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SECTION A: LISTENING (15 points)

I. You will hear a telephone conversation between a passenger and an officer at the London Heathrow airport

Listen to the conversation TWICE and complete the booking form below. Write ONE WORD OR A NUMBER for each answer.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE BOOKING FORM

To: Milton

Date: (**1**) _____   No. of passengers: One

Bus time: (**2**) _____ p.m.   Type   of   ticket: (**3**) _____

Name: Janet Thompson

Flight No: AC936   From: London Heathrow

Address in Milton: Vacation Motel, (**4**) _____ Street

Fare: $ 35

Credit card No: (Visa) (**5**) _____

II. You will hear people talking about different situations. For each question, choose the correct answer A, B or C.

1. What does the woman say about learning Chinese?

A. It's more difficult to speak than write.

B. She finds the pronunciation easy to learn.

C. The grammar is not so difficult.

2. What does the woman say about her current job?

A. She is able to focus on her work.

B. She finds her colleagues very chatty.

C. She likes the atmosphere in the office.

3. What does the man say about travelling alone?

A. There is always someone to talk to.

B. It can be a problem if you are ill.

C. Decisions are easier to make.

4. What does the man plan to do after his voluntary work?

A. Find a job in a zoo.

B. Do a journalism course.

C. Work in Borneo.

5. Why is the woman calling?

A. To explain changes in arrangements.

B. Because she's run out of money.

C. To avoid being late for an interview.

SECTION B: PHONETICS (5 point)

Question I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the rest in the same line. (3 pts)

1. A. <u>ch</u>olera   B. <u>ch</u>aracter   C. me<u>ch</u>anic   D. <u>ch</u>arity

2. A. learn<u>ed</u>   B. belov<u>ed</u>   C. nak<u>ed</u>   D. play<u>ed</u>

3. A. m<u>e</u>teor   B. fauc<u>e</u>t   C. d<u>e</u>cline   D. bask<u>e</u>t

Question II. Find the word with the stress pattern different from that of the other three words in each question. (2 pts)

1. A. mature   B. upload   C. harvest   D. midterm

2. A. resident   B. nomadic   C. poisonous   D. herbiside

SECTION C: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR (30 points)

Question I. Choose the most suitable word or phrase to complete each sentence. (10 pts)

1. The police say they have some important clues _____ the murder.

A. on   B. about   C. to   D. in

2. On our trip to Spain, we crossed _____ Atlantic Ocean.

A. the   B. a   C. an   D. ∅

3. You are now wet. You _____.

A. should bring   B. should have bought

C. must bring   D. have to bring

4. They set the money won in the lottery _____ for their old age.

A. up   B. along   C. aside   D. in

5. _____, he remained optimistic.

A. Though badly wounded he was   B. Badly wounded as he was

C. As badly wounded was he   D. Badly wounded though was he

6. I object to _____ like this.

A. be treated   B. treating   C. being treated   D. have been treated

7. After a terrible argument with her boss, she handed in her _____.

A. application   B. reputation   C. resignation   D. reservation

8. She fell in love with a boy and ran away from home to marry him.

A. young silly French   B. silly young French

C. silly French young   D. French young silly

9. We're both tired. Let's _____. We can finish this work tomorrow.

A. call it a rest   B. say it's a day   C. call it a day   D. say it a rest

10. Tim: "Will you come for a walk with me?" - Mary: "_____."

A. No, I won't, thanks   B. No, I shan't, thanks

C. No, I'd prefer not, thanks   D. No, I'd prefer not to, thanks

Question II. Write the correct tense or form of the verbs in brackets. (8 pts)

11. I don't know why you always *(talk)* _____ in class, boys.

12. They had their house *(break)* _____ into last week.

13. It is strongly recommended that the machines *(check)* _____ every year.

14. In a few minutes' time, when the clock strikes six, I *(wait)* _____ for you here.

15. Minh *(not/steal)* _____ your money yesterday because we went out together all yesterday.

16. Supposing the lights went out, what *(we / do)* _____?

17. She *(sleep)* _____ for 10 hours! You must wake her up.

18. Hardly the captain *(appoint)* _____ of the team when he had to face the problems.

Question III. Supply the correct form of the words in bold. (7 pts)

19. It was very _____ of you to send the flowers. (THINK)

20. He has a positive _____ on life even after going through so many hardships. (LOOK)

21. The state of Colorado is known for its spectacular scenery and _____ view. (BREATH)

22. You'll be punished for all your _____. (DO)

23. We have a bed ready in the spare room in case visitors arrive _____. (EXPECT)

24. He didn't feel happy because he worked _____. (SUCCESS)

25. The environmental damage from industry has made vast areas _____, leading communities to move to safer places. (HABITAT)

