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I. GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

Complete the following sentences with the most likely answer. Blacken the letter corresponding to your choice on the ANSWER SHEET. (1 point each, 15 points in all)

1. The forum, _____ which I was invited as a guest of honor, was about global warming.
A. by
B. at
C. to
D. for
2. If Christine had worked harder and made more preparations, she _____ the performance assessment.
A. could pass
B. must have passed
C. would pass
D. would have passed
3. Nurturing others—raising children or caring for animals—helps _____ loneliness.
A. relieve
B. increase
C. enjoy
D. learn
4. _____ begun to make a speech when there was a shout from the back of the hall.
A. Hardly had she
B. Hardly has she
C. Hardly she had
D. Hardly she has
5. The famous painting represents a _____ of art dealing with the depiction of natural scenery.
A. shape
B. genre
C. condition
D. situation

6. He was upset because he hurried to the station only _____ the train had gone.
A. was told
B. being told
C. to be told
D. was to be told
7. The style of these literary works can be _____ back to the Renaissance.
A. followed
B. traced
C. cherished
D. achieved
8. _____ matters most in learning a foreign language is practice and patience.
A. It
B. Which
C. That
D. What
9. Their success rests upon by the same values and principles: vision, determination, self-control and, _____, honesty.
A. at all
B. in all
C. above all
D. after all
10. We were _____ by the good will of total strangers to go out of their way to help us.
A. struck
B. striking
C. being struck
D. to be struck
11. When facing extraordinary difficulties, she showed her gift for rapid, _____ action.
A. violent
B. silent
C. decisive
D. offensive
12. In some tropical areas, it is _____ disease that the very mention of it strikes fear into the people.
A. such dreadful a
B. a so dreadful
C. a such dreadful
D. so dreadful a
13. People who fail to _____ with the regulations will be fined.
A. cope
B. comply
C. agree
D. cooperate
14. Dogs are more faithful animals than cats; dogs attach themselves to persons _____ cats to places.
A. as
B. yet
C. when
D. while
15. The school authorities encourage students to _____ job opportunities before it is too late.
A. seize
B. improve
C. expel
D. ignore

II. CLOZE

Fill in each of the 15 blanks in the passage with the most likely answer. Blacken the letter corresponding to your choice on the ANSWER SHEET. (1 point each, 15 points in all)

The flowers, leaves and graceful forms of plants have long been an inspiration for decorators, painters, carpet weavers and architects. 16 the importance of plants for humans goes far 17 artistic enjoyment—plants are the mechanisms that 18 the sun's energy into life. Only a(n) 19 society—one separated from the landscape—would 20 need to remind itself of the importance of plants by conducting experiments to show that our heartbeats become slow when we look at vegetation. Plants in the 21 can create some of the magic of gardens and, in sufficient numbers, they can soften the noise of a room. 22 more important, plants can contribute to healthy indoor air quality.

Plants are 23 at work: via the process of photosynthesis (光合作用), they convert sunlight into energy, giving 24 oxygen and absorbing carbon dioxide. They also transpire (蒸发) through their leaves and roots and help to 25 humidity (湿度) in the surrounding air. The foliage, roots and soil create a microclimate around the plant, 26 has a significant effect on the space it 27.

Pioneering research by Dr B. Wolverton at NASA has shown that plants can process and absorb unhealthy 28 found in homes that contribute to poor indoor air quality and 29 illness. Allowing the air to reach all parts of the plant, 30 its soil and micro-organisms, contributes to this process. The larger the leaf area, the better, so plants with many smaller leaves can be just as effective as large-leaved plants.

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| 16. A. But | B. Although | C. Since | D. So |
| 17. A. below | B. above | C. beyond | D. through |
| 18. A. transform | B. move | C. put | D. deliver |
| 19. A. idealized | B. urbanized | C. commercialized | D. isolated |
| 20. A. never | B. even | C. neither | D. ever |
| 21. A. field | B. park | C. home | D. farm |
| 22. A. Though | B. Even | C. Thus | D. As |
| 23. A. sometimes | B. seldom | C. often | D. always |
| 24. A. up | B. off | C. away | D. in |
| 25. A. monitor | B. check | C. modify | D. control |
| 26. A. it | B. that | C. what | D. which |

