

Part I Multiple Choice

1. In this factory, suggestions often have to wait for months before they are fully _____.
A. admitted B. acknowledged C. absorbed D. considered
2. The boy slipped out of the room and headed for the swimming pool without his parents' _____.
A. command B. conviction C. consent D. compromise
3. Our research has focused on a drug which is so _____ as to be able to change brain chemistry.
A. powerful B. influential C. monstrous D. vigorous
4. She was afraid that unless the train speeded up she would lose her _____ to Scotland.
A. ticket B. place C. seat D. connection
5. No one has _____ been able to trace the author of the poem.
A. still B. yet C. already D. just
6. More than one-third of the Chinese in the United States live in California, _____ in San Francisco.
A. previously B. predominantly C. practically D. permanently
7. The new secretary has written a remarkably _____ report only in a few pages but with all the details.
A. concise B. clear C. precise D. elaborate
8. The managing director took the _____ for the accident, although it was not really his fault.
A. guilt B. charge C. blame D. accusation
9. The worker agreed to _____ the strike if the company would satisfy their demands.
A. call for B. call forth C. call off D. call up
10. I could just see a car in the distance, but I couldn't _____ what color it was.
A. look out B. make out C. get across D. take after
11. He has impressed his employers considerably and _____ he is soon to be promoted.
A. eventually B. yet C. finally D. accordingly

12. It was a great _____ for him to be pleasant to people he didn't like.
A. attempt B. trouble C. power D. effort
13. The firemen managed to _____ the fire in time.
A. extinguish B. prevent C. suppress D. ruin
14. What is most obvious in this book are all those details of daily living which make Mrs. Richard _____ common.
A. nothing but B. anything but C. above all D. rather than
15. The car was completely _____ and the driver seriously injured.
A. broken off B. taken off C. written off D. picked up
16. On this happy occasion, I'd like to say that we are _____ much obliged to you for your kind cooperation.
A. even so B. ever so C. as yet D. so far
17. His new appointment takes _____ from the beginning of next month.
A. place B. effect C. post D. office
18. The policeman stopped him when he was driving home and _____ him of speeding.
A. charged B. accused C. blamed D. deprived
19. Mr. Smith gradually _____ a knowledge of the subject.
A. attained B. achieved C. required D. acquired
20. My camera can be _____ to take pictures in cloudy or sunny conditions.
A. treated B. adopted C. adjusted D. remedied
21. According to the psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud, wisdom comes from the _____ of maturity.
A. fulfillment B. achievement
C. establishment D. accomplishment
22. The number of tickets _____ will be determined by the size of the stadium.
A. adaptable B. acceptable C. advisable D. available
23. Too many hotels have been built and this has _____ prices, making holidays cheaper.
A. cut short B. cut out C. cut off D. cut down

24. He is a very honest official and never _____ any gifts from the people who sought his help.
A. accepted B. received C. took up D. excepted
25. He was not _____ to the club because he wasn't a member.
A. allowed B. admitted C. permitted D. approved
26. Although he doesn't like that law, he will _____ with it.
A. confine B. conform C. comply D. contend
27. Motorists _____ of speeding may be banned from driving for a year.
A. convicted B. arrested C. charged D. judged
28. Will all those _____ the proposal raise their hands?
A. in relation to B. in excess of
C. in contrast to D. in favor of
29. An early typewriter produced letters quickly and neatly; the typist, _____ couldn't see his work on his machine.
A. however B. therefore C. yet D. although
30. We are interested in the weather because it _____ us so directly — what we wear, what we do, and even how we feel.
A. benefits B. guides C. affects D. effects
31. When college students _____ future employment, they often think of status, income, and prestige.
A. demand B. assume C. apply D. anticipate
32. Alice _____ her father that both she and her husband would be happy if he would live with them.
A. convinced B. reinforced C. pledged D. required
33. I caught a _____ of the car before it disappeared around the bend.
A. glance B. glimpse C. glare D. stare
34. The World Health Organization gave a warning to the public without any _____ when the virus of H1N1 hit Mexico in April, 2009.
A. delay B. effort C. schedule D. consideration

35. Hiking by oneself can be fun and good for health. It may also be good for _____ building.
- A. respect B. friendship C. reputation D. character
36. In our class, when the bell rang and the teacher closed his book, it was a _____ for everyone to stand up.
- A. signal B. chance C. mark D. measure
37. The system has been designed to give students quick and easy _____ to the digital resources of the library.
- A. access B. passage C. way D. approach
38. Encourage your children to try new things, but try not to _____ them too hard.
- A. draw B. strike C. rush D. push
39. —He says that my new car is a _____ of money.
—Don't you think those words are just sour grapes?
- A. lack B. load C. question D. waste
40. From their _____ on the top of the TV Tower, visitors can have a better view of the city.
- A. stage B. position C. condition D. situation
41. For miles around me there was nothing but a desert, without a single plant or tree _____.
- A. on earth B. at a distance C. in sight D. in place
42. This case is quite _____ today with the great development of science and technology.
- A. common B. general C. simple D. alike
43. Though the long-term _____ cannot be predicted, the project has been approved by the committee.
- A. affect B. effect C. effort D. afford
44. I could easily have imagined her _____ him as a man of fine quality.
- A. thinking B. regarding C. talking D. admitting
45. The moon shines brightly, as if it _____ light by itself.
- A. gave off B. gave away C. gave up D. gave in

