

※ 注意：請用 2B 鉛筆作答於答案卡，並先詳閱答案卡上之「畫記說明」。

I. Vocabulary (20%)

For each of the following questions, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

1. While recent snow storms have closed many schools in the U.S., some are choosing to hold classes _____, turning snow days into 'cyber' days.
A) realistically B) virtually C) optimistically D) conceptually
2. The _____ for Tommy combined sadness and humor on Saturday, with his friends paying their final respects to this acclaimed actor.
A) fantasy B) federal C) funeral D) fictional
3. Hit-and-run statistics plainly show that this form of vehicular _____ has become distressingly common in Taiwan.
A) admission B) license C) training D) wrongdoing
4. The _____ of the Internet somehow empowers users to make harsh comments they would likely never say to a person's face.
A) anonymity B) antonym C) autopsy D) automobile
5. Up to 50 students at Stingy Elementary School had their school lunches thrown out because of outstanding _____ on their account.
A) bankruptcy B) balances C) benefits D) benevolence
6. None of its coral islands is more than 1.8 meters above sea level, making Maldives _____ to a rise in sea level associated with climate change.
A) vindictive B) vagrant C) vulnerable D) veracious
7. The singing competition, a hit in the US, never achieved the same popularity in Taiwan and _____ a ratings decline in its most recent season.
A) suffered B) suffocated C) experimented D) extrapolated
8. A man who often told neighborhood children he was Santa Claus has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for having child _____ on his computer.
A) propaganda B) proportion C) portfolio D) pornography
9. As reported by the news agency, hackers have _____ the computer networks of the country's top medical device makers and stolen their financial information.
A) perpetrated B) perverted C) pensioned D) penetrated
10. Although a 12-foot tiger shark was _____ at Paradise Beach yesterday, the area remains open to beachgoers today.
A) tarnished B) spotted C) relinquished D) urinated

II. Sentence Structure (20%)

For each of the following questions, choose the answer that makes the sentence grammatically correct.

11. _____ refugees are fleeing to neighboring countries by plane and truck as the rebels stage brutal attacks.
A) A thousands of B) Thousands C) A thousand of D) Thousands of
12. In a region where _____ of the people are estimated to be uninsured, many elementary school students have been fighting blurred vision and headaches for years.
A) two-thirds B) two-third C) third-two D) three-two
13. At the time of the breakup of their 8-year relationship more than a decade ago, Sally accused her husband _____ molesting their daughter.
A) in B) as C) of D) like
14. With all the hype around the new product centered on whether people will pay upwards of NT\$18,000 for it, _____ its potential to revolutionize healthcare.
A) be overlooked B) to overlook C) overlooking D) overlooked is
15. Leading economists caution that investors should prepare for a financial shock this year, _____ that would greatly reduce the appetite for risks.
A) in B) one C) if D) whoever
16. Obesity is a major health problem for both sexes, but men are _____ likely than women to take part in weight management programs.
A) much less B) more or less C) least D) much least
17. Incessant rain has claimed 14 lives in the district during the past 3 days while more than 10,000 people have been evacuated from the _____ areas.

- A) lying-low B) low-lying C) low-liked D) lay-low
18. _____ by Nina Raine, the drama revolves around Billy, a young deaf man at odds with his argumentative working-class family.
A) To be writing B) Be written C) Written D) Having been writing
19. A new study revealed an association between unemployment and suicide rates, which was especially strong for men in countries that _____ have low unemployment.
A) used to B) are used to C) were using to D) being used to
20. The human-trafficking victims in Apple County alone easily number in the hundreds, _____ teenage girls brought in from nearby counties.
A) many of them B) many are C) are D) many of whom

III. Cloze (40%)

Choose the best answer for each of the blanks in the following passages.

Passage I

If you're on Facebook, a new video about your life just went live online. 21 the help of an automated tool, Facebook has created short, personalized video highlights for its users. The short clip notes the year you joined Facebook and then shows a handful of your 22 posts and a seemingly random selection of your photos – all set to instrumental music. Facebook posted the clips, titled "A Look Back," without fanfare in February, 2014 to 23 the 10th anniversary of the social network, which 24 by Mark Zuckerberg and four classmates at Harvard University in February, 2004. This project marks the first time the company has made customized videos. A small team at Facebook 25 several months crafting the videos and ensuring the company had the resources to render them for most of the network's 1.2 billion users.

