I. Grammar and Vocabulary 60%

1. Where ____ you last night around eight pm?
   (A) was          (B) were
   (C) is          (D) are

2. Can you turn the _____ down on the radio? I am preparing for a test.
   (A) gas          (B) volume
   (C) flame        (D) light

3. It is _____ to watch TV all day long.
   (A) bored        (B) bore
   (C) boring       (D) bores

4. We must _____ happy whenever we can.
   (A) to be        (B) are
   (C) be          (D) will be

5. I look forward to _____ you again.
   (A) see          (B) seeing
   (C) be seen      (D) be seeing

6. After we shopped all day, it was nice to sit down in a coffee shop and _____.
   (A) relax        (B) excuse
   (C) appear       (D) admire

7. Who is the boy _____ brought you flowers today?
   (A) whom         (B) who
8. It only took her twenty minutes ______ the homework.
   (A) finishing  (B) to finish  
   (C) finished  (D) finish

9. Nobody knows ______.
   (A) what does he likes.  (B) what is his name.  
   (C) what his name is.  (D) what he like.

10. I am so glad to know that you have _____ the habit of smoking.
     (A) overcome  (B) possessed  
     (C) decided  (D) exhausted

11. She is ______ than you think. She can carry those boxes.
     (A) strong  (B) strongest  
     (C) stronger  (D) even strong

12. Heat and humidity is _____ of Taiwan summer.
     (A) typical  (B) attractive  
     (C) powerless  (D) internal

13. She has lived in New York _____ ten years.
     (A) since  (B) to  
     (C) for  (D) in

14. I don’ t like my _____ job, so I quit it.
     (A) favorite  (B) previous  
     (C) satisfactory  (D) adequate

15. I was so hungry, _____ I made myself a sandwich.
     (A) and  (B) but  
     (C) so  (D) or

16. Would you mind _____ me clean my room?
     (A) to help  (B) to helping  
     (C) help  (D) helping

17. Although Tony _____ many difficulties in learning English, he never gives up.
     (A) encounters  (B) improves  
     (C) explodes  (D) regrets
18. Neither you _____ your brother can play video games until your homework is finished.
   (A) nor       (B) and
   (C) or       (D) but

19. _____ the weather was so bad, we could not go to the top of the mountain.
   (A) So           (B) Because
   (C) Although     (D) Even

20. Mary, ____ mother is French and father is Chinese, can speak four languages.
   (A) who       (B) whom
   (C) whose     (D) that

21. He stood up and looked at her younger brother _____
   (A) angry     (B) anger
   (C) angrily   (D) angrier

22. Some people are _____ to seafood and they’ll develop a rash and itch all over after eating it.
   (A) allergic   (B) disgusted
   (C) disappointed (D) surprised

23. The traffic was so _____ that it took us a long time to go there.
   (A) crowded    (B) enormous
   (C) heavy      (D) common

24. The boy is so strong. The tree _____ by him
   (A) cut down   (B) to be cut down
   (C) was cut down (D) has cut down

25. My father always holds an _____ view of events; in other words, he hopes for the best.
   (A) urgent     (B) efficient
   (C) organic    (D) optimistic

26. Our teacher let us ______ how to clean the classroom.
   (A) deciding   (B) decide
   (C) decision   (D) to decide

27. Smoking is _____ to one’s health.
   (A) local      (B) usual
   (C) informal   (D) harmful

28. Last night we ____ a lot of hamburgers.
   (A) ate         (B) eat
29. ______ sports is important for us.
   (A) Doing  (B) Done  (C) Do  (D) Does

30. He suggested that I _____ a checkup since I have been suffering from a headache for months.
   (A) have  (B) had  (C) having  (D) to have

II. Cloze Test 10%

In the world, there are three places where people live a very long time. All the three places are high mountains far away ___31___ modern cities. On these mountains, the air and water are clean, so ___32___ people get sick. Because people there work on their farms, they ___33___ almost every day, and it helps them develop healthy bodies. Their food is very different from city people's, too. They eat a lot of vegetables and fruit but little meat. Besides, the food is natural; it does not have any ___34___. Finally, these people do not have the worries of city people. Their lives are quiet, happy, and ___35___ longer than city people's.

31. (A) in  (B) on  (C) from  (D) to

32. (A) much  (B) a lot  (C) little  (D) few

33. (A) hurt  (B) travel  (C) jump  (D) exercise

34. (A) electricity  (B) batteries  (C) chemicals  (D) customer

35. (A) more  (B) much  (C) less  (D) very

III. Reading Comprehension 30%

(a) The Taiwanese population is aging. The number of people over sixty has been growing significantly over the last decade. Proper care for the elderly is currently a major social issue. Although elderly people may not be active in society, and some people may argue that the elderly have difficulty keeping up with modern life, the life experiences of the elderly contribute greatly to our culture. There is no doubt the elderly should be respected, and services for the elderly, including care institutions and caregivers, should be provided by the government.
36. What is the main idea of this passage?
(A) The problem of youth.          (B) The problem of culture.
(C) The problem of an aging society. (D) The problem of care institutions.

