

※ 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」。

Choose the best answer. Indicate your choice for each question by blackening the appropriate space on your computer card with a 2B pencil.

**I. Sentence Completion (30%)**

Choose the word or phrase that BEST completes the sentences.

1. Four Western tourists held by armed \_\_\_\_\_ in Kashmir began their seventh month in captivity today.  
A) hostages                      B) hackers                      C) guerrillas                      D) laymen
2. She was a \_\_\_\_\_ little girl who was always playing tricks on people.  
A) misbehaved                      B) mischievous                      C) misspelled                      D) miserable
3. Martha wanted to buy \_\_\_\_\_ that would match her new red coat.  
A) accessories                      B) monuments                      C) pebbles                      D) quilts
4. I don't think this movie is \_\_\_\_\_ for children because there is so much violence.  
A) genuine                      B) abrupt                      C) offensive                      D) appropriate
5. Wild rabbits are \_\_\_\_\_ creatures that mainly rely on their keen senses of hearing and smell to evade danger.  
A) timid                      B) thrilling                      C) petty                      D) notorious
6. \_\_\_\_\_ materials have less economic value than processed materials.  
A) Raw                      B) Vital                      C) Coral                      D) Bass
7. A new \_\_\_\_\_ of aviation began in 1947 when Chuck Yeager became the first pilot to fly faster than the speed of sound.  
A) badge                      B) fable                      C) era                      D) ambush
8. The airline \_\_\_\_\_. It sent me to Atlanta but my luggage to Montreal.  
A) blundered                      B) baffled                      C) beckoned                      D) blurred
9. Your summary has too many \_\_\_\_\_ details; you need to make it much more concise.  
A) rhetoric                      B) abundant                      C) specific                      D) irrelevant
10. The problem with statistics is that they can often be \_\_\_\_\_ in such a way as to support whatever argument one wants.  
A) manipulated                      B) clarified                      C) endeavored                      D) relished
11. Fictional detective Sherlock Holmes used a process of logical \_\_\_\_\_ to solve crimes.  
A) philosophizing                      B) assessment                      C) exclusion                      D) deduction
12. So far, scientists have been unable to predict earthquakes with a high degree of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) imprecision                      B) methodology                      C) reliability                      D) formulation
13. Employees working in research departments are forbidden to \_\_\_\_\_ confidential information.  
A) give away                      B) send off                      C) break off                      D) see through

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14. The State should not interfere in matters where it cannot \_\_\_\_\_ an improvement.  
A) bring about                      B) get on                      C) take up                      D) look after
15. Until his latest novel brought him international acclaim, he had \_\_\_\_\_ in obscurity.  
A) got off the ground                      B) sat on the fence  
C) called it a day                      D) lived from hand to mouth

II. Cloze (50%)

Choose the BEST answer for each missing word or phrase in the following passages.

Spencer Tracy was a(n) \_\_ (16) \_\_. He could be cruel and heartless toward some actors with whom he worked, but \_\_ (17) \_\_ kind to others. Director Robert Wise says, "When we did a film called *Tribute to a Bad Man*, he couldn't have been more mean and nasty to his co-stars. He ignored and upstaged young Robert Francis to the \_\_ (18) \_\_ where the kid was hurt, bewildered and demoralized." \_\_ (19) \_\_, Robert Wagner says, "After I worked with him in *The Mountain*, he became a sort of \_\_ (20) \_\_ father to me. We became good friends and he helped me in my development as an actor \_\_ (21) \_\_ the day he died."

16. A) enigma                      B) miser                      C) bully                      D) crook  
17. A) acutely                      B) comprehensively                      C) richly                      D) overwhelmingly  
18. A) point                      B) amount                      C) degree                      D) place  
19. A) Moreover                      B) In the end                      C) Otherwise                      D) On the other hand  
20. A) reserved                      B) substitute                      C) understudy                      D) primary  
21. A) on                      B) until                      C) for                      D) by

Secret documents recently made \_\_ (22) \_\_ show that the British ballerina Dame Margot Fonteyn was connected to a plot to topple the government of Panama in 1959. The Foreign Office documents reveal Dame Margot Fonteyn was \_\_ (23) \_\_ of being far more involved in the attempted coup \_\_ (24) \_\_ previously thought. They accuse her of complicity, of knowing that her husband \_\_ (25) \_\_ gathering weapons and rebels. The British Ambassador to Panama condemned her conduct as "highly reprehensible \_\_ (26) \_\_ irresponsible". He said it "wasn't fitting in any British subject, \_\_ (27) \_\_ someone who's been highly honored by the Queen". \_\_ (28) \_\_ her arrest in Panama and subsequent release, Dame Margot flew to London where she met the Foreign Office Minister John Profumo. In a memo, which has also just been \_\_ (29) \_\_, he reveals she told him she'd met Fidel Castro, who promised to help her husband overthrow the Panamanian government. Profumo writes he had to pinch \_\_ (30) \_\_ to make sure he wasn't dreaming what he describes as the "comic opera story".

