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Part I Listening Comprehension (30 marks, 1 mark)

Section A

1. Why does the woman want to eat organic food?

- A. Because it is more expensive.
- B. Because it is less expensive.
- C. Because it is better for your health.
- D. Because there is more selection.

2. What was discovered in 1953?

- A. The structure of DNA.
- B. The field of genetics.
- C. The design of the human body.
- D. The structure of DNA.

3. What is TRUE about DNA?

- A. It determines the most important characteristics of living things.
- B. It determines all the characteristics of non-living things.
- C. It determines all the characteristics of living and non-living things.
- D. It determines all the characteristics of living things.

4. What did Mendel's experiments prove?

- A. Only one parent is able to pass their characteristics.
- B. Characteristics never miss a generation.
- C. Every child inherits the same characteristics.
- D. Characteristics sometimes miss a generation.

5. What motivates the woman to play?

- A. Being nice
- B. Winning
- C. Being active and social
- D. For the beer

6. A. In a coffee bar.

B. In an office.

C. In a health club.

D. In a hospital.

7. A. She loses Herbert's number.

B. She forgot to write Herbert's number on her handbook.

C. She doesn't know Herbert's number at all.

D. She can't remember Herbert's number.

8. A. To order the most expensive dish for the woman.

B. To take the woman to a less expensive restaurant.

C. To have dinner with the woman in the new club.

D. To stay at home for the dinner to save money.

9. A. He was caught in a heavy rain.

B. He did not catch the train on time.

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- C. He lost his most favorite cat. D. He slipped into a river on his way home.

10. A. He's not interested in the courses.

B. He finds the courses too difficult for him.

C. He thinks there are not enough courses to choose from.

D. He can't decide on which course to take.

Section B

Directions: *In this section you will hear three talks. The talks will be read twice. After each of them, you will hear some questions. The questions will be read only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A., B., C., and D..*

Questions 11-13 are based on the following passage.

11. A. At the police station.

B. In the parking lot.

C. At the shopping mall.

D. At the concert.

12. A. He was badly in need of money.

B. He had to rush to the concert.

C. He was late for the college class.

D. He had to take his wife to hospital.

13. A. It was damaged by a car.

B. It was broken into.

C. It was cleaned all over.

D. It was restored.

Questions 14-16 are based on the following conversation.

14. A. 15 minutes.

B. 20 minutes.

C. 45 minutes.

D. 1 hour.

15. A. Touring the campus.

B. Preparing for the interview.

C. Taking a test.

D. Taking a break.

16. A. High school students.

B. University freshmen.

C. University graduates.

D. Students from other universities.

Questions 17 to 20 are based on the following passage.

17. A. Accent reduction.

B. Accent elimination.

C. Increasing speakers' comprehensibility.

D. Comparing pronunciations of learners from different areas.

18. A. To exchange between learners in pronunciation class.

B. To record one's progress in the pronunciation study.

C. To compare and check which specific areas one needs to work on.

D. To test the speed of one's speech.

19. A. Word and sentence stress.

B. Linking.

C. Vowel pronunciation.

D. Word reductions.

20. A. To chat with a foreign friend.

B. To find out the areas that affect his understanding.

C. To make a description of his weekend.

D. To practice and correct pronunciation of each part in isolation.

Section C

Directions: *In this section you will listen to a talk. Then you are required to complete the outline of the talk given below. You will hear the talk three times. Now listen to the tape.*

I. How the idea originated:

One hundred years ago, a (21)_____ imagined a castle built at the top of a (22)_____.

In the late (23)_____, a (24)_____ imagined an elevator that could stretch into space.

In (25)_____, space elevators were debated at a NASA conference.

II. The components of a space elevator:

(26)_____, (27)_____, a space station or (28)_____.

III. Advantage of space elevators over spacecrafts:

The cost of a trip on the space elevator: (29)_____;

The cost of a trip on the Shuttle: around (30)_____.

Part II Reading Comprehension (30 marks, 2 marks each)

Section A

Directions: *There are three passages in this section. Each passage is followed by some questions. For each of them there are four choices marked A., B., C., and D.. You should decide on the best choice and mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet.*

Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following passage:

Philanthropy is a way that people and organizations show concern for others or work to improve the world. Approximately 72 percent of Americans donate to charity (慈善机构), and 51 percent do volunteer work. About 2 millions not-for-profit organizations and charities in the United States today receive this help.

There are three types of philanthropists: individuals, foundations, and private corporations. Individuals give money or volunteer their time to support causes that are important to them. Foundations are organizations started by very wealthy individuals. Their “business” is not to make a profit but to give money away to not-for-profits. Private corporations may also use a portion of their business profits to make donations, or they may give away their products or services free of charge. However, foundations and corporations are responsible for only 20 percent of charitable donations; 80 percent comes from individuals.

What makes people and institutions give away their time and money? One reason is altruism, the unselfish desire to help other people and make the world a better place. Other reasons involve personal interest. Under US tax law, an individual or business does not have to pay income tax on money that is donated to charity. For extremely wealthy individuals and corporations, this can mean millions of dollars they do not have to pay in taxes to the government. In addition to tax benefits, donors often receive favorable

publicity for making donations, and they have an opportunity to influence the world around them.