46. The way that the guests _____ in the hotel influenced their evaluation of the service.
A. treated B. were treated
C. would treat D. would be treated
47. The little girl who got lost decided to remain _____ she was and wait for her mother.
A. where B. what C. how D. who
48. My parents _____ in Hong Kong. They were born there and have never lived anywhere else.
A. live B. lived C. were living D. will live
49. News came from the school office _____ Wang Lin had been admitted to Beijing University.
A. which B. what C. that D. where
50. The computer was used in teaching. As a result, not only _____, but students became more interested in the lessons.
A. saved was teachers' energy B. was teachers' energy saved
C. teachers' energy was saved D. was saved teachers' energy
51. Only in this way _____ progress in your English.
A. you make B. can you make
C. you be able to make D. will you able to make
52. The building _____ roof we can see is the Western Church.
A. its B. which C. whose D. who's
53. It _____ quite a few years _____ the accused was declared innocent and set free.
A. was; since B. is; that C. will be; when D. was; before
54. _____ their real economic situations, they got some relief fund from the government.
A. Considering B. Considered
C. Having been considered D. Being considered
55. Tina _____ have known the truth, or she would have told us.
A. mustn't B. shouldn't C. can't D. needn't

56. What do you mean _____ saying that you've never heard of it before?
A. in B. by C. as D. with
57. I like this house with a beautiful garden in front, but I don't have enough money to buy _____.
A. one B. it C. this D. that
58. _____ he was ill, I was expected to take his place greatly surprised me for I didn't have much working experience.
A. If B. That if C. That D. If that
59. We have no interest in the actress's scandal, _____ has been the focus of the newspaper's attention for months.
A. which B. what C. who D. that
60. On the next birthday, Ann _____ married for twenty years.
A. is B. has been
C. will be D. will have been
61. We can't _____ one to change the habits of a lifetime in a short time.
A. hope B. wait C. expect D. imagine
62. The noise was so _____ that only those with excellent hearing were aware of it.
A. dim B. soft C. faint D. gentle
63. His landlady gave him a week's _____ to leave the flat.
A. threat B. notice C. advice D. caution
64. When I took his temperature, it was two degrees above _____.
A. average B. ordinary C. regular D. normal
65. It is clear that the whole world is passing through a social revolution in which a central _____ must be taken by scientists and technologists.
A. process B. attention C. measure D. part
66. When I worked as the general manager of the firm, I sometimes had _____ to visit London on business.
A. opportunity B. possibility C. occasion D. chance

67. He sent me an E-mail, _____ to get further information.
A. hoped B. hoping C. to hope D. hope
68. _____ in 1636, Harvard is one of the most famous universities in the United States.
A. Being founded B. It was founded C. Founded D. Founding
69. The sunlight came in _____ the windows in the roof and lit up the whole room.
A. through B. across C. on D. over
70. I must go there earlier. John has suggested that I _____ an hour before the discussion begins.
A. go B. shall go C. will go D. would go
71. What would have happened, _____ as far as the river bank
A. Bob had walked farther B. if Bob should walk farther
C. had Bob walked farther D. if Bob walked farther
72. _____ we'll go camping tomorrow depends on the weather.
A. If B. Whether C. That D. Where
73. Economics, several courses of which I have taken thus far, _____ to be difficult but useful for almost all students.
A. prove B. proves C. have been proved D. are proved
74. Nine in ten parents said there were significant differences in their approach to educating their children compared with _____ of their parents.
A. those B. one C. both D. that
75. Experiments of this kind _____ in both the U.S. and Europe well before the Second World War.
A. have conducted B. have been conducted
C. had conducted D. had been conducted
76. The most important _____ of his speech was that we should all work whole-heartedly for the people.
A. element B. spot C. sense D. point
77. I remember her face but I cannot _____ where I met her.
A. recall B. remind C. relief D. remark

78. He has left his book here on _____, so that you can read it.
A. purpose B. intention C. aim D. meaning
79. The open university was started in order to help those who _____ having a university education when they were young.
A. stopped B. failed C. missed D. ceased
80. We won't know whether it will be successful. We won't know whether there will be good _____.
A. ends B. results C. effects D. causes
81. If you come across any errors in the article during proofreading, please report _____ to the managing editor.
A. it B. itself C. them D. themselves
82. The company's new headquarters office based at Canary Wharf is _____ larger than the old one.
A. considerably B. notoriously C. additionally D. optionally
83. Despite numerous delays and problems in training the kitchen staff, the restaurant opened on schedule and received _____ positive reviews from critics.
A. surprise B. surprisingly C. surprised D. surprises
84. _____ the poor weather conditions, the airport authorities were not canceling or delaying any outgoing flights.
A. Despite B. Apart C. Aside D. Around
85. The Hannaford Holding Firm _____ last week that it will not meet its earnings quota for the next quarter.
A. announces B. is announced
C. announced D. was announced
86. Mr. Lucci submitted a _____ for his team's members to be given a small raise in salary because of their excellent work on the merger.
A. recommendation B. cooperation
C. formation D. continuation

87. The computer centre, _____ last year, is very popular among the students in this school.

- A. open B. opening C. having opened D. opened

88. The famous musician, as well as his students, _____ to perform at the opening ceremony of the 2012 Taipei Flower Expo.

- A. were invited B. was invited
C. have been invited D. has been invited

89. The textbook question as well as other issues is going to be discussed when the congress in _____ again next spring.

- A. assembly B. convention C. conference D. session

90. He wasn't appointed chairman of the committee, _____ not very popular with all its members.

- A. to be considered B. considering
C. being considered D. having considered

91. _____ their work will give us a much better feel for the wide differences between the two schools of thought.

- A. To have reviewed B. Having reviewed
C. Reviewing D. Being reviewed

92. All _____ is a continuous supply of the basic necessities of life.

- A. what is needed B. the time needed C. for our needs D. that is needed

93. The president promised to keep all the board members _____ of how the negotiations were going on.

- A. informed B. inform C. be informed D. informing

94. It is important that the hotel receptionist _____ that guests are registered correctly.

- A. has made sure B. made sure C. must make sure D. make sure

95. The shop assistant was dismissed as she was _____ of cheating customers.

- A. accused B. charged C. scolded D. cursed

96. The rest of the day was entirely at his _____ for reading or recreation.

- A. dismissal B. survival C. disposal D. arrival

97. _____ the enormous flow of food from the entire globe, these countries have for many years not felt any population pressure.

