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I. Vocabulary (20%)

Choose the answer that best completes the sentence, and **then mark the corresponding letter A, B, C, or D on your answer card.**

- Half of the students who quit school admitted that they knew their _____ with internet were unreasonable but they just couldn't control their own behavior.
A. obsessions B. complications C. devotions D. sedations
- _____ with his thoughts about how to present the paper in the conference, he couldn't notice anything else.
A. Pampered B. Predisposed C. Preoccupied D. Paralleled
- It is _____ for blood banks to test all donated blood for the virus.
A. allergic B. coincident C. frumpy D. mandatory
- It took him ten years of psychotherapy to overcome his childhood _____ which he suffered from a terrible accident.
A. delinquency B. paradox C. remedy D. trauma
- Many diseases can be caused or spread by _____ conditions. Therefore, having good personal hygiene is very important.
A. finite B. liberal C. unsanitary D. withdrawn
- A computer program can provide information in ways that force students to _____ learning instead of being merely recipients of knowledge.
A. accede to B. participate in C. compensate for D. profit from
- Though _____ in her personal life, Edna St. Vincent Millay was nonetheless disciplined about her work, usually producing several pages of complicated rhyme in a day.
A. verbose B. vain C. impulsive D. self-assured
- She writes across generational lines, making the past so _____ that our belief that the present is the true locus of experience is undermined.
A. complex B. vivid C. distant D. mundane
- Though _____ to some degree, telling a small lie sometimes enables one to avoid harming another's feelings.
A. regrettable B. unfortunate C. attractive D. difficult
- The President reached a decision only after lengthy deliberation, painstakingly weighing the _____ opinions expressed by cabinet members.
A. unanimous B. consistent C. arbitrary D. divergent

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II. Grammar and Structure (20%)

Choose the answer that best completes the sentence, and then **mark the corresponding letter A, B, C, or D on your answer card.**

11. Movies shown on TV often have original scenes removed. _____, they are frequently interrupted for commercials.
A. As a result B. But C. In addition D. Therefore
12. Clothes reflect society's values. _____, in Victorian times, when women were expected to be inactive, they wore clothing that limited their movements
A. For instance B. On the other hand C. In contrast D. Furthermore
13. The sales of vitamin E, _____ statements from health-food enthusiasts and doctors, have doubled in the past ten years.
A. because B. as long as C. since D. thanks to
14. To develop a lively writing style, _____.
A. a variety of sentence structures should be used
B. if you should use a variety of sentence structures
C. one should use a variety of sentence structures
D. various sentence structures should be used
15. One thing that keeps me from driving to the city is _____.
A. when I think of the traffic jams
B. the thought of the traffic jams
C. according to the traffic jams
D. whenever there are traffic jams
16. Stars shine because of _____ produced by the nuclear reactions taking place within them.
A. the amount of light and heat B. which the amount of light and heat
C. the amount of light and heat that it is D. the amount of light and heat is
17. A moth possesses two pairs of wings _____ as a single pair and are covered with dustlike scales.
A. function B. are functioning C. that function D. but functions
18. Soap operas, a type of television drama series, are so called because at first, they were _____.
A. often which soap manufacturers sponsored
B. often sponsored by soap manufacturers
C. sponsored often soap manufacturers
D. soap manufacturers often sponsored them
19. Although many people use the word "milk" to refer cow's milk, _____ to milk from any animal, including human milk and goat's milk.
A. applying it also B. applies also C. but it also applies D. it also applies

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20. _____ no two people think exactly alike, there will always be disagreement, but disagreement should not always be avoided; it can be healthy if handled creatively.
- A. There are B. Why C. That D. Because

III. Reading Comprehension (30%)

Read the following passages, choose the best answer to each question, and then mark the corresponding letter A, B, C, or D on your answer card.

Most people believe that how we are brought up determines how we will act. We think that environment plays a greater role in determining our personalities than inherited characteristics. But psychologists studying identical twins separated at birth and raised in different households suggest otherwise. They point to story after story of separated twins who live strangely similar lives. Take the "Jim Twins," for instance, who did not meet until age thirty-nine. Each had married a woman named Linda. Each had owned a boyhood dog named Toy. Each worked as a deputy sheriff. They had done well in the same subjects at school and even shared a common slang.

