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Part I: Vocabulary (20%, 每題 2 分)

1. She resigned entirely of her own _____.
(A). violation (B). vocation (C). volition (D). violence
2. He knew from experience that if he opposed the suggestion too violently, Nina would become more _____.
(A). obstinate (B). obstruction (C). obscene (D). obedient
3. The **solitary** survivor was a young man, once of a fine form, but now an emaciated phantom.
In this sentence, **solitary** means: _____.
(A). solicitous (B). solemn (C). solid (D). sole
4. The group **espouses** a militant Sunni Islamist ideology that makes violent jihad an obligation for all Muslims.
In this sentence, **espouses** means: _____.
(A). cause to tumble by pushing (B). remove or force out from a position
(C). choose and follow (D). wrap, as for protection
5. Windows and fans provide important _____.
(A). pollution (B). prioritization (C). contamination (D). ventilation
6. Dealing drugs behind a restaurant is an example of a _____.
(A). street crime (B). back-up (C). pickpocket (D). custody
7. Can you bring Table Two some _____ so they can eat their dinner?
(A). debit (B). silverware (C). cashier (D). paycheck
8. In his _____, the chairman thanked everyone for doing such a good job this month.
(A). agenda (B). ballot (C). deadline (D). closing remarks
9. As you can see, the damage caused by the recent hurricane is very _____.
(A). popular (B). haunted (C). devastating (D). elegant
10. It is difficult to get your _____ in this city, so please carry a map at all times.
(A). bearings (B). request (C). necessities (D). postcards

Part II: Cloze Test (20%, 每題 2 分)

When does one penny equal 170 million pennies? In *Time for Kids*, Suzanne Zimble _____ 1 _____ that a 1943 U.S. penny that was made at the Denver Mint has sold for \$ 1.7 million. That single coin is thought to be the _____ 2 _____ copper coin made in Denver that year. Only a handful of copper pennies were made at the other mints that same year. Pennies were made of steel in 1943 because copper was in short supply for use in equipment to help wage World War II. That was the only year that Lincoln pennies were not made of _____ 3 _____. A wealthy coin collector was eager to pay the huge sum for the coin because it was one of a kind and that collector already had a 1943 copper penny from each of the other two U.S. Mints in Philadelphia and San Francisco. You might be surprised to learn what some of your own coins are worth. The more scarce any collectible item is, the higher the _____ 4 _____ tends to be. It is not likely, but it is possible that you might have a small _____ 5 _____ sitting in your pocket right now!

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| 1. (A). pleads | (B). asks | (C). allows | (D). reports |
| 2. (A). biggest | (B). only | (C). cheapest | (D). chubby |
| 3. (A). copper | (B). gold | (C). plastic | (D). silver |
| 4. (A). building | (B). stack | (C). ladder | (D). price |
| 5. (A). price | (B). fortune | (C). wealth | (D). dollar |

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Two students from Cologne, Germany, ages 17 and 18, are accused _____6_____ plotting an attack at their school on November 20, the first anniversary of the shooting at Geschwister Scholl school in Emsdetten, _____7_____ which 18-year-old ex-student Sebastian Bosse carried an attack that left six people wounded by gunshot and others wounded by detonated smoke bombs before taking his own life. One of the suspects, age 17, killed himself after a confrontation _____8_____ a high school teacher and police officers. The plot was uncovered when a school principal had discovered a Web page the 17-year-old suspect had created, showcasing material that glorified the two perpetrators _____9_____ the Columbine High School massacre. The second suspect, age 18, is in police custody, and has confessed _____10_____ the plot.

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| 6. (A). on | (B). of | (C). off | (D). in |
| 7. (A). in | (B). with | (C). of | (D). from |
| 8. (A). by | (B). between | (C). with | (D). to |
| 9. (A). with | (B). from | (C). of | (D). in |
| 10. (A). to | (B). for | (C). of | (D). by |

Part III: Choose the appropriate options to complete the sentences (20%, 每題 2 分)