27. A. occupies B. makes C. uses D. saves
28. A. light B. matters C. substances D. sound
29. A. cause B. predict C. suffer D. diagnose
30. A. against B. except C. between D. including

III. PARAPHRASING

Choose the closest paraphrased version after each of the following sentences or the italicized part. Blacken the letter corresponding to your choice on the ANSWER SHEET. (1 point each, 10 points in all)

31. Telephones save your feet and endless amounts of time.
A. Telephones bring people closer than ever before.
B. Using telephones saves your trip but wastes your time.
C. Using telephones takes people a lot of time and energy.
D. Telephones make our life more convenient and efficient.
32. The second category covers payments made to obtain quicker official approval of some project, *to speed up the wheels of bureaucracy.*
A. ...to get loans from banks more quickly.
B. ...to quicken official approval procedures.
C. ...to make the bureau's vehicles run faster.
D. ...to complicate the governmental operation.
33. One difficult but essential thing to remember is *to refuse to let other people's bad manners goad you into retaliating in kind.*
A. ...to allow others' impoliteness to affect your mood.
B. ...not to treat other people kindly if they are rude to you.
C. ...to fight back immediately if other people are rude to you.
D. ...not to treat other people in the same way if they are impolite.
34. The little girl [Rachel Carson] ...had fired a major salvo in the battle for the environment.
A. She played an important role in environmental protection.
B. She aroused people's awareness of fighting against nature.
C. She criticized her fellow beings' reluctance to save the earth.
D. She launched an attack on people's wrong idea about environment.
35. Laura loved him and he was ready to kiss her shoestrings.
A. Laura was so lovely that he would like to marry her.
B. They were too young to understand the hardship of life.
C. They loved each other and he would do anything for her.
D. He was so brave that he would kiss her shoestrings in public.

36. The old woman did not want to become a burden, and *so bore her burden*.
- A. ...bearing the hardship was her daily life.
 - B. ...being a burden was so annoying to her.
 - C. ...she was tired of being a trouble-maker to others.
 - D. ...she took the responsibility of supporting herself.
37. There is a great deal to be said for the suburb.
- A. The suburb has a lot of advantages.
 - B. The suburb has much room for improvement.
 - C. English people like to talk about the suburb a lot.
 - D. English people are proud of the suburb in Britain.
38. “*What a boomerang that [sending the copy to John’s mother] proved!*” By return of post came the news that John had won a scholarship.
- A. That copy proved to be sinister to me.
 - B. That was encouraging to John’s mother.
 - C. That turned out to be another blow to me.
 - D. John’s mother was happy to receive the copy.
39. The following Tuesday I raced home from school, put the bag over my shoulder, ...*embarked on the highway of journalism*.
- A. ...set out to write a news report.
 - B. ...started to deliver newspapers.
 - C. ...reported an accident on the highway.
 - D. ...began his early journalist career.
40. Animals become indifferent to their young..., but *human beings*, owing to the length of infancy, *find this less easy*.
- A. ...it’s a challenge for children to be independent of their parents.
 - B. ...people have difficulty in emotionally letting go of their children.
 - C. ...people find it difficult to be independent physically and mentally.
 - D. ...it’s hard for children to make the transition from babyhood to adulthood.

IV. READING COMPREHENSION

Read the two passages and choose the most likely answer to each of the questions. Blacken the letter corresponding to your choice on the ANSWER SHEET. (2 points each, 20 points in all)

Passage 1

Scott Keyes is a cheap flight hunter. What started as a hobby has now grown into a business called Scott's Cheap Flights (SCF), which has more than two million subscribers who are all interested in the same thing: getting great deals on airfare. Its mission is encouraging people to take more vacations by traveling on the cheap.

Keyes's story began with a trip to Milan. It was 2013, and Keyes was a 26-year-old journalist. His income was low, but his travel aspirations were high. He knew cheap flights were out there, and he decided to dedicate himself to finding them. He dived into message boards and searched countless sites and came upon a \$130 round-trip ticket from New York to Milan. He had never even considered going to Milan, but at that price, he figured, why not? With that, he learned his first cheap-flight lesson: First find the deal, and then plan the trip. He started a newsletter to share his future finds. He didn't yet see the business potential, though. "For an experienced, aspiring entrepreneur, there's an opportunity here. This could be a business," Keyes says. "But that was not me. I was not an experienced, aspiring entrepreneur."

