

Choose the **BEST ANSWER** for each question. To indicate your choice, blacken the appropriate space with a 2B pencil on your answer sheet for each question.

Example: It was Joan's first visit to the country, and everything was fresh and \_\_\_\_\_ to her.

A. dull B. quickly C. new D. excited

Answer: A B C D

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※ 注意：請用 2B 鉛筆作答於答案卡，並先詳閱答案卡上之「畫記說明」。

**I. Vocabulary: Choose the answer that best completes the sentence.**

1. If these laws were to pass, an entire Pandora's box or endless \_\_\_\_\_ would open up.  
A. gratitude B. doubt C. litigation D. obligation
2. More than 4 million middle-aged to older Americans are estimated to have this \_\_\_\_\_, and ultimately deadly disease.  
A. infested B. debilitating C. diminishing D. decomposing
3. Japanese men are taking \_\_\_\_\_ and etiquette lessons as they think women are attracted more to men with good looks than authority.  
A. seamstress B. grooming C. culinary D. individualistic
4. The custom of drinking tea is deeply \_\_\_\_\_ in almost all Chinese, including ethnic groups, and has been for over a thousand years. From ancient times to today, tea has been a necessity of the ordinary life of anyone Chinese.  
A. ventured B. prestigious C. acknowledged D. ingrained
5. Beetles enjoyed success on a scale \_\_\_\_\_ by any previous pop group.  
A. prevailed B. rebuffed C. unparalleled D. arranged
6. The young \_\_\_\_\_ around America like wild dogs, randomly having sex and taking drugs, concerned about clothes and music and maybe enjoying the landscape.  
A. roamed B. enveloped C. veered D. bewildered
7. Though his career was soaring, his marriage was \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. appeasing B. invincible C. floundering D. not welling up
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the book consists of species accounts for each of about 75 native mussels.  
A. handful B. bulk C. spirit D. cast
9. The industry has refused to \_\_\_\_\_ how much it loses per download, but says it loses billions of dollars to piracy.  
A. reimburse B. streak C. oversee D. divulge
10. His church became a \_\_\_\_\_ for thousands of people who fled the civil war.  
A. residency B. route C. retreat D. sanctuary
11. Morrissey is to release a new single after his \_\_\_\_\_ UK tour.  
A. epic B. eminent C. eccentric D. emotional

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12. The Jury examined cases where children made \_\_\_\_\_ of abuse and then later wanted to retract them.  
A. allegations B. victories C. lingering D. scandals
13. Those who had \_\_\_\_\_ the death-face in combat were often unable to articulate what they had seen.  
A. suffocated B. exposed C. glimpsed D. fluttered
14. A sizable population of \_\_\_\_\_ has settled here, and the town is unfortunately blighted by that unsightly power station.  
A. shoplifters B. exotica C. congregators D. expatriates
15. According to a new report from the Association of American Medical Colleges, the number of women applying to the nation's medical schools has reached a \_\_\_\_\_, after two decades of steady growth.  
A. limitation B. peak C. criterion D. plateau
16. Darwin was taught by his sisters not to \_\_\_\_\_ his feelings of grief and anxiety. He then mainly expressed his disturbed feelings in physical symptoms: disorders of his stomach and skin, cardiac palpitations, and dizziness and headaches.  
A. involve B. verbalize C. struggle over D. live with
17. The show was a \_\_\_\_\_ - the lights wouldn't work, one actor forgot his lines and another fell off the stage.  
A. fiasco B. battalion C. paradox D. deception
18. Many runners have had the opportunity to experience a state of \_\_\_\_\_ while running.  
A. commotion B. aroma C. chant D. euphoria
19. A string of doctors agreed she was suffering from Lyme disease and prescribed antibiotics, but that did nothing to \_\_\_\_\_ her pain.  
A. engross B. alleviate C. excel D. ascribe
20. Most telephone lines have not worked since 2003 when rebels \_\_\_\_\_ the system. Bridges were destroyed. Many hospitals and schools are in ruins.  
A. whittled B. regulated C. sabotaged D. modified