- A. Thanks to B. By means of
C. In line with D. With regard to

98. Urban crowdedness would be greatly relieved if only the _____ charged on public transport were more reasonable.

- A. fees B. fares C. payments D. costs

99. The machine _____ all of the problems on the production line will be replaced next week.

- A. causing B. causes C. caused D. was causing

100. If the location had been closer to my company, I wasn't buying the property.

- A. am considering B. will be considering
C. would have considered D. could consider

101. The workers are all looking forward to go home early.

- A. to getting B. on getting C. to get D. for getting

102. She got up to get some sleeping pills but found there was _____ left at home.

- A. nothing B. none C. something D. nobody

103. Why not _____ your teacher for advice when you don't know _____ the problems?

- A. ask; what to do with B. to ask; how to deal with
- C. ask; what to deal with D. to ask; how to do with

104. I have some difficulty English.

- A. to learn B. learn C. learning D. learned

105. You have to know _____ you're going if you are going to find the best way of getting there.

- A. what B. that C. where D. who

106. All of them think Peter has difficulty _____.

- A. to make decisions B. makes decisions
C. making decisions D. making decision

107. There are no words to describe ____ I miss my hometown.
A. how much B. how many C. how soon D. how long
108. —The presidents of China and the USA had ____ interview a short time ago.
—And it was ____ great success.
A. an; / B. the; a C. an; a D. the; /
109. — What's wrong with your uncle?
— We're sure ____ something is wrong with him, but we doubt ____ the disease can kill him.
A. if; whether B. that; that C. whether; if D. that; whether
110. — Have you found your lost mobile phone?
—No, I haven't found ____, but I bought ____ this morning.
A. one; that B. that; one C. it; one D. one; it
111. The book was written in ____ easy English ____ even primary school students could understand it.
A. so; that B. such; that C. too; to D. such an; that
112. It's always busy, so come ____ earlier to get a table.
A. a bit of B. a little C. very D. more
113. — I don't know ____ next.
— Let's ask our teacher for help.
A. what to do B. what should I do
C. how to do D. how I should do
114. I never doubt ____.
A. that Gulliver in Lilliput is worth reading
B. whether Gulliver in Lilliput is worth reading
C. if Gulliver in Lilliput is worth reading it
D. that Gulliver in Lilliput is worth being reading
115. — Thanks a lot for offering a great deal of ____ to me in my research.
— It was my great pleasure.
A. ideas B. thoughts C. suggestions D. Advice

116. Young people who have got jobs may realize university lessons can't be the only preparation for all of the situations _____ appear in the working world.
- A. where B. when C. that D. what
117. —We all had a lot of fun at the barbecue yesterday. Pity you weren't there.
—I really should have gone with you but I _____ on some remaining problems.
- A. worked B. was working
C. would work D. would have worked
118. I don't think that your lecture _____ the audience, for they appeared quite puzzled.
- A. got across to B. got close to C. got away with D. got along with
119. —Can I use the telephone on the table, sir?
—Under no circumstances _____ to use the telephone in the office for personal affairs.
- A. anyone is allowed B. nobody is allowed
C. is anyone allowed D. is nobody allowed
120. How long do you think _____ the computer company launches a new model?
- A. it will be before B. will it be until
C. will it be when D. it will be that
121. Miss Li _____ as a secretary for five years in the company, and now she is general manager of it.
- A. serves B. served C. had served D. has served
122. A warm thought suddenly came to me _____ I might buy some flowers for my friend's mother's 60th birthday.
- A. if B. when C. that D. which
123. Though a typhoon is on the way, people are still looking forward _____ the outdoor concert.
- A. to canceling B. not to canceling
C. not to cancel D. to not canceling
124. Rome was not built in a day. You should set _____ goals and work hard to achieve them.
- A. alternative B. considerable C. subjective D. realistic

125. —Mr. Wang is a man of few words, but quick in mind.
—_____, you know.
A. A single flower does not make a spring
B. A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds
C. A still tongue makes a wise head
D. A great talker is a great liar
126. —Was it still there _____ you were away to answer the phone?
—There is no doubt about it.
A. that B. which C. where D. while
127. The refugee crisis (难民危机) in Europe, if _____ properly, can lead to serious social problems.
A. not handled B. not being handled
C. not to be handled D. not having been handled
128. The difficulty lies in _____ they will come to our help immediately.
A. whether B. that C. if D. which
129. The discovery was made in the 1950s, while the _____ of it was not recognized until half a century later.
A. sacrifice B. difference C. significance D. insurance
130. It may not work out that one living in an English-speaking country will acquire the language _____.
A. effectively B. fluently C. automatically D. severely
131. Children who are two years old and younger are _____ free of charge to most concerts and films.
A. admit B. admits C. admitted D. admitting
132. After discussing the terms of the new health-benefits contract, _____ management and employees were satisfied.
A. both B. also C. either D. too

133. Although we have _____ not to offer you a position at this time, we will keep your resume on file for future openings.

- A. decided B. deciding C. decision D. decidedly

134. The teachers' association has announced that the food and drinks _____ supplied at the annual conference will not be provided this year.

- A. usually B. hugely C. evenly D. strictly

135. All passengers should present their _____ documents at the check-in counter.

- A. boarded B. boarding C. to board D. boards

136. Mayor Williams proudly described the city as a place where the citizens are _____ for their hospitality.

- A. returned B. known C. taken D. held

137. There is now increased competition among motor-vehicle manufacturers _____ has resulted in better cars at lower prices.