Question IV. The passage below contains 5 mistakes (only ONE word for ONE mistake from 26 to 30. Find out the mistakes and correct them. (5 pts)

Example: Line 1: is → are

1	Almost children with healthy appetites _**is**_ ready to eat most anything that is
2	offering to them and a child rarely dislikes food unless it is badly cooked.
3	The way a meal is cooked and served is the most important and an attractive
4	served meal will often improve a child's appetite. Never ask a child whether
5	he likes or dislikes a food or never discuss likes or dislikes in front of him or
6	never allow nobody else to do so. If the father says he hates fat meat or the
7	mother refuses vegetables within the child's hearing, he is likely to copy this
8	procedure. Take it with granted that he likes everything and he probably
9	will. Nothing healthful should be omitted from the meal because the
10	supposed dislike. At meal times, it is a good idea to give a child a small
11	portion and let him come back for a second helping.

Question	Line	Mistakes	Correction
26.			

27.			
28.			
29.			
30.			

SECTION D. READING COMPREHENSION (30 points)

Question I. Read the following passage and fill in each blank with ONE suitable word. (10 pts)

Every comer of the globe boasts unique customs and traditions that define the cultural (**1**) _____ of a place. These practices, passed (**2**) _____ through generations, offer a glimpse into a community's history, beliefs, and values. From vibrant festivals to everyday rituals, traditions foster a strong (**3**) _____ of belonging and connection among people. One prominent (**4**) _____ is the celebration of religious holidays. Christmas, for instance, (**5**) _____ gift giving and family gatherings, reflecting themes of generosity and togetherness. Similarly, Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is a Hindu tradition (**6**) _____ symbolizes the triumph of good over evil and the importance of light in dispelling darkness. Traditions can also be (**7**) _____ linked to a region's environment. In Japan, the tea ceremony is a highly ritualized practice that emphasizes respect, mindfulness, and peace. (**8**) _____ contrast, a Spanish tradition like La Tomatina, a massive tomato fight, is an exuberant and lively expression of joy. (**9**) _____, globalization and technological advancements can (**10**) _____ a threat to the preservation of traditions. The younger generation might be drawn to adopt modem trends, potentially neglecting traditional practices.

Question II. For each gap, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D which best fits the context (10 pts)

The latest addiction to trap thousands of people is the Internet, which has been (**11**) _____ for broken relationships, job losses, financial ruin and even one suicide. Psychologists now recognize Internet Addiction Syndrome (IAS) (**12**) _____ a new illness that could cause serious problems and ruin many lives. Special help groups have been set up to (**13**) _____ suffers help and support. Psychologist have described many worrying examples, including one man who took his own life after (**14**) _____ more than 14,000 pounds to feed his addiction, and a teenager who had to receive psychiatric treatment for his 12-

hour-a-day (**15**) _____. "This illness is not fake, and it must be seriously," said an expert in behavioral addiction at Nottingham Trent University. "These are not sad people with serious personality defects; they are people who were fine (**16**) _____ they found the Internet".

IAS is similar to other problems like gambling, smoking and drinking: addicts have dreams about the Internet, they need to use it first thing in the morning; they (**17**) _____ to their partner about how much time they spend online; they wish they could cut down, but are unable to do so. A recent study found that many users spend up to 40 hours a week on the Internet; (**18**) _____ they felt guilty, they became depressed if they were made to stop using it.

Almost anyone can be at risk. Some of the addicts are teenagers who are already hooked on computer games and who (**19**) _____ it very difficult to resist the games on the Internet. Surprisingly, (**20**) _____, psychologists say that most victims are middle-aged housewives who have never used a computer before.

11. A. blamed	B. faulted	C. mistaken	D. accused
12. A. like	B. such	C. as	D. for
13. A. offer	B. suggest	C. recommend	D. advise
14. A. gaining	B. lending	C. borrowing	D. winning
15. A. custom	B. habit	C. manner	D. routine
16. A. before	B. after	C. as soon as	D. when
17. A. betray	B. deceive	C. cheat	D. lie
18. A. although	B. despite	C. unless	D. without
19. A. say	B. feel	C. find	D. have
20. A. therefore	B. thus	C. however	D. because

Question III. Read the passage then choose the best answer to each question that follows. Identify your answer by writing the corresponding letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet. (10 points)

Legend has it that sometime toward the end of the Civil War (1861-1865) a government train carrying oxen traveling through the northern plains of eastern Wyoming was caught in a snowstorm and had to be abandoned. The driver returned the next spring to see what had become of his cargo. Instead of the skeletons he had expected to find, he saw his oxen, living, fat, and healthy. How had **they** survived?

