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Part I : Vocabulary(20%)

Section A ($20 \times 0.5\% = 10\%$)

Directions: There are 20 incomplete sentences in this section. For each sentence there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the ONE that best completes the sentence.

1. With the economy of the country going strong, the _____ mood is one of optimism. ()
- A. presiding B. circulating
C. floating D. prevailing
2. She is quite capable, but the problem is that she is not _____. ()
- A. consistent B. insistent
C. beneficent D. resistant
3. The workers of the textile mill _____ that trade union leaders be elected from the workshops. ()
- A. urged B. related
C. combated D. adopted
4. We shall offer you advice, but you are under no _____ to follow it. ()
- A. pursuit B. obligation
C. command D. instruction

5. These technological advances in communication have _____ the way people do business. ()
A. revolted B. represented
C. adopted D. transformed
6. Bill is rich. His house is full of _____ such as expensive high-tech video systems and all the latest computer equipment.
()
A. luxuries B. festivities
C. dimensions D. instruments
7. By _____ the styles of Van Gogh and Dufy, the woman painter has produced some highly original works. ()
A. duplicating B. assimilating
C. transferring D. molding
8. We must keep things in _____ — the overall situation isn't really that bad. ()
A. view B. perspective
C. prospect D. control
9. The losing team were _____ in their defeat. ()
A. gracious B. grateful
C. grand D. refined
10. It was a shrewd move _____ to buy the house just before property prices started to rise. ()
A. on her part B. at hand
C. at her expense D. on record
11. The _____ of women to men at my college is about two to one. ()
A. rate B. proportion
C. portion D. percentage
12. In a _____ between the management and the union, a 4% pay raise was agreed on in return for an increase in productivity. ()
A. promise B. compromise
C. collaboration D. cooperation
13. Human eyes are accustomed to _____ a specific object, and once this happens, everything around the object seems to be reduced to background. ()
A. pointing to B. sticking to
C. focusing on D. probing into
14. Samuel is always _____, never complaining about his poor health and other troubles. ()
A. careless B. joyful
C. cheerful D. glad

15. Laws are the means by which science _____ to describe nature, not explain it. ()
A. attends B. arranges
C. facades D. attempts
16. The _____ witness in the case said that he was not concerned with the interest, but cared only about the principle.
()
A. princess B. principle
C. principal D. prince
17. A _____ person is reluctant to see any change. ()
A. safe B. radical
C. conservative D. convertible
18. The statement was _____ and to the point. ()
A. brief B. uneasy
C. lousy D. redundant
19. This year the factory _____ almost twice as many motors as it did last year.()
A. turned down B. turned over
C. turned to D. turned out
20. Let's hang up some paintings on these _____ walls.()
A. bare B. empty
C. blank D. vacant

Section B (20×0.5%=10%)

Directions: There are 20 sentences in this section. In each sentence there is a word or a phrase underlined. Below each sentence there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the answer that can replace the underlined part of each sentence without changing the original meaning.

21. He admitted that he had invented a cock and bull story. ()
A. absurd B. true
C. interesting D. reasonable
22. He was obviously in good condition.()
A. state B. circumstance
C. situation D. illness
23. The pressure for change continued to mount.()
A. persuasion B. stress
C. anxiety D. difficulty
24. The harvest was set back by bad weather.()

- A. delayed B. destroyed
C. propelled D. reduced
25. She is far and away one of the best actresses in the country. ()
A. doubtfully B. gradually
C. definitely D. abroad
26. Chinese national folk music is an important part of human intangible cultural heritage. ()
A. hypothetical B. valuable
C. nonmaterial D. unchangeable
27. The government lifted the ban under the pressure of the public. ()
A. removed B. alleviated
C. strengthened D. changed
28. The children were too full of beans to sit still. ()
A. very young B. very energetic
C. very noisy D. very naughty
29. That car model has become obsolete. ()
A. outmoded B. out of stock
C. popular D. modern
30. Current demographic trends, such as the fall in the birth rate, should favourably accelerate economic growth in the long run. ()
A. modern B. rapid
C. contemporary D. nowadays
31. The film "*On Golden Pond*" portrays to a certain extent the mentality of the old people. ()
A. activities B. ideas
C. opinions D. attitude of mind
32. Beautiful as it is, synthetic silk will not supplant cotton apparel. ()
A. replace B. remove
C. misplace D. take away
33. My colleague, Mr. Hill, has a small but well-chosen library, where it is said he spends most of his spare time cultivating his mind. ()
A. nourishing B. tilling
C. developing D. raising
34. If you think photography is my hobby, your belief is quite mistaken. ()
A. fraudulent B. erroneous

