

※ 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%): Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

1. Even as COVID-19 treatments have improved and death rates have fallen, record-breaking levels of hospitalizations are already _____ ICUs in many parts of America.
(A) overwhelming (B) pursuing (C) inheriting (D) boosting
2. Gestures that we use on a daily basis to portray positive emotion or agreement might mean something highly _____ in a foreign land.
(A) imaginative (B) offensive (C) effective (D) extensive
3. Tens of thousands of furious females assembled outside the mayor's office, screaming in protest of gender _____.
(A) inequality (B) degradation (C) evaporation (D) explosion
4. That more and more pedestrians tend to wear wireless earbuds while crossing the roads actually puts many lives in _____.
(A) jeopardy (B) injunction (C) harbinger (D) hedgehog
5. This year's election is indeed an _____, record-breaking one, as the outgoing president still claims the result as a massive fraud and refuses to congratulate the president-elect.
(A) unbiased (B) unprecedented (C) unsanctioned (D) unleashed
6. While social media is a great way to socialize with friends and family, it can also be a _____ of cyberbullying.
(A) resource (B) dictator (C) hotbed (D) misfit
7. Professor Fitzgerald, who specializes in quantum physics, is _____ productive, publishing at least three new research papers every year.
(A) sarcastically (B) congenially (C) archeologically (D) genuinely
8. Mr. Jacob has a _____ for spotting good investments and a reputation for being bold and visionary.
(A) redundancy (B) fad (C) contingency (D) flair
9. In an attempt to _____ his opponent, the tennis player used performance-enhancing drugs before the match.
(A) relegate (B) indict (C) thwart (D) condone

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10. As climate change continues to drastically affect ecosystems, the future of biodiversity looks _____.

- (A) bleak (B) avid (C) vertical (D) arid

II. Structure (20%):

11. With _____ information on the official website, Miss Kylie decided to make a call to the boutique.

- (A) few (B) a number of (C) little (D) this

12. Gardening _____ a moderate intensity level activity and can also contribute to the World Health Organization's recommended minimum of 150 minutes per week for all adults.

- (A) is considered (B) is seemed (C) is regarded (D) is viewed

13. Uji is a city on the southern outskirts of Kyoto, and its matcha is _____ among the best in the world.

- (A) arguable (B) arguably (C) argument (D) arguing

14. Much _____ her disappointment, Erika did not make the shortlist for the annual Chef of the Year competition.

- (A) towards (B) within (C) on (D) to

15. An Instagram influencer _____ account has over 5 million followers was accused of spreading fake news.

- (A) whom (B) who (C) whose (D) to which

16. Over 500 flowering plants in the Taipei Botanical Garden are in bloom, _____ of viola and camellia.

- (A) inclusive (B) including (C) included (D) been included

17. Some students plan to start their own business after graduation; _____ would like to pursue further education.

- (A) others (B) the others (C) still others (D) another

18. The mayor listened to the survivors of a recent caving accident with tears _____ down her cheeks.

- (A) rolling (B) rolled (C) roll (D) rolls

19. _____ not passing the bar exam, Jamie will never give up her dream of becoming a civil litigation lawyer.

- (A) Unless (B) That (C) What if (D) Despite

20. As food delivery apps bring people convenience, they are also responsible for generating huge amounts of packaging waste, most of _____ is plastic.

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- (A) which (B) those (C) it (D) them

III. Cloze (36%):

Questions 21-25 refer to the following passage.

Sales of some vegetables have soared by up to 300 percent following the decision by a group of New World supermarkets in New Zealand to do away with plastic packaging.

The project - __21__ "food in the nude" - was pioneered by a New World supermarket in Bishopdale, Christchurch, and now, with up to nine stores on board, giving up plastic wrapping for almost all fruit and vegetables has led to stunning sales figures. Bishopdale store owner Nigel Bond says the initiative was part of the war __22__ plastic. While he was initially concerned that his idea could backfire, it has instead resulted in positive customer __23__ with customers bowled over by the new displays.

Getting rid of __24__ fresh produce reminds Bond of his childhood, he says, when going to the greengrocer meant enjoying the smell of fresh citrus or spring onions. Plastic wrap sanitizes and __25__ people of this experience, he says.

