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I. Words and Idioms (20%) (每題一分): for each statement below, choose the best answer from among A, B, C, or D and mark it on your answer sheet.

1. The coach felt badly _____ when his team failed to win the match.
A) looked down B) taken aback C) let down D) ripped off
2. The easiest way to _____ a break up is by commencing a brand new lifestyle with a fresh lover.
A) come across B) pass over C) go through D) get over
3. Real estate agents said that following implementation of the _____ pricing mechanism, the purchasing of properties for investment purposes has slowed down.
A) luminary B) ostensible C) competitive D) transparent
4. The summer work and travel program is _____ for applicants who are full time university students under the age of 30.
A) eligible B) prioritized C) legitimate D) commendable
5. In addition to news and reports, the site also _____ blogs about the presidential campaign.
A) features B) mainstreams C) portrays D) executes
6. One way to enhance the clarity of your speeches is to choose _____ words over abstract words.
A) coherent B) concrete C) objective D) connotative
7. The rising cost of tuition tops college students' list of _____, a finding that spells trouble for the school administration.
A) objections B) condemnations C) grievances D) malfunctions
8. People criticize the team leader as an incompetent bumbler because he was way too slow and _____ to catch the ball.
A) ignorant B) agile C) clumsy D) stiff
9. He recalled a trip to Beijing during a record cold snap that saw temperatures _____ well below freezing.
A) plummet B) soar C) propel D) exacerbate
10. The movie is about an Indian boy left to fight for survival _____ a lifeboat with a Bengal tiger.
A) adrift B) aboard C) alongside D) amid
11. Yale professor Robert Shiller urged global policymakers to choose stimulus programs rather than _____ to boost economic activity.
A) renovation B) austerity C) moderation D) speculation
12. The news from China about Gu Kai-lai gave new meaning to the adage that truth is stranger than _____.
A) fable B) epic C) fiction D) legend
13. The blog asked its followers to practice caution and use _____ when posting comments to the site.
A) conscience B) instinct C) discretion D) consideration
14. Many children and elderly are _____ to physical or mental abuse by members of their own family.
A) suffered B) subjected C) tortured D) molested

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15. A good way to make the application essay more interesting is to write about an ____ or memorable incident that led you to choose the particular profession.
A) animation B) exhibition C) honorable D) anecdote
16. The United States ____ *as much as* 60 per cent of total corn exports worldwide.
A) accounts for B) comprises of C) conjures up D) figures in
17. The ministry ____ from opposition lawmakers after alleging that it had turned down a visa request for the Dalai Lama.
A) bite the bullet B) back down C) came under fire D) put the record straight
18. After pushing WiMAX ____, the government has gotten excessively conservative about supporting the development of any new technology.
A) at wit's end B) to no avail C) to the limit D) at all cost
19. The supervisor did not ____ anyone but he wants to know who broke the computer.
A) tap into B) thumb up on C) point the finger at D) get even with
20. Whatever be your reasons for investing in China, you must be sure of your targets and you have to know where to ____ and where to take the risk.
A) cash in on B) set foot on C) draw the line D) call the shots

II. Grammar & Usage: Read the texts carefully and choose a suitable word (or words) to fill in each blank: 20% (每題一分)

A young couple clutched their four-month-old baby girl as a tidal wave smashed into their home in northern Japan. The wave, 21 by a massive 9.0 earthquake earlier 22 the day, was simply too powerful. 23 ripped the baby girl from the arms of her parents 24 carried her off amidst piles of debris. 25 parents could not stop weeping 26 the thought of their dead child.

Three days later, rescue workers were combing through mounds of wood, metal, and rock 27 they heard a faint cry. Working frantically, they pulled the lost baby out of the rubble -- 28. "Her discovery put a new energy 29 the search," one of her rescuers 30 a local news crew in a story later reported by *Time* magazine.

Not everyone was as fortunate as that little girl -- 31 as the parents who were reunited with her. But as Japan tried to overcome the devastation, 32 sign of hope was welcomed with open arms.

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| 21. A) causing | B) cause | C) caused | D) causes |
| 22. A) with | B) in | C) of | D) by |
| 23. A) They | B) It | C) Each | D) Both |
| 24. A) and | B) but | C) while | D) as |
| 25. A) The | B) Her | C) Some | D) A |
| 26. A) over | B) with | C) by | D) at |
| 27. A) which | B) while | C) where | D) when |
| 28. A) lived | B) living | C) alive | D) lively |
| 29. A) at | B) after | C) into | D) on |
| 30. A) told | B) tells | C) telling | D) tell |

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- 31. A) but B) and C) or D) so
- 32. A) a B) any C) some D) the

As college students we are exposed to loud music and other noise all the time. We go to parties, clubs, and concerts where the volume 33 so loud we have to shout so the person 34 us can hear what we are saying. We turn our iPods so high they can be heard 35 the room. And we seldom 36 a second thought. But we 37, because excessive noise can have 38 serious impact on our health and well-being.

