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Questions 1-50 are multiple choice questions (two points each). Choose the best answer (ONE) from A-D and mark your answer (with a 2B pencil) on the answer sheet provided.

I. Vocabulary and Phrases (13 Questions) 26%

Instruction: For Questions 1-7, choose the best answers to complete these sentences. For Questions 8-13, choose the synonyms of the underlined words.

1. To **justify** your points means you further _____ your ideas.
A. decline B. hold back C. defend D. reject
2. It used to be deemed that the practice of sharing needles was too _____ in the drug culture to be stopped.
A. ingrained B. ingrowing C. ingratiate D. inspired
3. People who enter the field of sociology are generally interested in helping their fellow man. Unfortunately, that kind of _____ doesn't always translate to wealth.
A. apathy B. benevolence C. indifference D. hobby
4. Some historians argue that economic cost to Britain of maintaining India as a colony _____ the gains, but others argue that Britain gained important intangible benefits from its colonies.
A. overweighed B. outweighed C. underestimated D. overpassed
5. For generation after generation, we have visualized and realized one astonishing invention after another, including sailing ships, automobiles, aircraft, and smart phones. Every day, entrepreneurs bring new ideas to market that _____ a million previous good ideas.
A. supersede B. submit C. support D. stave
6. A child with a specific language _____ as a preschooler might manifest a different learning disability, such as dyslexia or attention deficit disorder, once he or she is exposed to the academic demands of reading and writing.
A. contamination B. exhilaration C. destruction D. impairment
7. The new campaign for the upmarket Club Med resorts stresses the company's ' _____ ' pricing policy with phrases like ' Everything is taken care of.'
A. single B. all-inclusive C. exclusive D. extensive
8. Anytime you look at the sun, eye safety has to be paramount; otherwise, without optical aid, sunlight can burn your retinas in seconds.
A. frivolous B. feasible C. preeminent D. trivial
9. Ten years of research and five hundred interviews led Richard St. John to eight common traits essential to success.
A. dispensable B. extraneous C. fundamental D. superfluous

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10. True friends are not those who claim to be your best friend but are those who say things deliberately to help you even if it hurts your feelings.
A. attentive B. intentionally C. accidentally D. unconsciously
11. He argued that the ancient dichotomy between seeing and thinking, and also that between perceiving and reasoning, are false and misleading.
A. agreement B. consistency C. similarity D. separation
12. I have promised myself that I will dedicate myself to my studies and become a doctor.
A. devote B. roam C. penetrate D. sacrifice
13. The precepts of democracy are fairly easy to state but very difficult to put into practice.
A. obscurities B. doctrines C. suspicions D. skepticism

II. Sentence Structures and Written Expression (10 Questions) 20 %

Instruction: Choose the best answers to complete these sentences.

14. You have drifted from job to job _____ real commitment.
A. without many B. without some C. without any D. without few
15. Each individual must find an equilibrium _____ the social roles he is expected to play and his own "inner" life.
A. among B. between C. with D. under
16. How about we travel abroad during Chinese New Year _____?
A. to change B. get some changes C. make a change D. for a change
17. I grew up in a traditional society, where it was usual for three generations _____.
A. to live together under the same roof B. to live together in the same roof
C. together live under the same roof D. together live in the same roof
18. During the decision-making process, an optimistic approach represents _____.
A. to take a significant risk source B. a significantly source of risk-taking
C. a significant risk D. risk-taking a significant source
19. The mysterious graffiti artist Banksy, whose pioneering work has brought graffiti into mainstream art and whose pictures fetch hundreds of thousands of pounds, _____ from the city of Bristol.
A. rumor to be B. is rumored
C. rumored to be D. is rumored to be

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20. Finally rescued from the streets, the abused stray dogs _____ food and plenty of clear water.
- A. were provided by B. were provided for
C. were provided from D. were provided with
21. The famous actor received the interview while standing in _____ of the British consulate in New York, where he had come to unveil a portrait of himself, taken by a former National Geographic photographer.
- A. the recent refurbish atrium B. the refurbish recent atrium
C. the recently refurbished atrium D. the refurbished recently atrium
22. The 24-year-old laborer who was arrested in Time Square might _____ seven years in prison if convicted, as he appears to have injured three policemen.
- A. face up to B. be faced down C. face off D. face up with
23. Important to the development of democracy was the concept of the social contract—the idea that people voluntarily give up a certain amount of individual autonomy to a state _____ for that state undertaking certain duties.
- A. in respect B. in return C. in reality D. in relation to

III. Cloze (16 Questions) 32%

Instruction: Choose the best answers to complete the following passage.

A History of the Miniskirt

The 1960s was a politically charged decade of revolution and change. Apollo 11 became the first capsule to 24 the moon, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 became law, the Vietnam war was 25 , Beatlemania was 26 the world, birth control pills hit the market, and a new cult of youth, known 27 "Youthquake," had 28 taken over many areas of life. In the midst of these dramatic political and cultural changes emerged one of the most enduring and 29 icons of the era: the miniskirt.

Existing, surprisingly, since ancient times, this small and sexy piece of 30 has embodied some of the most fascinating 31 of our times as it suggests both empowerment and 32 , independence and a desire to please, an attempt to cover and to 33 , maturity and playfulness, and 34 and exploitation. Simultaneously condemned and loved, the miniskirt 35 into the fashion landscape and had women (and men) suddenly paying attention to what 36 years before—a woman's legs. While the miniskirt has been met with 37 in some parts of the world, particularly the 38 countries, the tiny skirt still shows no signs of 39 . The miniskirt is still heavily featured on Western catwalks and in fashion magazines—and it is often shorter than ever.

