I. Vocabulary (50 points): For each question, choose the word that best completes the sentence.

1. An _______ shopper always bargains over prices.
   A. esteemed  B. economical  C. exquisite

2. Before you _______ an essay, you might make an outline.
   A. compose  B. invent  C. excel

3. Global warming _______ arctic animals.
   A. endangers  B. disrupts  C. restores

4. He felt embarrassed by his _______ of Taiwanese history.
   A. input  B. inquiry  C. ignorance

5. If you write in _______, you may misspell some words.
   A. vigor  B. haste  C. casual

6. The principal knows how to _______ noisy students.
   A. discharge  B. oblige  C. discipline

7. A _______ statement is one that has no meaning.
   A. pointless  B. negative  C. skeptical

8. The teacher needs our _______ to go on the field trip.
   A. consolation  B. content  C. consent

9. A _______ bear may make you tremble.
   A. forlorn  B. flimsy  C. fearsome

10. The defeated team _______ the winners on their close victory.
    A. acquires  B. compliments  C. conserves

11. Although I skipped the last meeting, I attended the _______ one.
    A. previous  B. mere  C. former

12. The death sentence for murder is a _______ and legal issue.
    A. moral  B. neutral  C. tactical

13. The morning air was so _______ that Helen could see her own breath.
    A. fanatic  B. frigid  C. blissful
14. Drinking too much alcohol causes the liver and brain to ________.
   A. decrease    B. degrade    C. deteriorate

15. I always turned to my sister for ________ whenever I was upset.
   A. evaluation  B. consolation C. rehearsal

16. Exercise is ________ to one’s health.
   A. beneficent  B. beneficial   C. benevolent

17. A fifteen-kilometer hike will ________ the average person.
   A. exhaust     B. confuse      C. impose

18. Rumors of a possible war made us ________.
   A. keen        B. irresistible  C. apprehensive

19. The second semester ________ on February 22, so students have already begun preparing.
   A. commences   B. extends      C. recounts

20. The delicate details of the sculpture made by the 3D printer ________ me.
    A. oppress     B. elude       C. intrigue

21. The actors have to ________ scenes when something unexpected happens.
    A. innovate    B. craft       C. improvise

22. The test date is ________ and may be changed.
    A. primary     B. tentative   C. misleading

23. From the observation deck of the Eiffel Tower, one may enjoy a sweeping ________ of Paris.
    A. panorama    B. screen      C. breadth

24. Doctors often advise patients to ________ their intake of fast foods.
    A. restrict    B. vary        C. consider

25. Most computer software provides different ________ for making posters.
    A. classifications B. templates  C. representations
II. Prepositions (10 points): For each question, choose the preposition that best completes the sentence.

A. of  B. from  C. for  D. with  E. by

Alejandro G. Iñárritu became the first filmmaker to win back-to-back best director awards since 1951, and after thanking his cast and crew — especially Leonardo DiCaprio — he ended ______ a powerful statement about prejudice and diversity ______ quoting a line from The Revenant: “They don’t listen to you. They just see the color ______ your skin.” “So what a great opportunity to our generation to really liberate ourselves ______ all prejudice and this tribal thinking and make sure ______ once and forever that the color of the skin becomes as irrelevant as the length of our hair,” Iñárritu concluded.

III. Idioms (10 points): For each question, choose the idiom that best completes the sentence.

A. my heart set  B. tongue-tied  C. second thoughts
D. on top of the world  E. on the edge of my seat

31. I feel _______ when I begin a presentation, but I relax as soon as I start to speak.
32. I have been _______ ever since I won the swimming competition.
33. I was _______ every time our team came close to scoring a point.
34. I had _______ on going to the museum exhibition until it rained.
35. I wanted to ride the free-fall in the amusement park, but I had _______ when I saw how long it was.

IV. Improving Sentences (10 points): In each of the following items, part of the sentence is underlined. Beneath each sentence are four ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the answer choice that best expresses the meaning of the original sentence.

36. Neither Jed or his sister take the time to read the directions before putting together a new computer or fax machine.
A. nor his sister takes the time
B. or his sister takes the time
C. nor his sister take the time
D. and his sister takes the time
37. To even be considered for the job, you need an impeccable resume, two laudatory letters of reference, and you should retain a knowledgeable headhunter.
   A. a resume that is impeccable, two letters of reference that are laudatory, and to hire a headhunter that is knowledgeable
   B. a resume of an impeccable nature, two laudatory letters of reference, and to retain a knowledgeable headhunter
   C. an impeccable resume, two laudatory letters of reference, and a knowledgeable headhunter
   D. besides an impeccable resume, two laudatory letters of reference and to retain the aid of a knowledgeable headhunter

38. Hoping to finish her assignment before the due date, the new contract didn’t arrive until three days before the final deadline.
   A. Because she hoped to finish her assignment before the due date,
   B. She had been hoping to finish her assignment before the due date, but
   C. Despite hopes to finish her assignment before the due date,
   D. The fact that she hoped to finish her assignment before the due date didn’t help,

39. The talented young ballplayer put up some very impressive hitting numbers in the minor leagues, and he was not considered ready to perform successfully at the major league level.
   A. He was not considered ready to perform successfully at the major league level.
   B. but he was not considered ready to perform successfully at the major league level.
   C. because he was not considered ready to perform successfully at the major league level.
   D. despite the fact that he was not considered ready to perform successfully at the major league level.