The answer lay in a resource that unknowing Americans lands trampled underfoot in their haste to cross the "**Great American Desert**" to reach lands that sometimes proved **barren.** In the eastern parts of the United States, the **preferred** grass for forage was a cultivated plant. It grew well with enough rain, then when cut and stored it would cure and become nourishing hay for winter feed. But in the dry grazing lands of the West that familiar bluejoint grass was often killed by drought. To raise cattle out there seemed risky or even hopeless.

Who could imagine a fairy-tale grass that required no rain and somehow made it possible for cattle to feed themselves all winter? But the surprising western wild grasses did just that. They had wonderfully convenient features that made them superior to the cultivated eastern grasses. Variously known as buffalo grass, grama grass, or mesquite grass, not only were they immune to drought; but they were actually preserved by the lack of summer and autumn rains. They were not juicy like the cultivated eastern grasses, but had short, hard stems. And they did not need to be cured in a bam, but dried right where they grew on the ground. When they dried in this way, they remained naturally sweet and nourishing through the winter. Cattle left outdoors to fend for themselves thrived on this hay. And the cattle themselves helped plant the fresh grass year after year for they trampled the natural seeds firmly into the soil to be watered by the melting snows of winter and the occasional rains of spring. The dry summer air cured them much as storing in a bam cured the cultivated grasses.

21. What does the passage mainly discuss?

A. A type of wild vegetation   B. Western migration after Civil War

C. The raising of cattle   D. The climate of the Western United States

22. What can be inferred by the phrase "**Legend has it** in line 1?

A. Most history books include the story of the train.

B. The story of the train is similar to other ones from that time period.

C. The driver of the train invented the story.

D. The story of the train may not be completed factual.

23. The word **"they""** in line 5 refers to _____.

A. plains   B. skeletons   C. oxen   D. Americans

24. What can be inferred about the **"Great American Desert** mentioned in line 7?

A. Many had settled there by the 1860's.

B. It was not originally assumed to be a fertile area.

C. It was a popular place to raise cattle before the Civil War.

D. It was not discovered until the late 1800's.

25. The word **"barren"** in line 8 is closed in meaning to _____.

A. lonely   B. uncomfortable C. infertile   D. dangerous

26. The word **"preferred"** in line 8 is closed in meaning to _____.

A. favored   B. available   C. ordinary   D. required

27. Which of the following can be inferred about the cultivated grass mentioned in the second paragraph?

A. Cattle raised in the Western United States refused to eat it.

B. It had to be imported into the United States.

C. It would probably not grow in the western United States.

D. It was difficult for cattle to digest.

28. Which of the following was NOT one of the names given to the western grasses?

A. Mesquite grass   B. Bluejoint grass

C. Buffalo grass   D. Grama grass

29. Which of the following was NOT mentioned as a characteristic of western grasses?

A. They contain little moisture.   B. They have tough stems.

C. They can be grown indoors.   D. They are not affected by dry weather.

30. According to the passage, the cattle help promote the growth of the wild grass by _____.

A. eating only small quantities of grass

B. continually moving from one grazing area to another

C. naturally fertilizing the soil

D. stepping on and pressing the seeds into the ground

SECTION E: WRITING

Question I. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence printed before it. (5 points)

1. He told me that it was wrong of me to leave early.

→ He criticized

2. I regret not finishing my homework last night.

→ I wish

3. I explained what had happened but they totally refused to accept what I said.

→ They found

4. I could realize how important English is only after I graduated from university.

→ It was

5. It was reported that there were serious problems with the new design.

→ There

Question II. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

(5 points)

6. It took her quite a long time to recover from her illness. (OVER)

→   It   took

_____

_____

7. People say that Chinese people invented paper thousands of years ago. (SAID)

→   Paper

_____

_____

8. I spent all night studying for the exam, but it turns out it was cancelled. (NEEDN'T)

→   I   needn't

_____

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9. Richard persuaded me to sign up for the school band. (TALKED)

→ Richard _____ for the school band.

10. We'd like to implement the idea immediately, but we should wait a while. (PRACTICE)

→ We'd like to _____ but we should wait a while.

Question III. Writing a paragraph on the following topiC. (10 points)

"Online shopping provides customers with many benefits, but it also comes with

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its fair share of drawbacks." Do you agree or disagree with that statement? In about 130 - 160 words, write a paragraph to express your idea.

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