37. Why should we respect the elderly?
(A) Because they are growing.
(B) Because their wisdom contributes a lot to our culture.
(C) Because they live in care institutions.
(D) Because they are the caregivers provided by the government.

38. Which of the following cannot help the elderly?
(A) Providing services to those staying at home.
(B) Having someone visit them regularly.
(C) Pushing the government to provide community services.
(D) Showing little respect for them.

(b) People in the UK woke up to find out there was snow all over the ground on Sunday morning. The snow and the freezing rain made grownups late for work and students late for school. Because of the heavy snow last night, the rails of trains were covered with snow, and some of the trains had to stop running. Winds from the North Pole kept on blowing to lower the temperature in the night, and the temperatures in many areas were dropped to below freezing point. Some roads were closed because of the bad weather. The weatherman said the rain will come after the snow, and it will be colder if snow stays on the ground. Therefore it is not good news for parents but for children because kids love playing outside the house to make snowmen, throw snowballs, and go skiing.

39. According to the reading, how is the weather on Sunday?
(A) Hot and wet.          (B) Cold and dry.
(C) Warm and wet.          (D) Cold and wet.

40. According to the reading, which is true?
(A) The weather in the UK in winter is always cold and wet.
(B) The cold wind from the North Pole makes the weather colder.
(C) Kids love to go jogging when there is snow on the ground.
(D) It is not convenient for people to go to work on a rainy day.

41. The weather in the UK is getting much colder _______.
(A) if the ground is still covered with snow
(B) if kids keep throwing snowballs to each other
(C) if the trains stop to run again
(D) if the freezing rain keeps falling
42. If the temperature drops to the freezing point, then what can we expect?
(A) Snow on the ground.
(B) Umbrellas on the desk
(C) Water on the floor.
(D) Fish in the pond.

(c) Rick’s father was a bus driver, and his mother was a housewife. His older sister Mary was in college studying to be a nurse. Their father could not afford to pay for her tuition. As a result, she had to work part-time to pay for her own education. Although Rick and Mary did not have everything the other kids had, they were happy and content.

Rick was good at math and science. He studied hard and got into a good school for engineering. When he graduated, he chose a job in the same city where his family lived instead of moving to a larger one. He could have made more money in a bigger city, but he would not have had the close contact with his family. Mary had made the same decision. For Rick and Mary, family was everything.

43. At the end of the passage, what decision did Mary make?
(A) To study engineering.
(B) To stay close to her family.
(C) To become a bus driver.
(D) To study nursing.

44. Why did Mary work part-time?
(A) She wanted to be a businesswoman.
(B) She loved money more than anything else.
(C) She needed to pay for her studies.
(D) She was bored with her schoolwork.

45. What is this story mainly about?
(A) A loving family.
(B) The advantages of living in a big city.
(C) How to become successful.
(D) The importance of education.

(d) Singapore, a country known for its efficiency, is fond of instilling its values into its people with public awareness drives. Several years ago, Singaporean officials launched a campaign to spruce up washrooms because they thought clean public toilets were a sign of a civilized society. Now, Singapore is famous for its clean public toilets. Over the years, Singapore has also launched campaigns for saving water, speaking proper English, and having good manners.

46. According to Singaporean officials, which of the following is a sign of a civilized society?
(A) Efficiency.
(B) Nationwide campaigns.
(C) Instilling values.
(D) Clean public toilets.
47. According to the passage, which of the following characterizes Singapore?

(A) Wealth.  (B) Tight control.
(C) Efficiency.  (D) Materialism.

(e) Something interesting happened in a small town in the US during Christmas holidays. A dog named Harry stole a bone from a local supermarket on Christmas Eve. The shopkeeper found it out by watching the video tape. He saw Harry walking by a little girl first, and then it seemed that he had a hard time turning right or left. In fact, he took a lot of time to look for his favorite dog food, and later he decided to take the toy bone. Harry looked happy when he saw the toy bone.

The shopkeeper saw Harry taking it with his mouth and ran out of the store. He was so surprised and did nothing about it. He thought it was no need to run after a dog on the eve of Christmas, so he let Harry go. The next day, the shopkeeper told his friends about the special event. Everyone thought it is not only amazing but also interesting.

48. According to the reading, who stole a toy bone on Christmas Eve?

(A) A cat did.  (B) A dog did.
(C) A neighbor did.  (D) A shopkeeper did.

49. How did the shopkeeper know a dog stole something from his store?

(A) He saw the dog stealing something.
(B) A police officer told him about it.
(C) Santa Claus e-mailed him.
(D) He learned the truth after watching the video tape.

50. What is the meaning of EVE on the second line of this paragraph?

(A) The night before.
(B) The year before.
(C) The month after.
(D) The week after.
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