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**Section I: Vocabulary and Structure (40%)**

Choose the word or phrase which best completes each sentence. Give one answer only to each question.

1. My friends were \_\_\_\_\_ in conversation and didn't notice me leaving the room.  
(a) deep (b) thoroughly (c) solidly (d) far
2. All candidates will be treated equally, \_\_\_\_\_ of their age or background.  
(a) notwithstanding (b) discounting (c) irrelevant (d) irrespective
3. Poor management brought the company to the \_\_\_\_\_ of collapse.  
(a) brink (b) rim (c) fringe (d) brim
4. He always felt that he was living in the \_\_\_\_\_ of his famous father.  
(a) dusk (b) gloom (c) mist (d) shadow
5. Of all the dresses in the shop, it was this one that really \_\_\_\_\_ my eye.  
(a) grasped (b) snatched (c) caught (d) seized
6. This is the kind of crime that all decent people in society \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) appall (b) frown (c) deplore (d) disallow
7. In any transport system, the safety of passengers should be \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) paramount (b) eminent (c) chief (d) prime
8. Chinese Internet users called on consumers to \_\_\_\_\_ Carrefour, the French retail giant accused of supporting pro-Tibetan independence groups.  
(a) refuse (b) deny (c) ban (d) boycott
9. Thanks to our \_\_\_\_\_ marketing tactics, our sales have risen sharply this year.  
(a) violent (b) aggressive (c) excited (d) tempestuous
10. The company has been dismissing experienced staff and \_\_\_\_\_ them with younger people on lower salaries.  
(a) alternating (b) comparing (c) replacing (d) transferring
11. The Taipei MRT system has a \_\_\_\_\_ track record of reliability.  
(a) proven (b) finalized (c) concluded (d) examined
12. The witness statements \_\_\_\_\_ each other and the facts remain unclear.  
(a) argue (b) contradict (c) debate (d) reject
13. \_\_\_\_\_ I know you very well, I'll tell you a secret.  
(a) Because of (b) No matter (c) Since (d) Although
14. I always tell myself \_\_\_\_\_ criticism too seriously.  
(a) don't take (b) not to take (c) that don't take (d) must take

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15. I have visited twelve different countries \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) just to now (b) until here (c) so far (d) by then
16. Why should students take courses \_\_\_\_\_?  
(a) they don't interest (b) they uninterested in (c) are uninteresting (d) that don't interest them
17. A woman must have money and a room \_\_\_\_\_ if she is to write fiction.  
(a) of her own (b) is hers (c) by herself (d) that her own
18. Let us \_\_\_\_\_ for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed.  
(a) thanks (b) thank you (c) be thankful (d) to thank
19. The reason why I diet \_\_\_\_\_ I want to lose weight.  
(a) is because (b) because (c) is for (d) is that
20. I have noticed that the people who are late are often \_\_\_\_\_ the people who have to wait for them.  
(a) so jollier as (b) so much jollier than (c) jollier very much (d) more jollier to

**Section II: Reading Comprehension (20%)**

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

One of the most common, and yet most puzzling, phobias is the fear of snakes. It's only natural, of course, to be afraid of a poisonous snake, but many people are just as frightened of the harmless varieties. For such people, a tiny green grass snake is as terrifying as a cobra. Some researchers say this unreasonable fear of any and all snakes is a legacy left to us by our cave-dwelling ancestors, for whom these reptiles were a real and constant danger. Others maintain that the fear is a result of our associating the snake with the notion of evil, as in the Garden of Eden. Whatever the reason, the fact remains that for many otherwise normal people, the mere sight of a snake slithering through the countryside is enough to keep them city dwellers forever.

21. The word "phobia" is closest in meaning to  
(a) snake (b) variety (c) evil (d) fear
22. People are quite rightly scared by  
(a) a cobra (b) a green grass snake (c) all snakes (d) reptiles

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23. For prehistoric people, snakes were  
(a) frightened (b) puzzling (c) dangerous (d) evil
24. According to this passage, where do many people get the idea that snakes are bad?  
(a) From the studies by researchers  
(b) From stories told by city dwellers  
(c) From a story in the Bible  
(d) From their imagination
25. For some people the way to avoid snakes is to  
(a) live in the countryside  
(b) live in the city  
(c) stay in a cave  
(d) stay in a garden

Noah Webster's goal in life was to promote the adoption of an American language. He wanted to free Americans from British English as they had freed themselves from the British crown. To this end he published a series of three textbooks: a speller in 1783, a grammar in 1784, and a reader in 1785. Webster objected to the way certain words had been borrowed from other languages but had not been respelled. The result, he claimed, was a confusing mixture of letters, many of which were not pronounced the way they looked, and others of which were not pronounced at all. Webster urged Americans to simplify their spelling. For example, he argued that "head" should be spelled "hed" and "bread" should be spelled "bred". Most of Webster's suggestions did not catch on, but his textbooks sold millions of copies.

26. Which of the following is the best title for this passage?  
(a) The Three Books of Noah Webster  
(b) Noah Webster and the Adoption of an American Language  
(c) Simplification of Spelling  
(d) Noah Webster and the British Crown

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27. According to Webster, Americans should
- (a) avoid reading his three books
  - (b) be ruled from England
  - (c) simplify their spelling
  - (d) not borrow words from other languages
28. In the last sentence, the phrase "did not catch on" means
- (a) were not appreciated
  - (b) did not become popular
  - (c) did not please anyone
  - (d) were not intelligent
29. Webster complained that the words borrowed from other languages had not been
- (a) respelled
  - (b) pronounced correctly
  - (c) freely adopted by the American people
  - (d) made more authentic
30. The problems that Webster tried to solve did NOT include
- (a) unreliable spelling
  - (b) mispronounced words
  - (c) grammatical errors
  - (d) poor sales of textbooks

**Section III: Writing (40%)**

Are you worried about inflation? Have you been affected by the rising prices of fuel, electricity, and food? *In 100-150 words, give examples of how people can save money on the cost of living.*