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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: English Reading Comprehension Test (共 50 小題，每小題 1 分)

I. Grammatical Structure and Vocabulary

Section A

Directions: Beneath each of the following sentences, there are four choices marked A, B, C, and D. Choose the one that best completes the sentence. Mark your answer on the SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET.

Example:

I have been to New York three times _____ 1990.

- A. from B. after C. for D. since

The sentence should read, "I have been to the Great Wall three times since 1979." Therefore, you should choose D.

1. The Social Security Retirement Program is made up of two trust funds, _____ could go penniless by next year.
A. the larger one B. the larger of which C. the largest one D. the largest of which
2. Nowhere in nature is aluminum found free, owing to its always _____ with other elements, most commonly with oxygen.
A. combined B. having combined C. combine D. being combined
3. Andrew, my father's younger brother, will not be at the picnic, _____ to the family's disappointment.
A. much B. more C. too much D. much more
4. I would have gone to visit him in the hospital had it been at all possible, but I _____ fully occupied the whole of last week.
A. were B. had been C. have been D. was

5. Help will come from the UN, but the aid will be _____ near what's needed.
A. everywhere B. somewhere C. nowhere D. anywhere
6. The chief reason for the population growth isn't so much a rise in birth rates _____ a fall in death rates.
A. and B. as C. but D. or
7. Doing your homework is a sure way to improve your test scores, and this is especially true _____ it comes to classroom tests.
A. before B. as C. since D. when

Section B

Directions: Each of the following sentences has four underlined parts marked A, B, C and D. Identify the part of the sentence that is incorrect and mark your answer on the **SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET**.

Example:

A number of foreign visitors were taken to the industrial exhibition which they saw many new products.

A B C D

Part C is wrong. The sentence should read, "A number of foreign visitors were taken to the industrial exhibition where they saw many new products." So you should choose C.

8. Neither rain nor snow keeps the postman from delivering our letters which we so much look forward to receive.
A B C D
9. If they will not accept a check, we shall have to pay in cash, though it would be much trouble on both sides.
A B C D
10. The logic of scientific development is such that separates groups of men working on the same problem in far-scattered laboratories are likely to arrive at the same answer at the same time.
A B C D
11. Yet not all of these races are inferior to the European races, and some may even have a freshness and vitality that can renew the energies of more advanced races.
A B C D
12. As the children become financially independent of the family, the emphasis on family financial security will shift from protection to save for the retirement years.
A B C D

13. Were the Times Co. to purchase another major media company, there is no doubt that it could
A B
dramatically transform a family-ran enterprise that still gets 90% of its revenues from newspapers.
C D

Section C

Directions: Beneath each of the following sentences, there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the one that best completes the sentence. Mark your answer on the SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET.

Example:

The lost car of the Lees was found _____ in the woods off the highway.

- A. vanished B. scattered C. abandoned D. rejected

The sentence should read, "The lost car of the Lees was found abandoned in the woods off the highway." Therefore, you should choose C.

14. When workers are organized in trade unions, employers find it hard to lay them _____.
A. off B. aside C. out D. down
15. Nobody yet knows how long and how seriously the shakiness in the financial system will _____ down the economy.
A. put B. settle C. drag D. knock
16. In this factory the machines are not regulated _____ but are jointly controlled by a central computer system.
A. independently B. individually C. irrespectively D. irregularly
17. If businessmen are taxed too much, they will no longer be motivated to work hard, with the result that incomes from taxation might actually _____.
A. shrink B. delay C. disperse D. sink
18. I can't _____ what has happened to the vegetables, for they were freshly picked this morning.
A. figure out B. draw out C. look out D. work out
19. For the new country to survive, _____ for its people to enjoy prosperity, new economic policies will be required.
A. to name a few B. let alone C. not to speak D. let's say
20. Foreign disinvestments and the _____ of South Africa from world capital markets after 1985 further weakened its economy.
A. displacement B. abolishment C. exclusion D. exception
21. The returns in the short _____ may be small, but over a number of years the investment will be well repaid.
A. interval B. range C. span D. term

22. Please _____ yourself from smoking and spitting in public places, since the law forbids them.
A. restrain B. hinder C. restrict D. prohibit
23. He is planning another tour abroad, yet his passport will _____ at the end of this month.
A. expire B. exceed C. terminate D. cease
24. The local people were joyfully surprised to find the price of vegetables no longer _____ according to the weather.
A. altered B. converted C. fluctuated D. modified
25. Life insurance is financial protection for dependents against loss _____ the breadwinner's death.
A. at the cost of B. on the verge of C. as a result of D. for the sake of

II. Cloze

Directions: For each numbered blank in the following passage, there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the best one and mark your answer on the SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET.

The best drivers are those who mind their own business and take their 26 while behind the wheel. B.J. Campbell, former director of a highway safety research center, keeps long drives pleasant by staying in the 27 lane, driving just under the speed limit and "watching the world go by." Jacqueline Michaels has a similar attitude about her commute to work: "Yield . . . that's my 28. I'm happy to see the lead-footed drivers pass. And I never 29 at one who cuts me off. Why stir up the animals?"

Drivers who think they 30 the road and that every other vehicle is a 31 can make car trips trying . . . and 32. The way you react to the next hostile car you encounter may be key 33 your safety.

