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考試科目：英文

注意事項

- 一、所有的答案都必須寫在答案卷上；寫在本試題卷上不予計分。
- 二、本試題卷必須與答案卷一併繳回。
- 三、禁止使用任何型式的字典。

Part One: Test on General English (共 50 小題，每小題 1 分)

I. Vocabulary

For each of the following questions, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

1. Our recruiter will be traveling to several universities to interview graduating students for _____ in our marketing department.
(A) occupation (B) positions (C) performance (D) talents
2. Please _____ your supervisor as soon as possible in the event of a machinery failure.
(A) announce (B) express (C) declare (D) notify
3. _____ having several years of experience in management, Pedro Castillo did not get the promotion for which he applied.
(A) In spite of (B) Unless (C) Regardless (D) Even so
4. The manufacturer recommends machine-drying at low temperatures; high temperatures may result in excessive shrinkage and shorten the life of a _____.
(A) garment (B) clothing (C) fabrication (D) fitting
5. Because of rush-hour congestion in Farmington, several large corporations are implementing _____ work-hour programs.
(A) submissive (B) inclusive (C) tangible (D) flexible
6. Dairy exports _____ for only five percent of the country's total agricultural sales.
(A) assign (B) account (C) charge (D) contribute
7. To attract applicants who _____ might not be interested, Phantom Chemical Laboratories is offering each new hire a relocation allowance.
(A) except (B) whether (C) besides (D) otherwise

8. The _____ from most of our readers was positive, though many wondered why we wanted to transform a layout that was already so appealing.
(A) inquiry (B) feedback (C) intention (D) hesitation
9. Negotiators should be aware that the Prime Minister has a very _____ manner of speaking.
(A) mutual (B) direct (C) adjacent (D) existing
10. Researcher Clement Chappelle was awarded \$500,000 by the Ogden County Council to analyze the _____ of removing dams along the River Bourne.
(A) uncertainty (B) quantity (C) comprehensibility (D) feasibility

II. Grammar

A. Error Recognition

In each question four words or expressions are underlined. Choose the one that contains an error.

11. It has been found that the length of light or dark periods influence certain activities of flowering plants.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
12. Bats use echoes of their own high-frequency sounds to detect food and avoiding obstacles.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
13. The size of the pupil, according to psychologists, is effected by mental activity.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
14. Even though Wallace and Darwin conceived the idea of natural selection at the same time, Darwin was credited because his earlier papers.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
15. Walter Hunt, although was not credited for many of his inventions, is known for the invention of the safety-pin.
(A) (B) (C) (D)

B. Incomplete Sentences

Read the sentences and select the most appropriate word or phrase from the choices provided.

16. Aristotle, one of the greatest natural philosophers, _____, the leading cultural and intellectual city in Greece.
(A) of Athens (B) living in Athens
(C) he lived in Athens (D) lived in Athens
17. _____ people with high blood pressure may not exhibit symptoms, they may not be aware they have the disease.
(A) Because (B) Although (C) However (D) So that
18. Roquefort cheese is named for the region of France _____ it was first accidentally produced.
(A) where (B) while (C) as (D) after
19. Solar heat penetrates more deeply into water than _____.
(A) it is penetrating into soil (B) it does into soil
(C) does it into soil (D) that it does into soil
20. It was the impact of the railroad _____ agriculture in the West.
(A) it expanded (B) expanded
(C) that it had expanded (D) that expanded

III. Cloze

There are three cloze passages below. Each contains three questions. Select the best answer for each question.

Cloze Passage I

In accordance with international security regulations, the following items are never allowed to be taken onto a plane by passengers, either in their carry-on bags 21 in their checked luggage: Weapons, including knives and guns; explosives, including dynamite and fireworks.

The following items may be placed in checked luggage but not in carry-on bags: Tools, including hammers, screwdrivers, and wrenches; sports equipment 22 golf clubs, baseball bats, and skis and ski poles.

When you pass through the 23 line, all bags will go through our X-ray machines and some bags will be manually checked by personnel, as well. Thank you for your cooperation. Have a safe and pleasant flight.