- Ferdinand Magellan was the first European who _____ through the strait that _____ ever since then as the Strait of Magellan.
(A). was sailing / will be known (B). has sailed / would be known
(C). had sailed / had been known (D). sailed / has been known
- The car had been damaged to _____ extent _____ the mechanic said that it would not be worth repairing.
(A). the same / as (B). a similar / to
(C). such an / that (D). the most / as
- You'd better go by car rather than take a taxi _____ you need to take Jeff home from the hospital.
(A). such as (B). in case
(C). despite (D). otherwise
- This supermarket seems to be getting crowded. We _____ before the checkout lines start getting too long.
(A). had better hurry (B). may hurry
(C). must have hurried (D). should have hurried
- Unless you have something meaningful to say, I _____ not listen to you.
(A). could (B). used to
(C). would rather (D). ought
- Since an earthquake _____ at any time, it is always best to be prepared.
(A). will have occurred (B). might occur
(C). must have occurred (D). has occurred
- Since David lives in Mexico but speaks no Spanish, I wonder _____ he manages to talk to his neighbors and do his shopping.
(A). why (B). how
(C). what (D). when
- Kevin has found that his life seems to have more meaning _____ he has a daughter of his own.
(A). now that (B). unless
(C). as soon as (D). by the time
- Mr. Hamilton _____ plastic surgery, or else he _____ so young.
(A). should have / out not to look (B). would have / must not look
(C). ought to have had / may not look (D). must have had / wouldn't look

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10. You haven't read the new book that has been so highly acclaimed yet, ____?

(A). isn't it

(B). is it

(C). have you

(D). aren't you

Part IV: Reading Comprehension. (40%, 每題 2 分)

A: Short Paragraph Reading

1. When buying someone a gift, it is important to consider that person's hobbies, preferences, and needs. Getting someone something he or she really wants or needs will mean much more to him or her and will be remembered. It is worth mentioning that, perhaps, this method will encourage that same person to get you something you truly want instead of the same package of socks at Christmas time.

This paragraph is about ____.

(A). Hobbies

(B). Gift-giving

(C). Business etiquette

(D). Working through a disagreement

2. Double-checking the alarm on your alarm clock can save you a lot of money and heartache. I don't know how many times I have failed to wake up on time due to an alarm that was set for the wrong wake-up time. I recommend using two alarm clocks set a minute apart and checking them both twice just before you go to bed. That way, one can be relatively sure that he or she will wake up at the proper time.

This paragraph is about ____.

(A). How to set an alarm clock

(B). How to buy an alarm clock

(C). Preventing mistakes concerning alarm clocks

(D). Proper wake-up time

3. Providing the perfect environment for your plants to grow in can be a complex task. Each kind of plant has its own specific requirements. For example, each needs different light levels to grow properly, different soil mediums, different nutrients, different levels of acidity or alkalinity, and different water requirements. In addition, insects and/or other pests are often of great concern.

This paragraph is about ____.

(A). Buying plants

(B). Transplanting

(C). Propagation techniques

(D). Different plants requirements

4. Road trips can be very fun but they can also be stressful. Ensuring that everything is packed and accounted for takes time and effort and can have disastrous results if something is left out. The route one will take must also be carefully researched beforehand and can be a source of stress if the wrong route is taken. Also, making sure that the vehicle you are taking, if applicable, is in good working order is absolutely crucial if one wants to enjoy his or her trip.

This paragraph is about ____.

(A). Travel preparations

(B). Trips gone awry

(C). Proper vehicle maintenance

(D). Obtaining proper maps

5. American software firms are outsourcing a lot of the software creation tasks to India. Computer programmers in India are willing to work for lower wages than their American counterparts and are receiving more work because of this. We will likely see many important innovations in software design coming out of India in the near future.

This paragraph is about ____.

(A). Climate conditions in India

(B). Computer programming tasks outsourced to India

(C). The automotive industry in America

(D). New software programs

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Scientists have known for a long time that vitamin D is essential for humans. If children have a vitamin D or calcium deficiency, they can develop rickets, a softening of the bones. New studies are showing that people of all ages need vitamin D to help them fight off diseases by keeping their immune systems strong.

6. The main idea of this paragraph is that vitamin D _____.
(A). is found in milk (B). has been studied by scientists
(C). is no secret (D). is important for good health
7. If children have rickets, _____.
(A). their bones will become bent and soft (B). they should stop taking vitamin D
(C). their bones will grow abnormally fast (D). they should start taking some more exercise
8. When you have a deficiency of something, you _____.
(A). have all you need (B). do not have enough
(C). look like a giant (D). are an idol

The BBC is reporting that *Harry Potter* is responsible for the dwindling number of wild owls in India. One of the reasons that owls are being trapped and sold as pets is that parents are buying them as gifts for their kids who are fans of the fictional wizard. As you may already know, Harry has his own pet owl, Hedwig.

