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SECTION 1: LISTENING (2,0 points)

Part 1. Listen to the conversation and complete the booking form below. Write NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS OR A NUMBER for each answer.

BOOKING FORM

To: Milton
Date: 17th October No. of passengers: One
Bus time: (1) _____ p.m. Type of ticket: (2)

Name: Janet (3) _____
Flight No: (4) _____ AC From: London Heathrow
Address in Milton: Vacation Motel, (5) _____ Street
Fare: \$ 35

Part 2: Listen to the talk and choose the correct answer for each question. Write your answer A, B, or C in the numbered box. (1,0 point)

1. Today, a solar eclipse is compared to a _____.
A. religious experience B. scientific event C. tourist attraction
2. Scientifically speaking, the dark spot of an eclipse is _____.
A. simple to predict B. easy to explain C. randomly occurring
3. With regard to an eclipse, the ancient Chinese were _____.
A. fascinated B. confused C. disturbed
4. For the speaker, the most impressive aspect of an eclipse is the _____.
A. exceptional beauty of the sky
B. chance for scientific study
C. effect of the Moon on the Sun
5. Eclipses occur rarely because of the size of the _____.

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A. Moon

B. Sun

C. Earth

SECTION 2: PHONETICS (1,0 point)

II. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the rest by choosing A, B, C or D. (0,6 point)

1. A. procession B. mention C. production D. confusion

2. A. beloved B. comprised C. crooked D. interacted

3. A. telepathy B. cyberworld C. netiquette D. terrorist

III. Choose the word that has different stress pattern by circling A, B, C, or D. (0,4 point)

1. A. zoology B. geography C. bibliography D. demography

2. A. traditional B. multicultural C. technological D. uncontrollable

SECTION 3: LEXICO- GRAMMAR

IV.a. Choose the correct answer to complete each of the following sentences. (5,0 points)

1. If we care about plastic waste, _____.

A. why don't we buy plastic bags?

B. we would use reusable shopping bags.

C. we will throw away plastic water bottles.

D. why won't we stop drinking bottled water?

2. - Jane: "Do you think we will travel to Mars in 15 years?"

- Tim: "_____. But there are positive signs."

A. I'm not so sure.

B. Sounds interesting!

C. It's wonderful.

D. Yes, why not?

3. Sheila Hammond, who was only twenty-three when she was elected as a Member of Parliament, said she owed her success all to the way she had been _____ by her mother, Margaret.

A. brought up B. taken after C. looked for D. grown up

4. The third contestant managed to win _____ of the difficult questions.

A. except

B. on behalf

C. regardless

D. thanks

5. She gave me a _____ box and told me that she looked up to me.

A. jewelry metal small square

B. small square jewelry metal

C. jewelry small metal square

D. small square metal jewelry

6. There was a huge decline _____ the number of tigers in India.

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- A. in B. for C. of D. on
- 7.** She _____ in order to send her children to school.
A. cut comers B. worked her fingers to the bone
C. made a meal of it D. called it a day
- 8.** The charity organization helped to provide food and clean water for the victims of the earthquake. _____, it trained health workers and supplied medicines.
A. Moreover B. Nevertheless C. However D. Otherwise
- 9.** Vivian said that she _____ Jim at the supermarket the previous day.
A. was meeting B. had met C. would meet D. met
- 10.** The twins always back _____ up in everything they do.
A. one another B. ourselves C. themselves D. each other
- 11.** Her English accent is so good that she is thought of as a _____ speakers.
A. natural B. official C. non-native D. native
- 12.** Nobody was injured in the accident, _____?
A. was it B. weren't they C. were they D. wasn't it
- 13.** Both universities speak _____ of the programme of student exchange and hope to cooperate more in the future.
A. highly B. largely C. strongly D. widely
- 14.** The chapi is _____ unique musical instrument of _____ Raglai people.
A. a/∅ B. an/the C. a/the D. ∅/the
- 15.** Andrew _____ greater responsibilities when he was promoted.
A. went over B. put up C. took on D. got over
- 16.** _____ every part of the world has experienced an earthquake in recent years.
A. Most of B. Each C. Most D. Almost
- 17.** Up _____ when it saw its master.
A. the dog jumped B. did the dog jump
C. jumped the dog D. does the dog jump
- 18.** He suggests that I use a shower instead of a bath because a bath uses _____ a shower.
A. twice as much water as B. as water as twice
C. twice as water as D. as much water as twice

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19. It is vital that France _____ on preventing COVID-19 epidemic disease.
A. focuses B. focusing C. focus D. to focus
20. My friend in the United States _____ a very good salary as a pharmacist.
A. make B. do C. makes D. does

21. *Katie and Jimmy are in a restaurant.*

- Katie: "Waiter, we're not happy with the taste of the soup."

