

※ 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」。

Vocabulary and Usage—Part I

Instructions: Choose the answer that best reflects the meaning of the underlined word or phrase in each sentence as used in that particular context.

1. The new policy was attacked as an example of officially sanctioned discrimination against minorities.  
A. approved    B. provided    C. published    D. chosen
2. Mrs. Mallard suffered from a heart trouble.  
A. was infected with    B. was afflicted with    C. was effective against  
D. was affected by
3. Every predicament has its upsides.  
A. risks    B. dangers    C. advantages    D. surprises
4. Controversy surrounds the TV program, which many people consider sexist.  
A. Excitement    B. Attention    C. Praise    D. Disagreement
5. We are bombarded with advice on what to eat and what to avoid.  
A. in need of    B. not attentive to    C. given lots of    D. lacking in
6. Under the most hopeful scenario, it will take 20 years to clean up the oil spill.  
A. accident    B. policy    C. performance    D. situation
7. The company claims that political incorrectness is integral to its marketing.  
A. contributes to    B. is essential to    C. assists in  
D. gives an advantage to
8. Old habits die hard.  
A. do not change easily    B. are hard to explain  
C. bring great inconvenience    D. threaten our lives
9. She said it over and over under her breath.  
A. without breathing    B. very calmly    C. in a whisper  
D. very carefully
10. She arose at length and opened the door to her sister's importunities.  
A. completely    B. slowly    C. reluctantly    D. finally
11. The argument will carry little weight when the lawmakers meet to discuss the amendment.  
A. meet little resistance    B. have little influence  
C. be of great importance    D. be held up to ridicule
12. The couple have come to terms with the fact that they will never have children.  
A. ignored    B. lamented    C. understood    D. learned to accept

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13. People from all walks of life came to celebrate the event.  
A. all around the world      B. all races and nations  
C. all social classes and professions      D. all faiths and religions
14. There are dozens of video sharing sites, but YouTube is by far the most popular.  
A. obviously      B. perhaps      C. not in the least      D. doubtfully
15. A Spanish friend assured me that this is an ancient practice and that there's nothing personal in it.  
A. it's an open secret      B. it's not an attack on any particular person  
C. it's not the doing of any individual      D. it belongs to everybody
16. As he left he turned to say to me, "Our time together has been nothing if not entertaining."  
A. My visit was so boring.  
B. I had a very good time with you.  
C. We should get together sometime.  
D. I'm sorry we didn't get to know each other better.
17. After some painful negotiations, things began to come together.  
A. things began to fall into place  
B. help came at last  
C. a meeting was called  
D. we got the money
18. He shook my hand and said, "I must be on my way."  
A. Glad to meet you  
B. I always stick to my principles  
C. I have to leave  
D. Please look me up
19. At this age, precocious boys may refuse to play with girls, and vice versa.  
A. precocious boys may refuse to play with other boys too  
B. precocious boys may refuse to play with both girls and boys  
C. precocious girls may refuse to play with boys  
D. girls may refuse to play with precocious boys
20. I want a wife who takes care of the needs of my guests and makes sure that their coffee is served as they like it.  
A. the guests are given their coffee when they want it.  
B. the guests are served coffee if they want it.  
C. the coffee of the guests is served warm.  
D. their coffee is served with the amount of sugar and/or cream as the guests prefer.

**Vocabulary and Usage—Part II**

*Instructions: Choose the answer that best completes the sentence.*

21. I hope that we will remember in one small \_\_\_\_\_ of our minds that these moments of frustration often help us grow into mature people.  
A. aspect    B. corner    C. back    D. bottom
22. Huxley first \_\_\_\_\_ a theory that birds might be descended from dinosaurs.  
A. discovered    B. researched    C. projected    D. proposed
23. The reviews of the film haven't been very favorable because most critics complain that it is \_\_\_\_\_ conventionality.  
A. pleased with    B. relevant to    C. mired in    D. flushed with
24. Marian \_\_\_\_\_ a scheme to make her brother give up his claims to the property.  
A. contrived    B. contracted    C. convened    D. converged
25. She \_\_\_\_\_ her few hours of freedom before the children arrived home.  
A. saluted    B. savored    C. satiated    D. slaved
26. The illegal immigrant tried to \_\_\_\_\_ a local, but his accent betrayed him.  
A. pass himself off as    B. put himself in the shoes of  
C. place his confidence in    D. pay lip service to
27. Some restaurants complain that they have lost customers since the new smoking ban came \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. in service    B. in place    C. in order    D. in effect
28. The company has sold about \$3 billion \_\_\_\_\_ merchandise to the U.S.  
A. worth    B. worthy    C. worthy of    D. worth of
29. Never \_\_\_\_\_ such nonsense.  
A. I heard    B. did I hear    C. I have heard    B. have I heard
30. Even if plumed dinosaurs existed, their fragile feathers would rarely, \_\_\_\_\_, be preserved in the fossil record.  
A. if ever    B. if never    C. if even    D. if when
31. When the passenger thanked him for his help, the conductor replied, "\_\_\_\_\_."  
A. Please don't say so  
B. The pleasure is all mine  
C. You flatter me  
D. Please come again
32. He poured the wine for me and said, "\_\_\_\_\_."  
A. Say when    B. Cheers    C. Bon appetite    D. To your health
33. I've always been picky about greeting cards. \_\_\_\_\_ I am concerned, only a cheapskate would send an electronic greeting.  
A. As soon as    B. As long as    C. As far as    D. As seldom as