21. (A) or (B) nor (C) but (D) then
22. (A) so (B) such as (C) example (D) instance
23. (A) ticket (B) arrival (C) security (D) reservations

Cloze Passage 2

I'm writing to inquire about money due. We 24 about payment on your last order. It was due in July. Could you please explain the delay? I have left several phone messages over the past few weeks, but they have not been answered. Your company has always been prompt in paying our bills, and we would like to continue to maintain a good relationship with you. However, this is an unusually long delay, and if we don't hear from you soon, we 25 to take action. Please contact me by fax or phone as soon as possible with an explanation and the date when we will receive the overdue payment. The details of your 26, including items and prices, are available on the following two pages.

24. (A) is concerned (B) are concerned
(C) had concerned (D) have concerned
25. (A) will have (B) have had (C) would have (D) going to have
26. (A) form (B) credit (C) order (D) rebate

Cloze Passage 3

The electric company is 27 its rates by 25% next month, so we need to look at ways to reduce our electricity usage. Below is a list of recommendations. Please distribute this list to the departments in your area.

Ways to Reduce Electricity Expenses

1. Lights: Turn off the lights in meeting rooms when your meeting ends. Turn off the lights in the offices before you leave for the day.
2. Computers: At the day's end, turn off your computer.
3. Photocopying: Don't photocopy and fax documents. Most documents can 28 electronically.
4. Fans/Heaters: Using fans or heaters in the office should not be necessary. The building's temperature is set at a comfortable level. If your office is too cool or warm, please contact the maintenance staff.
5. Home Office Option: 29 employees to work at home one or more days a week saves money in many ways, including on electricity. Employees who are interested in this option should speak to their supervisors.

27. (A) cutting (B) increasing (C) dividing (D) improving
28. (A) send (B) sent (C) to send (D) be sent
29. (A) Allow (B) Allowing (C) To allow (D) Will allow

IV. Reading Comprehension

In this part you will read two passages. Each passage is followed by several questions. Select the best answer for each question.

Reading Passage 1

About 20,000 years ago, the last Ice Age was at its height. Outside the tropics, temperatures were as much as 15 degrees lower than today, and vast ice-sheets covered almost one-quarter of the earth's present land surface. In the northern hemisphere, they reached as far south as Chicago and London.

5 These severe conditions persisted for several thousand years, but at length the ice-sheets began to retreat as average temperatures slowly rose. As the ice-sheets and glaciers melted, the sea rose again, and by 5000 B.C. had reached almost its present height. In the process, large areas of formerly dry land were drowned, but the milder temperatures more than compensated for this, in human terms, by encouraging an increasing abundance of plant and animal food. Forests, with
10 their accompanying wildlife, recolonized much of the former arctic wastes while grasslands, likewise teeming with game, replaced the deserts around the equator. For mankind this was a period of new possibilities, and in several parts of the world human societies grasped these opportunities by developing a completely new ways of life, based on farming.

This had two aspects. On the one hand there was agriculture—the deliberate alternation of
15 natural systems in order to produce an abundance of a particular variety of plants. On the other came the domestication of useful animal species to provide milk, meat, hides, or wool, and a vital source of power for plowing and other agricultural processes. Thus, full-scale agriculture developed and many of the species domesticated by the early farmers have remained the mainstay of agricultural economies to this day—such as wheat and barley, rice and millet, corn, beans, and the
20 potato.

These changes were revolutionary, for they marked the development of a completely new way of life. The immense impact of agriculture, vastly increasing the number of people who could be fed and clothed, and in the process transforming the face of the earth, makes it one of the most important developments in the history of mankind.

30. The passage primarily discusses the

- (A) development of agriculture.
- (B) history of Mankind.
- (C) end of the Ice Age.
- (D) beginning of human society.

31. The word "they" in line 3 refers to

- (A) 20,000 years.
- (B) the tropics.
- (C) temperatures.
- (D) ice-sheets.

32. According to the passage, the effect of a rise in temperature was to

- (A) increase the height of the glaciers.
- (B) drown some of the humans.
- (C) submerge some of the land.