- Jimmy: "_____, Katie. There's nothing wrong with the soup."

- A. Speak up B. Talk about it C. Talk nonsense D. Speak for yourself

IV.b. Choose the word or phrase that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following sentences.

22. My youngest sister is sleeping **sound** in my mother's arms.

- A. deeply and peacefully B. easily to wake up
C. sensibly D. safely

23. My grandparents didn't have a mobile phone, so they used to talk **face to face**.

- A. facing them B. in person C. looking at them D. seeing them

IV.c. Choose the word or phrase that is OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following sentences.

24. My neighbors are really **tight with money**. They hate throwing away food, don't eat at restaurant, and always try to find the best price.

- A. to spend money too easily B. to not like spending money
C. to not know the value of money D. to save as much money as possible

25. **Affluent** families find it easier to support their children financially.

- A. Impoverished B. Well- off C. Wealthy D. Privileged

V. Choose the underlined word or phrase in each sentence that needs correcting. (1,0 point)

1. Because social media networks, we are now able to interact with thousands of people all over the world.

- A. all over the world B. Because
C. interact with D. are now able

2. Long-term exposure to loud noise results permanent hearing loss.

- A. to B. permanent C. results D. Long-term

3. It is reported that fifty people trapped in collapsed buildings have freed until now.

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A. have freed B. trapped C. is reported D. collapsed

4. Riding E-bike without safety helmet aren't allowed by traffic law.

A. without B. Riding C. aren't D. by traffic law

5. For most of their history, especially since the 1860's, New York City has been undergoing major ethnic population changes.

A. changes B. especially C. the 1860's D. their

VI. Complete the sentences, using the correct form of the words in brackets. (1.0 point)

1. Which countries have the most English _____? (speak)

2. A _____ lifestyle has its advantages and disadvantages. (nomad)

3. The *Tay* are known for their _____ garments and their houses on stilts. (weave)

4. They all cheered _____ as their team came out. (enthusiasm)

5. The study points out that many people's health has been affected from bathing in or drinking _____ water. (pure)

VII. Give the correct form or tense of the verbs in brackets (1.0 point).

1. The Statue of Liberty, an American Symbol of freedom, actually (make) _____ in France.

2. I (stay) _____ with my aunt when I am on holiday in Ho Chi Minh City at this time next month.

3. You'd better go to bed early tonight. The plane (leave) _____ at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning so we'll have to be up by five.

4. The bed-ridden old man objected to (regard) _____ as a burden on his family.

5. Were you (improve) _____ your English speaking skill, you would easily get that job.

SECTION 4. READING

VIII. Read the passage and choose the correct option for each blank to complete the passage. (2 points)

MOUNTAIN RESCUE

Last year over 200 climbers were rescued from the mountains of Scotland alone by local rescue teams, (1) _____ go out in all weathers to do whatever they can to help when a disaster strikes. These people are volunteers, giving

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their time and energy freely and, on occasion, putting (2) _____ in danger. They will risk life and limb in an emergency when they are called on to rescue fool hardy or unlucky climbers.

A whole (3) _____ of things can go wrong up in the mountains. A storm can brew (4) _____ without warning, reducing visibility to virtually zero. Then only the most experienced mountaineer could find their way back down to safety. And it is easy to come to (5) _____, breaking a leg - or worse. Many climbers owe a huge (6) _____ of gratitude to the rescue teams!

While rescue teams work for no pay, there are considerable costs (7) _____ in maintaining an efficient service. Equipment such as ropes and stretchers is of vital (8) _____, as are vehicles and radio communications devices. (9) _____ some of the costs are borne by the government, the rescue teams couldn't operate without donations from the public. Fortunately, fund raising for a good cause like this is not difficult; anyone who has ever been up in the mountains will gladly (10) _____ a contribution.

