

I. Vocabulary (每題 2 分，共 50 分)

1. There was no particle of truth in what he said.
(A) plenty (B) abundance
(C) deluge (D) tiny amount
2. As human beings, we all have our own quirks and twists.
(A) peculiar ways of acting (B) preferences
(C) opinions (D) prejudices
3. Go and muster all your friends to embark on the campaign.
(A) disperse (B) assemble
(C) drive (D) scatter
4. The children's joviality is infectious.
(A) hilarity (B) sorrow
(C) misery (D) wretchedness
5. Efforts to convince a prejudiced person like him will be futile.
(A) worthwhile (B) useless
(C) efficacious (D) fruitful
6. Opium is a narcotic drug.
(A) hypnotic (B) maritime
(C) malleable (D) mellifluous
7. An owl was roosting somewhere up in the tree, but it was invisible.
(A) hiding (B) concealing
(C) shrouding (D) perching
8. The teacher tried to segment the poem into understandable units.
(A) combine (B) divide
(C) unify (D) condense
9. People ignored his dire prediction of another approaching depression.
(A) blissful (B) felicitous
(C) euphoric (D) dreadful
10. The minister made a belligerent reply to a diplomatic note.
(A) pacific (B) bellicose
(C) amicable (D) conciliatory
11. The patient's whole frame quivered with anguish.
(A) pain (B) pleasure
(C) ecstasy (D) elation
12. The salesman hinged his action on future sales.
(A) disregarded (B) turned
(C) overlooked (D) hinted

13. The patient was obsessed by the fear of operation.
(A) detached (B) observed
(C) unconcerned (D) preoccupied
14. No crops are viable in this barren soil.
(A) futile (B) fertile
(C) able to live (D) useless
15. If there is xenophobia in us, let's get rid of it.
(A) superiority (B) inferiority
(C) arrogance (D) fear or contempt for strangers or foreigners
16. There is no connection between these two events; their timing is extremely fortuitous.
(A) accidental (B) forewarned
(C) forestalled (D) fortified
17. The evangelist exhorted all sinners in his audience to reform.
(A) block (B) urge
(C) deter (D) impede
18. No elixir has so far been discovered to cure the inveterate disease.
(A) annex (B) addict
(C) panacea (D) diagnosis
19. The pianist has extremely deft fingers.
(A) blundering (B) bungling
(C) dexterous (D) awkward
20. We felt fine when a balmy breeze brushed by.
(A) irksome (B) vexatious
(C) pleasant (D) annoying
21. Don't crumple your best dress.
(A) crease (B) germinate
(C) hack (D) hail
22. A somber winter day is not good for making an excursion.
(A) gloomy (B) brilliant
(C) jocund (D) blithe
23. This accomplishment transcends all our previous efforts.
(A) lags (B) surpasses
(C) stagnates (D) transfers
24. The stern visage of the judge indicated that he had decided to impose a severe penalty.
(A) look (B) order
(C) verdict (D) jury
25. A capable leader knows how to wield his power.
(A) relinquish (B) renounce
(C) remiss (D) manipulate

II. Grammar test (每題 2 分，共 40 分)

26. Usually dogs ___ unless offended.
(A) have not bitten (B) do not bite
(C) will not be biting (D) are not biting
27. Even though they ___ side by side for ages, the two countries are enemies.
(A) having been lived (B) had been living
(C) have been living (D) having been living
28. I wonder how long ago this opera ____.
(A) has begun (B) begins
(C) is beginning (D) began
29. Jason Wu ___ as a fashion designer ever since he was a teenager.
(A) had emerged (B) emerging
(C) has emerged (D) emerged
30. Certain layers of the atmosphere have special names ____.
(A) which indicated their character properties
(B) whose characteristic properties are indicating
(C) what characterize their indicated properties
(D) that indicate their characteristic properties
31. The population of many Alaskan towns has _____ doubled during the past three years.
(A) much than (B) as more as than
(C) as more than (D) more than
32. Eric nearly always wins the science award. That's because his projects are _____.
(A) extremely presented well
(B) well presented extremely
(C) presented well extremely
(D) extremely well presented
33. This house is very big and beautiful. I think the rent must be _____ as that one.
(A) three times more (B) three times as much
(C) as many three times (D) as three times more
34. At the City University this year _____ are enrolled in special semesters in writing for radio and television.
(A) more students as before ever
(B) many students than before ever
(C) more students than ever before
(D) many students as ever before
35. _____ the result of his first experiment was inconclusive, Dr. Johnson continued to search for the new subatomic particle.
(A) Unless (B) Before
(C) Although (D) Whether
36. Such problems _____ air and water pollution have no limited boundaries.
(A) like (B) as
(C) of (D) about