31. What is the main idea of the first paragraph?

- A. Philanthropy has become an accepted American custom.
- B. Philanthropy has made the US a great influence in the world.
- C. More and more organizations rely on philanthropy nowadays.
- D. Religion plays an important role in the philanthropy in the US.

32. Which of the following is NOT characteristic of philanthropists?

- A. To donate money.
- B. To do volunteer work.
- C. To pay income tax.
- D. To provide free services.

33. What is the main source of donations in the United States?

- A. Foundations.
- B. Individuals.
- C. The government.
- D. Private corporations.

34. How are foundations different from private corporations in the aspect of philanthropy?

- A. They don't make a profit.
- B. They receive more publicity.
- C. They are set up by very rich individuals.
- D. They don't donate money to individuals.

35. What can we learn from the last paragraph?

- A. Individuals tend to donate money to become famous.
- B. Foundations gain more power because of philanthropy.
- C. Some people donate money for practical purposes.
- D. The US tax law discourages people from donating money.

Questions 36 to 40 are based on the following passage:

A lot of people think that if they put off the decision of whether they want to stay in

or leave their relationships, the problems they are having will magically somehow heal themselves or disappear. They won't.

If you don't invest some quality time now in taking a true, honest and truthful look at the state of your relationship, you could stay stuck in this place of indecision for a very long time. Many people waste so much precious time when they could be experiencing an incredible relationship filled with love, passion and joy, either in their current relationship or one that is more of what they want. We encourage you to take an honest look at your situation and feel how much pain you've been feeling about this relationship. If having a great relationship is important to you, you need to decide that you're not willing to live without the love, passion, intimacy, and tenderness. You have to take the first step to create the kind of relationship and love you want in your life.

We're not suggesting that you should leave your current relationship or marriage and head out looking for the new love of your life. That's your decision and one that should only be made after some careful insight and thinking. What we are telling you is that life is too short to go through it without having the love you want and the love that's possible for all of us. If you are in a relationship that is causing you to wonder whether you should stay in it or leave—it's important that you take some time now to make it clear so that you'll be able to ask yourself openly and honestly whether you'll be able to heal the challenges.

36. To make a decision about whether they want to stay in or leave their relationships quicker, people should _____.

- A. leave the problems until they heal themselves or disappear
- B. head out looking for the new love of his /her life
- C. seek expert's advice and not make a quick decision
- D. have a clear understanding of the state of their relationships

37. What does the word "incredible" (Para. 2) probably mean in the passage?

A. Marvelous.

B. Impossible.

C. Unusual.

D. Unnecessary.

38. According to the passage, if one person is not willing to live without love, passion, tenderness and so on, he must _____.

A. leave the current relationship

B. take an honest look at his situation

C. spend time experiencing an incredible relationship

D. take the first step to create that kind of relationship

39. Which of the following statements is TRUE according to the passage?

A. If one starts to wonder about the current relationship, it is time to end it.

B. Making the decision about one's relationship needs careful insight.

C. A relationship that brings you pain is not necessarily a bad one.

D. Life is too short for people to find true love.

40. The purpose of the passage is to _____.

A. persuade people to find a better relationship

B. ask people to invest quality time in their relationships

C. give people some advice on how to stay in or leave their relationships

D. advise people how to have a relationship with love, passion and so on

Section B

Directions: *In this section there is a short passage with five questions or incomplete statements. Read the passage carefully. Then answer the questions or complete the statements with **no more than 10 words**. Be sure to write your answers on Answer Sheet (2).*

German careers or jobs fall into several categories. First, there are positions that require strong ability in German with a company in Germany, Austria or Switzerland. This category may also include a job requiring good German and/or bilingual (双语的)

skills within a company doing business in the US, Canada, Mexico or elsewhere. Secondly, there are jobs that can be done in English in German Europe. Then there are German companies abroad.

Most minor and many major positions are filled by recruiting German, Austrian or Swiss nationals. If you are already in German Europe, you may have a better chance of finding a job. In any case, it is best if your company can handle all the formalities involved when a foreign national takes a job in Germany. There are also relocation services that can help with this if you don't have any ideas yourself.

The German unemployment rate has remained at a fairly high level over the last decade. It is almost impossible for a non-German to get a job in Germany unless she/he can prove that it can't be done by a German national. In certain fields, such as computer science or information systems, "green card" foreign workers have been imported, but this practice is still uncommon. The reality of searching for and finding a suitable position in German Europe or with a German firm means two main things: knowledge and planning. Too many times, job seekers have unrealistic expectations. Often they overestimate their language skills and underestimate the level of competition. Another danger is ignoring culture shock. That's why we also offer links to culture-related sites.

For getting most German jobs, it is your ability in a field—computers, teaching, advertising, etc.—rather than your German skills that will be the biggest factor in a successful search. But all other things being equal between you and another candidate, it is the person with the best language skills who usually gets the job.

41. What is the requirement of the job within a company doing business in the US, Canada, Mexico or elsewhere included in the first category?

