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I. Cloze Test: Choose the best answer to fill in each numbered blank. (40%)

(Passage #1)

The collapse of belief we have been witnessing throughout the twentieth century comes with globalism. The global postmodern condition is not an artistic movement or a cultural fad or an intellectual theory – although it produces all of those and is in some ways __1__ by them. It is what inevitably happens __2__ people everywhere begin to see that there are many beliefs, many kinds of beliefs, and many ways of believing. Postmodernism is globalism; it is the half-discovered shape of the one unity that transcends all our differences.

In a global – and globalizing – era, all of the old structures of political reality, all the old ways of saying who we are and what we are for and what we are against, seem to be __3__ into air.

How to have an identity in such a world? Nationalism __4__ semiobsolete before it even completes its conquest; national governments everywhere are challenged __5__ front and rear, past and future. They are forced to do battle against premodern tribal and ethnic identities even as they __6__ the threats to their fragile sovereignties that are posed by international organizations and movements and economic forces. The weaker national sovereignty is as an absolute principle, __7__ secure we are in defining ourselves according to national citizenship.

- (a) excluded (b) defined (c) denied (d) precluded
- (a) instead (b) however (c) while (d) as
- (a) making (b) melting away (c) soaring up (d) rising up
- (a) becomes (b) holds (c) returns to be (d) ascends to be
- (a) from (b) in (c) by (d) beside
- (a) insist (b) resist (c) persist (d) succumb to
- (a) it will thus be (b) however (c) the less (d) no matter how

(Passage #2)

In key western capitals there is a deep sense of unease about the future. The confidence that the West would __8__ a dominant force in the 21st century, as it __9__ for the past four or five centuries, is giving way to a sense of __10__ that forces like the emergence of fundamentalist Islam, the rise of East Asia and the collapse of Russia and Eastern Europe could pose threats to the west. A siege mentality is developing. Within these troubled walls, Samuel P. Huntington's essay "The Clash of Civilizations?" is bound to resonate. It will therefore __11__ as a great surprise to many Westerners to __12__ that the rest of the world fears the West even more than the West fears it, especially the threat posed by a wounded West.

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8. (a) remain (b) reject (c) decline (d) manipulate
 9. (a) has (b) always (c) hardly ever (d) since
 10. (a) forbidding (b) forbidden (c) forbearing (d) foreboding
 11. (a) make (b) not (c) look (d) come
 12. (a) learn (b) forget (c) persuade (d) develop

(Passage #3)

Personal relationships among Americans are numerous and are marked by friendliness and informality; however, Americans rarely form deep and __13__ relationships. Friends and membership groups change easily as the American shift status or locale; consequently, his or her social life __14__ both permanence and depth. __15__ social activities occupy much of his or her time, s/he avoids personal commitments to others. S/he does not like to get involved. A social act such as invitation or gift giving is accepted and thanks are expressed. The __16__ is not under obligation to reciprocate, although there is a vague __17__ of a return gesture. This social pressure, however, does not have the binding and formal quality of social obligations evident in other cultures.

13. (a) contingent (b) intervening (c) shallow (d) lasting
 14. (a) retains (b) is subject to (c) is embroiled with (d) lacks
 15. (a) Therefore (b) Nevertheless (c) Although (d) Since
 16. (a) recipient (b) recipe (c) receptacle (d) recalcitrant
 17. (a) propriety (b) price (c) ritual (d) ceremony

(Passage #4)

Each of us will spend some twenty-five years of life in a strange state of semi-consciousness called sleep. __18__ popular belief, humans are not totally unresponsive during sleep. Studies show that you are more likely to awaken if your own name is spoken, instead of another. __19__, a sleeping mother may ignore a jet thundering overhead, but wake at the slightest whimper of her child. Some people can even do simple tasks while asleep. Of course, sleep does impose limitations. There is no evidence, for instance, that a person can learn math, a foreign language, or other complex skills while asleep especially when the __20__ takes place during class.

18. (a) According to (b) In comparison to (c) Contrary to (d) Thanks to
 19. (a) Nevertheless (b) As a result (c) Likewise (d) Even so
 20. (a) spook (b) snoop (c) snooze (d) spoof

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II. Idiomatic Expression: Choose the best idiomatic phrases to fill in the blanks and complete the sentences below. (30%)

1. He never bothered to do his homework and only passed the exam by the ____ of his teeth.
(a) skin (b) roots
(c) top (d) bottom
2. We've already got the supervisor's ____, so let's get down to the work now.
(a) heads-up (b) tails-up
(c) ears-up (d) thumbs-up
3. We can't have a good time if she's with us. She'll spoil it as sure as ____.
(a) a dog is a dog (b) a cow is a cow
(c) a dove is a dove (d) eggs is eggs
4. If you've made a fool of yourself, you must eat _____. It is no use complaining or blaming others who bear little responsibilities.
(a) banana boat (b) turkey pie
(c) apple pie (d) humble pie
5. The reader's criticism that the editorial was riddled with defeatist pessimism cut the writer _____.
(a) to the quick (b) to the throat
(c) to the stomach (d) to the knot
6. He is a ____ in the government; maybe he can help you with your problem.
(a) big nose (b) big mouth
(c) bigamist (d) big wig
7. The promotion of disarmament is in itself an attempt to ____; that is, to enjoy the advantages of power politics while avoiding their perils.
(a) have one's cake and eat it (b) call a spade a spade
(c) get cold feet (d) show one's true color
8. It is a wonderful holiday spot. The ____ is the time it takes to get there.
(a) fly in the ointment (b) devil to pay
(c) lame duck (d) irons in the fire
9. The construction company ____ by starting to build the new house before they had received a building permit.
(a) threw in the towel (b) jumped the gun
(c) buried the hatchet (d) kicked the bucket
10. It was a ____ day for the whole family when their youngest daughter scored so high on the SAT exam and then was admitted to the best university in this country.
(a) red-light (b) red-letter
(c) red-faced (d) red-tape

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11. He's had three different jobs in the past year, and all his employers have said the same thing - he is lazy, he refuses to learn, and he's not worth his ____.
- (a) soy sauce (b) smoke
(c) salt (d) sesame
12. Henry Ford was the first person to create an automobile kingdom in the world, but he was hardly able to make both ____ meet when he first started his business.
- (a) heads (b) ends (c) hands (d) mouths
13. When I see a salesman falling all over himself to please a customer, I think to myself, that man must have an ____ to grind.
- (a) ox (b) fax (c) ax (d) sax
14. His father is very strict to him and he has to ____.
- (a) paint the town red (b) get the lion's share
(c) break the ice (d) toe the line
15. The message left on my desk was so badly written that I couldn't make ____ of it.
- (a) the head or tail (b) an eye or a tooth
(c) a cock-and-bull story (d) a long shot

III. Composition: (30%)

Please write a brief responsive paragraph of about *200-250 words* to the statements below to show your creative interpretation of them.

Most people like to believe that the choice of who will become their "love mates" is determined entirely by free will. In reality, however, there are certain factors that control this decision. Studies consistently show that patterns of choosing a mate are actually very restricting.