1. A. which	B. that	C. who	D. whom
2. A. themselves	B. themselves	C. himself	D. himself
3. A. scope	B. extent	C. range	D. scale
4. A. on	B. off	C. up	D. down
5. A. pain	B. trouble	C. problem	D. grief
6. A. debt	B. liability	C. recognition	D. obligation
7. A. implied	B. involved	C. featured	D. connected
8. A. importantly	B. important	C. unimportance	D. importance
9. A. However	B. But	C. Though	D. Therefore
10. A. make	B. take	C. do	D. hand

IX. Read the following passage and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each of the questions below. Write your answers in the space provided. (1,0 point)

A JAPANESE FOLKTALE

Once upon a time, in a Japanese mountain inn, there was a greedy innkeeper who was always thinking about money.

One day, a rich man stopped at the inn. The innkeeper looked at the guest's fat money belt and thought, "Oh, if only all that money could be mine!" The rich man requested the most luxurious room at the inn. Then he went up to

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his room to dress for dinner.

Now, all around the inn there grew delicate Japanese ginger plants. In Japan, there is a saying that eating too many ginger buds makes you stupid and forgetful. This gave the innkeeper an idea.

“This evening for dinner I’ll serve ginger bud tempura!” she thought. “Then, when the rich man leaves in the morning, he’ll be forgetful and leave his money belt behind!” She ran into the kitchen and started cooking up the most delicious ginger bud tempura she had ever made.

Later that evening, the rich man came down the stairs and requested dinner. The innkeeper could hardly contain her delight as she served him dish after dish of ginger buds. “Delicious!” declared the rich man loudly. After he finished his dinner, he went to bed happy, full of ginger buds.

The next morning, the innkeeper said goodbye to the rich man. As soon as he was out of sight, she **raced** up to his room. She looked all over the room for the money belt, but she couldn’t find **it**. Suddenly, she noticed a piece of paper on the floor. It was the rich man’s bill. He had forgotten to pay it! She ran after him, down the stairs, out the front door, and up the road until she was out of breath, but the rich man was already far, far away.

1. What lesson does the author want us to learn from this story?

- A. Innkeepers are always thinking about money.
- B. Trying to take things that belong to others is wrong.
- C. Rich people contribute a lot to making a better community.
- D. If you ever stay at a country inn, be careful about your money.

2. After the rich man left, the innkeeper raced up to the room to.

- A. check if he paid his bill
- B. cook a delicious meal
- C. look for his money belt
- D. clean the room

3. The word **it** in the last paragraph refers to _____.

- A. the room
- B. the money belt
- C. a piece of paper
- D. the floor

4. The word **raced** in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. went slowly
- B. walked quietly
- C. jumped suddenly
- D. went quickly

5. After he left the inn, the rich man was probably.

- A. very angry at the innkeeper.

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- B. feeling lucky that he didn't lose his money.
- C. not aware that anything had happened.
- D. going to grow many ginger plants.

X. Fill in each blank with a suitable word to complete the paragraph

As Australia's largest and oldest city, Sydney carries many traces of its history. Time seems to stand still in the city's old streets and in (1) _____ many magnificent, ancient buildings, such as the Sydney Town Hall, the Queen Victoria Building, and St. Mary's Cathedral. (2) _____ explore the city's present and past, head for The Rocks - the oldest neighbourhood in Australia and Sydney, (3) _____ sandstone houses built in the 18th century still stand. You (4) _____ stroll through the pretty streets, visit a traditional pub for some craft beer, and try delicious (5) _____ dishes.

Sydney is blessed with natural gifts that (6) _____ cities can rival. This city is full of greenery. Parks and nature reserves mingle with urban areas. Thanks to this, you need not travel far to see rare (7) _____ in numerous city zoos; or enjoy fresh air and a range of plants (8) _____ all comers of the world, all gathered in boundless parks. For those visitors keen to explore the sea, Sydney is heaven with over 70 spectacular bays and beaches. These (9) _____ beautiful Bondi Beach, which is said to be the loveliest on the planet, where visitors can sunbathe, and play various water sports.

Sydney is said to be a (10) _____ world of attractions, captivating visitors. It is a must-go destination on every tourist's bucket list, should they visit the beautiful land of Australia.

(Adapted from Heritage)

SECTION 5: WRITING

XI. Rewrite the following sentences in such a way that the second sentence has the same meaning as the first one (1,0 point).

1. My boss works better when he's pressed for time.

→ The less time

2. The car was so rusty that it couldn't be repaired.

→ The car was too

3. "You should have waited for us," the team leader said to John.

→ The team leader criticized

4. The plane had hardly left the airport when the accident happened.

