

I. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER TO FILL IN THE BLANK. (20 PTS)

1. The greyback beetle is a _____ threat to sugar-cane crops throughout the world.
A. serious B. strict C. harmful D. disadvantaged
2. John tried to remember his aunt's address, but it had completely _____ out of his mind.
A. flew B. pushed C. gone D. left
3. Charles Dickens _____ use of his unhappy childhood in his novels.
A. made B. took C. put D. had
4. Mother Teresa, who was born in Albania, became a nun _____ twelve.
A. aging B. at the age of C. of the age D. at aged
5. Though the house looked quite new and in good condition, there was a _____ carpet on the stairs.
A. brand-new B. laid-out C. done-up D. worn-out
6. I am looking forward _____ my aunt in New York for a couple of weeks.
A. to visit B. to visiting C. visiting D. to the visit
7. The most impressive profile _____ to the editors belonged to a ninety-year-old lady.
A. which was sent B. sending C. that was sent D. having sent
8. We had to contend _____ some difficult driving conditions in Lapland.
A. on B. for C. to D. with
9. After retiring, I decided to _____ gardening.
A. go over B. get at C. take up D. come up with
10. Let's _____ a glass and drink to the happy couple!
A. raise B. tinkle C. toast D. cheer
11. I have stored up so many memories over the years. Each picture is _____ with one incident in my life.
A. combined B. faced C. associated D. coincided
12. Please don't talk about that day – I want to _____ it all behind me.
A. put B. make C. drop D. leave
13. Don't add too much water _____ the yeast. It will be spoiled.
A. for B. to C. in D. with
14. Earthquakes sometimes come so soon _____.
A. one and another B. one after another C. one after the others D. one or another
15. I do hope that the crisis will _____ out the best in our team.
A. get B. try C. make D. bring
16. If you _____ the speed limit, you will be fined.
A. pass B. overtake C. spoil D. break
17. _____ its rigid home on its back, the land tortoise is well protected from predators.
A. Having carried B. It carries C. Carrying D. To carry
18. I'd rather _____ television; the programs seem to get worse.
A. read than watch B. read to watch C. reading to watching D. reading than watching
19. Mark often attempts to escape _____ whenever he breaks traffic regulations.
A. having been fined B. to have been fined C. to be fined D. being fined
20. If I had remembered _____ the window, the thief would not have got in.
A. to close B. closing C. to have closed D. having closed
21. It goes without _____ that you'll be paid for all this extra time you're spending on this project.
A. telling B. saying C. mentioning D. wondering
22. The Boston Marathon _____ every April on Patriot's Day attracts thousands of runners and tourists.
A. is held B. was held C. held D. holding
23. _____ that you can get some kind of grant for your studies.
A. There are little chances B. The chances are few C. The chance is little D. There is little chance
24. _____, we would have lost the game.
A. Had it not been for Mike's support B. Were Mike not to support us
C. If Mike didn't support us D. Without Mike's support us
25. Some people find it _____ to draw mind maps when they are studying than to take traditional notes.
A. so useful B. most useful C. quite useful D. more useful
26. _____ this workshop, you will know how to analyze large amounts of numerical data.
A. Completed B. You have completed C. Being completed D. On completing
27. - Are you going to the volleyball match?
A. You bet! B. I do. C. Yes, please. D. That's alright.
28. Have you ever experienced your mind _____ blank during an exam?
A. going B. go C. to go D. gone
29. _____ I could not put it down until I finished it.
A. The article was such interesting that B. It was so interesting article
C. So interesting the article was that D. Such was an interesting article that