C. deceitful

D. illegal

35. What appears to the laymen as unimportant and unrelated facts is often precious to the archaeologist. ()

A. minute

B. trivial

C. diminutive

D. unpopular

36. The lounge has a seating capacity of 30 people but it is too dark to read there. ()

A. dim

B. dingy

C. gloomy

D. depressed

37. The constable was severely reprimanding the two young tobacco addicts. ()

A. criticizing

B. scorning

C. reproaching

D. punishing

38. A policeman is sometimes is a pompous figure in children's story books but as a matter of fact, he is very helpful in enforcing law and order. ()

A. courageous

B. egotistic

C. gallant

D. swaggering

39. The crowd swelled until the noise made could be heard for miles. ()

A. grew

B. shouted

C. cheered

D. scattered

40. Thus our conviction is reinforced that only socialist revolution can really solve the problems of the people. ()

A. argument

B. proposal

C. belief

D. theory

Part II: Cloze (20×0.5%=10%)

Directions: In the following passage there are 20 blanks. For each blank there are four choices marked A, B, C and D.

Choose the ONE that best fits into the passage.

It seems parents have long been right. Going to bed early is key to 41 enough sleep and helping adolescents feel 42 the world, a new study reported. 43 sleep among youngsters, according to the study, may 44 depression and suicidal thoughts.

“Our results are 45 with the theory that inadequate sleep is a risk factor for 46, working with other risk and protective factors 47 multiple possible causal pathways to the development of this 48 disorder,” said lead author James Gangwisch. “Adequate quality sleep could 49 be a preventative measure against depression and a 50 for depression,” he added.

The study followed the 51 habits of some 15,659 college and high-school students, and found those who consistently went to bed after midnight had a 24 percent higher risk of depression than those who turned in before 10 : 00 pm. Night owls also ran a 20 percent higher risk of 52 suicidal thoughts.

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine recommends that adolescents 53 sleep at least nine hours or more a night. Those who were tucked in before 10 : 00 pm reported they slept 54 about eight hours and 10 minutes. But that amount of sleep dropped 55 for those in bed after midnight. And 56 who slept five hours or less a night were 71 percent more likely to 57 depression and 48 percent more at risk of becoming suicidal.

It is a societal expectation that adolescents do not need as much sleep as preadolescents, yet studies suggest that adolescents may actually 58 more sleep. Studies have found that adolescents do not go to bed early enough to 59 for earlier school start times, and transitions to earlier school start times have been shown to be associated with significant sleep 60.

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| ()41. A. get | B. getting | C. be getting | D. have got |
| ()42. A. at the top of | B. to the top of | C. on the top of | D. on top of |
| ()43. A. Lack of | B. Plenty of | C. An amount of | D. A lack in |
| ()44. A. trickle | B. trigger | C. strip | D. trim |
| ()45. A. cooperative | B. constant | C. consistent | D. comprehensive |
| ()46. A. depression | B. frustration | C. indignation | D. opposition |
| ()47. A. with | B. for | C. through | D. under |
| ()48. A. mood | B. sense | C. brain | D. body |
| ()49. A. but | B. also | C. still | D. therefore |
| ()50. A. protection | B. treatment | C. research | D. direction |
| ()51. A. daily | B. nightly | C. weekly | D. monthly |
| ()52. A. conflicting | B. struggling | C. crashing | D. battling |
| ()53. A. might | B. would | C. should | D. could |
| ()54. A. at least | B. in detail | C. on average | D. by nature |
| ()55. A. largely | B. significantly | C. chiefly | D. unusually |
| ()56. A. adults | B. adolescents | C. infants | D. lads |
| ()57. A. erupt | B. encounter | C. suffer | D. submit |
| ()58. A. request | B. require | C. appeal | D. plead |
| ()59. A. compensate | B. complement | C. compliment | D. compromise |
| ()60. A. syndrome | B. evolution | C. deprivation | D. compassion |

Part III: Reading Comprehension (20×2%=40%)

Directions: There are four passages in this part. Each passage is followed by some questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. Read each passage carefully and decide on the best choice.