In 2015, *Business Insider* published a story about Keyes and his cheap-flight pursuits, and, practically overnight, 5,000 people signed up for the newsletter. Here's where the wheels started turning. Although Keyes hadn't planned to make money off his hobby, he wasn't willing to lose money on it, either. So he decided to try a little experiment and see if people would be willing to pay \$2 a month to get emails about the deals. He was flabbergasted when, in the first month, 100 people signed up. And the next month, another 100 people signed up. "I felt like swimming through gold coins," he says.

Brian Kelly, who is founder and CEO of travel rewards site, says "what separates Scott from a lot of others in the travel space is he knows cheap flights and he sticks to it. He is providing a great service to consumers to save money and to also get out there and explore destinations you might not have considered."

One of the travelers, Victoria Kelly, says "SCF has totally changed the way I decide when and where to travel. Whenever I see something, even if it's not a city I want to go into, it's like, well how close is that to something? Some women get excited about the shoe sales. I

get excited about the travel sales.” Dawn Taylor, who has also become an enthusiastic follower of SCF, believed travel was expensive. Now, she takes two international trips a year, and booking the next trip is always on her mind.

Keyes wants people to take more vacations. “It’s not just the money that you’re saving, but it lets you take more trips, better trips. It ends up bringing vacation back to its core, which is something that’s supposed to take away our stress rather than add to our stress,” he says. Travel isn’t just about getting away from it all. It’s also about seeking. Cheap flights can be an entrance to learning, discovering, meeting new people, finding new opportunities. Keyes uses his cheap-flight hunting skills for good, helping subscribers score inexpensive airfare and explore the world, never knowing which encounters could change their lives.

41. What did Keyes do when he was 26 years old?
- A. He planned to have a vacation in Milan.
 - B. He took many trips and started a business.
 - C. He took a trip to Milan by a very cheap flight.
 - D. He quit his low-paying job and began to travel.
42. What did Keyes have in mind when he started sharing cheap-flight information?
- A. It would help him to start a new business.
 - B. It would help people to travel on cheap flights.
 - C. There would be a chance to develop his hobby.
 - D. There would be an opportunity for businessmen.
43. Which of the following can best explain the underlined word “flabbergasted” in Paragraph 3?
- A. Really cautious.
 - B. Highly sensitive.
 - C. Extremely surprised.
 - D. Bitterly disappointed.
44. How does Scott’s Cheap Flights influence people in traveling, as evidenced by Victoria Kelly in Paragraph 5?
- A. It improves the service of travel industry.
 - B. It solves the problem of booking plane tickets.
 - C. It changes people’s idea about expensive travel.
 - D. It provides a new way for people to plan the trip.
45. Which of the following might be the best title for the passage?
- A. Joy of Travel at Lowest Airfare
 - B. Success of a Cheap Flight Hunter
 - C. Ways of Saving Money in Travel
 - D. New Trend of Buying Plane Ticket

Passage 2

A scientific study carried out at the University of Illinois investigated the ways people over-consume based on the way food is presented to them. When it comes to why people decide to eat at fast food restaurants, the study found, “aside from hunger, participants claimed they started eating because they saw the food, they wanted to be with other people, or simply because eating provided them with something to do”.

Fast food chains all play on these desires in the way they are positioned and marketed. By having restaurants in shopping centers and motorway service stations, they can tempt people in to eat when they're shopping or driving somewhere—even when they're not hungry. They entice (引诱) people by showing pictures of the food on offer in window display posters and on large, bright boards. They provide a space for people to sit down around a table and eat together, rather than long benches of seats where people can't interact with one another or no seating area at all. Providing a space for people to sit and eat also means they are more likely to stay longer and eat more courses—returning for dessert or another soft drink.

The scent of the restaurant can influence how much people eat as “smell can influence food consumption through taste enhancement”. By making people queue and order at the counter, rather than offering table service, fast food chains can encourage people to eat more. This means the customer has to wait to see the person in front of them being served their food at the counter on a tray. The first customer will then walk back past the waiting customers who will see and smell the food on their tray—again enticing the waiting customer to order more when it's their turn.

