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I. Vocabulary and Phrase: 20%

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

- Many people felt the politician _____ the facts in order to sway public opinion in his favor.
A. violated B. obstructed C. distorted D. diluted
- A big reason for _____ iPhone sales in Europe is that users cannot pick their mobile-service carrier.
A. accessible B. empirical C. radical D. slack
- An average tornado might _____ itself at a speed of 15 or 20 miles per hour and therefore cover a distance of 20 or so miles.
A. propel B. procrastinate C. promote D. prolong
- American jazz is a _____ of sounds borrowed from such varied sources as American and African folk music, European classical music, and Christian gospel songs.
A. congregation B. population C. conglomeration D. formulation
- Her witty conversation in dealing with the embarrassing situation showed that she was a/n _____ woman.
A. frumpy B. rebellious C. estranged D. sophisticated
- If you don't return the article to the store within seven days, it is possible that you _____ the chance of getting your money back.
A. forfeit B. forecast C. formulate D. fortify
- Mr. Smith, whose direct criticism often offends the government, has earned a reputation as a/n _____ critic of any kind of nuclear waste dumping.
A. inconsistent B. outspoken C. sheepish D. underemployed
- The opinions she received from her friends about changing her career were _____, leaving her more confused.
A. contradictory B. liberal C. subordinate D. unconscious
- The new skyscrapers _____ at the time were often ornately finished with elements of Gothic or Roman detailing.
A. standing up B. sprouting up C. spreading out D. setting up
- The focus of the ratings involves the bread-and-butter programming and the movies that TV _____ from Hollywood.
A. takes up B. looks into C. blocks out D. picks up

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II. Cloze Test: 20%

Read the following passages, choose for each blank the most appropriate answer, and then mark the corresponding letter A, B, C, or D on your answer card.

Passage 1:

Tourists have been visiting Niagara Falls in large numbers since the 1800's; annual visitation now 11 above 10 million visitors per year. Because of concern that all these tourists would inadvertently destroy the natural beauty of this scenic wonder, the State of New York in 1885 created Niagara Falls Park 12 protect the land surrounding American Falls. A year later Canada created Queen Victoria Park on the Canadian side of the Niagara, around Horseshoe Falls. With the area surrounding the falls under the jurisdiction of government agencies, appropriate steps 13 to preserve the pristine beauty of the area.

11. A. average B. averagely C. to average D. averages
 12. A. in order to B. in relation to C. in addition to D. with regard to
 13. A. can take B. have taken C. could be taken D. to take

Passage 2:

Child prodigies are highly intelligent, but this is not the only factor that sets them apart. They 14 prodigies because of their exceptional ability in one domain, or area. Experts define prodigy as "a young child who displays mastery of a field that is usually undertaken by adults." Child prodigies usually appear in structured areas such as language, math, drawing, chess, and music. They are not as 15 to appear in less structured domains such as medicine, law, or creative writing, areas to require experience.

14. A. have considered B. consider C. having considered D. are considered
 15. A. likely B. mainly C. extremely D. especially

Passage 3

Biotech researchers believe large numbers of patients will be helped when scientists identify more genetic or protein variations, known as biomarkers, linked to specific 16. A number of companies and researchers are developing tests that can predict who is most vulnerable 17 a given disease, allowing for preemptive action. Myriad Genetics has four diagnostic tests on the market that spot genetic susceptibilities to breast cancer, colon cancer, and melanoma. These tests are not just telling patients that it's time to prepare their wills. If a woman learns she is at high risk of developing breast cancer, 18,

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there are drugs she can start taking that lower the probability.

16. A. departments B. diseases C. researchers D. sections
 17. A. as B. with C. to D. for
 18. A. as a result B. for instance C. in contrast D. generally speaking

Passage 4

Although the prospect of having “canned” notes looks inviting to many students, our administration should nevertheless ban these services from campus. 19 do such businesses give certain students unfair advantages and discourage class attendance, but they also prohibit the development of students’ important learning skills, despite the services’ claims to the 20. What is bothered for many of us about the professional-notes option is our sense of fair play. Let’s face it: like it or not, school is, among other things, a place of competition, as students vie for the best academic records to send to prospective employers, graduate and professional schools.