22. A) public                      B) the public                      C) to the public                      D) public and  
23. A) situated                      B) improvised                      C) dedicated                      D) suspected  
24. A) as                      B) than                      C) which                      D) for  
25. A) was                      B) had                      C) of                      D) with  
26. A) or                      B) but                      C) as                      D) and  
27. A) let alone                      B) by far                      C) for example                      D) in case  
28. A) Upon                      B) After                      C) To                      D) No sooner than  
29. A) reinvented                      B) rejoined                      C) released                      D) resumed  
30. A) himself                      B) it out                      C) hard                      D) her



A senior American congressman has dismissed the evidence of BP chief executive Tony Hayward as 'unacceptable' and has promised to continue demanding answers in connection with a huge oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Central to Tony Hayward's testimony \_\_ (31) \_\_ two themes: that it would be premature to pre-judge the outcome of investigations into the cause of the explosion on the Deepwater Horizon rig; and that \_\_ (32) \_\_ CEO he wasn't directly involved in decisions relating to construction of the \_\_ (33) \_\_ oil well, or its safety. But his reticence to be drawn into events leading up to the disaster two months ago \_\_ (34) \_\_ growing frustration on the part of committee members, one of \_\_ (35) \_\_ accused him of 'stonewalling'. After the hearing Democratic Congressman Ed Markey told reporters that 'I don't know' was the answer of someone who'd decided to listen to his lawyers rather than \_\_ (36) \_\_ what went wrong. The Congressman said he would \_\_ (37) \_\_ BP every single day for answers that the American people deserved. The oil spill which stemmed from the explosion has now affected more than 80 kilometers of shoreline in the Gulf of Mexico.

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| 31. A) were         | B) has been       | C) to be       | D) has            |
| 32. A) with         | B) for            | C) in          | D) as             |
| 33. A) ill-fated    | B) ill-fating     | C) ill-fateful | D) ill-fate       |
| 34. A) led to       | B) resulting in   | C) has been    | D) was            |
| 35. A) which        | B) all            | C) them        | D) whom           |
| 36. A) dealing with | B) cooperate with | C) account for | D) be responsible |
| 37. A) convince     | B) push           | C) press       | D) wait           |

Hungary's parliament has elected the country's new president, amid opposition concerns he will be too \_\_ (38) \_\_ to plans of the ruling center right Fidesz Party, which include changing the nation's constitution. Hungary's parliament applauded Pal Schmitt, a leading figure of the ruling center right Fidesz party, after he was elected president with an overwhelming majority of 263 votes over his main \_\_ (39) \_\_, Socialist Andras Balogh. A two-time Olympic champion, the 68-year-old said that as president, he would advocate health, sports, education, the Hungarian language, and promote civil organizations and \_\_ (40) \_\_.

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| 38. A) appreciative | B) accommodating | C) intimidating | D) inconceivable |
| 39. A) rival        | B) participant   | C) disciple     | D) campaign      |
| 40. A) identity     | B) sobriety      | C) solidarity   | D) commodity     |

### III. Reading Comprehension (20%)

Choose the BEST answer to each question on the basis of the information provided or implied in the passages.

#### Passage 1

Although the city of Alexandria still exists today, floods and earthquakes buried Antirrhodos under water more than 1,600 years ago. But it wasn't lost for good. In 1996, undersea explorer Franck Goddio found this island beneath just 18 feet of water off the shore of Alexandria. He found statues, columns, pavement, and pottery buried in layers of mud, seaweed, and garbage. These were the ruins of Cleopatra's palace.

41. According to the passage, how were the ruins of Cleopatra's palace found?
- A) An earthquake removed the ruins that sat on Cleopatra's palace.
  - B) People dived into the sea and found these objects.
  - C) They were washed up to the shore of Alexandria.
  - D) Many pieces were found in a pile of trash by accident.
42. What does "it" (line 2) refer to in this passage?
- A) Antirrhodos
  - B) Alexandria
  - C) the discovery
  - D) the year 1996

Passage 2

The waterspout literally skipped. And then, like a monster of the night that is exposed to the sun, this monster of water began to disintegrate when it hit land. By the time it reached our cottage, it was nothing more than a strong gust of water-colored wind that pelted our bodies. The rest of the storm raged for an hour and then simply blew away.

