

I. Vocabulary: Choose the best answer to complete the following sentences (30%)

1. By nine in the morning the fake, country-wet freshness that somehow seeped in overnight _____ like the tail end of a sweet dream.
(A) evaporated (B) executed (C) entailed (D) ensued
2. In the early reform years, many small-scale entrepreneurial ventures were _____ by unemployed citizens.
(A) launched (B) looped (C) swaggered (D) strolled
3. Predominantly uneducated and lacking cultural capital, these _____ were greeted by intellectuals with disdain.
(A) debris (B) tentacles (C) upstarts (D) dignitaries
4. The students were all _____ from the news that they had won all the lottery.
(A) rolling (B) ricocheting (C) rebounding (D) reeling
5. Situated at exactly 5,280 feet above sea level, Denver is the _____ Mile-High city, jam-packed with all the outdoor thrills one would expect of a mountain-based destination.
(A) unacceptable (B) uncontested (C) unsubstantiated (D) unaffectionate
6. The translator not only translates the text but recreates the _____ and tonality of the original work.
(A) coterie (B) patrons (C) simulations (D) nuances
7. A coherent waste and resources strategy is one that _____ reducing the environmental impact of the things we buy, not simply reducing plastic use.
(A) prioritizes (B) exhilarates (C) encloses (D) abridges
8. His direct, often abrasive approach will doubtless _____ a few feathers.
(A) dominate (B) ruffle (C) slam (D) batter
9. He soon fell asleep, but woke up with a _____ when his grandmother screamed with pain.
(A) start (B) stomp (C) steam (D) strike
10. The strong typhoon made _____ on Monday evening, leading to flooding that caused a number of fatalities, including dozens of injuries.
(A) landowner (B) landfill (C) landmass (D) landfall
11. A smoker may create smoke rings by taking smoke into their mouth and _____ it with a tongue flick, by closing the jaw, tapping the cheek, or producing a sudden burst of air with the lungs and throat.
(A) excruciating (B) extinguishing (C) expelling (D) expunging
12. Kevin couldn't put the _____ novel down until he had finished it.
(A) compensating (B) compelling (C) compliant (D) complacent
13. John felt really sad at the _____ reviews her debut book received.
(A) persistent (B) benevolent (C) auspicious (D) withering

14. Conservationists claim that overfishing, deforestation and new plans to build dams are jeopardizing this _____ for endangered species.

- (A) haven (B) plight (C) fissure (D) sanction

15. The toothless man came _____ up to them, pointing at an old boat bobbing in the water.

- (A) debilitating (B) revered (C) ambling (D) skimped

II. Grammar: Select the most appropriate item to complete the following sentences (30%)

16. During the early years of the Cultural Revolution, dried mushrooms on dinner tables were an unheard-of luxury, _____.

- (A) thinking pork chops
(B) pork chops thinkable
(C) pork chops unthinkable
(D) unthinkable pork chops

17. The great snake was uncoiling itself rapidly, _____ out on to the floor. People throughout the reptile house screamed and started running for the exits.

- (A) slithering
(B) slithered
(C) slither
(D) slithers

18. Part-time jobs teach you a variety of invaluable skills, _____ include time-management, organization and communication skills, which many employers seek in a potential employee.

- (A) some where
(B) where
(C) some of which
(D) of which

19. For the future well-being of our company, it is imperative that the CEO _____ now.

- (A) resign
(B) resigning
(C) would resign
(D) be resigning

20. Susan will bring her best camera _____ the photographer forgets to show up at her parents' wedding anniversary.

- (A) in case
(B) in case if
(C) in case when
(D) in such case

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21. The girl entered the room hesitantly, her arms _____ to her sides, her shoulders hunched; she looked both frightened and indifferent, like a captured bird.
- (A) closes
(B) closing
(C) closed
(D) close
22. I prefer the poetry of this new professor, who relied heavily on images to evoke ideas, _____, who employed elaborate description and philosophy.
- (A) to those of the old professor
(B) to that of the old professor
(C) than those of the old professor
(D) than that of the old professor
23. F. Scott Fitzgerald, Sherwood Anderson, James Joyce, Ezra Pound, and Gertrude Stein are among those usually _____ influencing Hemingway's early writing.
- (A) credited with
(B) credited for
(C) credited
(D) crediting
24. Neither the child nor the parents _____ able to resist the crushing force of the winter and eventually they moved away.
- (A) is
(B) are
(C) was
(D) were
25. You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can, and will, be used against you in court of law. You have _____ an attorney. If you cannot afford one, one will be appointed to you.
- (A) the right
(B) the right of
(C) the right with
(D) the right to
26. The lawyer emphasized the ill-treatment and threats that his client was _____ in the work environment, and the fact that his client would not be able to return to work after the incident.
- (A) subject to
(B) subjecting to
(C) subjected to
(D) subjected

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27. Convicted sex offenders on the register are _____ residency restrictions, which prevent them from living near places where children congregate - like schools, parks and even bus stops.