- A. those B. what C. that D. where

138. Comco, Inc., became the leading supplier of computer _____ last year, less than ten years after it was founded.

- A. amounts B. types C. kinds D. parts

139. The recent increase in tourism has done less to improve the business of small retailers in this area than we _____ predicted.

- A. original B. originally C. originated D. originality

140. The cost of repairing the water damage to the museum after the storm _____ to be more than one million dollars.

- A. expects B. is expecting C. expected D. is expected

141. Atlantis Software Company _____ its clients complete satisfaction with all its products.

- A. requests B. admits C. agrees D. guarantees

142. The sales representative from Correct Copies, Ltd., returned Mr. Yoshida's call while he was _____.

- A. through B. along C. out D. aside

143. Once the berries are harvested, Green Fields Farms washes and packages the fruit for _____ to retail stores.

- A. distribute B. distributed C. distribution D. distributional

144. Although measures have been introduced to discourage the use of mobile telephones inside the opera house, _____ effectiveness remains limited.

- A. they B. their C. them D. theirs

145. When their first tests failed, the engineers at OKM Corporation agreed it was _____ to try using different materials.

- A. time B. end C. moment D. turn

146. Topics at the business communication workshop _____ defending an argument, synthesizing information, and writing precisely and concisely.

- A. include B. includes C. including D. inclusion

147. _____ most job seekers are looking for a permanent job, a temporary position may serve as a bridge to full-time employment.

- A. How B. While C. That D. So

148. Dr. Marsha Herbert's illustrations were clear enough to make her presentation _____ understandable.

- A. easily B. easier C. easy D. ease

149. The apartments on the lower floors cost less because they are more exposed _____ dust and the noise of traffic.

- A. to B. without C. from D. against

150. By registering for our online payment plan, customers are authorizing the bank to _____ automatic withdrawals on the first day of every month.

- A. consent B. see C. make D. trust

Part II Reading Comprehension

Passage 1

In spite of “endless talk of difference”, American society is an amazing machine for homogenizing people. There is “the democratizing uniformity of dress and discourse, and the casualness and absence of deference” characteristic of popular culture. People are absorbed into “a culture of consumption” launched by the 19th-century department stores that offered “vast arrays of goods in an elegant atmosphere. Instead of intimate shops catering to a knowledgeable elite,” these were stores “anyone could enter, regardless of class or background. This turned shopping into a public and democratic act.” The mass media, advertising and sports are other forces for homogenization.

Immigrants are quickly fitting into this common culture, which may not be altogether elevating but is hardly poisonous. Writing for the National Immigration Forum, Gregory Rodriguez reports that today’s immigration is neither at unprecedented levels nor resistant to assimilation. In 1998 immigrants were 9.8 percent of population; in 1900, 13.6 percent. In the 10 years prior to 1990, 3.1 immigrants arrived for every 1,000 residents; in the 10 years prior to 1890, 9.2 for every 1,000. Now, consider three indicators of assimilation — language, home ownership and intermarriage.

The 1990 Census revealed that “a majority of immigrants from each of the fifteen most common countries of origin spoke English ‘well’ or ‘very well’ after ten years of residence.” The children of immigrants tend to be bilingual and proficient in English. “By the third generation, the original language is lost in the majority of immigrant families.” Hence the description of America is a “grave yard” for languages. By 1996 foreign-born immigrants who had arrived before 1970 had a home ownership rate of 75.6 percent, higher than the 69.8 percent rate among native-born Americans.

Foreign-born Asians and Hispanics “have higher rates of intermarriage than do U.S.-born whites and blacks.” By the third generation, one third of Hispanic women are married to non-Hispanics, and 41 percent of Asian-American women are married to non-Asians.

Rodriguez notes that children in remote villages around the world are fans of superstars like Arnold Schwarzenegger and Garth Brooks, yet “some Americans fear that immigrants living within the United States remain somehow immune to the nation’s assimilative power.”

Are there divisive issues and pockets of seething anger in America? Indeed. It is big enough to have a bit of everything. But particularly when viewed against America's turbulent past, today’s social indices hardly suggest a dark and deteriorating social environment.

151. The word “homogenizing” (Line 2, Paragraph 1) most probably means _____.

- A. identifying
- B. associating
- C. assimilating
- D. monopolizing

152. According to the author, the department stores of the 19th century _____.

- A. played a role in the spread of popular culture
- B. became intimate shops for common consumers
- C. satisfied the needs of a knowledgeable elite
- D. owed its emergence to the culture of consumption

153. The text suggests that immigrants now in the U.S. _____.

- A. are resistant to homogenization
- B. exert a great influence on American culture
- C. are hardly a threat to the common culture
- D. constitute the majority of the population

154. Why are Arnold Schwarzenegger and Garth Brooks mentioned in Paragraph 5?

- A. To prove their popularity around the world.
- B. To reveal the public's fear of immigrants.
- C. To give examples of successful immigrants.
- D. To show the powerful influence of American culture.

155. In the author's opinion, the absorption of immigrants into American society is

- _____.
- A. rewarding
 - B. successful
 - C. fruitless
 - D. harmful

Passage 2

While still catching-up to men in some spheres of modern life, women appear to be way ahead in at least one undesirable category. "Women are particularly susceptible to developing depression and anxiety disorders in response to stress compared to men," according to Dr. Yehuda, chief psychiatrist at New York's Veteran's Administration Hospital.

Studies of both animals and humans have shown that sex hormones somehow affect the stress response, causing females under stress to produce more of the trigger chemicals than do males under the same conditions. In several of the studies, when stressed-out female rats had their ovaries (the female reproductive organs) removed, their chemical responses became equal to those of the males.