9. Many children in India want owls _____.
(A). as pets (B). to become extinct
(C). as a special food item (D). to use their feathers in hats
10. From the above selection, we can see that _____.
(A). everyone loves Harry Potter movies (B). owls do not taste as good as chickens
(C). people want to wipe out owls (D). being popular can be harmful

B. Essay Reading:

Reality Television

Reality television is a genre of television programing which, it is claimed, presents unscripted dramatic or humorous situations, documents actual events, and features ordinary people rather than professional actors. It could be described as a form of artificial or "heightened" documentary. Although the genre has existed in some form or another since the early years of television, the current explosion of popularity dates from around 2000.

Reality television covers a wide range of television programing formats, from game or quiz shows which resemble the frantic, often demeaning programs produced in Japan in the 1980s and 1990s (a modern example is *Gaki no tsukai*), to surveillance- or voyeurism- focused productions such as *Big Brother*.

Critics say that the term "reality television" is somewhat of a misnomer and that such shows frequently portray a modified and highly influenced form of reality, with participants put in exotic locations or abnormal situations, sometimes coached to act in certain ways by off-screen handlers, and with events on screen manipulated through editing and other post-production techniques.

Part of reality television's appeal is due to its ability to place ordinary people in extraordinary situations. For example, on the ABC show, *The Bachelor*, an eligible male dates a dozen women simultaneously, travelling on extraordinary dates to scenic locales. Reality television also has the potential to turn its participants into national celebrities, outwardly in talent and performance programs such as *Pop Idol*, though frequently *Survivor* and *Big Brother* participants also reach some degree of celebrity.

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Some commentators have said that the name "reality television" is an inaccurate description for several styles of program included in the genre. In competition-based programs such as Big Brother and Survivor, and other special-living-environment shows like The Real World, the producers design the format of the show and control the day-to-day activities and the environment, creating a completely fabricated world in which the competition plays out. Producers specifically select the participants, and use carefully designed scenarios, challenges, events, and settings to encourage particular behaviors and conflicts. Mark Burnett, creator of Survivor and other reality shows, has agreed with this assessment, and avoids the word "reality" to describe his shows; he has said, "I tell good stories. It really is not reality TV. It really is unscripted drama."

11. In the first line, the writer says "it is claimed" because _____.
(A). they agree with the statement (B). everyone agrees with the statement
(C). no one agrees with the statement (D). they want to distance themselves from the statement
12. Reality television has _____.
(A). always been this popular (B). has been popular since well before 2000
(C). has only been popular since 2000 (D). has been popular since approximately 2000
13. Japan _____.
(A). is the only place to produce demeaning TV shows (B). has produced demeaning TV shows copied elsewhere
(C). produced Big Brother (D). invented surveillance focused productions
14. People have criticized reality television because _____.
(A). it is demeaning (B). it uses exotic locations
(C). the name is inaccurate (D). it shows reality
15. Reality TV appeals to some because _____.
(A). it shows eligible males dating women (B). it uses exotic locations
(C). it shows average people in exceptional circumstances (D). it can turn ordinary people into celebrities
16. Pop Idol _____.
(A). turns all its participants into celebrities
(B). is more likely to turn its participants into celebrities than Big Brother
(C). is less likely to turn its participants into celebrities than Big Brother
(D). is a dating show
17. The term "reality television" is inaccurate _____.
(A). for all programs (B). just for Big Brother and Survivor
(C). for talent and performance programs (D). for special-living-environment programs
18. Producers choose the participants _____.
(A). on the ground of talent (B). only for special-living-environment shows
(C). to create conflict among other things (D). to make a fabricated world
19. Mark Burnett _____.
(A). was a participant on Survivor (B). is a critic of reality TV
(C). thinks the term "reality television" is inaccurate (D). writes the script for Survivor
20. Shows like Survivor, according to Mark Burnett, _____.
(A). are definitely reality TV (B). are scripted
(C). have good narratives (D). are theater