30. If we had speculated how difficult the situation would be, things _____ different now.
A. would have been B. will be C. are D. would be
31. _____ all the shareholders, I would like to express our great thanks to you.
A. In view of B. On behalf of C. With respect to D. In advance of
32. We heard the _____ sound of three military aircraft hovering above our heads.
A. humming B. melodious C. deafening D. dull
33. - _____? - I am a press photographer.
A. What's job B. How do you do C. What are you doing D. How do you earn a living
34. She is said _____ in all the assignments before the deadlines.
A. to have handed B. to hand C. handing D. that she has handed
35. It is required that every student _____ basic knowledge of the nation's history and geography.
A. masters B. master C. should be mastered D. is mastering
36. The research project done into the history of our school was supposed _____ in English.
A. written B. to write C. writing D. to be written
37. Get one more copy of the page _____ you need it later for reviewing.
A. so that B. while C. and D. in case
38. These athletes, _____ have been interviewed on TV a few times, are quite popular in town.
A. whom B. that C. who D. whose
39. It's highly likely that the orchestra _____ two performances this week.
A. are going to give B. will give C. have given D. gives
40. _____, Barbara can sing out the notes clearly and accurately.
A. Though she was a young infant B. Young infant as she is C. She is a young infant D. Though a young infant

II/ CHOOSE THE WORD OR PHRASE THAT BEST FITS EACH SPACE IN THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE. (15 PTS)

Psychologists have (1)_____ known that having a set of cherished companions is crucial to mental well-being. In addition, a recent study by Australian investigators concluded that our friends even help to (2)_____ our lives. The scientists analysed data from a decade-long survey called the Australian Longitudinal Study of Aging, which was initiated in 1992. It concentrated (3)_____ the social environment, general health, lifestyle and age of death of 1,477 persons older than 70 years. Study participants were asked how much personal and telephone (4)_____ they had with friends, children, relatives and acquaintances.

Researchers were surprised to learn that friendships increased life (5)_____ to a far greater (6)_____ than, say, frequent contact with children and other relatives. This benefit held true even after these friends had moved away to another city and was (7)_____ of factors such as socioeconomic status, health and way of life. What (8)_____ has this effect on longevity? Apparently, scientists posit, it is not (9)_____ the mutual buoying of spirits that occurs among associates. What is more important is that the support (10)_____ and received by friends is voluntary and pleasurable and not just the result of a (11)_____ of duty or convention. In (12)_____ to our families, we were able to choose our friends. According to the Australian scientists, the ability to have relationships with people to whom one is important has a (13)_____ effect on physical and mental health. Stress and tendency towards depression are reduced, and behaviours that are (14)_____ to health, such as smoking and drinking, occur less frequently. It is speculated that in times of hardship, our support networks can raise our (15)_____ and feelings of self-worth and offer helpful strategies for dealing with difficult personal challenges.

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| 1. A. once | B. long | C. yet | D. soon |
| 2. A. prolong | B. lengthen | C. stretch | D. expand |
| 3. A. in | B. with | C. on | D. at |
| 4. A. link | B. number | C. relationship | D. contact |
| 5. A. expectation | B. length | C. expectancy | D. age |
| 6. A. level | B. extent | C. degree | D. amount |
| 7. A. aware | B. conscious | C. independent | D. full |
| 8. A. exactly | B. casually | C. luckily | D. finally |
| 9. A. merely | B. completely | C. totally | D. readily |
| 10. A. made | B. taken | C. given | D. enjoyed |
| 11. A. hint | B. piece | C. fraction | D. sense |
| 12. A. reference | B. recognition | C. contrast | D. answer |
| 13. A. positive | B. pleased | C. satisfactory | D. keen |
| 14. A. poisonous | B. beneficial | C. complicated | D. damaging |
| 15. A. manners | B. moods | C. natures | D. characteristics |

III. IDENTIFY THE MISTAKE IN EACH SENTENCE. (5 PTS)

1. A (A) million of (B) tourists from all over (C) the world visit (D) New York every year.
2. The roles of people in society (A) have changed, and so are (B) the rules of (C) conduct in certain (D) situations.
3. It (A) should not be assumed (B) that lower (C) the price, the happier the buyer (D).
4. Measles have (A) not yet (B) been eradicated because of controversially (C) concerning (D) immunization.
5. The rings of (A) Saturn are too (B) distant to be (C) seen from earth (D) without a telescope.
6. Paper was expensive (A) during the Middle Ages (B) that it had to be (C) used sparingly (D).
7. It is obvious (A) that the (B) choice of restaurant for the anniversary's (C) meal is entirely your (D).

