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Examination in English for Transfer Students

Vocabulary (20%)

Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

- How much interest have you accrued?
a. calculated b. accumulated c. lost d. squandered
- The motorist tried to intimidate the police officer, telling him of his eminent friends in high places.
a. mock b. scold c. assure d. overawe
- In a frenzy, Jane overturned every drawer while searching for the car keys.
a. wild fist b. moment c. hurry d. rage
- He likes to hobnob with theatrical people.
a. have fun b. share secrets c. argue d. associate
- This article is an abridged version of his dissertation. It's
a. illustrated b. uncut c. shortened d. additional
- Why do you look so haggard?
a. worn out b. pale c. serious d. anxious
- The scientists are on the brink of an important discovery.
a. in the middle of b. on the edge of c. far from d. behind
- Dave made some disparaging remarks about John.
a. complimentary b. interesting c. deprecatory d. rude
- She remonstrated with her son about his studies.
a. objected to b. advised c. pleaded with d. criticized
- The crime he was accused of was larceny.
a. kidnapping b. murder c. insider trading d. theft

Structure (20%)

Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

- The art of storytelling is ___ humanity.
a. as old
b. as old as
c. old as
d. so old

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12. Indoor heating systems have made ___ for people to live and work comfortably in temperate climates.
 - a. it possible
 - b. possible that
 - c. it's possible
 - d. possible
13. ___ types of guitars: acoustic and electric.
 - a. Two of the basic
 - b. Basically, two are
 - c. There are two basic
 - d. Basically, there are two
14. ___ most fruits, cherries must ripen on the vine.
 - a. Different
 - b. Dislike
 - c. Unlike
 - d. Unlikely
15. Dragonflies remain stationary in the air while ___ their prey to come near.
 - a. they wait
 - b. to wait
 - c. waiting for
 - d. waited for
16. In 1989, President George Bush appointed Carla Hills ___ a special trade representative.
 - a. to
 - b. like
 - c. be
 - d. as
17. Minnesota's thousands of lakes ___ over 4,000 square miles.
 - a. cover
 - b. covering
 - c. are covered
 - d. that cover

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18. ___ play *Alison's House*, the author Susan Glaspell won a Pulitzer Prize in 1931.
- Because her
 - For her
 - By her
 - It was her
19. ___ people realize that apples have been cultivated for over 3,000 years
- Not many
 - There are
 - Many
 - So many
20. Although drama is a form of literature, ___ from the other types in the way it is presented.
- but it is different
 - despite the difference
 - it differs
 - its difference is

Reading Comprehension (20%)

Read the following passages and choose the best answer to each question.

Wood has long been a popular building material in North America because it has generally been plentiful and cheap. Swedish settlers in Delaware built log cabins as early as the 1630s. In New England, British colonists built wooden "saltbox houses." Most of the wooden homes of Colonial times could be built with simple tools and minimal skills.

In the early nineteenth century, the standard wooden house was built with beams set into heavy posts and held together with wooden pegs. This method of construction was time consuming and required highly skilled workers with special tools. The balloon-frame house, invented in 1833 in Chicago by a carpenter from Hartford, Connecticut, used a framework of lightweight lumber, mostly 2x4 and 2x6 inches. This type of house could be assembled by any careful worker who could saw in a straight line and drive a nail.

This revolution in building was made possible by improved sawmills that could quickly cut boards to standard sizes and the lower cost of lumber that resulted. There were also new machines that could produce huge

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quantities of inexpensive nails. Skeptics predicted that a strong wind would send such houses flying through the air like balloons and, at first “balloon frame” was a term of derision. But the light frames proved practical, and wooden houses have been basically built this way ever since.

21. What is the main purpose of this passage?
 - a. To trace the influence of Swedish and British settlers on American styles of building
 - b. To stress the importance of wood as a building material
 - c. To compare methods of constructing wooden houses in various parts of the country
 - d. To describe a revolutionary technique for constructing wooden houses
22. According to the passage, where did the inventor of the balloon-frame house originally come from?
 - a. Connecticut
 - b. Chicago
 - c. Sweden
 - d. Delaware
23. Which of the following questions about the balloon-frame house is NOT answered in the passage?
 - a. Where was it invented?
 - b. What was its inventor's name?
 - c. What size was most of the lumber used in its framework?
 - d. When was it invented?
24. The author implies that which of the following types of houses required the most skill to produce?
 - a. The log cabins built by Swedish settlers
 - b. Saltbox houses
 - c. Standard wooden houses of the early nineteenth century
 - d. Balloon-frame houses
25. All of the following are factors in the development of the balloon-frame house EXCEPT
 - a. the invention of sophisticated tools
 - b. the production of cheap nails
 - c. improvements in sawmills
 - d. the falling price of lumber

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Alice Walker has written books of poetry and short stories, a biography, and several novels. She is probably best known for her novel *The Color Purple*, published in 1982. The book vividly narrates the richness and complexity of black people – especially black women – in Georgia in the 1920s and 1930s. Although the novel came under bitter attack by certain critics and readers, it was applauded by others and won both the American Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize for fiction. It became a bestseller, selling over 4 million copies, and it was made into a successful film by noted director Steven Spielberg. The novel reveals the horror, drudgery, and joy of black life in rural Georgia. It gets much of its special flavor from its use of the words, rhythm, and grammar of black English and from its epistolary style. Telling a story through letters was a narrative structure commonly used by eighteenth-century novelists, but it is not often used in contemporary fiction. Unlike most epistolary novels, which have the effect of distancing the reader from the events described by the letter writer, *The Color Purple* uses the letter form to draw the reader into absolute intimacy with the poor, uneducated, but wonderfully observant Celie, the main character of the novel. So the reader applauds when Celie, like William Faulkner's character Dilsey, does not simply survive, but prevails.

26. What is the passage mainly about?
 - a. A film by Steven Spielberg
 - b. The life of Alice Walker
 - c. Characters in Faulkner's novels
 - d. A book by Alice Walker and reactions to it
27. According to the passage, *The Color Purple* is a book of
 - a. poetry
 - b. criticism
 - c. fiction
 - d. biography
28. The word *vividly* in line 3 is closest in meaning to
 - a. graphically
 - b. intellectually
 - c. surprisingly
 - d. temporarily

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29. The word *prevails* in the last line means
- a. changes
 - b. resists
 - c. triumphs
 - d. impresses
30. The author's attitude toward *The Color Purple* is best described as one of
- a. admiration
 - b. alarm
 - c. indifference
 - d. anger

Writing (30%)

If you could invent something new, what product would you develop?
Within 120 words, use specific details to explain why this invention is needed. (Note: Since it's a new invention, try to be imaginative.)

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