Adding to a woman's increased dose of stress chemicals, are her increased "opportunities" for stress. "It's not necessarily that women don't cope as well. It's just that they have so much more to cope with," says Dr. Yehuda. "Their capacity for tolerating stress may even be greater than men's," she observes, "it's just that they're dealing with so many more things that they become worn out from it more visibly and sooner."

Dr. Yehuda notes another difference between the sexes. "I think that the kinds of things that women are exposed to tend to be in more of a chronic or repeated nature. Men go to war and are exposed to combat stress. Men are exposed to more acts of random physical violence. The kinds of interpersonal violence that women are exposed to tend to be in domestic situations, by, unfortunately, parents or other family members, and they tend

not to be one-shot deals. The wear-and-tear that comes from these longer relationships can be quite devastating.”

Adeline Alvarez married at 18 and gave birth to a son, but was determined to finish college. “I struggled a lot to get the college degree. I was living in so much frustration that that was my escape, to go to school, and get ahead and do better.” Later, her marriage ended and she became a single mother. “It’s the hardest thing to take care of a teenager, have a job, pay the rent, pay the car payment, and pay the debt. I lived from paycheck to paycheck.”

Not everyone experiences the kinds of severe chronic stresses Alvarez describes. But most women today are coping with a lot of obligations, with few breaks, and feeling the strain. Alvarez’s experience demonstrates the importance of finding ways to diffuse stress before it threatens your health and your ability to function.

156. Which of the following is true according to the first two paragraphs?

- A. Women are biologically more vulnerable to stress.
- B. Women are still suffering much stress caused by men.
- C. Women are more experienced than men in coping with stress.
- D. Men and women show different inclinations when faced with stress.

157. Dr. Yehuda’s research suggests that women _____.

- A. need extra doses of chemicals to handle stress
- B. have limited capacity for tolerating stress
- C. are more capable of avoiding stress
- D. are exposed to more stress

158. According to Paragraph 4, the stress women confront tends to be _____.

- A. domestic and temporary
- B. irregular and violent
- C. durable and frequent
- D. trivial and random

159. The sentence “I lived from paycheck to paycheck.” (Line 6, Para. 5) shows that _____.

- A. Alvarez cared about nothing but making money

- B. Alvarez's salary barely covered her household expenses
 - C. Alvarez got paychecks from different jobs
 - D. Alvarez paid practically everything by check
160. Which of the following would be the best title for the text?
- A. Strain of Stress: No Way Out?
 - B. Responses to Stress: Gender Difference
 - C. Stress Analysis: What Chemicals Say
 - D. Gender Inequality: Women under Stress

Passage 3

Baekeland and Hartmann report that the “short sleepers” had been more or less average in their sleep needs until the men were in their teens. But at about age 15 or so, the men voluntarily began cutting down their nightly sleep time because of pressures from school, work, and other activities. These men tended to view their nightly periods of unconsciousness as bothersome interruptions in their daily routines.

In general, these “short sleepers” appeared ambitious, active, energetic, cheerful, conformist in their opinions, and very sure about their career choices. They often held several jobs at once, or workers full-or part-time while going to school. And many of them had a strong urge to appear “normal” or “acceptable” to their friends and associates.

When asked to recall their dreams, the “short sleepers” did poorly. More than this, they seemed to prefer not remembering. In similar fashion, their usual way of dealing with psychological problems was to deny that the problem existed, and then to keep busy in the hope that the trouble would go away.

The sleep patterns of the “short sleepers” were similar to, but less extreme than, sleep patterns shown by many mental patients categorized as manic.

The “long sleepers” were quite different indeed. Baekeland and Hartmann report that these young men had been lengthy sleeps since childhood. They seemed to enjoy their sleep, protected it, and were quite concerned when they were occasionally deprived of their desired 9 hours of nightly bed rest. They tended to recall their dreams much better than did the “short sleepers.”

Many of the “long sleepers” were shy, anxious, introverted, inhibited, passive, mildly depressed, and unsure of themselves (particularly in social situations). Several openly states that sleep was an escape from their daily problems.

161. According to the report, _____.

A. many short sleepers need less sleep by nature
B. many short sleepers are obliged to reduce their nightly sleep time because they are busy with their work

C. long sleepers sleep a longer period of time during the day

D. many long sleepers preserve their sleeping habit formed during their childhood

162. Many “short sleepers” are likely to hold the view that _____.

A. sleep is a withdrawal from the reality

B. sleep interferes with their sound judgement

C. sleep is the least expensive item on their routine program

D. sleep is the best way to deal with psychological troubles

163. It is stated in the third paragraph that short sleepers _____.

A. are ideally vigorous even under the pressures of life

B. often neglect the consequences of inadequate sleep

C. do not know how to relax properly

D. are more unlikely to run into mental problems

164. When sometimes they cannot enjoy adequate sleep, the long sleepers might _____.

A. appear disturbed

B. become energetic

C. feel dissatisfied

D. be extremely depressed

165. Which of the following is Not included in the passage?

A. If one sleeps inadequately, his performance suffers and his memory is weakened.

B. The sleep patterns of short sleepers are exactly the same as those shown by many mental patients.

C. Long and short sleepers differ in their attitudes towards sleep.

D. Short sleepers would be better off with more rest.

Passage 4

For about three centuries we have been doing science, trying science out, using science for the construction of what we call modern civilization. Every dispensable item of contemporary technology, from canal locks to dial telephones to penicillin, was pieced together from the analysis of data provided by one or another series of scientific experiments. Three hundred years seems a long time for testing a new approach to human inter-living, long enough to set back for critical appraisal of the scientific method, maybe even long enough to vote on whether to go on with it or not. There is an argument.