- (A) subject to
- (B) subjecting to
- (C) subjected to
- (D) subjected

28. According to the new manager, the boss has given us _____ work to do.

- (A) yet
- (B) yet more
- (C) more yet
- (D) as yet

29. Her performance is a combination of grace and fury, _____ athleticism, and enchanting artistry.

- (A) jaw-dropping
- (B) jaw-drop
- (C) dropping-jaw
- (D) drop-jaw

30. The much beloved athlete's long-term popularity was as great, _____, outside his own country.

- (A) if not
- (B) if not greater
- (C) greater if not
- (D) greater not

III. Cloze Test: Select the most appropriate item for each blank (30%)

Passage I.

The Ring of Fire, also referred to as the Circum-Pacific Belt, is a path _____ (31) _____ the Pacific Ocean characterized by active volcanoes and frequent earthquakes. Seventy-five percent of Earth's volcanoes—more than 450 volcanoes—are located along the Ring of Fire. Ninety percent of Earth's earthquakes occur along its path, including the planet's most violent and dramatic seismic events. The _____ (32) _____ of volcanoes and earthquakes along the Ring of Fire is caused by the amount of movement of tectonic plates in the area. Along much of the Ring of Fire, plates overlap at _____ (33) _____ boundaries called subduction zones. That is, the plate that is underneath is pushed down, or subducted, by the plate above. As rock is subducted, it melts and becomes magma. The magma so near to Earth's surface gives rise to conditions _____ (34) _____ for volcanic activity. A significant exception is the border between the Pacific and North American Plates. This stretch of the Ring of Fire is a transform boundary, where plates move sideways past one another. This type of boundary generates a large number of earthquakes as _____ (35) _____ in Earth's crust builds up and is released.

- 31. (A) along (B) alone (C) align (D) alive
- 32. (A) concordance (B) attendance (C) impedance (D) abundance
- 33. (A) intransigent (B) negligent (C) convergent (D) stringent
- 34. (A) rope (B) cape (C) ripe (D) pipe
- 35. (A) illusion (B) tension (C) depression (D) admission

Passage II.

Altruism is acting out of (36) for another's well-being. Often, people behave altruistically when they see others in desperate circumstances and feel (37) and a desire to help. "Reciprocal altruism" is a term used by evolutionary biologists and psychologists to characterize the decision to help with an expectation that one will receive some benefit or (38) to oneself. Even when people don't expect recognition or reward for a good deed, however, they often feel energized and happy afterward, a sensation sometimes called the "helper's high." Cooperative behavior allowed our ancestors to survive under harsh conditions, and it still serves a purpose in a highly complex society. Humans aren't the only animals who behave altruistically, though. Many species benefit when individual organisms (39) personal costs and act in service of the larger group. What kind of people behave altruistically toward those who are not in their immediate social or familial circle? There are likely many factors that underlie altruistic tendencies, though research suggests that people who are more grounded in the present and people who have fewer resources may be more (40) to acts of altruism.

36. (A) conduit (B) concern (C) convict (D) contour
37. (A) telepathy (B) antipathy (C) apathy (D) empathy
38. (A) payoff (B) standoff (C) blastoff (D) layoff
39. (A) disregard (B) dispend (C) dismay (D) disrupt
40. (A) profound (B) proof (C) prone (D) proper

Passage III

War can have a devastating impact not just on human life, but also on the environment. More than two thirds of the world's biodiversity hotspots experienced conflict at least once between 1950 and 2000, with many seeing repeated outbreaks, according to one study. Scorched-earth tactics and chemical warfare (41) particular threats to flora and fauna. But when the conflict ends, ceasefires are agreed, and troops (42), unexpected sanctuaries for wildlife can appear in their (43). In 1953, hostilities between warring North Korea and South Korea ended when an armistice agreement was signed. It mapped out a demilitarized zone (DMZ) between the countries that is 250 kilometers long and on average 4 kilometers wide.

