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考試科目：英文綜合測驗

Section A: Vocabulary 30% (this section is worth a total of 30 points with each correct answer earning 3 points)

Directions: Questions 1-10 are incomplete sentences and followed by five suggested answers. Choose one answer that best fits or coheres the meaning of each sentence.

1. A big number of U.S. companies _____ the government with visa applications for highly skilled foreign workers last week.
(A) flooded
(B) frozen
(C) rained
(D) thawed
(E) thundered
2. In a video provided by an eyewitness, a police officer was seen _____ a suspect several times in the face after a pursuit, according to a suit filed by a lawyer against the alleged police brutality.
(A) caressing
(B) patting
(C) punching
(D) smelling
(E) touching
3. Arthur C. Clarke, who died last month at the age of 90, was the foremost science fiction writer of his time and the co-author of the book *2001: A Space Odyssey*. As a boy he displayed a great _____ for the workings of the world.
(A) detachment
(B) enthusiasm
(C) hostility
(D) indifference
(E) nonchalance
4. Including addiction with other mental illnesses is a chance to _____ a disease that brings pain and suffering to millions of people and their families.

- (A) de-class
 - (B) de-stigmatize
 - (C) diagnose
 - (D) improve
 - (E) re-name
5. Declining house prices, rising job layoffs, skyrocketing oil costs and a major credit _____ have brought consumer confidence to its lowest point in the United States in five years, according to U.S. economists.
- (A) crunch
 - (B) excess
 - (C) extension
 - (D) overflow
 - (E) upturn
6. The fierce competition for admission to the nation's most _____ universities and colleges became even more intense this year, with many reporting record low acceptance rates.
- (A) preposterous
 - (B) prestigious
 - (C) obscure
 - (D) secluded
 - (E) underrated
7. A spokesperson for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said on Monday that the Orion _____, which could take astronauts to the space station and the Moon, was not scheduled to begin flights until 2015.
- (A) cannon
 - (B) canoe
 - (C) capsule
 - (D) rocket
 - (E) speedboat
8. It was a _____ dream come true to have 10,000 square feet of concrete and a permit to paint.
- (A) beautician's
 - (B) graffiti artist's
 - (C) neurologist's
 - (D) ornithologist's

- (E) soprano's
9. The *Washington Post* became the first daily newspaper in Washington to publish seven times a week in 1880, thereby _____ the death knell for the Sunday weeklies.
- (A) avoiding
 - (B) challenging
 - (C) feeling
 - (D) precluding
 - (E) sounding
10. Addressing a huge audience in Pennsylvania early this month, New York senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and presidential hopeful said that she, like Rocky Balboa, was not a _____, although admitting she faced an uphill battle for the Democratic presidential nomination.
- (A) dreamer
 - (B) quitter
 - (C) orator
 - (D) runner
 - (E) soothsayer

Section B: Grammar and Expression 30% (this section is worth a total of 30 points with each correct answer earning 3 points)

Directions: Questions 11-20 are incomplete sentences and followed by five suggested answers. Choose one answer that best fits or coheres the meaning of each sentence.

11. Strong thunderstorms toppled trees, knocking out power and damaging homes last week across southern United States, _____ flooding in Kentucky forced evacuations, killing one person.
- (A) although
 - (B) because
 - (C) but
 - (D) despite
 - (E) while
12. David Sneath, a Ford Motor Co. worker who recently won a \$136 million Mega Millions jackpot, was contemplating a plan to finish his bachelor's degree, saying he is eight credits _____ a major in warehousing and a minor in international marketing.

- (A) due of
(B) excess of
(C) more than
(D) plenty of
(E) shy of
13. The YouTube video Web site announced recently that it and the rock band Rolling Stones _____ to launch a new entertainment channel.
(A) are collecting up
(B) gathered against
(C) parted company
(D) have teamed up
(E) have tuned out
14. The Vatican was trying to _____ the controversy with Jews _____ the Good Friday prayer, which was given by Pope Benedict earlier and which was perceived as a call to conversion by the Jewish population, before the Pope's first trip later this month to the United States since becoming pontiff.
(A) defuse ... over
(B) ignite ... over
(C) stoke ... at
(D) uniting ... on
(E) exploiting ... on
15. A remote-controlled submarine _____ the shipwrecked remains of an Australian battleship has revealed new clues to a World War II battle that cost more than 700 lives.
(A) is investigated
(B) scouring
(C) was scrubbed
(D) toured
(E) had traveled
16. Researchers reported recently that DNA test results may provide answers _____ the mystery of what befell the heirs of the last czar of Russia during the 1917 Russian revolution, noting that the answers may rest behind _____ laboratory doors in Moscow and New England.
(A) at ... open
(B) for ... closing

- (C) over ... padlocking
(D) to ... locked
(E) with ... secluding
17. Cindy King, a high school teacher in Texas, has been a foster mother to four children, the latest being Mary, _____ she took _____ when she was 6 months old.
(A) which ... down
(B) of which ... of
(C) who ... off
(D) whom ... in
(E) that ... out
18. The assumption that America is still a place _____ the rest of the world comes to reinvent itself is the _____ theme of Jhumpa Lahiri's sensitive new collection of stories, *Unaccustomed Earth*.
(A) which ... motivated
(B) of which ... underlain
(C) from which ... locked
(D) where ... padlocking
(E) where ... underlying
19. The conventional face of survivalism is _____ a shaggy loner in camouflage, holed up in a cabin in the wilderness and surrounded by cases of canned goods and ammunition.
(A) of which
(B) that
(C) that of
(D) which of
(E) where of
20. New York Times reporter Helen Cooper wrote recently that during her _____ years in Liberia in the 1970s, she had repeatedly visited Robertsfield, usually when _____ home from summer vacations.
(A) growing-up ... returning
(B) growing ... returned
(C) increased ... parting
(D) matured ... left
(E) ripe ... seeking

Section C: Reading Comprehension 40% (this section is worth a total of 40 points with each correct answer earning 4 points)

Directions: In this section you will read two passages and answer five questions out of each passage. Questions 21-30 are based on the two passages. Choose the best answer from the five suggested ones.

