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## I. Cloze Test: Choose the best answer to fill in each numbered blank. (40%)

The influence of the tide over the affairs of sea creatures as well as men may be seen all over the world. The billions upon billions of sessile animals, like oysters, mussels, and barnacles, \_\_1\_\_ their very existence to the sweep of the tides, which brings them the food which they are unable to go in search of. By marvelous \_\_2\_\_ of form and structure, the inhabitants of the world between the tide lines are enabled to live in the zone where the danger of being dried up is matched against the danger of being washed away, where for every enemy that comes by sea \_\_3\_\_ another that comes by land, and where the most delicate of living tissues must somehow \_\_4\_\_ the assault of storm waves that have the power to shift tons of rock or to crack the hardest granite.

1. (a) own (b) owe (c) woe (d) win
2. (a) adaptations (b) adoption (c) adoration (d) adornment
3. (a) with (b) and (c) when (d) there is
4. (a) withstand (b) notwithstanding (c) withdraw (d) wither

If you have worried lately about perishing in a terrorist attack, take a moment to ponder the brightest possibility of surviving to experience \_\_5\_\_. It's easy to forget, but old age is a rare phenomenon in nature. Until recently, most people died of injury or infection long before their sense dulled and their organs started to \_\_6\_\_. Now, thanks to improved living standards, \_\_7\_\_ is becoming a birthright in developed countries. Worldwide, the number of people over 60 will approach 2 billion by 2050, up from 600 million today, and seniors will \_\_8\_\_ a third or more of many countries' populations. This age shift represents "the main challenge for the world economy in the next century," according to Paul Hewitt of the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Besides causing labor shortages and burdening social-security systems, the trend could \_\_9\_\_ millions of us unable to tie our own shoes.

5. (a) decrepitude (b) delirium (c) depression (d) degeneration
6. (a) grow (b) fail (c) propagate (d) disseminate
7. (a) senescence (b) abortion (c) overweight (d) affluence
8. (a) make up (b) take in (c) take over (d) turn over
9. (a) relieve (b) leave (c) conceive (d) perceive

The collapse of belief we have been witnessing throughout the twentieth century comes with globalism. The global postmodern condition is not an artistic movement or a cultural fad or an intellectual theory – although it produces all of those and is in some ways \_\_10\_\_ by them. It is what inevitably happens \_\_11\_\_ people everywhere begin to see that there are many beliefs, many kinds of beliefs, and many ways of believing. Postmodernism is globalism; it is the half-discovered shape of the one unity that transcends all our differences.

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In a global – and globalizing – era, all of the old structures of political reality, all the old ways of saying who we are and what we are for and what we are against, seem to be \_\_12\_\_ into air.

How to have an identity in such a world? Nationalism \_\_13\_\_ semiobsolete before it even completes its conquest; national governments everywhere are challenged \_\_14\_\_ front and rear, past and future. They are forced to do battle against premodern tribal and ethnic identities even as they \_\_15\_\_ the threats to their fragile sovereignties that are posed by international organizations and movements and economic forces. The weaker national sovereignty is as an absolute principle, \_\_16\_\_ secure we are in defining ourselves according to national citizenship.

10. (a) excluded (b) defined (c) denied (d) precluded  
11. (a) instead (b) however (c) while (d) as  
12. (a) making (b) melting away (c) soaring up (d) rising up  
13. (a) becomes (b) holds (c) returns to be (d) ascends to be  
14. (a) from (b) in (c) by (d) beside  
15. (a) insist (b) resist (c) persist (d) succumb to  
16. (a) it will thus be (b) however (c) the less (d) no matter how

Transmigration of souls, sometimes called metempsychosis, is based on the idea that a soul may pass out of one body and \_\_17\_\_ in another, human or animal, or in an inanimate object. The idea appears in various forms in tribal cultures in many parts of the world. The notion was familiar in ancient Greece, and was adopted in a philosophical form by Plato. The belief gained some \_\_18\_\_ in gnostic and occult forms of Christianity and Judaism and was introduced into Renaissance thought by the recovery of the Hermetic books.

