him into instant public celebrity.

Source: dujs.dartmouth.edu

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| 21. A) deserved | B) reserved | C) preserved | D) conserved |
| 22. A) facility | B) fatality | C) fecundity | D) frugality |
| 23. A) stuck | B) struck | C) stock | D) stick |
| 24. A) unattainability | B) impossibility | C) disposability | D) uncertainty |
| 25. A) launched | B) crunched | C) stitched | D) punched |

II. In the following passage, there are 10 underlined words. Decide whether they are **CORRECT** or **INCORRECT**. Each correct answer is worth two points. (20%)

What do economists say about the (26) instinctive to help the homeless? (For these purposes, I'm ignoring the altruism factor, the idea that if giving 50 cents makes us feel good then it's an (27) inherent justifiable donation.) Some argue that (28) giving cash to (29) cash-needy people is the most efficient way to spend (30) them. Indeed, the Congressional Budget Office (31) state explicitly that the most efficient government stimulus (32) targeting the poorest Americans. And who's poorer than a homeless person? What's more, if you (33) donate to a charity, there are administrative costs and time lags. If you put your money in the hands of a beggar, however, it's fast, (34) easily, and guaranteed to (35) spend immediately.

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| 26. A) CORRECT | B) INCORRECT |
| 27. A) CORRECT | B) INCORRECT |
| 28. A) CORRECT | B) INCORRECT |
| 29. A) CORRECT | B) INCORRECT |
| 30. A) CORRECT | B) INCORRECT |
| 31. A) CORRECT | B) INCCORECT |
| 32. A) CORRECT | B) INCORRECT |
| 33. A) CORRECT | B) INCORRECT |
| 34. A) CORRECT | B) INCORRECT |
| 35. A) CORRECT | B) INCORRECT |

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III. Read the passages and answer the questions that follow. Each correct answer is worth two points. (30%)

Passage A: The following passage is for questions 36-42.

The idea behind *Coraline* can be found in the quotation by C.K. Chesterton that precedes the beginning of the story: "Fairy tales are more than true: not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us dragons can be beaten."

This short novel tells the amazing, and creepy, tale of what happens when a girl named Coraline and her parents move into an apartment on the second floor of a very old house. Two elderly retired actresses live on the ground floor and an old and quite strange man who says he is training a mouse circus, lives in the flat above Coraline's family.

Coraline's parents are frequently distracted and don't pay a lot of attention to her, the neighbors keep pronouncing her name incorrectly, and Coraline is bored.

In the course of exploring the house, Coraline discovers a door that opens onto a brick wall. Her mother explains that when the house was divided into apartments, the doorway was bricked up between their apartment and "the empty flat on the other side of the house, the one that's still for sale."

Strange sounds, shadowy creatures in the night, cryptic warnings from her neighbors, a scary reading of tea leaves and the gift of a stone with a hole in it because it's "good for bad things, sometimes," are all rather unsettling.

However, it's when Coraline opens the door to the brick wall, finds the wall gone, and walks into the supposedly empty apartment that things get really strange and frightening.

The apartment is furnished. Living in it are a woman who sounds much like Coraline's mother and introduces herself as Coraline's "other mother" and Coraline's "other father." Both have button eyes, "big and black and shiny." While initially enjoying the good food and attention, Coraline finds more and more to worry her. Her other mother insists they want her to stay forever, her real parents disappear, and Coraline quickly realizes that it will be up to her to save herself and her real parents.

The story of how she copes with her "other mother" and the strange versions of her real neighbors, how she helps and gets helped by three young ghosts and a talking cat, and how

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she frees herself and rescues her real parents by being brave and resourceful is dramatic and exciting. While the pen and ink illustrations by Dave McKean are appropriately creepy, they are not really necessary. Neil Gaiman does a superb job of painting pictures with words, making it easy for readers to visualize each scene.

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36. *Coraline* is a story _____.
- A) about dragons.
 - B) that proves fairy tales are true stories.
 - C) a courageous girl's experiences.
 - D) about button-eyed enighbors.
37. According to paragraph 1, which of the following statements is **TRUE**?
- A) G.K. Chesterton co-wrote *Coraline*.
 - B) Dragons are real and can be defeated.
 - C) Chesterton illustrated *Coraline*.
 - D) Something written by Chesterton is borrowed by the author.
38. Which of the following statements is **NOT TRUE** about Coraline's neighbors?
- A) They have trouble saying her name.
 - B) Two of them are young actresses.
 - C) All of them are old.
 - D) Two of them are not working anymore.
39. What is **TRUE** about the flat on the other side of the brick wall?
- A) It has been sold.
 - B) The flat is empty.
 - C) The flat has furniture in it.
 - D) The flat is on the ground floor.
40. Which of the following expressions is closest in meaning to the word "initially" in the sentence, "While **initially** enjoying the good food and attention, Coraline finds more and more to worry her"?
- A) By all means
 - B) At the beginning
 - C) For the time being
 - D) First and foremost