8. He mustn't (A) have made the presentation because (B) he was not a (C) senior member of the (D) staff.
9. Never before (A) have I seen (B) the children who (C) are so well-behaving (D) and encouraging.
10. Football (A) fans in their thousands (B) are queuing in line (C) outside the stadium for (D) tickets.

IV. READ THE PASSAGE AND CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS. (10 PTS)

The development of so-called keyhole surgery means that the surgeon's knife may soon disappear altogether as it is replaced by **miniature cameras**, microscopic scissors and **staplers**. Instead of making long cuts in the patient's body, surgeons look at the site through an '**endoscope**', or operating telescope. This is passed into the body through a small hole that will barely leave a scar.

As long as the operation is carried out skillfully by an experienced surgeon, keyhole surgery damages the patient far less than a **conventional** operation. "Minimal access surgery is a real breakthrough," says Alf Cuschieri, a leading endoscopic surgeon. "I wish we'd developed it years ago. Not only does it reduce the trauma to the patient – it also means that we no longer have to make major incisions to perform major operations."

The viewing technology that allows doctors to see what is happening deep inside the human body has been borrowed from the aerospace industry. Although in the 1960s flexible scopes were developed by technicians in order to check engine interiors without them having to be taken apart, today's endoscopes are not just simple tubes you can see through; they are equipped with very small television cameras. An image of the operation – magnified eight times – is transmitted by the camera onto a strategically placed TV screen. Doctors and nurses needn't crowd round to look into the wound. Instead, they keep their eyes on the screen with straight backs and plenty of elbow room. As surgeons cannot work in the dark, light is beamed into the area of the body being operated on through optical fibres – strands of special glass, each as thin as **a human hair**, through which light travels.

Keyhole surgeons hope that miniaturization will make it possible for patients to have their operations performed by robots small enough to crawl through the patient's body. Despite the fact that, until now, even the smallest robots have been too large to be exploited in endoscopic surgery, in Massachusetts the Institute of Technology's Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Laboratory is working on ever-smaller miniature and microrobots. These robots could be used for filming, taking biopsy specimens or on-the-spot analysis.

One of the most exciting future developments involves telesurgery, where doctors will operate by remote control. This means that a patient can be operated on by two surgeons who are hundreds of kilometers away from each other – and from the patient. Some believe that such techniques will have been perfected in the next ten years or so.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
 - A. How to operate an endoscope.
 - B. Different uses of optical fibres
 - C. Robots used in medicine in the future
 - D. How surgery can benefit from new technology
2. Which of the following terms is defined in the passage?
 - A. Miniature camera
 - B. stapler
 - C. endoscope
 - D. a human hair
3. What does the word '**conventional**' mean?
 - A. early
 - B. small
 - C. traditional
 - D. convenient
4. According to the passage, which statement is true?
 - A. Keyhole surgery cannot be used in major operations.
 - B. Keyhole surgeons have to keep straight backs and should not enjoy plenty of elbow room.
 - C. The smallest robots have long been exploited in endoscopic surgery
 - D. The viewing technology that endoscopic doctors are making use of has been borrowed from the aerospace industry
5. According to the passage, Alf Cuschieri _____.
 - A. is the father of keyhole surgery
 - B. wished that endoscopic surgery had been developed earlier
 - C. is a leading technician in telesurgery
 - D. is experimenting with microrobots operated by remote control
6. What was the main use of flexible scopes in the 1960s?
 - A. to check the inside of an engine.
 - B. to see what is happening deep inside the human body.
 - C. to film, take biopsy specimens or on-the-spot analysis.
 - D. to transmit images onto a strategically placed TV screen.
7. Compared to the original image, how large is the image of the operation transmitted by the camera onto a strategically placed TV screen?
 - A. eight times reduced
 - B. eight times enlarged
 - C. the same
 - D. as many times as will
8. Which of the following statements is **not true** about optical fibres?
 - A. they are strands of special glass
 - B. they are equipped with television cameras
 - C. they are as thin as a human hair
 - D. they can carry light into an area of the body
9. Which of the following is **not mentioned** as one of the advantages of keyhole surgery?
 - A. rarely leaving a scar
 - B. making smaller incisions to perform major operations
 - C. allowing surgeons to work in the dark
 - D. damaging the patient far less
10. What can we expect for future surgery?
 - A. Surgery will be carried out by microrobots only.
 - B. Two patients can be operated at the same time.
 - C. The surgeon can operate on a patient from a distance
 - D. Keyhole surgery will become successful