21. (A) knowing as (B) known as (C) knows as (D) is known as
22. (A) with (B) in (C) into (D) on
23. (A) immersion (B) exposure (C) integrity (D) feedback
24. (A) wrapping-plastic (B) wrapped-plastic (C) plastic-wrapping (D) plastic-wrapped
25. (A) derives (B) derides (C) deprives (D) deceives

Questions 26-29 refer to the following passage.

Thanks to conservation efforts, India's tiger population has increased by over 30 percent in the past four years, from 2226 to 2967. Described by Indian Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, __26__ a "historic achievement", these figures suggest that India is on track to meet its 2010 St. Petersburg Declaration target, __27__ his country pledged to double its wild tiger population by 2022. At the time, India had an estimated 1700 wild tigers.

The figures are based on a survey __28__ every four years by wildlife officials who trek across 380,000 square kilometers of land looking for evidence of the tiger population.

According to Modi, forest cover in India has grown in the last five years, along with increased numbers of protected areas. He adds that India is now one of the biggest and most secure __29__ of the tiger, making it an increasingly safer home for 70 percent of the world's tigers.

26. (A) for (B) by (C) as (D) onto

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27. (A) in which (B) which (C) that (D) in that
28. (A) conducted (B) conducting (C) which conducted (D) which conducts
29. (A) reservoirs (B) habitats (C) preservatives (D) conservatories

Questions 30-34 refer to the following passage.

The Lumière Brothers opened their Cinematographe, at 14 Boulevard des Capucines in Paris, to 100 paying customers over 100 years ago, on December 8, 1895. __30__ the eyes of the stunned, thrilled audience, photographs came to life and moved across a flat screen.

So ordinary and routine has this become to us __31__ it takes a determined leap of the imagination to grasp the impact of those first moving images. But it is worth trying, for to understand the initial shock of those images is to understand the extraordinary power and magic of cinema, the unique, fascinating __32__ that has made film the most dynamic, effective art form of the 20th century.

One of the Lumière Brothers' earliest films was a 30-second piece which showed a section of a railway platform flooded with sunshine. A train appears and heads straight for the camera. And that is all that happens. __33__ the Russian director Andrei Tarkovsky, one of the greatest of all film artists, described the film as a "work of genius". "As the train approached," wrote Tarkovsky, "panic started in the theater: people jumped and ran away. That was the moment __34__ cinema was born. The frightened audience could not accept that they were watching a mere picture. Pictures were still, only reality moved: this must, therefore, be reality. In their confusion, they feared that a real train was about to crush them."

30. (A) After (B) Before (C) Onto (D) Without
31. (A) which (B) that (C) but (D) no matter
32. (A) drawback (B) distinction (C) orientation (D) quality
33. (A) Otherwise (B) Elsewhere (C) Hence (D) Yet
34. (A) when (B) how (C) what (D) where

Questions 35-38 refer to the following passage.

Just about 100 years ago, there arose an industry in the state of Arizona that seems very odd to us today. We know of cattle ranches and sheep ranches, but would you believe...ostrich ranches? This budding business became popular as women found ostrich feathers a joyous addition to their wardrobes.

Ostriches are easy to raise. They eat and drink less than cattle, and their eggs are __35__ to feed ten people! During the heyday of ostrich ranching, feathers were sold for as much as \$300 a pound, so it is easy to see why that business was so attractive.

However, women's fashions changed after World War I, and the market for ostrich plumes __36__. Growers had to confront a shrinking market. The price tumbled to about \$10 for a bird. As ostrich feathers become __37__ in the fashion world, ostrich ranching came to an end.

Interestingly enough, ostrich ranchers may be coming back into vogue because __38__ tell us that ostrich meat is low in cholesterol. We may not go wild over the feathers, but pass the lean meat, please. Hold the mayo, too.

35. (A) large enough (B) enough large (C) largely enough (D) enough largely
36. (A) felled (B) ascended (C) cremated (D) plummeted
37. (A) superior (B) superficial (C) superlative (D) superfluous
38. (A) nutritionists (B) abortionists (C) percussionists (D) hedonists

VI. Reading Comprehension (24%):

Questions 39-42 refer to the following announcement.