42. What might the company do for the benefit of a foreign employee?

43. What seems to be “hot” fields if you are to find a job in German?

44. What is the reason for the author to offer links to culture-related sites?

45. What is more important to get most German jobs according to the passage?

Part III Vocabulary and Structure (25 marks)

Section A (15 marks, 0.5 mark each)

Directions: *There are 30 incomplete sentences in this part. For each sentence there are four choices marked A., B., C. and D.. Choose the one answer that best completes the sentence.*

46. In copying this paper, be careful not to leave _____ any words.

- A. out B. alone C. off D. behind

47. The price of gold rose again, partly _____ news about war.

- A. result in B. go with C. because D. due to

48. She wouldn't even take a drink, _____ stay for dinner.

- A. much more B. much few C. much lesser D. much less

49. It was such a wonderful day that they decided to take a day _____ to the mountain.

- A. away B. voyage C. boat trip D. excursion

50. With the increasing of environmental awareness, many green belts _____ all over the country.

- A. spring off B. spring up C. spring in D. spring out

51. No one imagined that the apparently _____ business man was really a criminal.

- A. respective B. respectful C. respectable D. reverent

52. "Do you think that the labor bill will be passed?" "Oh, yes. It's _____ that it will."

- A. almost surely B. very likely C. near positive D. quite certainly

53. The starter (赛跑发令员) gave the _____ for the race to begin.
A. advice B. signal C. glow D. attention
54. Pipes made of this plastic are now widely used in building as they are light and do not become _____ in water.
A. ripe B. instant C. rotten D. mature
55. The local government tried its best to ensure each of its citizens a _____ supply of food at regular intervals (时间间隔).
A. consistent B. continual C. continuous D. numerous
56. I ran _____ Alice, who was on her way to see how I was getting along.
A. up B. out of C. over D. into
57. His company promised to pay for his health _____ in addition to other benefits.
A. examination B. certificate C. check D. insurance
58. She is very nice, but because she has a _____ way, she is slow in making friends.
A. forbid B. forbidding C. forbade D. forbidden
59. I will repair this new TV set without charging because it is under _____.
A. initial B. trial C. warranty D. maximum
60. This ticket _____ you to a free meal in our new restaurant.
A. gives B. grants C. entitles D. credits
61. We forgave her bad temper because we knew that her father's illness had put her under great _____.
A. tension B. crisis C. stress D. nervousness
62. She had clearly no _____ of doing any work, although she was very well paid.
A. tendency B. ambition C. intention D. willingness
63. It is politely requested by the hotel management that radios _____ after 11 o'clock at night.

A. were not played B. not be played C. not to play D. didn't play

64. The little man was _____ one meter fifty high.

A. almost more than B. nearly more than

C. hardly more than D. as much as

65. Some of your suggestions have been adopted but others have been _____ as they are not workable.

A. turned away B. turned down C. turned back D. turned out

66. The observer's statement about the accident was very _____; we know almost every thing about it now.

A. specific B. especial C. exceptional D. special

67. _____ that they may eventually reduce the amount of labor needed on construction sites by 90 percent.

A. So clever are the construction robots B. Such construction robots are clever

C. So clever the construction robots D. Such clever construction robots are

68. In general, matters which lie entirely within the state boundaries are the _____ concern of the state government.

A. excessive B. external C. excluding D. exclusive

69. He was a much older tennis player but he had the great _____ of experience.

A. value B. hand C. priority D. advantage

70. Changing from solid to liquid, water takes in heat from all substances near it, and this _____ produces artificial cold surrounding it.

A. consumption B. transition C. absorption D. interaction

71. New York _____ second in the production of apples, producing 850,000, 000 pounds this year.

A. ranked B. occupied C. arranged D. classified

72. When he tried to make a _____, he found that the hotel he wanted was

completely filled because of a convention.

A. complaint B. claim C. reservation D. decision

73. An _____ of territory had always been a wish of the ruler of that country.

A. extensive B. expansion C. intention D. expectation

74. The middle-aged woman worried about her _____ future with no money and no family.

A. gloomy B. bright C. splendid D. fearful

75. A _____ of robbers broke into the bank and took away all the money.

A. bunch B. school C. rank D. gang

Section B (10 marks, 2 marks each)

Directions: Complete the following sentences with appropriate English words according to the Chinese expressions in brackets.

76. In spite of the advantage that he is good at English, he _____. (适应一种新文化仍有困难)

77. The great majority of nations concern themselves with economic development, _____. (而不顾经济发展对全球生态环境的影响)

78. You _____ for your study here, including medical insurance. (应该支付所有费用)

79. He suffered from a heart attack at age 40 and he _____. (将病因归于生活的压力)

80. Education teaches us to see the connections between things, _____. (并且看到了眼前利益之外的事物)

Part IV Guided Writing (15 marks)

Directions: Write a short essay of about 120 words entitled *Self-confidence*. You should base your composition on the information given below:

1. 自信意味着相信自己的能力。

2. 沮丧时自信可以给你勇气和光明。
3. 失去了自信就失去了希望。

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