V/ SUPPLY THE APPROPRIATE FORMS OF WORDS IN THE BRACKETS. (15 PTS)

1. Foreign language learning is _____ an issue that has attracted a lot of attention. (ARGUE)
2. Expenditure on wildlife protection has been cut to an _____ minimum due to the economic crisis. (REDUCE)
3. Besides traditional courses and discussions, our teachers may sometimes conduct online _____. (TUTOR)
4. The destruction caused by Alzheimer's disease has been likened to the _____ of a hard drive, beginning with the most recent files and working backward. (ERASE)
5. The strikers of our home team played _____ well during the last match; We scored four goals. (STAND)
6. The _____ of the Roman fortifications was one of their prides during the war. (VULNERABLE)
7. He insisted that his project be _____ by the Council though it was costly and impractical. (PRIOR)

8. Though she tried to keep calm, I noticed some _____ in her voice. (URGE)
9. Compared to foreign universities, Vietnamese universities are still _____ to meet a great number of students. (EQUIP)
10. Michael Jackson's first two music videos were _____ effort with the Hollywood director John Landis. (JOIN)
11. I am afraid that you have been _____ about the schedule. The key speech will be on Friday, not today. (INFORM)
12. _____ as Joe is, he is quite reliable and trustworthy. (EXPERIENCE)
13. Unicorns and dragons are just Asian _____ and legendary animals. (IMAGINE)
14. A popular type of vaccine contains living _____ that have been caused harmless. (ORGANIC)
15. The suspect was questioned why there was no _____ in his diary that day. (ENTER)

VI/ SUPPLY EACH BLANK WITH ONE SUITABLE WORD. (15 PTS)

For millions of people, the Internet has opened (1)_____ a whole new world. From their personal computers they are ordering books, (2)_____ greeting cards and finding out about literally anything on Earth. For students it is invaluable for homework, for (3)_____ it makes planning and booking astonishingly easy, while for many others it is a great way of keeping in (4)_____ with family and friends or, indeed, making new friends. It is, in short, a wonderful resource for obtaining information, getting things (5)_____ and communicating with others. And yet it is also creating one of the (6)_____ -growing social problems of our time: Internet (7)_____. A recent study involving Internet users from all over the world found that 50 percent of them claimed to be addicted, spending an (8)_____ of over 60 hours per week on-line. Some of these reported routinely logging (9)_____ as soon as they arrived home from work, university or school, often remaining on-line (10)_____ the small hours. 'Sometimes I am feeling absolutely exhausted, dying to go to bed' said one respondent, 'but then I think to (11)_____ I'll just try one more page, it might be really good. And then I think the same about the next page. And the next. And so on.' The study showed no (12)_____ in the rate of addiction between men and women and revealed that many heavy users simply lost (13)_____ of time. In extreme cases, they began to neglect themselves, their families and their friends, apparently preferring the company of their computer to (14)_____ of other people. They were found to be more (15)_____ to be depressed than moderate users.

VII/ REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES WITHOUT CHANGING THE MEANING. (20 PTS)

1. It's up to you to decide the way you want to live your life. DEPENDS
→ **How** _____
2. You've got to accept that you are too old for that sort of activity. GROWN
→ **It's time you** _____
3. So proud was Nina of her culinary skills that everybody felt irritated. PRIDE
→ **Nina** _____
4. Only a week later did we realize what had happened. FOLLOWING
→ **It wasn't** _____
5. I have never seen a dancer as talented as Helena. FAR
→ **Helena is** _____
6. I don't know who painted this, but he was a genius. ARTIST
→ **Whoever the** _____
7. Bad salary is usually the reason for the workers' threat to strike. ACCOUNT
→ **The workers usually go** _____
8. If only I had told the star how much I enjoyed meeting him. PLEASURE
→ **I regret** _____
9. The young girl stopped working though the salary was very high. GAVE
→ **No matter how** _____
10. After he had sent me the note, he left the town forever. GOOD
→ **Having** _____

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