21. What is the main idea of this passage?
- A. The personalities of twins are deeply influenced by their living environment.
 B. The more we know about identical twins, the more we know about evolution.
 C. Environment may play a far more important role in the way we act than we can imagine.
 D. Our genes determine who we are much more than does our environment.

In Arab countries, where women and men do not have equal rights, men commonly cut in front of women at ticket windows. In Britain and the United States, where "first come, first served" is almost an obsession, many businesses have customers take numbers to ensure that "first come" is really "first served." By contrast, in southern Europe, where people don't like businesses regulating their behavior, lines are disorderly, with lots of pushing and shoving for the best position; the strongest or most aggressive win.

22. The passage is about
- A. the tips to form a line in different regions and countries.
 B. how people wait in line may reflect their cultural values.
 C. the relationship between businesses and line-forming behavior.
 D. how equal rights are valued across the world.

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If people stop to think about the plots in children's stories, they may be surprised. Hansel and Gretel, for example, were abandoned by their father and stepmother and left to wander in a dark forest. Cinderella was treated like a slave by her stepmother and stepsisters. Little Red Riding Hood was eaten by a wild animal, and the three blind mice had their tails cut off by the farmer's wife.

23. What is the main idea of this passage?

- A. Animals and children are important characters in children's stories.
- B. Many children's stories are about stepfamilies.
- C. Children's stories often deal with evil and violence.
- D. Many children's stories have happy endings.

Two psychiatrists – one young, the other nearing retirement – shared an office suite. As each workday began, both were well-groomed and calm, but by quitting time it was a different story. The younger doctor was exhausted; his hair was wild, his shirt damp with perspiration. But the older man was still fresh as a flower, cheerful and relaxed. Finally, the young psychiatrist could stand it no longer. "I don't understand it!" he exclaimed. "You spend your days as I do – listening to your patients pour out their troubles and tragedies. But I'm a wreck, and you're cool as a cucumber. How do you do it?" The older man turned his calm smile on the young doctor and answered, "So who listens?"

24. What can we infer from the passage?

- A. The older psychiatrist has fewer patients than the younger one.
- B. Listening to other people's problems can be difficult.
- C. The way to stay cool is to have exercise regularly.
- D. The younger psychiatrist is healthier than the older one.

Research has shown that there is more to medicine than lab reports, pills, and surgery. One doctor, for example, has found that the most "difficult" patients – those who ask lots of questions and participate actively in their treatment – are the patients who make the best recoveries. In addition, insurance companies have found that husbands who get kissed goodbye by their wives in the morning have fewer accidents. Also, these husbands live five years longer than those who don't. Finally, in Israel, researchers have come up with a sure way to predict heart problems in a group of men at risk: When asked "Does your wife show you that she loves you?" those who answer *No* will sooner or later develop chest pains.

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25. What can we infer from the passage?

- A. Emotions and attitudes may influence health.
- B. Doctors find patients who like to ask questions easy to deal with.
- C. Bachelors have the most accidents of any group.
- D. Following the doctor's advice is the key to maintain healthy.

Warfare is one of the more common events in the history of human beings. Because of its importance to survival, warfare has been studied carefully. The factors that contribute to success in war are fairly well understood. Fundamentally, success in war, as well as in business, is based on leadership. Other factors – information, preparation, organization, communication, motivation, and execution – also contribute to success, but the effectiveness of these factors is entirely determined by the quality of leadership provided.

26. According to the passage, which factor is the most important one in determining success in war?

- A. Communication.
- B. Motivation.
- C. Leadership.
- D. Intelligence.

For most of this century, scientists have worshipped the hardware of the brain and the software of the mind; the messy powers of the heart were left to the poets. But cognitive theory could simply not explain the questions we wonder about most: why some people just seem to have a gift for living well; why the smartest kid in the class will probably not end up the richest; why we like some people virtually on sight and distrust others; why some people remain buoyant in the face of troubles that would sink a less resilient soul. What qualities of the mind or spirit, in short, determine who succeeds?

27. This paragraph is the introductory paragraph chosen from an article. What are its following paragraphs likely to talk about?

- A. Fortune telling.
- B. The functions of brain.
- C. Cognitive theory.
- D. Emotional intelligence.

