I. Vocabulary 字彙 請將正確字彙填入 (30%)
A. profession   B. disaster   C. circumstances   D. residents   E. distributed
F. hurricane   G. delivered   H. flattened   I. typhoons   J. forecast
K. hemisphere   L. condensed   M. rotates   N. evacuated   O. satellites
P. levee   Q. tornadoes   R. valley   S. helicopter   T. equator

1. We were all shocked by the __________.
2. In normal __________ I would have resigned immediately.
3. The teacher __________ the pupils into three groups.
4. The mailman __________ the letters promptly.
5. Every year, a number of __________ strike Taiwan.
6. What is the largest city in the southern __________?
7. The earth __________ from west to east.
8. The number of known __________ in the solar system rose to 32.
9. The village was __________ because of flood.
10. Moisture in the atmosphere __________ into liquid during the night.
11. I listened to the weather __________.
12. The storm __________ the crops.
13. The state of Florida was hit by a __________ that did serious damage.
14. The local __________ were angry at the lack of parking spaces.
15. He left the teaching __________ in 1965 to set up his own business.

II. Matching 句子配合 下列 1 到 5 皆為不完整句，請將其與 A 到 E 配對，使其成為五個完整的句子 (10%)
1. There were not enough police left in the city,
2. Thanks to the skill of Dutch engineers,
3. The direction and strength of tropical cyclones are also difficult to predict,
4. You can’t always see a tornado,
5. Supercells can create tornadoes one after another in a repeating cycle, 

A. even with computer assistance. 
B. but it becomes a frightening dark color when it pulls dirt upward from the ground. 
C. flooding in Holland is rarely widespread, and is instead contained to certain sectors of the country. 
D. in which a new tornado forms where the previous one dies. 
E. so people were not only exposed to dangerous floodwaters but also to widespread crime. 

III. Grammar (30%) 
1. I was (A. disappointing/B. disappointed) with the film. 
2. Are you (A. interesting/B. interested) in football? 
3. The football match was quite (A. exciting/B. excited). I enjoyed it. 
4. It’s sometimes (A. embarrassing/B. embarrassed) when you have to ask people for money. 
5. I had never expected to get the job. I was really (A. amazing/B. amazed) when I was offered it. 
6. John's girlfriend asked him to go to the movies with her tonight, but his father insisted that he ______ home studying. (A). to stay (B). staying (C). stay (D). stayed 
7. Even though I've been living in the city for years, I find it hard to _____ to city life. (A). adapt (B). adopt (C). accustom (D). adept 
8. Tom was ______ that he won the respect of every teacher who had taught him. (A). a such good student (B). a so good student (C). such good student (D). so good a student 
9. The boy ______ there unnoticed for hours before the doctor said that he had better receive immediate care. (A). has laid (B). had lain (C). has lied (D). had lied 
10. Thank you very much, David. But ______ your timely help, I couldn't have achieved the mission. (A). with (B). by (C). for (D). about 
11. Environmentalists ______ to the construction of another nuclear power plant in Taiwan. (A). object (B). oppose (C). subject (D). offend 
12. John and I spent many hours _____ what we should do after graduating from college. (A). discussing (B). discussing about (C). to discuss (D). on discussing about 
13. ______ the best of your knowledge, which of the three girls has a talent for music? (A). By (B). In (C). To (D). With 
14. Only when a child is about six years old ______ the initial stages of language development. (A). he begins (B). that he'll begin (C). does he begin (D). he'll begin 
15. I felt like _____ when I smelt that rotten egg. Tell me who left it there on the desk. (A). to throw up (B). throwing up (C). to throw out (D). throwing out

V. Reading Comprehension 閱讀測驗(30%) 

(I)The Future of New Orleans 
Hurricane Katrina, which struck New Orleans in August 2005, focused the nation’s attention on this historical southern city. Known for its mixture of Dixieland music, French-influenced cooking, and
an easygoing way of life, New Orleans is one of the oldest communities in the country. The widespread destruction of property and loss of life brought about by Hurricane Katrina caused about a third of the residents to leave and not return. The other two-thirds have decided to stay and try to rebuild. But it’s not going to be an easy job.

New Orleans is located in one of the lowest spots in the entire United States, on the banks of the Mississippi River where it meets the Gulf of Mexico. The city, founded in 1718, has been under water 27 times in its 291-year history, about once every 11 years. Each time, the people of New Orleans have survived and rebuilt their beloved home town. However, today there are so many problems that some local engineers are implying that the city should be relocated to higher ground, or perhaps not rebuilt at all.

One of the main problems is that most of the city is located below sea level, with many areas are as much as 5 meters below that point! In addition, the land under the city continues to sink about 2.5 centimeters every year. Another problem that can’t be ignored is the fact that global warming is causing the ocean to rise. Some predictions say it will be several feet higher by the end of this century. But even before that happens, hurricanes seem to be drawing ever more energy from warming seas and are growing stronger and more frequent. This set of circumstances seems to indicate that more major floods are almost certain in the near future.

Currently a combination of levees—tall sea walls that hold back the water—and large pumps, which move water out of low-lying sectors, have been used to help keep New Orleans dry. Even though the government is spending billions of dollars to fix the problems, the future of New Orleans is not secure.

Choose the correct answer.
1. The passage is mainly about ________.
   a. how New Orleans is solving its problems
   b. the problems New Orleans is facing
   c. why residents want to return to New Orleans
   d. the people who are helping to rebuild New Orleans

2. What is the main idea of paragraph 3?
   a. New Orleans has several serious problems.
   b. New Orleans floods frequently.
   c. The land under New Orleans is sinking every year.
   d. Global warming is causing problems for New Orleans.
3. New Orleans has been under water _____ times.
   a. 5
   b. 11
   c. 27
   d. 291

4. In paragraph 3, sentence 4, the word *it* refers to _____.
   a. global warming
   b. this century
   c. the ocean
   d. the prediction

5. Which statement would the writer probably agree with?
   a. Most people in New Orleans don’t care about their city.
   b. New Orleans’s problems are not easy to ignore.
   c. New Orleans will be rebuilt better than ever.
   d. Levees and pumps will keep New Orleans safe.

6. According to the passage, the problems of New Orleans _____.
   a. are nearly over
   b. were worse in the past
   c. are all caused by global warming
   d. will probably get worse

Read the sentence. Write True (T) or False (F).
7. Hurricane Katrina caused a lot of damage in New Orleans.
8. In paragraph 2, sentence 2, the word *founded* mean *discovered*.
9. New Orleans began life as a city over 300 years ago.
10. Some parts of New Orleans are 5 meters below sea level.

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   Most young people have seen one of the Alien movies, in which a space monster lays an egg inside a human being. The egg _(11)_ and slowly eats the insides of its victim before it crawls out. This seems like unbelievable _(12)_ , but the fact is that such creatures really _(13)_ right here on Earth. Fortunately, the small insects that lay their eggs inside of others do not choose human beings. _(14)_ , caterpillars, those hairy crawling worms which later become beautiful butterflies, are the targets. Once the small flies lay their eggs, there is nothing the caterpillar can do, and for a couple weeks it becomes a moving feast. The saying, "Truth is stranger than fiction," can be _(15)_ by this example from nature.
11. (A) roves (B) extends (C) spoils (D) hatches
12. (A) fiction (B) novel (C) story (D) report
13. (A) persist (B) insist (C) exist (D) resist
14. (A) Therefore (B) Instead (C) Besides (D) Moreover
15. (A) denied (B) released (C) exaggerated (D) proven