21. A) However B) Instead C) With D) Despite
22. A) most-like B) most-liked C) liked-most D) likely-most
23. A) commemorate B) denounce C) evict D) fabricate
24. A) founded B) has founded C) was found D) was founded
25. A) have spent B) had spent C) spend D) has been spent

Passage II

As research suggests, given by injection, vitamin C could potentially be a safe, effective, and low-cost treatment for ovarian and other cancers. Vitamin C has long been used as an alternative 26 for cancer. However, in 1970s, clinical trials of vitamin C given by mouth failed to validate its effect, so relevant research was abandoned. 27, scientists found that when given by injection, vitamin C is absorbed into the body, and can kill cancer cells 28 harming normal ones. The researchers injected vitamin C into human ovarian cancer cells in the lab, into mice, and into patients with advanced ovarian cancer. They found ovarian cancer cells were 29 to vitamin C treatment, but normal cells were unharmed. This treatment worked 30 standard chemotherapy drugs to slow tumor growth in mouse studies. Meanwhile, a small group of patients also reported fewer side-effects when given vitamin C alongside chemotherapy.

26. A) therapy B) thermometer C) termination D) terminology
27. A) Doubtlessly B) Admittedly C) Recently D) Consequently
28. A) by B) without C) while D) through
29. A) sensitive B) sensible C) seminal D) sentential
30. A) in contrast with B) as long as C) with regard to D) in tandem with

Passage III

CVS, a huge pharmacy chain in the US, took a bold step when it decided to give up cigarettes. 31 anyone who quits smoking, the company made its decision based on health. CVS operates 800 medical clinics in its pharmacies and wants to 32 that number to 1,500 in the near future. 33 the company is expanding its mission from a tradition retail outlet to become a health care provider, selling proven carcinogens posed a dilemma. Therefore, CVS decided to stop selling tobacco products. No one is suggesting that customers who have been 34 tobacco at CVS won't have ample alternatives. 35, there is evidence that reducing the convenience of buying tobacco lowers the likelihood that some customers, particularly young people, will pick up a habit that can kill. Let's hope that CVS is at the vanguard of the next big battle against the number one cause of preventable death in the US.

31. A) Regardless B) In spite of C) Similar D) Like
32. A) diminish B) increase C) slaughter D) bombard
33. A) Whatsoever B) No sooner C) Since D) Even though
34. A) purchased B) purchase C) be purchasing D) purchasing
35. A) Nonetheless B) Conversely C) Moreover D) First and foremost

Passage IV

For some, the traditional origins of the Friday the 13th superstition probably encourage belief in the day's dark power. There are many theories about the source of this superstition, but the most lasting and convincing 36 points to the biblical account of the Last Supper, which the Bible describes as a gathering of Jesus and the 12 apostles just before Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday. It's also probably the best theory for explaining why the number 13 37 is considered unlucky. There's also a common superstition about 13 people at a table 38 bad luck, which is thought to have the same origin. 39, the infrequency of Friday the 13th seems to help maintain the anxiety it provokes. There is a 13th day in every month of the year, but when the 13th falls on a Tuesday or a Sunday or any day 40 Friday, we take little notice. Same goes for the 50 or more non-13th Fridays each year.

36. A) Friday B) one C) power D) superstition
37. A) itself B) which C) whatever D) oneself
38. A) has been B) being C) been D) that being
39. A) To interpret B) Consequently C) To define D) Interestingly
40. A) including B) and C) but D) alongside

IV. Reading Comprehension (20%)

Read the passages and select the best answers for the questions that follow.

Passage I

I've always had a fear of heights, so one day I volunteered for a jump course. I took part in two jumps that went well. I'd heard that the chances of having a parachute malfunction are about one in 750,000 but on my third jump, I hit the side of the plane. Next thing I knew, I was falling fast, turning over and over.

When you open your parachute, you need to be in a good position so it comes straight out and opens up, but instead the strings attached to the canopy got tangled around my legs. I tried to untie them but they were too tight. If you can't open your main parachute, you remove it and then open the reserve parachute but that didn't work either.