UPDATE, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

WELCOME BACK!

We're so excited to invite you back to the Metro and we look forward to seeing everyone very soon!

As per the Governor's updated directives, we have self-certified the restaurant in regards to COVID-19 safety protocols for the dining industry. With self-certification, we are now able to seat at 50% of approved indoor capacity. Outdoor seating remains unchanged and those seats do not factor into our indoor seating capacity.

We continue to practice our stringent COVID procedures to keep everyone safe. Staying safe doesn't mean we can't keep it fun, friendly and delicious, and we're going to do everything we can to make your visit a safe and memorable one.

Our kitchen hours during the Green phase of reopening are as follows:

Monday – Thursday, 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Friday and Saturday, 11:00 am - 10:00 pm

Sunday, 10:00 am - 9:00 pm

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE:

We'll be operating at state mandated reduced capacity but we're going to do our best to accommodate everyone safely and efficiently.

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If you have made a reservation, we ask that you check in by phone when you arrive. We will make sure your table is cleaned, sanitized and ready when you come in.

As mandated by the governor, guests are required to wear face coverings in the restaurant when not seated.

We will be using disposable paper, sanitized hard cover menus as well as digital ordering options for your safety and convenience.

Multiple no contact credit card payment options will be available to our guests.

Enhanced sanitizing and disinfecting of all guest-facing areas with specific emphasis of high touch surfaces.

While restaurant employees have always been habitual hand washers, we will be increasing the number of times all team members wash their hands.

If you're picking up take-out or ordering delivery, you can follow the guidelines on page 2.

Let's Keep Staying Safe!

John and Jill Gabriel
Owners / Operators

39. What type of business is the Metro?

- (A) An automobile repair shop
- (B) An eating establishment
- (C) A parking facility
- (D) A counseling clinic

40. What is the purpose of the announcement?

- (A) To update workers on security procedures
- (B) To inform patrons of changes
- (C) To invite members to the opening of a facility
- (D) To offer information on a possible merger

41. Which inference from the announcement is incorrect?

- (A) The Gabriel's business was previously closed for some time.
- (B) Guests are allowed to remove face coverings once they sit.
- (C) The employees didn't use to sanitize hands before the Green phase.

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(D) Customers who patronized the business before September 22, 2020 will now find seating capacity adjusted.

42. For those who proceed to page 2, what information is most likely to be found?

- (A) You can call the restaurant for pick-up and delivery orders at (215) 361-1603.
- (B) Never put minors in harmful situations that may lead to injury.
- (C) Women should do at least 150 minutes of aerobic activity a week during pregnancy.
- (D) Make sure to plug your printer into a USB port directly on your computer.

Questions 43-46 refer to the following passage.

Making oneself relax in bubbling spring water is not only fulfilling – it's healthy, too! For centuries, people have been aware of the healing properties of mineral baths. Yet if simply soaking in them is so beneficial, why not drink them as well? That was the reasoning behind one of the world's most popular types of beverages known today as soft drinks.

Inspired by the creativity of his good friend Benjamin Franklin, scientist Joseph Priestley created the main ingredient of the popular beverage by discovering a method for mixing water with certain gases. He placed a bowl of water above a vat of fermenting beer. The beer then gave off carbon dioxide, which is mixed with the water, and bubbling soda was born.

Priestley began to serve the soda water to his friends, who were contented with its pleasant tangy taste. Medicinal and other pleasant-tasting herbs were soon added to it, gradually increasing its popularity as a health drink.

Over the next several decades, Priestley's carbonated water, also called soda, took on many different flavors. Adding citric acid to it led to carbonated lemonade. Flavoring it with ginger root resulted in ginger ale. All claimed to have some sort of healing property, and were only available in drugstores.

In 1832, John Matthews invented the soda fountain, and soda really took off. His machine mixed carbonated water with flavored syrup. The soda fountains inside drugstores became popular hangouts for people seeking "health" drinks.

It took more than 50 years, however, for the carbonated drinks we know today to appear. Soda's popularity soon exploded, becoming a favorite among people of all ages. Lively hangouts called soda cafes, serving soda, food, and a rocking good time, soon replaced drugstore soda fountains.