- (D) produce many more animals.
33. The phrase "in the process" in line 7 is closest in meaning to
- (A) at the same time.
 - (B) in the act.
 - (C) over and above.
 - (D) according to plan.
34. The author mentions all of the following as important for the development of agriculture EXCEPT the
- (A) growth of the deserts.
 - (B) change of temperatures.
 - (C) increase of birds and animals.
 - (D) spread of woodlands.
35. The word "teeming" in line 11 is closest in meaning to
- (A) satisfying.
 - (B) redundant.
 - (C) abounding.
 - (D) saturated.
36. From the passage it can be inferred that agriculture was developed mainly to
- (A) domesticate animals for food and use.
 - (B) introduce a new way of life.
 - (C) produce a wide variety of plants.
 - (D) provide food and clothing for society.
37. The word "this" in line 14 refers to
- (A) a period.
 - (B) mankind.
 - (C) agriculture.
 - (D) life.
38. The word "mainstay" in line 18 is closest in meaning to
- (A) fundamentals.
 - (B) realities.
 - (C) requirements.
 - (D) concerns.
39. The author mentions a disadvantage of a changing climate in
- (A) lines 7-9.
 - (B) lines 11-13.
 - (C) lines 14-15.
 - (D) lines 22-24.

Reading Passage 2

The art or science of alchemy is of great antiquity, for it has been practiced for over two thousand years. It also has a long history, for there are still alchemists to be found in continents as far apart as America, Europe, and Asia. Its heyday was from about 800 A.D. to the middle of the seventeenth century, and its practitioners ranged from kings, popes, and emperors to minor clergy, merchants, doctors, and clerks.

Alchemy is of a twofold nature, outward or exoteric, and hidden or esoteric. Exoteric alchemy is concerned with attempts to prepare a substance, the philosophers' stone, or simply the Stone, endowed with the power of transmuting the base metals lead, tin, copper, iron, and mercury into the precious metals gold and silver. The Stone was credited not only with the power of transmutation but with being able to prolong human life indefinitely. In esoteric alchemy, the transmutation of metals became symbolic of the transformation of men into perfect beings.

The two kinds of alchemy became inextricably mixed with the search for the Stone and mystical beliefs intertwined.

It has to be remembered that the practical alchemists were well aware that if they succeeded in making gold artificially, their lives might be in great danger from avaricious people.

Even the suspicion that they had discovered the secret was often sufficient to endanger them. One alchemist complained that falling under suspicion, he had to disguise himself, shave off his beard, and put on a wig before he was able to escape, under a false name. He added that he knew of people who had been found strangled in their beds simply because they were thought to have found the Stone, though in reality they knew no more about it than their murderers.

40. What does the passage mainly discuss?

- (A) The dual character of alchemy.
- (B) The dangers of alchemy.
- (C) People who practiced alchemy.
- (D) The metals used in alchemy.

41. What can be inferred from alchemy being described as art or science?

- (A) Art and science were the same discipline in ancient times.
- (B) It was difficult to classify art or science in those days.
- (C) Alchemy could be considered as either art or science because of its double nature.
- (D) Alchemy consisted of two different subjects, so did both art and science.

42. The word "heyday" in line 3 is closest in meaning to

- (A) a financially rewarding era.
- (B) the most successful period.
- (C) the luckiest years.
- (D) the happiest time.

43. From the passage it can be inferred that alchemists were knowledgeable about

- (A) religion.

- (B) art.
 - (C) philosophy.
 - (D) science.
44. The word "its" in line 4 refers to
- (A) history.
 - (B) century.
 - (C) alchemy.
 - (D) antiquity.
45. According to the passage, the alchemists thought gold could be produced from
- (A) precious metals.
 - (B) silver.
 - (C) base metals.
 - (D) crushed stone.
46. The word "transmuting" in line 8 is closest in meaning to
- (A) diverting.
 - (B) transferring.
 - (C) converting.
 - (D) modifying.
47. It can be inferred from the passage that alchemists
- (A) combined research and meditation.
 - (B) believed in scientific symbols.
 - (C) became extremely good people.
 - (D) lived to a very old age.
48. The word "avaricious" in line 15 is closest in meaning to
- (A) jealous.
 - (B) greedy.
 - (C) miserly.
 - (D) violent.
49. According to the passage, to escape danger alchemist had to
- (A) hide inside their houses.
 - (B) tell people their secrets.
 - (C) change their appearance.
 - (D) be suspicious of people.
50. Where in the passage does the author mention the basis of the Stone?
- (A) Lines 1-3.
 - (B) Lines 9-10.
 - (C) Lines 12-13.

(D) Lines 18-20.

Part Two: Test of Written English (50%)

What are some qualities you consider essential for being a linguist?

Write your answer in no more than 400 English words.