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I. Each of the following incomplete statements is followed by four alternatives. Read each statement and the four alternatives carefully and decide which one of the four alternatives best completes the statement (20%).

1. _____ refers to a member of the parts of the Christian Church which separated from the Roman Catholic Church during the 16th century.()

A. Protestant	B. Rabbi
C. Christian	D. Puritan
2. English babies may be _____ to show respect or to honor them. ()

A. named after grandparents	B. named after famous historical events
C. named after their birth place	D. named after their birth date
3. The two persons who have been introduced to each other normally say to each other: “_____.”()

A. How are you	B. How is everything
C. How do you do	D. Hello
4. Trinity refers to union in one Godhead of three persons, Father, Son and _____.()

A. Puritan	B. God
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13. "Milk and water" means _____. ()
A. something drinkable
B. something that is inoffensive but feeble
C. something in complete harmony
D. complete understanding between friends
14. To keep sb company means _____. ()
A. to stay with someone so that they are not alone
B. to stay away with someone so that they can be alone
C. to watch someone in every detail
D. to ask someone to be with you and serve you
15. "A Pandora's box" derived from the box sent by the God to Pandora refers to a present or something _____. ()
A. which brings happiness but looks ugly
B. which seems valuable but brings misfortune
C. which can create anything its owner wants
D. which a bride traditionally gives a bridegroom
16. "To pull somebody's leg" means _____. ()
A. to prevent somebody from advancing
B. to make somebody difficult to move
C. to make trouble to somebody
D. to say something in a joking way
17. "I was not informed. Otherwise I should have taken some action" demonstrates _____ relation between the two sentences. ()
A. an additive
B. a temporal
C. a persuasive
D. a causal
18. The word in American English for "mosquito-net" is _____. ()
A. drapery
B. bar
C. bedspread
D. quilt
19. "A green Christmas" refers to _____. ()
A. a Christmas with vigor and energy
B. a Christmas full of jealousy
C. a Christmas without snow
D. a Christmas with fruit and vegetables
20. The word in British English for "Faculty" is _____. ()
A. department
B. stuff

C. staff

D. teachers

II. Each of the following incomplete statements is followed by four alternatives. Read each statement and the four alternatives carefully and decide which alternative can complete the statement. (10%)

1. The word in British English for “story” is _____. ()

A. storey

B. floor

C. stairs

D. storage

2. The word in British English for “tire” is _____. ()

A. wheel

B. bore

C. fatigue

D. tyre

3. In American English “Santa Claus” is a loan word from _____. ()

A. Indian languages

B. Dutch

C. French

D. German

4. It is quite common for students in English culture to call their professor _____. ()

A. Robert

B. Harrison

C. Robert Harrison

D. Professor Robert

5. Many technical terms such as quantum, antenna, formula, nucleons, datum and molecules are all derived from _____. ()

A. French

B. Greek

C. Latin

D. Roman

6. To make unconscious is _____. ()

A. “to knock off”

B. “to knock up”

C. “to knock about”

D. “to knock out”

7. “Crossing one’s forefinger and middle finger” signifies _____ in English speaking countries. ()

A. sadness

B. respects

C. good luck

D. secrecy

8. Handshaking between two persons who have been newly introduced to each other is a _____ touch in both English and Chinese culture. ()

A. socio-polite

B. friendship

C. functional-professional

D. love-intimacy

9. Money given at Christmas time to the dustmen and others who provide a service throughout the year is called _____. ()

A. Christmastide

B. Christmas gift

C. Christmas box

D. Christmas money

10. _____ seem queer, strange, socially unacceptable. ()

- A. Queers
B. technicians
C. professionals
D. staff

III. Each of the following statements has an underlined space. Fill in each underlined space with a proper expression (12%).

1. The word in 汉语 for greenhouse is _____.
2. Pork, mutton and beef are loan words from _____.
3. The word in American English for “jumper” is _____.
4. The English equivalent for “跑表” is _____.
5. A sweet dish typically composed of fruit and flour and fat, boiled or steamed, or of fruit baked with pastry is called _____.
6. Staring, or gazing, in Chinese culture, shows one’s curiosity while in English culture, is considered impolite and _____.
7. When answering questions, Chinese speakers are strongly affected by the _____, the way in which the question is formed, while English speakers, supported _____, are not.
8. English is a _____ language and Chinese is a _____ language.
9. _____ refers to an area within a town where there are brothels.
10. One can tell from the sentence “She is working at her own level” that she is a _____ student.
11. _____ can be a euphemism for a gardener.
12. _____ is a euphemism instead of Tax increase.

IV. Answer the following questions briefly. (12%)

1. What is Orthodox Eastern Church?
2. What is War of independence?
3. Does “equalitarianism” convey the same meaning as “平均主义” ?
4. What are the differences between “spiritual” and “精神” in relation to their connotative meaning?
5. What does “他没有文化” mean?
6. What is the “First Lady”?
7. What is the difference between a “drugstore” and a “药店” ?
8. Does “Good-bye” convey the same meaning as “再见” ?
9. What is the general rule for introduction in English culture?
10. What does “a Solomon” allude to?
11. What does “a Damocles sword” stand for?
12. What does “a Trojan horse” allude to?

V. Translation (16%)

A: Translate the following into Chinese (8%)

1. To have a chip on one's shoulder.
2. By the skin of your teeth.
3. Wine makes all creatures at table.
4. The more women look in their glass, the less they look to their house.

B: Translate the following into English (8%)

5. 白马王子
6. 天之骄子
7. 禁果
8. 智者千虑，必有一失

VI. Define the following terms (10%)

1. idioms
2. allusion
3. individualism
4. terms of humility

VII. Answer the following questions. (20%)

1. Explain the reasons that there are more honorifics in Chinese than in English.
2. What can you find cross-culture differences in terms of humility between English and Chinese?