(1)

Mention Colombia, and most people think of cocaine, kidnappings and guerrilla violence. These have served to keep all but the most adventurous tourists away for decades. But under Alvaro Uribe, Columbia's president since 2002, violence has fallen steadily and many parts of the country have become safe. Now the government is trying to replace conventional images of Columbia with different ones: white-sand beaches, colonial cities, jungle-clad mountains and placid coffee farms.

The tourism campaign has begun at home. This month, during the mid-year school holidays, thousands of Colombians have enjoyed the newly-recovered freedom to travel, using specially policed routes from major cities to favourite holiday spots. The aim now is to convince foreigners. With a promotional budget of just \$4m this year, the tourism agency is concentrating its efforts on tour operators and cruise and airline executives. This spring, it invited 130 of them to see the country's beaches, its coffee farms and the Amazon region.

Mr. Uribe has himself lobbied losses of cruise-ship firms. This seems to have **paid off**. In May, Royal Caribbean announced that from next year some of its ships would call at Cartagena, a colonial walled port on the north coast. The Florida Caribbean Cruise Association held its annual meeting in the city last week.

Tourism officials expect 1.5m foreign visitors this year, more than 50% up from the 925,000 in 2005. Mexico, Latin America's top tourist destination, attracts 20m foreigners a year. Lonely Planet, a travel publisher, has chosen Colombia as one of its top ten travel hotspots for 2006, in large part because of the improvement in safety.

But care is still needed. Lonely Planet advises tourists to steer clear of Choco on the Pacific coast, Putumayo in the far south and "anywhere east of the Andes", where there are still guerrillas. America's State Department and the British Foreign Office also warn travelers against wandering into rural areas.

Even so, groups of foreign hikers have recently taken to visiting Ciudad Perdida, one of the largest and oldest pre-Columbian settlements in the Americas, in the jungles of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. The area is still home to leftist guerrillas and remnants of their arch-enemies, the right-wing paramilitary militias. But the fact that many other parts of what is a large and physically beautiful country are now safe to visit amounts to progress.

61. To most people, Colombia is a place full of _____.()

- A. attraction
B. stimulus
C. surprise
D. hazard

62. It can be inferred from the passage that _____.()

- A. Colombians wished to travel around the country for long
B. travel lines are guarded by the police to ensure safety
C. a large number of foreigners will be attracted to Colombia
D. the promotional budget for tourism will increase next year

63. The phrase "paid off" in Paragraph 3 probably means _____.()

- A. come off
B. fallen through

C. been expensive D. been possible
64. Which of the following is a safer place for travelers to go to?()

- A. Choco. B. Mexico.
C. Putumayo. D. Ciudad Perdida.

65. The best title for the passage is _____.()

- A. Colombians' Travel B. The Beautiful Colombia
C. Come to Sunny Colombia D. The Future of Colombia

(2)

During the meal, you'd better be careful not to leave a spoon in a soup bowl or coffee cup or any other dish. The coffee spoon ought to be on the saucer. The soup spoon ought to be on the plate under the bowl. When you are having soup, make the least noises and use the side of your spoon inside out this way, not the tip. And you mustn't pick up your soup bowls so as to drink away the last drops of your soup from the bottom of the bowl.

Very often there is only one main course and salad, followed by your sweet. If you find the meal not enough, say "Oh, it's delicious!" and ask for some more of the chicken or steak or whatever you have just had. The hostess will be very glad that you appreciate her cooking and will give you an extra portion. But if you observe the Chinese way of being polite and say "No, thank you" when the hostess offers you more, you will most probably starve later. Because Americans will never press food on you. Yet it is not polite to keep silent and not to talk with the person next to you. It would be considered good manners if you handle your silverware with care so that they don't make any noise. When coffee comes, drink it from your cup. The coffee spoon should rest on the saucer while you are drinking. And smoking, of course, is rarely seen at a diner table. Well, when the meal is finished, the guests put their napkins on the table and stand up, the men again helping the ladies with their chairs.

