

Directions—Choose the best answer for each question and mark the corresponding space on your computer card with a 2B pencil.

Vocabulary 50%

Choose the best word or phrase that can replace the underlined words without changing the meaning of the sentence, or can complete the sentence so it makes good sense.

1. The paperback edition was one of this summer's best-selling titles.
A. ranks B. books C. names D. films
2. The weather in spring is highly _____; it can be sunny when you leave home in the morning but raining by the time you come home.
A. unpredictable B. unprepared C. unprecedented D. unprofitable
3. African-Americans now _____ 12% of the U.S. population.
A. acclaim B. accrue from C. account for D. count on
4. The new science museum rivals any others in the world.
A. can compare to B. is inferior to C. gives insight into D. makes demands on
5. Workers spoke of their frustration with government policies that favored employers.
A. support for B. expectations of C. dissatisfaction with D. interest in
6. The investigator scrutinized the signatures on the two documents.
A. examined B. copied C. spread out D. doubted
7. The saying "every man for himself" means "_____."
A. people need to help each other
B. God will help the others
C. everybody must look after his own interests
D. man's worse enemy is himself
8. The book is full of anecdotes about his adventures in foreign lands.
A. jokes B. lies C. stories D. rumors
9. The scandal has been in the news for so long that the public met the new developments with indifference.
A. lack of interest B. the same concern C. renewed excitement D. voyeurism
10. The team was playing against strong opponents, but it rose to the occasion.
A. successfully met the challenge B. failed with pride and glory
C. suffered great embarrassment D. won the championship
11. The price of real estate has increased twofold since we bought the house.
A. in half B. two times C. twenty times D. forty times
12. The people of Egypt are coming to terms with the idea of democracy.
A. careful about B. trying to ignore C. studying the rules of
D. learning to accept

13. She said it over and over under her breath.
A. without breathing B. very calmly C. in a whisper D. very carefully
14. Great care was taken to _____ to her the news of her husband's death.
A. talk B. break C. speak D. slip
15. The success of this venture subsequently inspired the young woman to help others.
A. accidentally B. consequentially C. belatedly D. obviously
16. One of my little girl's favorite pastimes is to _____ the phone when it rings.
A. receive B. accept C. answer D. call
17. If one company lowers the price, the others will probably follow suit.
A. file a complaint B. follow its example C. wait and see D. ignore the act
18. My folks are so naive that they believe everything they read in the paper.
A. innocent B. stupid C. irrational D. ridiculous
19. The patient swears by the herb medicine.
A. strongly criticizes B. has confidence in C. was attracted by D. switched to
20. Ever since he lost the last game, people have been saying that he is losing his edge.
A. advantage B. position C. mind D. concentration
21. Taiwan now lags behind South Korea in personal income.
A. competes with B. falls behind C. surpasses D. matches
22. Every person in this organization is entitled to equal treatment.
A. deserves B. believes in C. is enthusiastic about D. is looking for
23. This is just one of the myriad ways to help people in need.
A. strange B. unexpected C. many D. easy
24. The boy sported his new high school uniform.
A. made fun of B. exercised in C. proudly wore D. tore
25. "They both make good promises," said Foster, "but I'm not sure who can _____."
A. arrive B. produce C. activate D. deliver

Cloze Test 36%

Choose the best word or phrase to fill in the blanks.

It's not unusual to experiment with different eating habits, for example you may have decided to become a vegetarian or tried changing your diet (26) your health. However, some eating patterns can be damaging.

Problems with food can begin (27) it is used to cope with painful situations or feelings, or to relieve stress perhaps without you even (28) it. If this is how you deal with emotions and feelings and you are unhappy about it, then you should try to talk to someone you trust. (29) not to bottle things up—this is not helpful to you or other people around you, it won't make you feel any better and the problem is unlikely to go away.

It is unlikely that an eating disorder will result from a single cause. It is (30) more likely to be a combination of many factors, events, feelings or pressures. Anyone can develop an eating disorder, (31) age, sex, cultural or racial background, (32) the people most likely to be affected tend to be young women, particularly between the ages of 15 and 25. Research has shown that your genetic make-up may have a small impact upon (33) you develop an eating disorder.

(adapted from www.edauk.com)

26. A. improve B. to improve C. improved D. improving
27. A. that B. when C. who D. how
28. A. realize B. realized C. realizing D. to realize
29. A. Try B. Trying C. To try D. Tried
30. A. less B. much C. once D. no
31. A. in spite of B. regardless of C. just like D. same as
32. A. x B. however C. although D. so
33. A. that whether B. that C. whether D. x

Americans log an average of five hours in front of their TV sets each day, and researchers say that's enough to send them to an early grave. A new study finds that for every two hours of television per day, a viewer's risk of an early death (34) by 13 percent. (35) a look at the ways you're taking your life in your hands when you turn on the TV:

1. **It causes sleeplessness**

Watching TV before dozing off is one of the major causes of sleep deprivation, a condition that bothers one (36) three people and is linked to increased risk of obesity, heart disease, and depression.

2. **We become too attached**

During the 2007 TV writers' strike, when scripted series went off-air for several months, some college students reported feeling "real distress" over the loss of new episodes of their favorite shows. The "anguish" is comparable to the trauma of a romantic breakup, (37) many people watch TV for companionship. And bad breakups can lead to depression.