43. What can be inferred about the way the waterspout approached the house?
- A) It blew.
  - B) It pelted.
  - C) It skipped.
  - D) all of the above
44. Based on the passage, the sun is to a "monster of the night" as \_\_\_\_\_ is to the waterspout.
- A) the storm
  - B) the cottage
  - C) the monster of water
  - D) the land

Passage 3

Rare and beautiful animals such as the clouded leopard or douc langur monkey spend their lives in the jungles of southeast Asia. In death, they might end up in, of all places, an open U.S. market catering to southeast Asian immigrants. At one such market in Minnesota, in the shadow of the state capitol, federal agents recently uncovered a tiny slice of a multi-billion-dollar criminal enterprise that is rarely seen.

"Slow loris is a primate," said federal agent Sheila O'Connor, explaining photos of evidence **confiscated** from the market. "These are dholes, dhole hide. These are tapir feet. [A dhole is a member of the dog family; the tapir is an endangered relative of the rhino]. These are douc langur parts. These are hands and feet both." U.S. Fish and Wildlife agents say illegal trafficking in wildlife is the No. 1 threat of extinction for animals ranging from elephants to tigers.

Minneapolis airport inspector Linda Benson ran smack into the strange underworld during a routine check of passengers disembarking from a flight from Laos. "When we found the primate and the elephant skin and the elephant teeth, um, you know, we knew we were on to something," Benson said.



The passenger carrying the illegal goods hardly looked like a top predator in the black-market world of animal trafficking, Benson said. She was an elderly Laotian woman by the name of Pa Lor. But her luggage told another story. She was carrying a ghoulish collection -- more than a thousand claws, teeth and skins.

"Usually when we work passengers, we'll find maybe one item they might be bringing in, one item," said Benson. "With her it was such a large quantity, and then when we started picking out the primate skins and the serow horn. It was just amazing."

45. Based on the report, who are the major buyers of these animal parts in question?
- A) the Asian population in southeastern America
  - B) the people in most parts of southeast Asia
  - C) the Americans who are attracted to Asian culture
  - D) the population of Asian descent in the USA
46. The word "confiscated" (line 7) can be replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) seized
  - B) arrested
  - C) captured
  - D) grasped
47. What is true about the case of Pa Lor?
- A) She asked other passengers to carry her goods for her.
  - B) Her luggage looked too heavy for an old lady.
  - C) Her appearance alone didn't raise much suspicion.
  - D) She didn't really know the legal consequences.

#### Passage 4

### MANDATORY VOLUNTEERING FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA NOT A GOOD IDEA (from the Sun Sentinel)

Re: Proposals for mandatory service hours in order to graduate from high school

I am an active participant in the high school service program, and chairperson of a tutoring program run primarily by high school students such as myself. Volunteering is a personal choice and an extracurricular activity such as the debate team or school-sponsored sports.

First, many students do volunteer, and most do it with full force. By the time a volunteering student becomes a senior, that student could earn as many as 1000+ service hours. If an entering freshman is told that he or she must volunteer for a pre-set number of hours, the student might become resentful, complete the required hours, and never volunteer again. The volunteered hours would end up being less than the hours being volunteered now.

Many students do not have the time to volunteer. School goes from a set starting time to a set ending time. If the student's busy after-school schedule does not allow for extracurricular activities, that is the student's own business. With the exception of homework, there is nothing that a student is required to do after school hours.

Finally, mandatory volunteering is an **oxymoron**. If students are required to volunteer, it is no longer volunteering. The performed service becomes one more thing to do in order to graduate from high school. The quality of work can suffer greatly. If a student enjoys volunteering, he or she will volunteer without having to be told.

48. It can be inferred that the writer mentions his or her being an “active participant” in service programs to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) point out the fact that he or she is not against the idea of volunteering at all
  - B) express his or her doubts about the value of volunteering for the high school students
  - C) reveal his or her resentment towards the school’s volunteering requirement
  - D) demonstrate how volunteering has enriched and transformed his or her life positively
49. The writer predicts that when the mandatory volunteering requirements are met \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) students will stop volunteering because they have other school activities to keep themselves busy
  - B) many students will continue to volunteer in places not included in the school’s program
  - C) the school will not have an adequate system to trace the performance of the volunteers
  - D) most students will no longer volunteer because they have developed a negative attitude
50. The word “oxymoron” (first line, last paragraph) is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) contradiction
  - B) confliction
  - C) conservation
  - D) conversion



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