While its most fully \_\_19\_\_ doctrine is to be found in Hinduism, the idea of transmigration of souls has been \_\_20\_\_ in the Western world by movements such as theosophy and by the more recent increase of Oriental religious cults.

17. (a) recite (b) retry (c) retrieve (d) reside  
18. (a) tendency (b) delicacy (c) intimacy (d) currency  
19. (a) infatuated (b) inflated (c) articulated (d) demarcated  
20. (a) invalidated (b) segregated (c) propagated (d) prohibited

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## II. Vocabulary & Grammar: Choose the most appropriate answer that best completes each of the sentences below (20%)

21. The ancient people who lived on this island long ago \_\_\_\_\_ fishermen.  
(a) should have been      (b) must be  
(c) shall be      (d) could be
22. A runaway is a child or teenager who chooses to leave home without parental \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) ascent      (b) consent      (c) insane      (d) dissent
23. It is generally believed that deforestation has caused the \_\_\_\_\_ of thousands of species of wildlife annually.  
(a) extinction      (b) distinction      (c) distribution      (d) restriction
24. Under scientific study, laughing has been found to be one human behavior that sometimes occurs in response to situations that are \_\_\_\_\_ and unfunny.  
(a) banal      (b) lame      (c) illiterate      (d) flaccid
25. The sun \_\_\_\_\_, the young people lingered merrymaking.  
(a) sets      (b) had set      (c) has set      (d) setting
26. A biologist does not merely describe organisms, but tries to learn \_\_\_\_\_ act as they do.  
(a) what cause to them      (b) what causes them to  
(c) causes them to what      (d) what to cause them
27. \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the few substances that expand upon freezing.  
(a) It is water      (b) That water      (c) Water      (d) Despite water
28. This can be easily done if you proceed \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) the followings      (b) as follows  
(c) what follows      (d) as followed
29. The perpetrator found it hard to \_\_\_\_\_ the truth when he was questioned by the keen investigator.  
(a) conceal      (b) perceive      (c) reveal      (d) congeal
30. To get maximum health benefits, you need an hour of \_\_\_\_\_, vigorous exercise five days a week.  
(a) sustained      (b) retained      (c) portended      (d) entertained

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### III. Idiomatic Expression: Choose the best answer that has the same meaning as the underlined part in each sentence. (20%)

31. He has sold his house and has no job and so now he has next to nothing.  
(a) he is unemployed (b) something terrible is coming up to him  
(c) he has almost no money (d) something nice is coming up to him
32. She never stops talking about herself and is full of herself.  
(a) is very fat (b) is eating too much  
(c) is very foolish (d) is very conceited
33. There are times when you must decide and take the bull by the horns.  
(a) make a quick decision (b) make a bold decision  
(c) make multiple decisions (d) make a final decision
34. When the business folded, he took the lion's share of the assets.  
(a) the easiest part (b) the smallest part  
(c) the biggest part (d) the only part
35. The message left on my desk was so badly written that I couldn't make the head or tail of it.  
(a) approve completely (b) understand even minimally  
(c) put the details together (d) head for a conclusion
36. Bob's mom jumped down his throat when she saw his report from school.  
(a) was thrilled with him (b) was happy for him  
(c) was angry with him (d) was proud of him
37. This notion of not getting married appeals to many young people.  
(a) repulses (b) shows up in public  
(c) requires (d) attracts
38. The waitress had our order mixed up with others.  
(a) filled up (b) matched up  
(c) confused (d) refused
39. It is a wonderful holiday spot. The fly in the ointment is the time it takes to get there.  
(a) the most convenient way (b) the shortest air route  
(c) the irritating flaw (d) a pleasant flight
40. Lloyd escaped from the burning building by the skin of his teeth.  
(a) just barely (b) easily (c) badly injured (d) in coma

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## IV. Short Essay Writing: (20%)

Please write a brief responsive essay of about *250-300 words* to the passage below to show your creative interpretation and/or evaluation of it.

It's a classic generational argument, but statistics seem to be pointing to a disturbing fact—that today's twentysomethings are the first generation to be less successful than their parents. For one thing, more and more young people are returning home after college, unable to find a job or pay for an apartment, let alone buy a house or start a family, which are, in many ways, the hallmarks of adult life.

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