After the dinner, the guests usually stay for an hour or two, then they would say, "well, I'm afraid I must be going now." The host and hostess would of course urge everyone to stay longer. "What, already? Won't you have another coffee?" The guests, for instance, would say, "I'd love to, but I have to be up early tomorrow. Thank you for a most enjoyable evening. Good night."

And if you stay overnight or over the weekend, it will be courteous to send a thank-you note to the host or hostess the following day, very often with a small gift such as a box of chocolate or some flowers as a token of appreciation of their hospitality.

66. Which of the following would be the best title of the passage?()

- A. How to Prepare for a Meal. B. Never Press Food on Your Guest.
C. Table Manners in the U. S. A. D. How to Enjoy a Dinner.

67. The passage suggests that _____.()

- A. to make the hostess happy you should ask for more food even if you are full



- B. you should keep silent at a dinner table in order to be polite
- C. if you want to be friendly with the person next to you, you should press food on him
- D. talking is necessary at a dinner table

68. At a dinner table, you do all the following except _____.()

- A. making the least noise possible
- B. picking up your soup bowl to drink away the last drop
- C. handling your silverware with care
- D. drinking the coffee from your cup

69. What does “courteous” mean in the last paragraph? ()

- A. Friendly.
- B. Generous.
- C. Polite.
- D. Noble.

70. The passage implies that _____. ()

- A. different nations have different customs
- B. Chinese customs are quite similar to American ones
- C. both Chinese and Americans have soup before the main course
- D. if you are polite, the hostess will press more food on you

(3)

I grew up deprived of hugs. Neither of my parents was the cuddly type. Greetings involving kissing caused me to **wince**, and hugging generally just made me feel awkward.

Then one hug changed all that. One month before my 40th birthday my dad had heart surgery. As he came round, days later, he grabbed me and hugged me so hard I had to push with all my might to keep my head from pressing down on his newly stitched torso.

It was a hug to make up for all those we had never had. Days later as he slowly started to gain strength he told me for the first time ever that he loved me, and through my tears I told him I loved him too.

I began planning how to bake him better — with carrot cakes, Victoria sponges, jelly and ice cream. My maternal streak kicked in and I fantasized about wheeling him through the park and feeding him home-made goodies. Then he died.

I felt cheated. All my life I had wondered whether my dad cared for me and loved me — I doubted it. Just as I got proof that he did, he passed away.

My parents split up when I was two years old and, while I had monthly contact with my dad, my bitter stepmother and my father's old-fashioned stiff upper lip meant we never became close. In fact, I used to dread the visits to see him and count the hours until I could go home again.

When I was very little the weekends at my father's house felt cold and unfriendly. During my teens the trips to a hostile house became a dread on the horizon for weeks beforehand. Each stay culminated in an uncomfortable peck on the cheek

from Dad as he said goodbye — a moment I cringed about for hours in advance.

Losing a father whom you have no recollection of ever living with is difficult. Grieving is tricky; I didn't have any obvious close father-daughter memories to cling to and think and cry over. Most of my memories were of stilted meetings and uncomfortable times together. But I desperately missed him being alive.

As time moved on my grief and anger at his untimely death began to recede. I realized that his affirmation of me from his deathbed had filled a gaping hole of insecurity I had constantly carried around.

To a child a hug says so many things. It tells you that the person hugging you loves you, cares for you. A hug also confirms that you are a lovable being. Months after Dad's death, I realized with a jolt that his lack of hugs said more about him than me. My father was not a demonstrative man and I was, therefore, perhaps, a lovable being.

71. The word "wince" in Paragraph 1 means _____.()

- A. withdraw
B. shudder
C. cry
D. worry

72. We can infer from the passage that _____.()

- A. the father loved his daughter more than the mother did
B. the father wasn't good at expressing his inner feelings
C. the father regretted not having hugged his daughter earlier
D. the father's last wish was to tell his daughter he loved her

73. Which of the following statements about the author is NOT true?()

- A. She was reluctant to go to visit her father but she had to.
B. She wasn't intimate with her father partly because of his wife.
C. She was awkward when her father felt uneasy during her stay.
D. She disliked having to meet with her stepmother and her children.