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**Cloze Test**

*Instructions: Choose the best answer to fill in the blank.*

\_\_\_\_(34)\_\_\_\_ has been said about the career of Ray Kurzweil, inventor and futuristic author. This would \_\_\_\_ (35) \_\_\_\_ kudos from Bill Gates, who dubbed him “the best person I know \_\_\_\_ (36) \_\_\_\_ predicting the future of artificial intelligence.” \_\_\_\_ (37) \_\_\_\_ Douglas Hofstadter, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and professor of cognitive science at Indiana University, once compared Kurzweil’s ideas to a mix of fine cuisine and “the craziest sort of dog excrement.” \_\_\_\_ (38) \_\_\_\_ are the polarizing travails of Kurzweil, whose 686-page book, *The Singularity Is Near*, warned of a future \_\_\_\_ (39) \_\_\_\_ intelligent machines become so adept at improving and replicating themselves \_\_\_\_ (40) \_\_\_\_ they leap beyond the comprehension of mere humans.

34. A. Some      B. Few      C. Many      D. Much  
35. A. include      B. included      C. including      D. inclusive  
36. A. at      B. in      C. of      D. about  
37. A. Before long      B. By the same token      C. Last but not least  
    D. Then again  
38. A. So      B. That      C. Such      D. Why  
39. A. in which      B. how      C. which      D. what  
40. A. than      B. then      C. there      D. that

**Reading Comprehension**

*Instructions: Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each question.*

One of the big hits in the business section of book stores these days is *Crash Proof: How to Profit From the Coming Economic Collapse*. There are lots more like it. They have titles like *The Coming Economic Collapse*, *Financial Armageddon*, *The Great Bust Ahead*, *Game Over*, *After the Crash*, and *When Giants Fall*.

Scanning these titles can be terribly depressing. But don’t despair. As long as we have subtitles, we have hope. Whether the future holds collapse, depression, catastrophe, Armageddon, or the most awful planetary mash-up in the history of the whole bloody universe, the subtitle is certain you can profit from it.

All you have to do is buy the book.

The strange fact is that most popular business books come in one of two varieties. One is *The Coming Boom: How to profit!* The other is *The Coming Collapse: How to profit!* One never sees *The Coming Moderation: How to do fairly well!*

Outwardly, manic bulls and depressive bears are completely unlike. But at their core, both species are optimists, even the bears. After all, it takes a certain unflappable cheeriness to see everything from Great Depressions to plague, war, and civilizational collapse as an opportunity to make some coin.

True pessimists offer only the hope that you and your family may not be beaten and flayed by starving marauders. No one “profits” or “prosper” in their subtitles. At best, they “guard” or “survive.”

41. According to the passage, most books today predict that the economy is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. doing very well    B. recovering    C. in bad shape    D. all right
42. The subtitles of these books say that \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. money isn't everything  
B. win some, lose some  
C. you should be prepared to lose money  
D. you can still make money when the economy is bad
43. The word “Armageddon” (line 3 and line 7) probably means \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. disaster    B. blessing    C. opportunity    D. surprise
44. The most popular business books are books that \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. predict the economic trend  
B. teach you how to make money  
C. teach you how to live a good life  
D. help you fight psychological depression
45. The author thinks that these books \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. are very useful    B. are just a stunt    C. can cure your depression  
D. will save the economy
46. What does the author not think about bulls (people who expect the stock market to rise) and bears (people who expect the stock market to fall)?  
A. On the surface, bulls and bears are totally different because their outlook on the future is totally different.  
B. Bulls expect to make a fortune when the stocks rise.  
C. The bulls are not really as hopeful as we think.  
D. Bears, even though they expect the market to fall, can still find ways to profit.
47. True pessimists believe that \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. it takes a pessimist to make a fortune  
B. there is life after depression  
C. one must always been on one's guard  
D. in hard times, the best you can do is stay afloat

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48. The word "marauders" probably means \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. intruders      B. optimists      C. economists      D. writers
49. Which of the following would be a possible subtitle for a book by a true pessimist?  
A. Your first pot of gold      B. How to save your neck  
C. Welcome to the poorhouse      D. Life in the fast lane
50. The following paragraph will possibly talk about \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. some books by true pessimists  
B. this season's box office hits  
C. better ways to spend you money rather than buy books  
D. the perfect gift for the stock broker