Voices have been raised in protest since the beginning, rising in pitch and violence in the nineteenth century during the early stages of the industrial revolution, summoning urgent crowds into the streets on the issue of nuclear energy. "Give it back," say some of the voices, "It doesn't really work, we've tried it and it doesn't work. Go back three hundred years and start again on something else less chancy for the race of man."

The principle discoveries in this century, taking all in all, are the glimpses of the depth of our ignorance of nature. Things that used to seem clear and rational, and matters of absolute certainty-Newtonian mechanics, for example-have slipped through our fingers; and we are left with a new set of gigantic puzzles, cosmic uncertainties, and ambiguities. Some of the laws of physics are amended every few years; some are canceled outright; some undergo revised versions of legislative intent as if they were acts of Congress.

Just thirty years ago we call it a biological revolution when the fantastic geometry of the DNA molecule was exposed to public view and the linear language of genetics was decoded. For a while, things seemed simple and clear: the cell was a neat little machine, a mechanical device ready for taking to pieces and reassembling, like a tiny watch. But just in the last few years it has become almost unbelievably complex, filled with strange parts whose functions are beyond today's imagining.

It is not just that there is more to do, there is everything to do. What lies ahead, or what can lie ahead if the efforts in basic research are continued, is much more than the conquest of human disease or the improvement of agricultural technology or the cultivation of nutrients in the sea. As we learn more about fundamental processes of living things in

general we will learn more about ourselves.

166. What CANNOT be inferred from the first paragraph?

A. Scientific experiments in the past three hundred years have produced many valuable items.

B. For three hundred years there have been people holding a hostile attitude toward science.

C. Modern civilization depends on science so man supports scientific progress unanimously.

D. Some people think three hundred years is not long enough to set back for critical appraisal of scientific method.

167. The principle discovery in this century shows _____.

A. man has overthrown Newton's laws of physics

B. man has solved a new set of gigantic puzzles

C. man has lost many scientific discoveries

D. man has given up some of the once accepted theories

168. Now scientists have found in the past few years _____.

A. the exposure of DNA to the public is unnecessary

B. the tiny cell in DNA is a neat little machine

C. man knows nothing about DNA

D. man has much to learn about DNA

169. The writer's main purpose in writing the passage is to say that _____.

A. science is just at its beginning

B. science has greatly improved man's life

C. science has made profound progress

D. science has done too little to human beings

170. The writer's attitude towards science is _____.

A. critical

B. approving

C. neutral

D. regretful

Passage 5

The age of gilded youth is over. Today's under-thirties are the first generation for a century who can expect a lower living standard than their parents.

Research into the lifestyles and prospects of people who were born since 1970 shows that they are likely to face a lifetime of longer working hours, lower job security and higher taxes than the previous generation.

When they leave work late in the evening, they will be more likely to return to a small rented flat than to a house of their own. When, eventually, they retire, their pensions are far lower in real terms than those of their immediate forebears.

These findings are revealed in a study of the way the ageing of Britain's population is affecting different generations.

Anthea Tinker, professor of social gerontology (老人学) at King's College London, who carried out much of the work, said the growth of the proportion of people over 50 had reversed the traditional flow of wealth from older to younger generations.

"Today's older middle-aged and elderly are becoming the new winners," she said. "They made relatively small contributions in tax but now make relatively big claims on the welfare system. Generations born in the last three to four decades face the prospect of handing over more than a third of their lifetime's earnings to care for them."

The surging number of older people, many living alone, has also increased demand for property and pushed up house prices. While previous generations found it easy to raise a mortgage, today's under-thirties have to live with their parents or rent. If they can afford to buy a home it is more likely to be a flat than a house.

Laura Lenox-Conyngham, 28, grew up in a large house and her mother did not need to work. Unlike her wealthy parents, she graduated with student and postgraduate loan debts of £ 13,000. She now earns about £ 20, 000 a year, preparing food to be photographed for magazines. Her home is a one-bedroom flat in central London and she sublets (转租) the lounge sofa-bed to her brother.

"My father took pity and paid off my student debts," she said. "But I still have no pension and no chance of buying a property for at least a couple of years—and then it will

be something small in a bad area. My only hope is the traditional one of meeting a rich man.”

Tinker’s research reveals Lenox-Conyngham is representative of many young professionals, especially in London, Manchester, Edinburgh and Bristol.

171. By saying “the growth of the proportion...to younger generations.” (Line 2, Para. 5), Anthea Tinker really means that _____.

- A. currently wealth flows from old generation to younger generation
- B. traditionally wealth flows from younger generation to old generation
- C. with the increasingly big population of over 50, the trend arises that wealth flows from younger generation to old generation
- D. with more and more people of over 50, traditions have been reversed

172. Why are today’s older middle-aged and elderly becoming the new winners?

- A. Because they made relatively small contributions in tax, but younger generation will possibly hand over more than a third of their lifetime's earnings for the care of them.
- B. Because they contributed a lot in tax and now can claim much on the welfare system.
- C. Because they made small contributions, but now can make money easily.
- D. Because they outnumber younger generation and enjoy more privileges in the present society.

173. Which factor pushed up house prices?

- A. Many young men, who live alone, have increased demand for houses.
- B. Many young men need to rent more houses.
- C. It is easy to apply for a mortgage for young generation.
- D. The number of older people, many of whom live alone, becomes bigger and bigger.

174. In what way does Laura Lenox-Conyngham make her living?

- A. By taking photographs for magazines.
- B. By marrying a rich man.
- C. By subletting the lounge sofa-bed to her brother.
- D. By preparing food for photographs for some magazines.