Finally, when I realized there was nothing more I could do, I thought, "Right, I'm dead." Up until then, this whole process had only taken 8 seconds and I was still 900 meters up. I remember feeling incredibly lonely. When I was falling and turning with no control, I briefly saw the ground and a little shack. Then I hit the roof of the shack. I bounced off it and hit a wall and then the ground. I never lost consciousness.

For the first few minutes, I couldn't feel anything, but then the pain started. I lay there just thinking, "I can't believe I'm alive. This is so bizarre yet amazing." I'd dislocated a finger and slightly fractured 3 bones in my back. I haven't jumped since then, but I'm building towards it. I still can't believe how lucky I am.

41. What characteristic best describes the author of this passage?
A) Adventurous B) Forgetful C) Timid D) Cruel
42. How did the accident happen?
A) The author jumped off a shack.
B) The author fell from a building 900 meters tall.
C) The parachutes acted up.
D) The airplane hit the author and kept turning over and over.
43. How did the author survive the accident?
A) He untangled the strings attached to the canopy of the reserve parachute.
B) He managed to remain conscious the entire time.
C) He removed the main parachute.
D) He fell on the roof of a small house.
44. Which of the following statements about the author was true?
A) He forgot how to open the parachutes.
B) He thought he was going to crash and die.
C) He knew he would survive all along.
D) He was not conscious in the first few minutes of the accident.
45. What can be inferred from the passage?
A) The reserve parachute was missing.
B) The author would probably give jumping from a plane another shot.
C) The jump course cost the author a great fortune.
D) It took the author 8 seconds to reach the ground.

Passage II

There is nothing new about reality TV. Confessional shows, where ordinary people make their private life public, have been around for a long time. However, over the last few years, TV reality shows have become popular. In fact, some of these programs have been the most successful shows in television history. In this case, is it unfair to say they are third-rate entertainment?

In order to evaluate reality TV, we need to define exactly what a TV reality show is. Reality shows have several things in common with soap operas. Generally speaking, they both involve a group of people who have to live together and get along with each other while solving various problems. The difference is that reality shows aren't scripted, so the dialogs are often fairly tedious. In addition, the problems contestants deal with are artificial and don't arise naturally from a 'story.' Clearly, in this sense, they could be seen as third-rate entertainment.

Why, then, do people watch them? Presumably, what holds the audience's attention is the 'reality' or spontaneity of the shows. You never know what is going to happen next, and we are fascinated by people who will stop at nothing in the pursuit of fame. Naturally, we are also fascinated by how the contestants cope in different situations, and to some extent measure their reactions against our own.

To conclude, it's probably true to say that reality shows are third-rate entertainment when compared with classic films or award-winning documentaries. However, as audience figures prove, they are strangely compelling because, basically, we are able to empathize with ordinary people in extraordinary situations. This ultimately is what makes TV reality shows worth watching.

46. What is the main purpose of this passage?
A) To demonstrate why TV reality shows indeed do not worth our time.
B) To discuss whether TV reality shows are an inferior form of entertainment.
C) To recount the history of reality TV.
D) To compare and contrast TV reality shows and classic movies.
47. Why are TV reality shows attractive to their audience?
A) They are scripted.
B) Their contestants will do anything to become famous.
C) They are third-rate entertainment.
D) Their contestants are usually celebrities who frequently appear on TV.

48. How do TV reality shows and soap operas differ?
- A) TV reality shows involve people needing to live together.
 - B) The contestants in soap operas deal with artificial problems.
 - C) There are no scripts for TV reality shows.
 - D) The dialogues in soap operas are fairly tedious.
49. Which of the following statements is **not** true about TV reality shows?
- A) They have always been tremendously popular.
 - B) They are no compare to topnotch documentaries.
 - C) Their audience would evaluate how the contestants react to different problems.
 - D) Their unpredictable nature fascinates the audience.
50. Based on the conclusion of this passage, how does the author think about the statement that TV reality shows are third-rate entertainment?
- A) It is totally enlightening.
 - B) It is completely misleading.
 - C) It is absolutely true.
 - D) It is partially true.