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Asian auto owners are a diverse group, encompassing Thai farmers in Toyota pickups, Indian accountants in Marutis and Hong Kong property developers in Rolls-Royces. But a poll of 2,500 people in Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore conducted by U.S. automotive consultants J.D. Power & Associates shows some interesting common traits among Asian motorists, as well as some distinct divergences....

28. What is the passage going to discuss next?

- A. The parking problems in Asia.
- B. Comparison and contrast of car owners in Asia.
- C. The worsening traffic caused by a great number of cars in Asia.
- D. Government policy on auto business in Asia.

Scholars often fail to see that music played an important role in the preservation of African culture in the United States. They correctly note that slavery stripped some cultural elements from Black people--their political and economic systems--but they underestimate the significance of music in sustaining other African cultural values. African music, unlike the music of some other cultures, was based on a total vision of life in which music was not an isolated social domain. In African culture music was pervasive, serving not only religion, but all phases of life, including birth, death, work, and play. The methods that a community devises to perpetuate itself come into being to preserve aspects of the cultural legacy that that community perceives as essential. Music, like art in general, was so inextricably a part of African culture that it became a crucial means of preserving the culture during and after the dislocations of slavery.

29. The primary purpose of the passage is to

- A. analyze the impact that slavery had on African political and economic systems
- B. review the attempt of recent scholarship to study the influence of African music on other music
- C. correct the failure of some scholars to appreciate the significance of music in African culture
- D. compare the relative importance of music with that of other art forms in culture

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30. The underlined phrase "isolated social domain" refers to
- African music in relation to contemporary culture as a whole
 - music as it may be perceived in non-African cultures
 - a feature of African music that aided in transmitting African cultural values
 - an aspect of the African cultural legacy
31. Which of the following statements concerning the function of African music can be inferred from the passage?
- It preserved cultural values because it was thoroughly integrated into the lives of the people.
 - It was more important in the development of African religious life than in other areas of culture.
 - It was developed in response to the loss of political and economic systems.
 - Its pervasiveness in African culture hindered its effectiveness in minimizing the impact of slavery.
32. According to the author, scholars would err in drawing _____
- Slavery stripped the slaves of their political and economic systems.
 - African music was similar to all other traditions of music in that it originated in a total vision of life.
 - Music was a crucial part of the African cultural legacy.
- I, II, and III
 - I and II only
 - I only
 - II only

The common belief of some linguists that each language is a perfect vehicle for the thoughts of the nation speaking it is in some ways the exact counterpart of the conviction of the Manchester school of economics that supply and demand will regulate everything for the best. Just as economists were blind to the numerous cases in which the law of supply and demand left actual wants unsatisfied, so also many linguists are deaf to those instances in which the very nature of a language calls forth misunderstandings in everyday conversation, and in which, consequently, a word has to be modified or defined in order to present the idea intended by the speaker: "He took his stick--no, not John's, but his own." No language is perfect, and if we admit this truth, we must also admit that it is not unreasonable to investigate the relative merits of different languages or of different details in languages.

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33. The primary purpose of the passage is to
- illustrate the confusion that can result from the improper use of language
 - show that economic theory is relevant to linguistic study
 - refute a belief held by some linguists
 - suggest a way in which languages can be made more nearly perfect
34. In presenting the argument, the author does all of the following EXCEPT
- draw a conclusion
 - make a generalization
 - make a comparison
 - present a paradox
35. Which of the following contributes to the misunderstanding described by the author in this short passage?
- It is unclear whom the speaker of the sentence is addressing.
 - It is unclear to whom the word "his" refers the first time it is used.
 - It is unclear to whom the word "his" refers the second time it is used.
 - The meaning of "took" is ambiguous.

IV. Composition (30%)

Use the paragraph below as the first paragraph, develop a composition of about **250** words and make sure you **provide a title** for your composition.

Recent advances in the fields of medicine and biotechnology have brought about situations that could scarcely be imagined only a generation ago. Battery-operated plastic hearts can be implanted into people. People can be kept alive indefinitely by machines. Exact duplicates of animals can be made. While such scientific achievements may ultimately benefit humankind, they have also created complex legal and ethical issues.