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41. Which of the following statement about the story is **NOT TRUE**?
- A) There are different versions of the same characters in the story.
 - B) The ghosts in the story are helpful.
 - C) Coraline's parents rescue her from the button-eyed couple.
 - D) Coraline is often neglected by her parents.
42. What can we know about Neil Gaiman?
- A) He illustrated *Coraline*.
 - B) He is masterful with words.
 - C) He co-wrote *Coraline* with G.K. Chesterton.
 - D) He co-wrote the story with Dave McKean.

Passage B: The following passage is for questions 43-50.

I never thought I'd say this but I sort of miss the class consciousness of my old country which I grew up hating. The reason I miss it is because at least we're aware of it. It seems to me that in the U.S. you have a class system that operates every bit as ruthlessly as the British class system but under the veneer of classless meritocracy. There isn't even a self-awareness.

The tax incentives that are available to buy houses in the U.S. are necessarily tilted. ... Something like \$70 billion go on mortgage interest deductions and the deductions for local property taxes. [I]t means that we're not increasing housing ownership in terms of the breadth; we're increasing it in terms of depth. We're actually encouraging people who already have a lot of wealth to just double down on that by buying an even bigger house [and then selling it for even more money later] — and you'll get an even bigger tax incentive for doing so. And so the entire cycle is almost designed to seal off the upper-middle class from everybody else.

Many of the mechanisms actually have racist roots. So the zoning laws quite often ... had racist origins. Legacy preferences are one way college admissions are rigged. Legacy preferences are genuinely extraordinary in the sense that no other country in the world does that.

They're actually an attempt by elite colleges to keep Jewish students out, and so what you see is these sort of mechanisms that were evolved for different reasons. Now they interweave with each other to create a deeply unequal society.

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I've come to believe that the dangerous separation of the American upper-middle class from the rest of society is a huge problem for politics because there's a sense of a bubble, there's a sense of people who are kind of making out pretty well from current trends and who are increasingly separate — occupationally, residentially, educationally and economically — from the rest of society. They are also **disproportionately** powerful and the fact that they are not only separate but unaware of the degree to which the system works in their favor strikes me as one of the most dangerous political facts of our time.

Source: www.npr.org

43. Which of the following headings is the most suitable for paragraph 1?
- A) How these trends drive the history we're living now
 - B) The class difference between the U.S. and the U. K.
 - C) Where the system came from
 - D) How the tax system helps wealthy people buy houses near the best schools
44. What can be inferred from paragraph 1?
- A) There is no class system in Britain.
 - B) The author likes the class system in America.
 - C) There is some kind of class system in the U.S., but Americans are not aware of it.
 - D) The class system is universal.
45. Which of the following headings is the most suitable for paragraph 2?
- A) How these trends drive the history we're living now
 - B) The class difference between the U.S. and the U. K.
 - C) Where the system came from
 - D) How the tax system helps wealthy people buy houses near the best schools
46. The term **tax incentive(s)** appears twice in paragraph two. Which of the following is a good definition of **tax incentive**?
- A) A tax from one has to fill out
 - B) A tax one has to pay
 - C) A taxpayer
 - D) A tax deduction

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47. Which of the following headings is the most suitable for paragraphs 3 and 4?
- A) How these trends drive the history we're living now
 - B) The class difference between the U.S. and the U. K.
 - C) Where the system came from
 - D) How the tax system helps wealthy people buy houses near the best schools
48. What can be inferred from paragraphs 3 and 4?
- A) Implicit measures were implemented to prevent Jewish students from attending certain universities.
 - B) Legacy preferences are a way to attract the best students.
 - C) Many universities around the world practices legacy preferences.
 - D) Legacy preferences are indiscriminate.
49. Which of the following headings is the most suitable for paragraph 5?
- A) How these trends drive the history we're living now
 - B) The class difference between the U.S. and the U. K.
 - C) Where the system came from
 - D) How the tax system helps wealthy people buy houses near the best schools
50. Which of the following words is synonymous to the word **disproportionately** in paragraph five?
- A) Moderately
 - B) Improperly
 - C) Inadvertently
 - D) Interestingly

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