19. A. However B. If C. What D. Not only
 20. A. contrary B. extent C. sequence D. result

III. Passage Completion: 12%

Read the passages and choose for each blank the most appropriate answer from the four sentences given below each passage. Then mark the corresponding letter A, B, C, or D on your answer card.

Passage 1:

More and more Western architects, real estate developers, and interior designers are using the principles of feng shui in their life and work. 21. Now, however, feng shui is becoming more accepted in the United States and many other countries in Eastern and Western Europe, and Central and South America. The theory behind feng shui is that there is an invisible life force or energy, called ch’i (“chee”), that flows through all things – rooms, buildings, people, hills, rivers, power lines. If ch’i flows smoothly and freely, then things go well for people. If ch’i is blocked, then the people in that space may feel discomfort or unhappiness. 22. Relying on tools and knowledge that are centuries old, trained feng shui experts give advice on the design and placement of objects in certain ways that promote the flow of ch’i.

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- A. Sharp corners, poor lighting, and clutter are some of the many factors that can create blocked or unfavorable ch'i.
- B. As a result, south became the favored direction.
- C. Previously, Westerners dismissed feng shui as mere superstition.
- D. They consider the shape, size and location of objects as well as materials, colors, and numbers.

Passage 2

The most important lesson a rafting trip teaches students is respect for the environment. When students are exposed to the outdoors, they can better learn to appreciate its beauty and feel the need to preserve it. 24. Our trip lasted seven days down the Green River through the isolated Desolation Canyon in Utah. 25. The starkly beautiful, unspoiled atmosphere soon became a major influence on us during the trip. By the second day I saw classmates, whom I had previously seen fill an entire room with candy wrappers and empty soda cans, voluntarily inspecting our campsite for trash. 26.

- A. In addition to being fun and exciting, rafting has many educational advantages as well.
- B. When twenty-four high school students sacrifice washing their hair for the sake of a suds-less and thus healthier river, some new, better attitudes about the environment have definitely been established.
- C. After the first day of rafting, I found myself surrounded by steep canyon walls and saw virtually no evidence of human life.
- D. For example, I went on a rafting trip three summers ago with the biology department at my high school.

IV. Reading comprehension: 18%

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

Passage 1:

When a company needs to hire someone for a managerial position, there is often a choice between promoting an employee who is already working inside the company or bringing in a person from outside. Hiring a qualified outsider is often to a company's advantage for several reasons.

An important reason for hiring outsiders as managers is that they bring a new perspective. This contributes to the diversity of ideas and allows company practices to be seen in a new light. Often, an outside hire will ask, "What's the reason for doing things this way?" This question may lead to a reevaluation of practices that are actually inefficient but have become so much a part of the routine that it's

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difficult for insiders to question them.

Another major factor to be considered is the cost of on-the-job training. Hiring outsiders allows a company to look for people who already have the particular skills and experience required for the job. The company will not have to spend time and money training an internal employee for the new job- something that has to be done when, for example, an employee is promoted from a technical position to a managerial one. In such a case, usually the employee would be sent to classes to help learn needed managerial skills.

Finally, managers hired from the outside will often have business contacts with suppliers, customers, and technicians that they have developed in their previous job. Clearly these contacts can be a valuable asset for the company that hires managers from the outside.

27. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. The advantages of external hiring.
- B. The benefits of on-the-job training.
- C. The reasons for hiring inside employees.
- D. A policy of hiring outside managers.

28. According to the passage, which of the following statements is NOT mentioned?

- A. Hiring managers from the outside will be less costly than promoting from within a company.
- B. Outsiders can bring new perspectives that will reform inefficient practices.
- C. Outside hires require time to establish relationships with new colleagues.
- D. Outsiders will bring new business contacts with them.

Passage 2:

It used to be that parents took their children on vacation during the summer, when school was out of session. But today, much more often than in the past, many parents take their children on vacation during the school year. Although these children are away from school, sometimes for several weeks, traveling itself serves a valuable educational function.

The most important educational benefit of taking children on vacation is that traveling exposes children to new places and cultures. It is good for children to read about distant countries, but it is even better to take them there. What students learn by meeting the people and absorbing the culture of these places is something they could not learn in their classrooms.

