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Part One: Vocabulary and Structure (30%)

Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence. One answer only!

- Taiwanese are \_\_\_\_\_ tea-drinkers, and going to teahouses is popular here.  
A. incredible B. discerning C. notorious D. disgusting
- Those farmers don't have many \_\_\_\_\_, but they are the kindest, friendliest people I've ever met.  
A. possessions B. positions C. obsessions D. decisions
- Being \_\_\_\_\_ to the thoughts and feelings of others makes it easier to understand their problems.  
A. hostile B. indifferent C. objective D. empathetic
- To help prove a case, lawyers often look for one or more legal \_\_\_\_\_ from earlier cases and judgments.  
A. procedures B. precursors C. precedents D. precautions
- She urged people to sign \_\_\_\_\_ to oppose the government's plan to build a biotech park in Taipei.  
A. petitions B. checks C. resignations D. applications
- Many tourists arriving in Taiwan for the first time naturally \_\_\_\_\_ their sightseeing in large cities.  
A. endorse B. resume C. commence D. remind
- Japanese officials issued broad \_\_\_\_\_ orders for people after the earthquake.  
A. examination B. evacuation C. extinction D. evaluation
- Astronomers have identified numerous asteroids big enough to cause a \_\_\_\_\_ for the entire planet.  
A. spectacle B. depression C. renovation D. catastrophe
- Babies with \_\_\_\_\_ mothers tend to grow up to be caring people themselves.  
A. merciless B. nurturing C. hard-working D. dependent
- Osama bin Laden is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the 911 terrorist attacks on the American soil.  
A. contributor B. opponent C. mastermind D. victim
- In Taiwan, many students' futures are still decided \_\_\_\_\_ their test results.  
A. based on B. basing on C. about basing on D. to base on
- The average number of yearly climate-related disasters in the 1990s was \_\_\_\_\_ the 1980s.  
A. the twice of B. those twice of C. these twice of D. twice that of
- Now it's pretty clear that globalization, \_\_\_\_\_ good or bad, is an Unavoidable Thing.  
A. so is it B. as it is C. be it D. it being
- \_\_\_\_\_, the program of cross-cultural training is a waste of money and time.  
A. Done poorly B. Having done poorly C. To do poorly D. Doing poorly
- \_\_\_\_\_ press time, rescue teams were still digging and it was unclear whether there were cars buried under the rock and mud.  
A. As for B. As of C. As well as D. As soon as

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### Part Two: Cloze Test and Reading Comprehension (30%)

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

(A) E-waste is being produced on a scale never seen before. Computers and other electronic equipment become obsolete in just a few years, 16 customers with little choice but to buy newer ones to keep up. Tens of millions of tons of computers, TVs, VCRs, monitors, cell phones, and other equipment are discarded each year. 17, the bulk of all this waste ends up in landfills, where it poisons the environment. Recycling is in many ways the ideal solution to the problem. E-waste contains significant amounts of 18 metals such as silver, gold, and copper that make it attractive to recycle. In theory, recycling gold from old computers is 19 efficient—and less environmentally destructive—than digging it from the earth. The problem is that a large percentage of e-waste that is 20 for recycling in wealthy countries is sold to the developing world. As a result, it poses an increasing threat to the health of people living in the developing world.

16. A. leave    B. to leave    C. left    D. leaving  
 17. A. Necessarily    B. Unfortunately    C. Unexpectedly    D. Luckily  
 18. A. harmful    B. useless    C. valuable    D. beautiful  
 19. A. far more    B. very much    C. much less    D. no more  
 20. A. turned off    B. taken off    C. put off    D. dropped off

(B) Research has found that the average person sees almost 3,000 ads every day. That sounds impossible. When we think about advertising, we usually think of TV and radio commercials, and ads in newspapers and magazines. But that's only the beginning.

Your clothes probably have a brand name on them—a very common form of advertising. Many T-shirts and caps carry advertising for different products. If you like to wear sports clothes, they probably carry the logo of a big international company or a professional sports team.

Your favorite forms of entertainment are also filled with ads. If you go to a soccer game, the stadium has huge advertisements for all kinds of products. Many soft drink companies put on concerts and other events. In movies, you'll see characters driving a particular brand of car, or eating a popular snack food, because the manufacturers of the products paid to be in the film.

With all of these ads that we see, we need to be aware of the messages they give us. Advertising can have a strong impact on our thinking, even when we don't realize it. This is especially true for children, because they believe that everything they see is true. People of all ages need to think critically about the ideas that we get from advertising, and how they affect our behavior.

21. What is the main idea of the reading?  
 A. Ads are helpful for shopping.  
 B. Ads are everywhere in our daily life.  
 C. Ads may be misleading to children.  
 D. Ads can be a good way for education.



22. Which of the following common places is **NOT** mentioned for advertising?

- A. beaches
- B. clothes
- C. movies
- D. stadiums

23. According to the article, which of the following is true about ads?

- A. Most people think a lot about the ads they see every day.
- B. People are paid to carry a brand name for advertisement.
- C. Ads appear only in TV commercials, newspapers, and magazines.
- D. Many T-shirts and caps carry ads for professional sports teams.

24. The manufacturer of a certain product refers to its \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. seller
- B. designer
- C. producer
- D. buyer

25. Which of these opinions would the author agree with?

- A. Advertising is a harmless kind of entertainment.
- B. We should teach children to think carefully about the ads that they see.
- C. People are aware of the real effects of advertising on their lives.
- D. Advertising gives us useful information about the products we buy.

(C) The causes of droughts can be natural. Droughts are sometimes caused by long-term high pressure systems whereby rain clouds are prevented from forming. Long droughts are hazardous to all living things including crops, animals, and people.

Human causes of droughts include diverting water away from areas that need it for agricultural purposes or to replenish city water supplies. Overcropping and overgrazing can worsen the effects of a drought. Such effects include soil erosion, dead crops, and forest fires. Droughts can result in high food prices, causing financial distress for many. Famine caused by droughts killed over 40 million people in the 20<sup>th</sup> century alone.

The 1930s drought in the central United States caused widespread crop failures. The clouds of dust in the air were so colossal that it became known as the Dust Bowl. In some places, the drought lasted eight years. Other droughts, though, have surpassed the Dust Bowl's severity, lasting for decades or even centuries.

It may be possible to avoid some droughts in the future if we humans can modify the ways we use land and water. However, even if we are willing to change our ways, there is little we can do to stop droughts which are caused by natural processes.

26. What is this reading mainly about?

- A. the natural droughts
- B. the droughts caused by humans
- C. the causes of droughts

- D. the way to avoid droughts
27. The word "colossal" in paragraph three is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. enormous
  - B. amazing
  - C. incredible
  - D. fantastic
28. Which of the following effects of droughts is not caused by humans?
- A. soil erosion
  - B. dead crops
  - C. forest fires
  - D. rain clouds
29. According to the passage, human causes of droughts are mostly related to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. industry
  - B. finance
  - C. agriculture
  - D. overpopulation
30. Which of the following statements is **NOT** correct?
- A. Long droughts are harmful to all living things.
  - B. Humans are able to avoid some natural droughts.
  - C. Droughts can lead to financial crises.
  - D. Droughts are likely to last for a long time.

**Part Three: Writing (40%)**

What are your greatest **fears** or **hopes** about the future? Give your thesis statement in response to the question and then develop it into a 150-200 word composition.