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I. There are four choices in each of the following sentences. Choose the correct one resonant to the underlined word and mark it on the computer sheet. (20%)

1. His car was dumped near a motorway tunnel. A. sold. B. produced. C. stolen. D. discarded.
2. The building was completely destroyed in the explosion. A. ruined. B. attacked. C. tore. D. designed.
3. Mr. Lin has a strong bias towards his boss. A. compliment. B. endurance. C. prejudice. D. judgment.
4. The two Americans evidently know each other. A. clearly. B. vaguely. C. carefully. D. exactly.
5. I was so frightened when the earthquake occurred. A. weak. B. uncertain. C. helpless. D. terrified.
6. This park is famous for a giant fountain. A. special. B. huge. C. lovely. D. peculiar.
7. The baseball stadium was jammed but there were still many people queuing for tickets. A. small. B. closed. C. bleak. D. packed.
8. She wanted to retrieve her book from you. A. receive. B. return. C. get back. D. turn down.
9. My secretary is an efficient and reliable person. A. unsteady. B. reasonable. C. dependable. D. understanding.
10. Cloud Gate's performance was the most impressive one last night. A. stunning. B. famous. C. promising. D. popular.

II. Read the following paragraphs and mark the answer that stand for the best choice on the computer sheet. (30%)

(A)

I recently moved from Canada to a small city on the south-east coast of Taiwan to work as an English teacher. My first few weeks in Tai-tung were challenging. I struggled to deal with many new experiences all at once, and I struggled with the loneliness that came from not being able to communicate with the people around me. I knew only one fluent English speaker other than myself—my boss. So, having left my family and friends far away on a different continent and having moved to a small town in which I was the only foreign English teacher, I felt a bit shaken.

At the grocery stores, I could not read the food packages and certainly did not know how to ask for help. I thought I had bought salt one night, only to discover that it was sugar when I opened it later. Such little frustrations began to add up and I soon felt homesick and tired. I longed for some familiarity—family food, familiar sounds, familiar anything!

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11. The Canadian's first few weeks in Taiwan were A. comfortable. B. easy-going. C. challenging. D. safe.
12. What's the Canadian's job in Taiwan? A. teacher. B. chef. C. translator. D. businessman.
13. Apart from him, who was the other English speaker? A. his partner. B. his employer. C. his landlady. D. his student.
14. What did this Canadian actually buy in the grocery store? A. flour. B. salt. C. sugar. D. rice.
15. After experiencing many frustrations caused by language gap, the Canadian started to feel A. alright. B. struggling. C. no big deal. D. homesick.

(B)

Fifteen years after Challenger disintegrated in the sky, the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is considering a variety of escape systems such as ejection seats and flyaway capsules that could save the crew in another space shuttle accident. The year-long \$5 million study is the most extensive and expensive look at shuttle crew escape systems ever conducted by NASA.

The Challenger explosion happened 73 seconds after liftoff. The escape systems now under consideration could be used during the first three minutes of flight and an altitude above 45720 meters, as well as during landing and even on the launch pad.

16. Challenger exploded A. 13 years ago. B. 15 years ago. C. 17 years ago. D. 19 years ago.
17. What is now considered to develop by NASA to save the crew in the shuttle accident? A. escape system. B. conducting system. C. Aeronautics design. D. shuttle research.
18. How much money is invested in the study of escape system? A. 10 millions. B. 5 billions. C. 10 billions. D. 5 millions.
19. The new escape systems could be used during A. the first 3 minutes after takeoff. B. the last 3 minutes before landing. C. the first 73 hours after liftoff. D. the last 73 hours before landing.
20. Which country does NASA belong to? A. Russia. B. USA. C. France. D. Germany.

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III. Fill-in the-Blanks. Choose a right letter for each blank to complete the following paragraph. (20%)

- A. blinding. B. solemnly. C. survive. D. stumbled. E. dry.

A man was walking 1 along the desert floor. His face was covered in sweat and tears. His hair was becoming 2 and brittle. His mind was elsewhere. The man 3 as he walked across the burning wasteland with the blazing sun 4 his sight. He hadn't eaten in what felt like months. A man needed to eat to 5 . More importantly, a man needed to drink.

IV. Translation. (10%)

1. 我花了一整天才讀完這本小說。
2. Neither of us felt like going to see the film.

V. Write a short letter (around 120 words) according to the picture below. Imagine your younger brother gets a flu and you have to write a letter on behalf of your parents to your brother's teacher, explaining why he has to take one day off. (20%)