II. Cloze Test: Choose the best answer to fill in the blank.

The rhino horn is included in many \_\_\_\_\_ 21 \_\_\_\_\_ for disorders raging from fevers to nosebleeds. Horn, like fingernails, is made of keratin and has no proven medicinal \_\_\_\_\_ 22 \_\_\_\_\_. Traditional substitutes, such as horn from buffalo or antelope, are \_\_\_\_\_ 23 \_\_\_\_\_ as second best. The battle is \_\_\_\_\_ 24 \_\_\_\_\_ to be winnable. But it may be harder than the battle against the trade in ivory, for there is a \_\_\_\_\_ 25 \_\_\_\_\_ between the two commodities. Ivory is a luxury; rhino horn, people believe, could save the life of their child.

21. A. recipes B. aids C. remedies D. doses  
22. A. capacity B. values C. control D. powers  
23. A. regarded B. valued C. known D. reputed

24. A. imagined      B. dreamed      C. thought      D. viewed  
 25. A. variation      B. difference      C. gap      D. comparison

Geologists \_\_\_\_\_ 26 \_\_\_\_\_ the earth as having a molten core, surrounded by a semi-molten mantle and a brittle, outer skin. It helps to think of a soft-boiled egg \_\_\_\_\_ 27 \_\_\_\_\_ a runny yolk, a firm but squishy white and a hard shell. If the shell is even slightly cracked during boiling, the white material \_\_\_\_\_ 28 \_\_\_\_\_ and sets like a tiny mountain chain over the crack - like an archipelago of volcanic islands such as the Hawaiian Islands. But the earth is so much bigger and the mantle below is so much hotter. \_\_\_\_\_ 29 \_\_\_\_\_ the mantle rocks are kept solid by overlying pressure, they can still slowly 'flow' like thick treacle. The flow, \_\_\_\_\_ 30 \_\_\_\_\_ to be in the form of convection currents, is powerful enough to fracture the 'eggshell' of the crust into plates, and keep them bumping and grinding against each other, or even overlapping, at the rate of a few centimeters a year. These fracture zones, where the collisions occur, are where earthquakes happen. And, very often, volcanoes.

26. A. conclude      B. consider      C. suppose      D. believe  
 27. A. on      B. above      C. with      D. to  
 28. A. comes about      B. flows out      C. bubbles out      D. runs out  
 29. A. Even though      B. Because      C. Whether      D. If  
 30. A. thought      B. thinking      C. happened      D. supposing

An eccentric is by definition someone \_\_\_\_\_ 31 \_\_\_\_\_ behavior is abnormal, some one who refuses to conform to the accepted norms of his society. This, of course, \_\_\_\_\_ 32 \_\_\_\_\_ begs the question, "What is normal?" Most of us, after all, have our quirks and oddities. It may be a passion for entering newspaper competitions, a compulsion for collecting beer mats, a tendency to write indignant letters to the press \_\_\_\_\_ 33 \_\_\_\_\_ every conceivable subject. Eccentricity is the assertion of our individuality. Within most of us that urge is constantly in conflict with the contrary force. \_\_\_\_\_ 34 \_\_\_\_\_ is as though in the depths of our psyche we have two locomotives head-to-head on the same track, pushing against each other. One is called individualism and the other conformity and in most of us it is conformity that is the more powerful. The desire \_\_\_\_\_ 35 \_\_\_\_\_ accepted, love, appreciated, to feel at one with our fellows, is stronger than the desire to stand out in the crowd, to be our own man, to do our own thing.