The problem with hearing loss is that it creeps up on you. *Sierra* magazine notes 39 today's hard-rock fans won't notice the effects of their hearing loss for another 15 years. And 40 it will be too late.

- 33. A) maybe B) are C) is D) often
- 34. A) in front B) stand by C) next to D) close by
- 35. A) all the way in B) straight through C) halfway across D) in and out
- 36. A) mind at all B) take time for C) get around to D) give it
- 37. A) could B) should C) would D) might
- 38. A) the B) so C) a D) this
- 39. A) since B) that C) therefore D) however
- 40. A) then B) thus C) so D) that

III. Reading Comprehension: 20% (每題二分)

When it comes to work boots, durability is **paramount**. The hard workers at *Rival* know that; we pride ourselves on creating boots that last a life time. That's why we're making the following offer to all new customers: buy any new pair of *Rival* boots and get yourself a second pair at half price. Because that's the *Rival* way.

- 41. As used in the passage, which is the closest in meaning to **paramount**?
 - A) the most important thing
 - B) the most unique feature
 - C) the best bargain
 - D) the most sought after
- 42. This passage would most likely appear in
 - A) a wanted ad
 - B) a TV commercial
 - C) a news column
 - D) a sports magazine
- 43. What logical weakness is present in the offer as stated in the passage?
 - A) It is financially unsound to offer a product at half price simply as an incentive to buy another pair.
 - B) It is wrong to assume that a worker would only be able to afford a single pair of boots in his or her entire life.

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C) It is contradictory to maintain that *Rival* boots last a lifetime while simultaneously offering a second pair.

D) It is irresponsible to make an offer that logically cannot be upheld.

44. Which of the following best describes the tone and style of the passage?

A) credible B) persuasive C) sales pitch D) informal

An innovative blend of fashion and science has resulted in the design of a new technology in jeans that cleans the air. Helen Storey, professor of fashion and science at The London College of Fashion, teamed up with Dr Tony Ryan, a science professor at the University of Sheffield, to create what could be a ground-breaking solution to our environmental problems. They discovered that when denim is coated with tiny particles of the chemical titanium dioxide, it reacts with air and light to absorb and break down harmful emissions in the environment. The emissions become harmless and are washed away when the jeans are cleaned. This means we can help clean the air simply by going for a walk.

Ms Story and Dr Ryan have created a company to showcase their invention, called Catalytic Clothing. Their website says: "Catalytic Clothing seeks to explore how clothing and textiles can be used as a catalytic surface to purify air, employing existing technology in a new way." The technology is similar to how a catalytic converter in a car helps clean the fuel mix. Ryan makes bold claims about how effective the innovation could be. He maintains that if all of Sheffield's half a million residents wore the jeans to become walking air filters, the dangerous chemical nitrogen oxide in the city would disappear. The improvement in air quality could significantly reduce deaths and respiratory illnesses such as asthma.

45. In this passage, the word ground-breaking is closest in meaning to

A) ceremonious
B) pioneering
C) constructive
D) legendary

46. The report mainly concerns

A) a technology for denim production
B) a new invention for reducing air pollution
C) a cure for respiratory illnesses
D) a new fashion design

47. From the statement "Ryan makes bold claims about how effective the innovation could be", the reader may infer that

A) Ryan is overstating the effectiveness of the invention
B) Ryan's prediction may be under-estimated
C) Ryan would make a big contribution to the environment
D) Ryan could extend his scientific invention to car industry.

48. The statement "This means we can help clean the air simply by going for a walk" indicates that the speaker assumes that

A) harmful chemicals tend to react with air and light
B) sunlight is the catalytic
C) people wear jeans
D) reduced traffic means less air pollution

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49. What can be inferred from the passage?

- A) Sheffield's residents do not wear jeans
- B) The new invention has no filtering effect in the dark
- C) The Catalytic jeans are in mass production
- D) The jeans are available for online shopper

50. Which of the following is the most suitable title for this passage?

- A) Jeans that clean the air
- B) Air filter technology
- C) Fashion design for walking
- D) A catalytic innovation

IV. Translate the following passage into Chinese (20%):

English Ivy proves to be unparalleled in its ability to provide shade. By seamlessly covering the exterior of a building, it works as a natural insulator, blocking the sun and decreasing air conditioning costs. This means big savings for both building tenants and homeowners alike. And it can happen quickly, too. Under the proper conditions, established English Ivy can grow to cover an area of roughly 500 square feet per year. Giving that most homes have a roof measuring roughly 2000 square feet, ivy-friendly homeowners can rest assured that their roof will be completely covered in about four years. When considering growth rates of newly planted ivy, just remember the old adage: First year, it sleeps. Second year, it creeps. Third year, it leaps! For English Ivy, this is especially true.

V. Essay writing: 20%

Write a short essay (about 150 words) to express your view on the statement:

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