37. We are both looking forward _____ next week.
(A) to going on vacation (B) to go on vacation
(C) to be going on vacation (D) to have gone on vacation
38. The rapid technological advances have been bought _____ an alarming depletion of our natural resources.
(A) by the worth of (B) with the costs of
(C) for the price of (D) at the expense of
39. Let us go to the movies, _____ ?
(A) shall we (B) will we
(C) will you (D) won't we
40. The debate between the two legislation groups _____.
(A) are not to be solved in an easy way
(B) will not be concluded easy
(C) will not be easily settled
(D) can not be brought together easily
41. The speaker is _____.
(A) very well acquainted with the subject
(B) recognized as an authority who knows a great deal in terms of the subject
(C) someone who knows well enough about the subject which he has undertaken to do the speaking
(D) a person who has close awareness of the subject that he speaks about so much
42. She took the prize away from her brother, _____ his feelings.
(A) with not caring what were
(B) inconsiderate that he had
(C) unthinking about
(D) without regard for
43. According to the conditions of my scholarship, after finishing my degree, _____.
(A) my education will be employed by the university
(B) employment will be given to me by the university
(C) the university will employ me
(D) I will be employed by the university
44. _____ chairman, he was quite effective.
(A) Being (B) As
(C) The (D) He was
45. Great efforts to increase wheat production must be made if bread shortages _____ avoided.
(A) will be (B) can be
(C) are to be (D) were to be

III. Reading Comprehension (每題 2 分，共 10 分)

The idea was, and still is, captivating: a \$50 tablet computer, to be built in India with Google's free Android software and distributed free to Indian schoolchildren.

When the Indian government and two Indian-born tech entrepreneurs unveiled the plan in 2011, enthusiasts saw it as a way to bring modern touchscreen computing to some of the world's poorest people while seeding a technology manufacturing industry in India. It also seemed to offer proof that India was a leader in "frugal innovation."

"India is a superpower on the information superhighway," said the secretary general of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, as he praised the project, called Askash, the Hindi word for sky.

Suneet Singh Tuli, the charismatic C.E.O. of the small London-based company that won the bid, stoked expectations: "I am creating a product at a lower price than anyone else in the world with the hope that it impacts people's lives and I make money out of it."

But over the last few months it has become evident that Mr. Tuli, 44, and his older brother, Paja Singh Tuli, 46, cannot deliver on most of their ambitious promises. The Tulis acknowledged that their company, DataWind, would not even come close to shipping the 100,000 tablets it promised to deliver to India's colleges and universities before the end of 2012. Most of the 10,000 or so tablets shipped through early December were made in China, despite the company's pledge to manufacture in India. Financial statements filed with British regulators show that the company is operating at a loss.

46. Which of the following is correct?
- (A) India builds a superhighway.
 - (B) India developed a high tech computer.
 - (C) Most of the recently manufactured tablets were made in India.
 - (D) India's ambitions were foiled.
47. Which of the following is true?
- (A) The manufacturers profited from the project.
 - (B) The tablet supplier is losing money.
 - (C) The project is still on the planning stage.
 - (D) The project succeeded.
48. When was the project publicized?
- (A) 2010
 - (B) 2011
 - (C) 2012
 - (D) 2013
49. Which of the following is true?
- (A) The project was expected to promote India's technology industry.
 - (B) The project is helping with India's computer business.
 - (C) The price of the tablet is sky-high.
 - (D) India's government is not ambitious.
50. Where is the mother company of the tablet suppliers located?
- (A) India.
 - (B) China.
 - (C) United Kingdom.
 - (D) Askash.