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| 24. | A. land | B. land at | C. land on | D. land in |
| 25. | A. raging | B. ranging | C. conducted | D. conducting |
| 26. | A. breathing | B. raining | C. pouring | D. sweeping |
| 27. | A. as | B. from | C. in | D. on |
| 28. | A. sometimes | B. timelessly | C. radically | D. foundationally |
| 29. | A. controversial | B. contemporary | C. contrary | D. contrapositive |
| 30. | A. fibers | B. fabric | C. lace | D. textiles |
| 31. | A. parabox | B. paraboxes | C. paradox | D. paradoxes |
| 32. | A. accomplishment | B. compliment | C. determined | D. vulnerability |
| 33. | A. concede | B. reveal | C. wrap | D. envelope |
| 34. | A. alienation | B. betterment | C. liberation | D. meritocracy |
| 35. | A. exploded | B. expanded | C. escalated | D. exterminated |
| 36. | A. has hidden | B. has been hidden | C. had hidden | D. had been hidden |
| 37. | A. honesty | B. dishonesty | C. approval | D. disapproval |
| 38. | A. African | B. Islamic | C. Nordic | D. Mediterranean |
| 39. | A. disappear | B. disappearing | C. reappear | D. reappearing |

IV. Reading Comprehension (11 Questions) 22%

Instruction: Please read the following passages and choose the most appropriate answers.

Passage A

I am turning 86 in a few weeks' time and that is a longer life than most people are granted. I have the added blessing of being in very good health, at least according to my doctors. I am confident that nobody present here today will accuse me of selfishness if I ask to spend time, while I am still in good health, with my family, my friends and also with myself.

One of the things that made me long to be back in prison was that I had so little opportunity for reading, thinking and quiet reflection after my release. I intend, amongst other things, to give myself much more opportunity for such reading and reflection. And of course, there are those memoirs about the presidential years that now really need my urgent attention.

When I told one of my advisors a few months ago that I wanted to retire he growled at me: "you are retired." If that is really the case then I should say I now announce that I am retiring from retirement. I do not intend to hide away totally from the public, but henceforth I want to be in the position of calling you to ask whether I would be welcome, rather than being called upon to do things and participate in events. The appeal therefore is: don't call me, I'll call you.

(Source: Nelson Mandela's Five Memorable Speeches)

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When we look into the root of gossip, it's interesting to find that our fixation on popular culture reflects an intense interest in the doings of other people. This preoccupation with the lives of others is a by-product of the psychology that evolved in prehistoric times to make our ancestors socially successful. Gossiping in fact functions as a mechanism to bond social groups, similar to social grooming among primates. Gossip actually helped us thrive in ancient times, and in our modern world it makes us feel connected to others—as long as it is done properly.

We live in a world that is intrinsically motivated by gossip, particularly negative gossip about people or groups that have some power over us. According to anthropologist Jerome Barkow of Dalhousie University, we tend to be especially interested in information about people who matter most in our lives: rivals, partners in social exchange, and high-ranking figures whose behavior can affect us. Given the idea that our interest in gossip has evolved as a means to obtain “fitness-enhancing information”, Barkow also argued that “the type of knowledge that we seek should be information that can affect our social standing relative to others.” Therefore, we are more inclined to find higher interest in negative news about high-status people and potential rivals because we can exploit it. In the meantime, negative information about those lower than us in status is as useful.

(Source: An Article by Frank T. McAndrew in *Scientific America*, October/November 2008)

45. According to the article, why is Paris Hilton considered a celebrity?
- A. For her acting talents. B. For her bestsellers.
C. For her eloquence. D. Because she is well known.
46. In the first paragraph, what does the word “bemoan” mean (line 5)?
- A. complain about B. restrain from
C. formulate for D. inhibit
47. What is the most suitable title for this article?
- A. The Science of Gossip: Why We Can't Stop Ourselves
B. The Horrible Consequences of Juicy Celebrity Gossip
C. Gossip in The Right Way: Why Can't We Learn from Gossip?
D. The Origin of Gossip: The Collision of Media and Our Ancient Selves

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48. In the 2nd paragraph, why did the author mention “social grooming among primates”?
- A. To introduce the idea of social grooming in ancient times.
 - B. To illustrate how gossip helps to build the social bond among people.
 - C. To explain how gossip is a by-product of Evolutionary Psychology.
 - D. To conclude the indispensable role of gossip in the modern society.
49. Why did gossip make our ancestors socially successful in pre-historic times?
- A. Because personal boundaries are expanded through gossip.
 - B. Because less ideas are exchanged and information is passed on more effectively through gossip.
 - C. Because a stronger social bond is built through gossip.
 - D. Because gossip fulfills the needs for our self-actualization.
50. Which of the following statements conforms to ideas presented in this passage?
- A. Gossip is deeply rooted in human nature, but it is possible to stop it as long as you hold your tongue.
 - B. The tabloids have become an important source for daily conversation including gossip.
 - C. We tend to gossip about relatives and colleagues who hold higher social status than us, but not those lower than us.
 - D. Gossiping can be viewed as a socializing tool for us to gather information, especially about those people who have leverage over us.

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