Most recently, diet, sugar-free, and caffeine free alternatives have been added to the already large selection of soft drinks. The thirst for them has turned the soft drink industry into a billion-dollar business. And all over the world, people seeking a quick pick-me-up continue to gulp down the bubbling drinks.

43. What are the key components of bubbling soda?

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- (A) Water and beer. (B) Water and carbon dioxide.
(C) Water and medicinal herbs. (D) Mineral water and syrup.
44. Who invented soda?
(A) Benjamin Franklin. (B) John Mathews.
(C) Joseph Priestley. (D) It's not mentioned.
45. What did soda fountains and soda cafes have in common?
(A) They both served healthy drinks only.
(B) They both provided space for people to socialize.
(C) They were both invented by John Mathews.
(D) Neither appeared before the 20th century.
46. What does the passage imply about soda?
(A) Drinking soda is as beneficial to health as taking a mineral bath.
(B) Soda is not as popular a drink as it once was.
(C) Few varieties of soda are offered to consumers nowadays.
(D) People used to believe soda had healing properties.

Questions 47-50 refer to the following news report.

Welcome to the world of "unboxing videos," one of the many peculiar genres on YouTube, the Google-owned video hosting site where viewers watch more than 6 billion hours of video every month. Unboxing videos are exactly what they sound like: People opening boxes and narrating their actions. The volume of unboxing videos has boomed in recent years. Easy to make and surprisingly hypnotic to watch, the videos have become a lucrative little corner of the Internet for the people who film them.

The most popular unboxings are for expensive gadgets, like the iPhone, Xbox and PlayStation consoles. Competition for these views is fierce. Tech-news sites rush to post their own slideshows and videos of brand-new Apple products being birthed from their high-end packaging. - [1] - Companies have even started uploading their own unboxing videos to official YouTube channels, like this clip of the new Xbox One from Microsoft that has been watched more than 3 million times.

Since 2010, the number of YouTube clips with "unboxing" in the headline has increased 871%. Last year alone, 2,370 days, or 6.5 years, worth of unboxing footage was uploaded to the site. The traffic is coming from all over the world, with an uptick in recent interest from such far-flung places as India, Brunei, Sri Lanka, and Trinidad and Tobago.

- [2] - The people who post the videos are not just bragging about their latest purchases. They make money off ads displayed at the start of a clip or that pop up while they're playing. YouTube's payment system is complicated, but one unboxer said he can make \$2 to \$4 for every 1,000 views. Older videos don't necessarily fall off the search rankings, so a creator in it for the long haul can make more money as they add videos over time.

Creators only get paid per "monitized" view. That means visitors have to actually watch enough of the video for ads to appear. To keep people from abandoning a video before they've seen an ad, the videos have to be engaging, well shot and more than just SEO-keyword spam.

Unboxers look at Google Ad Words and YouTube search's auto suggest function to uncover popular search terms and name their videos accordingly. They might borrow the products, or buy and return them after the video is shot. - [3] -

To keep viewers engaged, unboxers often bring a unique style to their product category. Some put their own personalities front and center, turning their faces into a trusted brand that brings back followers. Others have a specific shooting style that might favor time-lapse style footage set to catchy music, or close-up shots that pan lovingly over the unblemished surface of a new product.

In addition to pulling in search traffic, good unboxers can get large volumes of subscribers to their YouTube channels. - [4] - Consistency and focus are key to luring in those repeat viewers, so some people will have multiple channels, one for each narrow category.

47. An "unboxer" is someone who _____.

- (A) embeds ads in footage
- (B) monitors net traffic on YouTube
- (C) uploads short films of user experience
- (D) provides video-editing service

48. The report indicates that _____.

- (A) Unboxer has become a popular career choice for the younger generation
- (B) Search engines like Google sends the most searched keywords to popular unboxers regularly
- (C) Excellent videography skill is an essential part in an engaging unboxing video
- (D) High-tech companies ban their employees from making unboxing videos

49. In which of the position marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?

"Companies will even ship free samples to the more popular channels."

- (A) [1] (B) [2] (C) [3] (D) [4]

50. The word "uptick" in paragraph 3, line 3, is closest in meaning to _____

- (A) reduction (B) increment (C) fluctuation (D) franchise