The music fast food restaurants play can also affect how much people eat. Hearing soft music that's not too fast-paced has been proven to encourage diners to stay at a restaurant longer and eat more. Hence, slow songs and easy-going pop music is played in fast food restaurants—not drum and bass or electronic dance music with a very fast beat.

Fast food chains have made it easier than ever for people to eat there—from offering drive-throughs so you don't even have to leave the comfort of your own car to be served, to meal deals where you can get a drink, main meal and dessert all in one go. This isn't to make life easier for the time-pressed customer but again to make them consume more. Studies have found that one of the strongest influences on consumption is ease of access.

Meal deals are a further way to get people to eat more. They encourage people to think they are saving money when they could actually be buying more food than they need. So a meal deal where a person gets chips with their hamburger means they'll eat both—even if they were only actually hungry enough to eat one or the other.

Fast food chains offer their products in a variety of sizes and the largest is often presented as good value. Those buying large sizes are more likely to consume the whole thing, but are also not always likely to be alarmed by the amount they have consumed. Thus they have made consuming large portions seem to be “the norm”. For many individuals, determining how much to eat or drink is an annoyance to monitor continually and accurately, so they instead rely on consumption norms to help them determine how much they should consume.

46. What is the purpose of the study at the University of Illinois?
- A. To persuade people to consume reasonably.
 - B. To discover how food is presented to people.
 - C. To find out why people buy more than they need.
 - D. To explain why people like to stay at a fast food restaurant.
47. Which of the following is a common way a fast food restaurant uses to attract diners?
- A. Displaying posters of the food.
 - B. Developing more food products.
 - C. Providing more long benches of seats.
 - D. Making ads in motorway service stations.
48. Which of the following statements is true based on the study?
- A. Appealing smell in restaurants increases diners' appetite.
 - B. Customers can save a lot of time at fast food restaurants.
 - C. Consumers can save money when offered a meal deal.
 - D. Exciting music makes consumers eat more.
49. Why do people overeat at fast food restaurants according to Paragraph 5?
- A. Because they feel hungry at the sight of food.
 - B. Because they have easy access to the food.
 - C. Because they are fond of super-sized portions.
 - D. Because they can eat and drink at the same time.
50. What might be the best title for the passage?
- A. The Ways Fast Food Trade Trick You
 - B. The Service Fast Food Restaurants Provide
 - C. The Consumption Norms Fast Food Trade Sets
 - D. The Convenience Fast Food Restaurants Offer

非选择题部分

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V. WORD DERIVATION

Complete each of the following sentences with a (compound) word derived from the one(s) given in brackets. Write your word on the ANSWER SHEET. (1 point each, 10 points in all)

51. We discussed a number of alternatives ranging from commercial partnerships to a merger _____. (propose)
52. It was a(n) _____ sight, and Mary pressed her face against the window for a better view. (wonder)
53. We must assess the company's present network _____ before designing a new system. (secure)
54. The candidate made a very _____ impression on the professors because of his brilliant answers to the questions in the interview. (favor)
55. We must be careful not to do anything that might _____ the economic recovery. (danger)
56. The traffic problem is growing every day, as the number of cars is increasing and the _____ roads are not enough. (exist)
57. The doctor told him to _____ decrease the amount of vitamin C he was taking when he began to feel better. (gradual)
58. The teacher advised his students not to waste time and energy on something so _____. (use)
59. He is a _____ artist and has painted many portraits for famous people. (first, rate)
60. The company is cutting production costs in an attempt to _____ its competitive edge. (sharp)

VI. SENTENCE TRANSLATION

Translate the following sentences into English and write your sentences on the ANSWER SHEET. (3 points each, 15 points in all)

61. 给孩子们过多的保护,他们就没有机会从错误中学习并增长智慧。
62. 那些在公共场所大声喧哗的人根本就没考虑其他人的感受。
63. 他们把那间空余的办公室改成了教室,能容纳大约20个学生。
64. 他兼职做家教与其说是为了挣钱,不如说是为了获得教学经验。
65. 网络直播卖货已经成为一种越来越受欢迎的商业模式。

VII. WRITING

Write a composition on the ANSWER SHEET in about 150 words, basing yourself on one of the texts you have learned. (15 points)

66. What are your comments on the tragedy of Kaz's family in the city of Hiroshima? Use the outline given below.

- Description of the tragedy;
- Root of the tragedy;
- Your comments.



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