3. (38)

While educational programs can make older preschoolers smarter, that screen might just be doing the opposite for kids under age 2. The (39) two years of a child's life are a critical time in brain development, and TV time takes away from play, exploring, and other activities essential to normal growth. Too much TV in infancy is linked to slow language, cognitive, and attention development.

(adapted from *The Week*)

34. A. rises B. drops C. varies D. fluctuates
35. A. It's B. That's C. There's D. Here's
36. A. of B. in C. to D. after

37. A. which B. while C. as D. why
 38. A. Slow early childhood development
 B. Slowing early childhood development
 C. To slow early childhood development
 D. It slows early childhood development
 39. A. only B. early C. first D. one

I (40) a cab driver, a trucker, an electrician's gofer, a substitute teacher, and a traveling salesman, before I became a cook. But I was married, with a newborn child. My lifelong sense that I would "become" a writer wasn't working out.

When the baby arrived, everything changed. My wife was typically busy and tired, and she soon began medical school. It was clearly incumbent upon me, (41) easier and more sensible, to lighten household burdens rather than try to nurse the newborn. So I volunteered to take over the kitchen. There was urgency and (42)—there was no way around it. My need to develop a career and to get dinner on the table combined to turn me from an amateur gourmet into a cook and (43) food writer.

(adapted from *Man with a Pan*)

40. A. am B. was become C. have been D. had been
 41. A. not to mention B. last but not least C. on the other hand D. by no means
 42. A. necessity B. necessary C. necessarily D. necessities
 43. A. after B. later C. latter D. following

Reading Comprehension 14%

Choose the best answer to the questions based on the information provided or implied in the passages.

Passage 1

Wikipedia, an online encyclopedia compiled by a distributed network of volunteers, has often come under attack by academics as being shoddy and full of inaccuracies. Even Wikipedia's founder, Jimmy Wales, says he wants to get the message out to college students that they shouldn't use it for class projects or serious research.

Speaking at a conference at the University of Pennsylvania on Friday called "The Hyperlinked Society," Mr. Wales said that he gets about 10 e-mail messages a week from students who complain that Wikipedia has gotten them into academic hot water. "They say, 'Please help me. I got an F on my paper because I cited Wikipedia and the information turned out to be wrong,'" he says. But he said he has no sympathy for their troubles, noting that he thinks to himself: "For God's sake, you're in college; don't cite the encyclopedia."

Mr. Wales said that leaders of Wikipedia have considered putting together a fact sheet that professors could give out to students explaining what Wikipedia is and that it is not always a definitive source. "It is pretty

good, but you have to be careful with it," he said. "It's good enough knowledge, depending on what your purpose is."

In an interview, Mr. Wales said that Wikipedia is ideal for many uses. If you are reading a novel that mentions the Battle of the Bulge, for instance, you could use Wikipedia to get a quick basic overview of the historical event to understand the context. But students writing a paper about the battle should hit the history books.

(from *The Chronicle of Higher Education*)

44. Which of the following is true?
- A. Students often write to Wales to express their appreciation and admiration.
 - B. Wales apologizes to college students when they complain about the inaccuracies in Wikipedia.
 - C. Wales wants to send professors a fact sheet to defend Wikipedia.
 - D. Wales thinks that, though Wikipedia is a good source of knowledge, it has limited use.
45. According to Wales, college students can consult Wikipedia when they _____.
- A. write research papers
 - B. do class projects
 - C. look up quick facts
 - D. all of the above
46. What does "get into hot water" in the second paragraph probably mean?
- A. get into trouble
 - B. get a high grade
 - C. need technical support
 - D. forget to do something

Passage 2

British ministers are shelving a scheme devised under Labour to widen the availability of free school meals to more low income families. The scheme, due to start this September, could have given free meals to 500,000 more families. Labour had under-estimated how much the scheme would cost over three years, he said, by nearly £200m.

The public is outraged. Imran Hussain from the Child Poverty Action Group said: "Suspending this support is the same as an income-tax hike of £600 a year for a working poor family with two children."

The Mayor of Newham, where a free school meals pilot began last September, says the scrapping of plans to extend the scheme to other districts is "short-sighted." The mayor, Sir Robin Wales, urged the government to re-consider: "Our pilot means we can make a huge difference to the lives of our pupils and our families, particularly those working hard but struggling to pay basic bills and get some of the most deprived young people in the country healthy."

(adapted from BBC)

47. From the passage, we can infer that _____.
- A. the children of some low income families, such as those in Newham, already enjoy free school meals

- B. the existing plan started in September and has provided a total of 500,000 families with free school meals
- C. the total cost of the old plan was two hundred million pounds
- D. Labour thinks that the price tag of £200m for this kind of scheme is quite a bargain
48. "Labour" in the first paragraph means ____.
- A. the working class B. the labour movement
- C. a labour camp D. the British government formed by the Labour Party
49. Hussain is **not** implying that ____.
- A. the working poor family will be seriously affected by the suspended support
- B. for a family with two children, the free meal scheme would save them £600 a year
- C. because the government should pay for the meals but will not, it is like asking the struggling working class family to pay £600 to the government
- D. the government will pay each working class family £600 to make up for the free meal benefit they lose
50. Sir Robin Wales is **not** saying that ____.
- A. the mayor of Newham is short-sighted
- B. the test plan to provide free school meals in Newham was very successful
- C. the government should carry on with the original plan
- D. low income families often have to choose between paying the bills for basic necessities and providing their children with enough food to stay healthy