

General Directions: Write your answers down on the answer sheet provided. Choose only **ONE** best, correct answer for all multiple choice questions.

I. Vocabulary: (20%, 2 points for each correct answer). Choose from among a, b, c, or d what best substitutes for the underlined portion of the sentence.

1. The cyber café has links to the most scintillating humor sites you can imagine.
a. light b. witty c. graphic d. stimulating
2. It's pretty traumatic for a guy to flunk all his courses and lose his girlfriend all in one day.
a. distressing b. remarkable c. unusual d. unheard of
3. She fumbled her way down the aisle but finally said, "I do!" with great commitment.
a. dropped b. treaded c. raced d. stumbled
4. Sam has a strong aversion to all activities that do not bring in a high rate of return.
a. tendency for b. trait to c. sensation about d. distaste of
5. Hugh was caught in the dark groping Alice, who hit him on the head with a frying pan.
a. saluting b. feeling around c. testing d. biting
6. I heard a catchy little tune on the radio advertising a new kind of cleaning agent.
a. short b. tense c. appealing d. diverse
7. Everything about the cadaver is nondescript except it's still warm even in the morgue freezer.
a. repealing b. distasteful c. unexceptional d. retching
8. The great fallacy of their presentation is it lacks anything credible as far as evidence.
a. error b. penalty c. dismissal d. diversion
9. He became cognizant of the amputation only after trying to reach for a glass of water.
a. alert b. ambushed c. aware d. revealed
10. After the team scored the final winning point, a gush of excitement flowed through the crowd.
a. rush b. stimulant c. race d. cuspid

II. Grammar (20%, 2 points for each correct answer)

For questions 11 to 15, identify the incorrect part in the sentences below.

11. Leading executives in the best run U.S. companies share the quality of being able not only to establish strong corporate values, but also live according to those values.
a b c d
12. High blood pressure placed a severe strain on the heart, blood vessels and kidneys, and may eventually cause the heart to enlarge and become thickened.
a b c d
13. Some adventuresome educators and campus watchers have openly begun

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to suggest that college may not be the best, ^a the proper, ^b the only place for every young person after the ^c complete of high school.

14. The ^d city of Berkeley has moved to ban the styrofoam containers ^b had used in fast-^a food restaurants that ^d unnecessarily contribute CFCs to the atmosphere.

15. Moving the tents was not done for ^a such a small reasons in the more permanent summer camp; ^b there the unwanted foreign matter was ^c picked up out of the gravel and the mosquitoes ^d were simply endured.

For questions 16 to 20, identify the correct answer from among a, b, c, or d.

16. John Gardener is our teacher, and he comes _____ Toronto in the eastern part of Canada.
a. inside b. for c. from d. at

17. While in Danshui, we went to Fisherman's Wharf _____ is actually in Danhai.
a. the of which b. of which c. after which d. which

18. Sheila is a _____ woman, who stands a mere 180 cm.
a. high intelligence b. highly intelligence c. highly intelligent d. high intelligent

19. It is important to remember _____ your ticket stub, so you can reenter the store.
a. keeping b. to keep c. to kept d. to keeping

20. Before he went to the hospital, he _____ in a serious motorcycle accident.
a. had been b. was being c. having been d. having being

III. Reading Comprehension (30%, 3 points for each correct answer)

(1) Over 1 billion people lack adequate housing. These people are found in every country of the world, and, indeed, in almost every community. They live in huts made of sticks, mud, cardboard, or metal; in some cases, they don't even have a roof over their heads. The problem is huge. Does this mean there is nothing that can be done?

(2) According to the people at Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI), there's plenty that can be done. HFHI was founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, millionaires who decided their money could best be spent helping people. Since then, HFHI has helped fix and build homes for tens of thousands of people in the United States and over 30 other countries.

(3) A look at who builds these homes reveals a lot about HFHI. Jimmy Carter, former U.S. president, and his wife, Rosalynn, spend a week each year helping to build houses. Evinor Mira, a 16-year-old high school student, recently helped to build houses for his family and others in his community in Tepetitán, El Salvador.

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(4) HFHI believes that homes should not be given as charity; instead, the organization follows a system known as *partnership housing*: The people who will live in the homes, like Evinor, work together with volunteers on the construction and gradually pay off the basic cost of the homes. These payments, together with contributions, enable HFHI to help other people.

(5) By tackling the problem of inadequate housing, HFHI tackles other important social problems as well. People who have decent homes are better able to manage in life and to be productive members of society. And when homes are improved, neighborhoods and communities can be improved, too.

21. How many people lack adequate housing?
- more than 1,000,000,000
 - more than 1,000,000
 - more than 100,000,000
 - more than 1,000,000,000,000
22. Who founded HFHI?
- Jimmy and Roslyn Carter
 - Evinor and Cathy Mira
 - Millard and Linda Fuller
 - Donald and Julie Miller
23. Which statement below is not true?
- HFHI believes in giving homes away for free.
 - The people who live in the homes help build them.
 - HFHI follows the system of "partnership housing".
 - The people who live in the houses gradually pay back the basic cost of the houses.
24. Which of the following is the better title for this selection?
- DIY Housing and the Community
 - Habitat for Humanity's Housing Solution
 - Tackling an Important Social Problem
 - Community Housing Solutions
25. Which of the following statements is not true?
- By having better housing, people manage better in life.
 - Better housing helps people be productive members of society.
 - With improved homes, neighborhoods and communities can be improved, too.
 - Decent homes make people want to upgrade to better housing.
26. HFHI doesn't give houses away free because _____
- HFHI doesn't trust poor people.
 - HFHI then can use the money earned and contributed to help others.
 - HFHI is basically a capitalistic, non-charity business.
 - HFHI founders want to help themselves.
27. In paragraph (5), the underlined word "tackles" means _____?

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a. hurdles b. contributes c. bases d. confronts

28. Paragraph (3) mentions Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter and Evinor Mira. Which statement below is true?

- a. Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter teach Evinor Mira, a high school student, how to build houses.
- b. Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter worked for Evinor Mira to build houses in Tepetitán, El Salvador.
- c. Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter along with Evinor Mira are examples of helpers and helped that have worked for HFHI.
- d. Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter went to Tepetitán, El Salvador to help Evinor Mira on his housing project.

29. In paragraph (1), the underlined word "adequate" means _____?

- a. sufficient b. intolerant c. awkward d. multiple

30. The purpose of the passage above is to _____?

- a. entertain b. express emotion c. inform d. persuade

IV. Composition (30%)

Based upon the reading passage in the preceding section (III) on Habitats for Humanity International (HFHI), do you think HFHI would be a benefit to Taiwan? Why or why not? Write an English composition of 100 to 150 words. Your composition will be evaluated upon how clearly you develop your argument and ideas.