Moreover, the benefits to the children who have been away from the classroom for several weeks traveling continue after they have returned to their classes. Students who are in school every day of the school year can easily lose enthusiasm for their studies. But students **invigorated** by time away return with heightened excitement.

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The trend of students taking vacations during the school year also has benefits for teachers. When these students return to school, their knowledge and enthusiasm contribute positively to the entire class. Teachers can ask the children to share stories of their travels with their peers and can incorporate what they have learned from traveling into writing and reading projects. This makes lesson development easier for teachers because the returning students' experiences provide a ready basis for classroom discussions and projects.

29. What is the best title for the reading passage?

- A. Children in School.
- B. What Students Have Learned from Traveling.
- C. Changes in Vacations.
- D. School-year Vacations.

30. In paragraph 3, the word "invigorated" is closest in meaning to

- A. vibrated
- B. entertained
- C. energized
- D. strengthened

31. According to the passage, which of the following statements is NOT mentioned?

- A. Learning from visiting other places and cultures cannot be duplicated in a classroom.
- B. The excitement that returning students bring to the classroom can distract them and other students from classroom studies.
- C. Students who have not been away become bored, so the enthusiasm of students returning from travels is an educational benefit for the whole class.
- D. It is useful for teachers to incorporate the vacation experiences of returning students into their classroom teaching.

Passage 3

It's never too late to change your lifestyle. Nobel Prize-winning author Isaac Bashevis Singer became a vegetarian at age 58. Making this choice now may allow you to live longer and feel better. In fifty years you may be like playwright George Bernard Shaw, who at 25 was warned against a vegetarian diet. As a vigorous old man, Shaw wanted to tell all those people they were wrong, but noted he couldn't: "They all passed away years ago"!

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32. This passage is a concluding paragraph selected from an article. What is the article likely to talk about?
- A. Celebrities' extravagant lifestyle
 - B. Difficulties of writer's block
 - C. The advantages of vegetarianism
 - D. How Nobel Prize-winners have in common

Passage 4

The key to a successful ski trip, of course, is planning, by which I mean: money. For openers, you have to buy a special outfit that meets the strict requirements of the Ski Fashion Institute, namely: (1) it must cost as much as a medium wedding reception, (2) it must make you look like the Giant Radioactive Easter Bunny From Space and (3) it must be made of a mutant fiber with a name that sounds like the *villain* on a Saturday-morning cartoon show, such as "Gore-TEX," so as to provide the necessary resistance to moisture, which, trust me, will be gushing violently from all of your major armpits once you start lunging down the mountain. You also have to buy ski goggles costing upward of \$50 per eyeball that are specially designed not to *not* fog up under any circumstances except when you put them on, at which time they become approximately as transparent as the Los Angeles telephone directory, which is why veteran skiers recommend that you do not pull them down over your eyes until just before you make contact with the tree. And you'll need ski boots, which are made from melted bowling balls and which protect your feet by preventing your blood, which could contain dangerous germs, from traveling below your shins.

33. What is the tone of the passage?
- A. serious B. sad C. sarcastic D. sympathetic
34. The purpose of this passage is to
- A. teach how to buy necessary ski equipments.
 - B. instruct how to ski skillfully.
 - C. list the strict requirements of skiing.
 - D. make fun of the expensive ski outfit and equipments.
35. What does the word "*villain*" mean?
- A. a bad character
 - B. a doctor for pets
 - C. an experienced person
 - D. a courageous person

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V. Composition: 30%

Write a composition of about **250 words** by using the paragraph below as the introductory paragraph, and make sure you provide **a title** for it.

Quin Boucher regularly e-mails or instant-messages his mother in the kitchen from his bedroom four stories above. At 14, he's a child of the wired generation, attending a special technology high school in Brooklyn, N.Y., talking to classmates by cell phone or IM, and firing up his sonly PlayStation to play Tony Hawk's Underground. "He's a real screen kid," Rebecca Boucher says, so when it came time to choose a summer camp, her first priority was clear: "I want to unplug him for the summer." Now, as some parents grow concerned about how much their children rely on their gadgets and are affected by the high stress levels of their over-scheduled lives, a growing number of parents are looking to opportunities for their kids to build social skills outside of cyberspace.



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