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| 26. A. look | B. money | C. pride | D. time |
| 27. A. bus | B. fast | C. slow | D. truck |
| 28. A. car | B. motto | C. speed | D. work |
| 29. A. honk | B. laugh | C. look | D. sneeze |
| 30. A. forget | B. find | C. know | D. own |
| 31. A. competitor | B. fool | C. friend | D. policeman |
| 32. A. dangerous | B. lonely | C. pleasant | D. tiring |
| 33. A. for | B. to | C. in | D. of |

III. Reading Comprehension

Directions: Each of the three passages below is followed by a number of questions. For each question there are four choices marked A, B, C, and D. Read the passages carefully and choose the best answer to each of the questions. Mark your answer on the SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET.

Passage 1

Despite its prevalence in human affairs, language is poorly understood. Misconceptions about it are legion, even among well-educated people, and not even professional linguists can claim to understand it fully. A person is radically mistaken to assume that the nature of language is self-evident or to conclude that we know all about a language just because we speak it. Gradually, however, we are learning about this rather remarkable and purely human instrument of communication. The purpose of this book is to summarize a significant portion of what we know about a language for the benefit of those with little or no previous training in linguistics.

34. This passage is taken from _____.
A. the acknowledgements in a book B. an introduction to a book
C. a book review D. a catalogue of books
35. Which of the following statements is NOT true?
A. Misconceptions about language are numerous.
B. Even professional linguists do not fully understand language.
C. The nature of language is self-evident.
D. Language is a unique tool of communication for human beings.
36. The book referred to in the passage is written primarily for _____.
A. linguists B. professionals C. polyglots D. beginners
37. The passage implies that _____.
A. language is ubiquitous in human affairs
B. we can know about a language because we speak it
C. the book in question is all-inclusive
D. language is prevalent in higher forms of living species

Passage 2

People sometimes talk of "typical" American humor, but actually there are regional styles in American humor just as there are regional styles in American cooking.

New England, for example, is noted for the shrewdness and taciturnity of inhabitants who, according to popular belief, waste nothing, not even a word.

A typical New England joke: Two New Englanders on a hiking trip passed a field of grain. "Nice wheat," said one, thereby breaking a two-day silence.

His companion, however, remained mute until that evening, when they stopped to make camp. Just before rolling into his blankets the second hiker spoke up. "Wasn't wheat," he muttered; "Was oats."

When the dissenter awoke the next morning, his companion was gone, leaving a terse note of explanation attached to a tree: "Leaving. Too much argument."

38. The typical American humor is _____.
A. all the same as the American cooking

- B. different from others according to the regions and its inhabitants
C. different from others according to one's points of view
D. all the same according to the experts' opinions
39. One of the characteristics of the inhabitants in New England is that _____.
A. they are anything but shrewd B. they like to exaggerate
C. they are boastful D. they say very little
40. These two New Englanders took a trip _____.
A. by car B. on a bus C. on foot D. on horseback
41. When one man said "Nice wheat," what did the other say then?
A. Nothing. B. He said, "Remain mute."
C. He said, "Mute." D. "You are wrong. It can't be wheat. It must be oats."
42. Who left a note on the tree?
A. The man who broke silence first.
B. The man who said "Wasn't wheat."
C. The dissenter.
D. The man who was left alone.

Passage 3

A balanced diet contains proteins, which are composed of complex amino acids. There are 20 types of amino acids, comprising about 16 percent of the body weight in a lean individual. A body needs all 20 to be healthy. Amino acids can be divided into two groups: essential and nonessential. There are 9 essential amino acids. These are the proteins that the body cannot produce by itself, so a healthy individual must ingest them. The 11 nonessential amino acids, on the other hand, are produced by the body, so it is not necessary to ingest them. Proteins are described as being either high-quality or low-quality, depending on how many of the 9 essential amino acids the food contains. High-quality proteins, typically found in animal meats, are proteins that have ample amounts of the essential amino acids. Low-quality proteins are mainly plant proteins and usually lack one or more of the essential amino acids. Since people who follow a strict vegetarian diet are ingesting only low-quality proteins, they must make sure that their diets contain a variety of proteins, in order to ensure that what is lacking in one food is available in another. This process of selecting a variety of the essential proteins is called protein complementation. Since an insufficient amount of protein in the diet can be crippling, and prolonged absence of protein can cause death, it is imperative that a vegetarian diet contain an ample amount of the essential proteins.

43. The word "lean" in line 2 could be best replaced by _____.
A. thin B. fat C. tall D. short
44. The word "ample" in line 8 is closest in meaning to which of the following?
A. meager B. frequent C. substantial D. harmful
45. Which of the following would NOT be an example of a low-quality protein?
A. legumes B. apples C. grains D. tuna

46. As used in line 9, which of the following words is closest in meaning to "strict"?
A. responsible B. casual C. harmonious D. rigid
47. According to the passage, a vegetarian could die from insufficient protein ingestion if he or she _____.
A. did not follow a varied and properly protein-complemented diet
B. ate too many animal proteins, and could not digest them properly
C. did not follow a diet in which nonessential proteins were ingested
D. ate too many low-quality proteins
48. Which of the following words could best replace the word "prolonged" in line 13?
A. narrow B. hollow C. hard-hearted D. extended
49. In line 13, the word "imperative" could be best replaced by _____.
A. crucial B. impossible C. wonderful D. satisfying
50. With what topic is this passage primarily concerned?
A. the 20 types of amino acids B. high- and low-quality proteins
C. the process of complementation D. proteins and vegetarians

Part Two: Test of Written English (50%)

It is often stated that Chinese has no grammar. Do you agree or disagree about this statement? Write your answer in no more than 400 English words.