74. According to the passage, the author's background _____.()

- A. made her feel sad and depressed
B. gave her a sense of insecurity
C. enabled her to make great achievements
D. induced her to be far away from her father

75. In the end, the author seemed to gain _____.()

- A. understanding
B. popularity
C. confidence
D. recognition

(4)

For the past few years, it's been open season on Generation Y — also known as the millennials, echo boomers or, less flatteringly, Generation Me. Once described by the trend-watchers Neil Howe and William Strauss as "the next great

generation” — optimistic, idealistic and destined to do good — millennials, born between 1982 and 2002, have been depicted more recently by employers, professors and earnestly concerned mental-health experts as entitled whiners who have been spoiled by parents who overstoked their self-esteem, teachers who granted undeserved A's and sports coaches who bestowed trophies on any player who showed up.

As they've entered adulthood, they have inspired a number of books on how unmanageable they are in the workplace, with their iPods, flip-flops and inability to take criticism. Stories abound about them as college students, requiring 24/7 e-mail access to professors and running to Mom and Dad for help with papers or to contest a bad grade. A consensus has emerged that, psychologically, they're a generation of basket cases: profoundly self-adoring and deprived of a sense of agency by their anxiously overinvolved parents.

The behavior of many of this year's college seniors might further fuel this story line. They are graduating into a labor market destroyed by the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. The unemployment rate for early 20-somethings is close to 20 percent. Increased applications to grad school have turned that option of sitting out the recession into a reach. Even going into teaching — hyped a year ago as the most acceptable Plan B for high achievers turned off by (or turned away from) Wall Street — has become much tougher, as school districts have been ruined by budget cuts. Yet despite the fact that the new graduates are in no position to pose conditions for employers, many are increasingly declaring themselves unwilling to work more than 40 hours a week. Graduates are turning down job offers in high numbers — essentially opting to move back home with their parents if the work offered doesn't match their self-assessed market value.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, which every year surveys thousands of college graduates about their job prospects and work attitudes, fully 41 percent of job seekers this year turned down offers — the exact percentage that did so in 2007, when the economy was booming. And though less than a quarter of seniors who applied for work had post-graduation job offers in hand by late April (compared with 52 percent in 2007), many are still approaching work with attitudes suited for a full-employment economy.

“Almost universally they want to find a job that's not just a job but an expression of their identity, a form of self-fulfillment,” says Jeffrey Jensen Arnett, a Clark University psychology professor who interviewed hundreds of young people.

76. Today millennials are considered _____.()

- A. not to be what they seem to be
- B. to enjoy a good reputation
- C. as a quite promising generation
- D. worthy of the honors bestowed

77. Which of the following is NOT true of Generation Y? ()

- A. They often lean on others for help.
- B. They have psychological problems.
- C. They think highly of themselves.
- D. They are obedient in the workplace.

78. It seems that this year's college graduates may _____. ()
- A. receive positive reviews B. be under heavier criticism
- C. suffer from more illnesses D. behave as badly as previous ones
79. It can be inferred that graduates' expectation of job is _____. ()
- A. raised by their parents B. out of touch with reality
- C. lowered by the reality D. rising all the time
80. Generation Y gives an impression of being _____. ()
- A. overrated B. shrewd
- C. conceited D. prospective

Part IV: Translation (15%)**Section A (2×3%=6%)**

Directions: Translate the two underlined sentences in the first passage into Chinese.

81. This month, during the mid-year school holidays, thousands of Colombians have enjoyed the newly-recovered freedom to travel, using specially policed routes from major cities to favourite holiday spots.
82. Even so, groups of foreign hikers have recently taken to visiting Ciudad Perdida, one of the largest and oldest pre-Columbian settlements in the Americas, in the jungles of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta.

Section B (3×3%=9%)

Directions: Translate the following three sentences into English.

83. 他对生活的乐观态度常常会感染队友，在队里造成一种积极向上的（positive）气氛。
84. 据报道，在消防队赶到之前火已经熄灭。
85. 我不止一次地提醒校长，他曾答应要维护退休教师的合法利益。

Part V Writing (15%)

86. Directions: When college students are under the pressure of study, some of them resort to cheating, pirating papers or other dishonest behaviors. So academic honesty should be greatly advocated on college campus. Write a composition of about 150 words on the following topic: The Importance of Academic Honesty