175. We can conclude from the passage that _____.

- A. today's under-thirties are leading a miserable life in Britain
- B. Laura Lenox-Conyngham's attitude to work and life represents that of many young professionals in Britain
- C. life can get harder for under-thirties in Britain
- D. elders enjoy extremely high living standards in Britain

Passage 6

Of the known man-eating sharks, the white shark is the most ferocious and dangerous known to man. Often called by Australians the white pointer, this shark is also known throughout the rest of the world under a variety of names which include the white death, the great white shark, the grey shark, the grey death and the grey pointer. Without a doubt this is the most terrible monster the seas have produced in recent times. The white shark is found in every ocean and sea of the world. It is most prolific in cooler waters, although still common and often encountered in tropical and semi-tropical regions.

Since men first took to the sea in ships, the white shark has been known and feared, instilling terror into the most hardy of sailors. Perhaps the "ghostly" white appearance of this huge shark has earned its evil reputation, for there is something unreal and sinister about the great beast. The white shark has been known to follow sailing vessels for days, even weeks, gliding silently near the keel or close to the stern, watching and waiting. It was recorded in the old sailing days that the hungry monster has reached out of the ocean to snatch a helpless seaman from the side of his becalmed ship.

On the few occasions when I have encountered this terrible animal underwater, I have always been impressed by its unnatural appearance. It has huge, unblinking black eyes and is easily identified by its mackerel-shaped tail. It has been said that if a diver comes face to face with a white shark this is the last thing he will ever see. But like the lion, the Lord of the Jungle, these sharks have been known to turn and flee in terror at the sight of a man underwater. It is enough to know that this huge beast attacks without provocation and without warning and that it has devoured many of the hapless victims of disasters at sea. It is fortunate that the white shark is a pelagic species, roaming the deep ocean waters of the

world and only rarely entering the shallow waters of our coastal regions.

176. According to the passage, which of the following statements about the white shark is NOT correct?

- A. It has been known to snatch a man from a boat
- B. It is the most dangerous shark that people know
- C. It can be found in almost every ocean and sea of the world
- D. Its tail is different from every other kind of fish

177. When the white sharks pursue their prey, they can be very _____.

- A. patient
- B. excited
- C. quick-tempered
- D. angry

178. White sharks are known to flee on seeing a man underwater. It tells us that sharks _____.

- A. will attack people later
- B. will attack people easily
- C. hate the sight of men
- D. can be frightened by men

179. White sharks are ferocious but it's lucky that they _____.

- A. are near-sighted
- B. only attack people when angry
- C. seldom appear in coastal regions
- D. prefer fish to human beings

180. What does the author refer to when he uses the word “unnatural”?

- A. White sharks have huge unblinking eyes
- B. White sharks have very tough skin
- C. White sharks have big round eyes
- D. White sharks have a spiral tail

Passage 7

If you are interested in starting your own business, getting a college degree can aid in that process and propel you forward. Business administration curriculum gives you a solid foundation and a set of tools to pursue your dream with. Look to these three business majors for the skills needed to become an entrepreneur.

International Business

International trade practices, international marketing and international banking and finance are just a few of the subjects you will cover with a concentration in international business. Understanding global supply chains and operating dynamics is key if you want to start an import or export company. Many manufactured goods are produced outside of the

United States because the cost is cheaper. For entrepreneurs, knowing which countries to have products produced in is important for building a fledgling business into a force in the marketplace.

Accounting

By majoring in accounting, you learn how to prepare and interpret financial statements. This is an invaluable skill for a business owner because you have to steer your company in the right direction using your financial data. Many small business owners start out by doing their own bookkeeping, which saves them time and money that can be reinvested in the business. Understanding profit margins, cost of goods sold and ledger maintenance gives you a better chance of succeeding.

Management

As a management major, you learn a wide variety of subjects that give you the tools to manage people in your business. Time management is critical for entrepreneurs and can mean the difference between success and failure. Knowing how to deal with people and get them to work in unison is critical. Management classes teach you the nuances of everything from human resources to interpersonal communication.

These three college majors are ideal for those looking to become entrepreneurs and build a sustainable company. Contact us for additional information on getting your degree and taking your first steps toward starting your business.

181. According to the passage, what can assist those who want to start their business?

- A. A college degree related to business administration.
- B. People with business majors.
- C. Resources that can propel them forward.
- D. Skills of pursuing their dreams.

182. Which of the following subject will you learn if you major in International Business?

- A. International Finance.
- B. International Trade Practices.
- C. International Marketing.
- D. All of the above.

183. What's the benefit of learning accounting according to the passage?

- A. You may use your financial data to direct your company.
- B. You can prepare all the statements by yourself.
- C. You will have more money to invest in your business.
- D. You will be more likely to make a fortune.

184. As a management major, you know _____.

- A. the difference between success and failure
- B. how to manage people in your business
- C. how to deal with your potential customers
- D. the nuances of communication

185. The writer of the passage is probably a(n) _____.

- A. ambitious investor
- B. training agency
- C. managerial staff
- D. college admission officer

Passage 8

Classique Lighting floor lamps and ceiling light fixtures are an easy way to update any room. We offer lighting to fit every need and budget.

HERE IS A LIST OF OUR BEST-SELLING MODELS

Calypso

Very affordable, available in a wide variety of colors and patterns, Calypso is our most economical and versatile ceiling light. Works equally well in offices, retail stores, and home environments. Not recommended for rooms exposed to moisture.

Trend

Create a modern look that will enhance any office setting. This competitively priced metal light is excellent for conference rooms, office cubicles, or any business where bright lighting is important. Only available in black, gray, or off-white. Can be directly mounted to the ceiling by professionals or any skilled home owner.

Mystic

This floor lamp is suitable in both homes and offices. It creates a warm atmosphere with its soft light. Moderately priced and available in several colors.