A heavy military presence remains and civilians are very rarely allowed into the DMZ, but troops have found evidence of rare Asiatic black bears, Amur Leopards, and Amur gorals (a type of mountain goat) living there. "We call the region an accidental paradise," says Seung-ho Lee, president of the DMZ Forum, a group that campaigns to protect the area's ecological and cultural (44). The DMZ is home to more than 5,000 species, 106 of which have protected status. White-naped cranes and black-faced spoonbills are among the rarer species to seek (45) there, among the minefields and abandoned towns.

41. (A) pose (B) poise (C) paste (D) probe
42. (A) retrace (B) retard (C) retreat (D) retract
43. (A) wake (B) wire (C) will (D) wage
44. (A) withdrawal (B) heritage (C) deputy (D) tenure
45. (A) confection (B) canopy (C) reflex (D) refuge

Reading Comprehension: Read the following article and select the best answer for each question. (10%)

The first edible lab-grown sample – a fish fillet grown from goldfish cells – was produced in 2000. The following year, Nasa began funding research into growing meat from turkey cells so its astronauts could enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner in space. These experimental attempts soon gave way to a culinary race, with companies _____ to be the first to bring "clean meat" to the mass market. That race is now entering its final lap, with the front runners predicting they could have cultured meat on restaurant menus by the end of this year, once a regulatory framework is agreed upon. "Step one is producing products like nuggets, ground chicken and ground beef; that's the way to think about the path of cultured meats," explains Joshua Tetrick, chief executive of San Francisco's Just, Inc. After successfully finding a plant-based alternative to the conventional egg in the form of a scrambled mung bean, Just turned its attention to cultured meats, and is now one of the companies leading the way. "The next stage will be the more structured products – such as steaks and chicken breasts. Products like that require a lot more development; they are a little bit further out."

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But just how far out are we talking? In June, global consultancy AT Kearney predicted that by the year 2040, 60 percent of all meat consumed globally would not come from slaughtered animals. Rather, the bulk of our diets will be made up of a mix of cultured and plant-based meat substitutes. This timeframe was reached through a series of interviews with industry experts, as well as by looking at the amount of recent investment from around the globe in sustainable meat alternatives – \$1 billion in the last year. “The large-scale livestock industry is viewed by many as an unnecessary evil,” the report says. “With the advantages of novel vegan meat replacements and cultured meat over conventionally produced meat, it is only a matter of time before they capture a substantial market share.”

But will that “substantial market share” ever be enough to topple the 2.4-million-year-old human habit of eating slaughtered animals, an industry that last year alone turned over \$1 trillion worldwide? “The problem with cultured meat is it’s just hypothetical for the most part right now,” says Tetric. And the concept of eating flesh grown by scientists in a lab is, understandably, acutely alien in the minds of many. “There have been a lot of surveys done, and people are seemingly becoming more accepting,” he adds, “but

46. Which of the following could be the title for this article?
- (A) Is lab-grown meat part of our future diet?
 - (B) Lab-grown meat will replace slaughtered animals in 2040.
 - (C) Problems with lab-grown meat.
 - (D) People’s reaction to lab-grown meat today.
47. According to the article, which of the following statements is TRUE?
- (A) The first lab-grown meat was developed by NASA for astronauts.
 - (B) By 2040, all meat will be produced in the lab environment.
 - (C) Human beings hate the unnecessary evil of killing animals.
 - (D) Just is one of the companies that have been devoted to the development of lab-grown meat.
48. Which of the following words can be used to replace the blank in the first paragraph?
- (A) revolting
 - (B) vying
 - (C) vanishing
 - (D) wiggling
49. Which of the following statements can replace the long blank at the end of the article?
- (A) companies such as Just believe that investment could come from countries with both the capital and a vested interest in food security
 - (B) a survey is not the same as putting it on a menu or in a grocery store – that’s totally different
 - (C) there’s a real opportunity to make this a big thing
 - (D) these changing diets have forced the food industry’s hand, with more vegan options than ever before, particularly when it comes to the rapidly growing business of mock meat
50. Which of the following best describes the tone of the last paragraph?
- (A) sarcastic
 - (B) nervous
 - (C) optimistic
 - (D) skeptical