40. Because Gloria had been at every family event in recent years, she felt badly when she could not make it to her cousin’s graduation.
   A. she had felt badly when she could not make it to her cousin’s graduation.
   B. She felt bad that she could not make it to her cousin’s graduation.
   C. she felt bad when she could not make it to her cousin’s graduation.
   D. she felt badly when she could not make it to her cousin’s graduation.
V. Cloze (10 points): For each question, choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

Throughout her history China ______ herself the center of civilization, surrounded by barbarians. She was the Middle Kingdom, the center of the universe, whose Emperor was the Son of Heaven, ruling by the Mandate of Heaven. Convinced of their superior values, the Chinese considered that China’s greatness was owed to principles of social order over a harmonious whole. All outsiders ______ misfortune was to live beyond her borders were "barbarians" and necessarily inferiors who were expected, and indeed required, to make their approach, if they insisted on coming, bearing tribute and performing the kowtow in token of humble submission.

From the time of Marco Polo to the eighteenth century, visiting Westerners, amazed and admiring, ______ take China at her own valuation. Her recorded history began in the third millennium B.C., her bronzes were as old as the pyramids, her classical age was contemporary with ______ of Greece, her Confucian canon of ethics predated the New Testament ______ not the Old. She was the inventor of paper, porcelain, silk, gunpowder, the clock and movable type, the builder of the Great Wall, one of the wonders of the world, the creator of fabrics and ceramics of exquisite beauty and of an art of painting that was sophisticated and expressive when Europe’s was still primitive and flat. 

41. A. has believed  B. had believed  C. believes  D. was believing
42. A. whoever  B. that  C. in which  D. whose
43. A. were committed to  B. intended to  C. were inclined to  D. insisted to
44. A. which  B. that  C. whom  D. those
45. A. if  B. and  C. or  D. when

VI. Reading comprehension (10 points): Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Have you ever heard the term the Great Migration? If so, you may know that between 1870 and 1920, hundreds of thousands of African Americans moved from rural areas in the Southeast to the industrialized urban areas in the Northeast and Midwest. For most, this huge migration meant an escape from poverty and the malady of discrimination, of being treated unfairly. To these African Americans.
Americans, the movement north was a quest for a better life, as northern factory jobs were a great improvement over farm work.

As more industrial jobs became available during World War I, about half a million African Americans went north. Although their economic status improved during war years, African Americans in both the North and the South were still denied many basic rights. As a result, some notable African Americans rose to the challenge of righting injustices and achieving equal opportunities.

One African American who fought to end injustice was Booker T. Washington. Born enslaved, Washington taught himself to read. Years later, in 1891, he founded the Tuskegee Institution in Alabama. There, African Americans were taught skills such as bricklaying, printing, and teaching, which would help them improve their lives as they worked peacefully toward equality.

African American women also struggled for justice. Ida B. Wells, for example, strove to end the notorious practice of segregation—that is, of separating African Americans from other groups in society—and other forms of racial injustice. For Wells, her pen and her resolve were her only weapons. As editor of the newspaper Free Speech, which she founded in Memphis, Tennessee, Wells fought to end random acts of violence against African Americans. “Can you remain silent,” she wrote “... when such things are done in your own community and country?”

As these African American leaders and others lectured across the country, they inspired the growth of the civil right movement. In fact, even today, their words and deeds still motivate organizations to continue the struggle for justice.

46. The main purpose of the passage is to
A. inform about African Americans’ early struggles to end injustice
B. describe African American life in the North from 1870 to 1920
C. tell a personal story about the writer’s ancestors
D. persuade the reader to take actions

47. Malady (line 5 of para. 1) most nearly means
A. humiliation
B. stigma
C. sickness
D. oppression

48. It is clear that the main motivation for African Americans moving to the North from the South was their search for
A. political representation
B. a college education
C. family and friends
D. a better life
49. The author's attitude toward Booker T. Washington and Ida B. Wells is best described as one of
A. sympathy
B. hostility
C. indifference
D. admiration

50. From the sentence “For Wells, her pen and her resolve were her only weapons” (line 4 of para. 4), you can infer that Wells
A. defended herself against enemies
B. wrote countless editorials
C. kept her opinions to herself
D. gave in to pressure to stop writing