We recommend that you use energy-efficient lighting. In addition to being inexpensive, energy-efficient lighting has several advantages over standard lighting:

- Uses 2/3 less energy
- Generates 70% less heat
- Lasts up to ten times longer

186. Which model is the best if cost is a concern?

- A. Calypso
- B. Baroque
- C. Trend
- D. Mystic

187. What is suggested about changing the lighting in a home or office?

- A. It is usually expensive.
- B. It is an easy way to modernize a room.
- C. It will increase the resale value of the home or office.
- D. It should be done only after consulting a designer.

188. Why are the lighting models mentioned in the brochure?

- A. They are sold in most stores.
- B. They will soon be discontinued.
- C. Their prices have been reduced.
- D. They are the most popular models.

189. According to the brochure, what is NOT true of energy-efficient lights?

- A. They last longer than standard lights.
- B. They use less energy than regular lights do.
- C. They are more expensive than standard lights.
- D. They generate less heat than other types of lights do.

190. What is true of Mystic lights?

- A. They are floor lamps.

- B. They come in many sizes.
- C. They need to be professionally installed.
- D. They can be exposed to moisture.

Passage 9

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Richard Symington
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September 10

Dear Mr. Symington,

We recently interviewed Terrence Willis for the position of computer systems programmer. In his resume, he states that he was previously employed at Mainframe Resolutions for a total of two years, and he lists your name as a business reference.

Since it is our policy to verify all references, I am writing to request your appraisal of Mr. Willis' skills and qualifications, confirmation of the dates of his employment, and the reason he left your employ. The individual we hire as systems programmer must have at least two years of on-the-job experience in writing programs to maintain and control computer systems software, so we are particularly interested in learning what portion of the two years Mr. Willis spent at Mainframe Resolutions was devoted exclusively to systems programming.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,
Jessica Lawrence

Steven Preston, Administrator

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September 21

Dear Ms. Lawrence,

Your request was given to me by Mr. Symington who has no access to our records of past employees. My division, human resources, handles the records containing the information you require.

Terrence Willis began working for Mainframe Resolutions as an apprentice in the programming department and after nine months was accepted into our systems programming training course, an intensive eight-month program. After successful completion of the course, Terrence worked as a qualified systems programmer for four months before returning to his permanent home in London.

In the opinion of his superiors, Terrence was a dependable team player, whose good judgment and mature outlook resulted in a logical and reliable approach to the endeavors. I hope you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

Steven Preston

191. Why did Ms. Lawrence write to Mr. Symington?

- A. To apply for a position
- B. To confirm a reference
- C. To announce a job opening
- D. To order computer software

192. In the first letter, the word “appraisal” in paragraph 2, line 1, is closest in meaning to?
- A. scrutiny
 - B. revision
 - C. measurement
 - D. evaluation
193. In what department does Steven Preston work?
- A. Human resources
 - B. Accounting
 - C. Advertising
 - D. Systems programming
194. For how long did Mr. Willis participate in the Mainframe Resolutions training course?
- A. Four months
 - B. Six months
 - C. Eight months
 - D. Nine months
195. What will most likely prevent Mr. Willis from being offered the job with System Tech, Inc.?
- A. His permanent home is in London.
 - B. Mainframe Resolutions has no record of his employment.
 - C. He was fired from his previous position.
 - D. He has insufficient experience in systems programming.

Passage 10

This is a true story about a boy who, the world might say, was a terrible underachiever. While in the eighth grade, he failed subjects repeatedly. High school wasn't much better; he flunked Latin, algebra, English, and received a grade of zero in physics. The boy managed to make the school golf team, but he lost the most important golf match of the season.

It's not that his peers (同龄人) disliked this boy; it's just that they never really seemed to notice him much. Even “Hellos” in the hall were a rarity. Out of all the failures in his life, there was something that did hold great importance to this boy, his love of drawing.

Although in high school, the cartoons he submitted to the yearbook were rejected, once out of school, the boy was so sure of his artistic talent that he approached Walt Disney Studios with drawing works. I wish I could say the studios loved his work and immediately hired him, but such was not the case; another huge rejection.

Despite his lack of successes, this boy did not give up. He then decided to write his own autobiography in cartoons, about a little boy who was regarded as a loser and a nobody.

The name of this boy was Charles Schulz, the creator of the famous Charlie Brown and comic dog Snoopy.

In life, it is sometimes easy to feel like a nobody. We pass hundreds of people on the street on our way to work, or walk through a faceless crowd in a mall, and no one seems to notice or care. Deep inside, we may know we are special and unique and have lots to offer, but unless someone takes the time to look our way and give us a chance, we may feel worthless, just like Charlie Brown who couldn't even manage to fly a kite or kick a football properly.

Just as Charles Schulz had faith in his artistic talent, so too, we must realize that nobody is a nobody. We all have special gifts and talents, and every human being is deserving and capable of being loved and appreciated.

196. The underlined word "flunked" in Paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to ____.

- A. failed
- B. learned
- C. achieved
- D. misunderstood

197. What can we infer about the boy in Paragraph 2?

- A. He was hated by his peers.
- B. He achieved great success in drawing in high school.
- C. His work was refused by Walt Disney Studios.
- D. He earned the praise from Walt Disney Studios.

198. When the boy suffered many defeats, he ____.

- A. gave up his dream finally
- B. wrote some articles in magazines

C. he turned to others for help

D. he wrote himself as a loser in cartoons

199. In the last two paragraphs, we are advised _____.

A. to open up our eyes

B. to believe we can make some difference

C. to learn more skills for development

D. to ask for more appreciation and love

200. Which of the following is the best title of the passage?

A. Nobody Is a Nobody.

B. A Hard-working Boy Is Successful.

C. We Should Turn Failure into Success.

D. One Cannot Succeed without Talents.

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