Passage One:

The following passage was taken from a recent New York Times article reporting on a highly unusual outbreak of measles in California in March, leaving 12 children ill. Read the quoted passage and answer the following five questions (21-25) accordingly. The article said that:

nine of them [the children] had not been inoculated against the virus because their parents objected, and that the other three were too young to receive vaccines. The parents who objected to their children being inoculated are among a small but growing number of vaccine skeptics in California and other states who take advantage of exemptions to laws requiring vaccinations for school-age children. The exemptions have been growing since the early 1990s at a rate that many epidemiologists, public health officials and physicians find disturbing. Children who are not vaccinated are unnecessarily susceptible to serious illnesses, they say, but also present a danger to children who have had their shots -- the measles vaccine, for instance, is only 95 percent effective -- and to those children too young to receive certain vaccines. Measles, almost wholly eradicated in the United States through vaccines, can cause pneumonia and brain swelling, which in rare cases can lead to death. Those who object to the inoculations because of their personal beliefs, often related to an unproven notion that vaccines are linked to autism and other disorders. (Steinhauer, Jennifer. "Rising Public Health Risk." New York Times 21 March 2008)

21. What is the health officials' view on the outbreak of measles?
- (A) alarmed
 - (B) indifferent
 - (C) pessimistic
 - (D) skeptic
 - (E) optimistic
22. Some parents refused to have their children inoculated against measles because they suspected the vaccines might cause
- (A) autism

- (B) heart failure
 - (C) pneumonia
 - (D) brain swelling
 - (E) memory loss
23. The number of parents who choose not to have their young children receive the measles vaccine is
- (A) declining
 - (B) dwindling
 - (C) growing
 - (D) shrinking
 - (E) unchanging
24. According to health officials, children who have not received the measles vaccine are
- (A) immune from the disease
 - (B) immune from autism
 - (C) susceptible to measles infection
 - (D) vulnerable to memory loss
 - (E) not better or worse compared with those who received the shots
25. Which of the following statements is true according to the above passage?
- (A) The measles vaccine is only 95 percent effective.
 - (B) Less than 12 young children in Iowa fell ill due to a recent measles outbreak there.
 - (C) Young children who have not received the vaccine will not be infected by those who are measles-infected.
 - (D) The United States has completely eradicated measles.
 - (E) Health officials strongly recommended parents that they do not inoculate their school-age children to protect them from developing autism.

Passage Two:

Alan Seeger, a Harvard graduate and an American poet, was best known for his World War I poem, "I Have a Rendezvous with Death." He wrote this poem while serving with the French Foreign Legion fighting for the cause of the Allies. He was killed in action at Belloy-en-Santerre, France, in 1916. The poem was published after his death in 1917. Read the entire poem and answer the following five questions (26-30) accordingly.

I Have a Rendezvous with Death (Alan Seeger 1888-1916)

1 I have a rendezvous with Death
2 At some disputed barricade,
3 When Spring comes back with rustling shade
4 And apple-blossoms fill the air --
5 I have a rendezvous with Death
6 When Spring brings back blue days and fair.

7 It may be he shall take my hand
8 And lead me into his dark land
9 And close my eyes and quench my breath --
10 It may be I shall pass him still.
11 I have a rendezvous with Death
12 On some scarred slope of battered hill,
13 When Spring comes round again this year
14 And the first meadow-flowers appear.

15 God knows 'twere better to be deep
16 Pillowed in silk and scented down,
17 Where Love throbs out in blissful sleep,
18 Pulse nigh to pulse, and breath to breath,
19 Where hushed awakenings are dear ...
20 But I've a rendezvous with Death
21 At midnight in some flaming town,
22 When Spring trips north again this year,
23 And I to my pledged word am true,
24 I shall not fail that rendezvous.

26. What is the speaker's attitude toward death?
- (A) embracing
 - (B) fearful
 - (C) loathing
 - (D) despising
 - (E) non-committed
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27. Where does the speaker expect to meet death?
- (A) at his home
 - (B) in the battle field
 - (C) in hospital

- (D) at friend's
 - (E) in church
28. When does the speaker foretell his death?
- (A) Spring
 - (B) Summer
 - (C) Autumn
 - (D) Winter
 - (E) It is not mentioned in the poem.
29. In line 7, the speaker alludes to a "he" that shall take his hand and lead him "into a dark land," who could this "he" possibly be?
- (A) his fellow soldier
 - (B) his superior
 - (C) his best friend
 - (D) Death
 - (E) God
30. Which of the following statements best describing the speaker's thought on meeting death at the end of the poem?
- (A) He becomes irresolute.
 - (B) He reasserts his will to die.
 - (C) He has a second thought.
 - (D) He thinks about postponing his death.
 - (E) He breaks his vow to meet his death.