31. A. that      B. when      C. in which      D. whose  
 32. A. suddenly      B. immediately      C. finally      D. theoretically  
 33. A. for      B. on      C. of      D. at  
 34. A. As      B. What      C. It      D. All  
 35. A. with being      B. has been      C. that is      D. to be

**III. Reading Comprehension: Read each of the following passages and choose the best answer to each question.**

The boysenberry is very large bramble fruit that is deep purplish-blue in color. It is usually considered a variety of blackberry. This type of fruit is a relatively recent addition to the family of fruits. It was developed in Napa, California, in the 1920s by Rudolph Boysen. Today it is grown chiefly in the United States, in the South and Southwest and along the Pacific Coast.

Walter Knott saw real commercial possibilities for this fruit that Boysen had created, and he devoted himself to developing the boysenberry as a business. Knott worked on commercial cultivation of the berry as well as a variety of products containing the fruit. It was the boysenberry that became the primary berry in Knott's successful commercial venture Knott's Berry Farm.

36. The subject of this passage is
- A. a type of fruit
  - B. various types of blackberries
  - C. Walter Knott's early life
  - D. Rudolph Boysen's career
37. Which of the following is NOT stated in the passage about the boysenberry?
- A. It is big.
  - B. It has brambles.
  - C. It is very sweet.
  - D. It has a dark color.
38. Look at the word "family" in line 2 in the passage. This word could be best be replaced by which of the following?
- A. Group of related people
  - B. Scientific classification
  - C. Domestic arrangement
  - D. Household use
39. It can be inferred from the passage that the boysenberry
- A. was developed by Walter Knott
  - B. is unrelated to the blackberry
  - C. did not exist a century ago
  - D. could not be grown commercially
40. According to the passage, Walter Knott developed a number of
- A. types of fruits
  - B. boysenberry products
  - C. types of farms
  - D. areas in Napa

The study of history provides many benefits. First, we learn from the past. We may repeat mistakes, but, at least, we have the opportunity to avoid them. Second, history teaches us what questions to ask about the present. Contrary to some people's view, the study of history is not the memorization of names, dates, and places. It is the thoughtful examination of the forces that have shaped the courses of human life. We can examine events from the past and then draw inferences about current events. History teaches us about likely outcomes.

Another benefit of the study of history is the broad range of human experience which is covered. War and peace are certainly covered as are national and international affairs. However, matters of culture (art, literature, and music) are also included in historical study. Human nature is an important part of history: emotions like passion, greed, and insecurity have influenced the shaping of world affairs. Anyone who thinks that the study of history is boring has not really studied history.

41. What is the main idea of this passage?
- A. Studying history helps us to live in today's world.
  - B. Studying history is not just memorization.
  - C. The role of education is to help students deal with real life.
  - D. Students should study both national and international history.
42. In the first paragraph, inferences means
- A. graphs
  - B. articles
  - C. conclusions
  - D. circumferences
43. Which method of teaching history would the author of this passage support?
- A. Applying historical events to modern society.
  - B. Using flash cards to remember specific facts.
  - C. Weekly quizzes on dates and events.
  - D. Student competitions for most books memorized.

Numerous explanations have been offered as to the derivation of the dollar sign, the sign that is today written as the letter *S* with one or two vertical lines through it. The explanation that is given the most credence among scholars is that the dollar sign was originally an abbreviation, or shortened form, of the Spanish word *peso*.

The *pesos* has long been a unit of Spanish money. The United States did not have its own money until 1974, and prior to that time the use of Spanish money was common in America. When a sum of money was written down, it was common practice not to write out the complete word *peso*. For example, people usually wrote down *50ps* instead of *50 pesos*. A further shortening of the word *peso* occurred when people started writing the *P* on top of the *S* and came up with the sign that represents the dollar sign of today.

44. The main idea of the passage is
- A. Spanish pesos were exchanged for American dollars
  - B. the dollar sign originated with the Spanish peso
  - C. the Spanish peso has an interesting history
  - D. the American dollar sign can be written in various ways
45. It can be inferred from the passage that, concerning the derivation of the dollar sign,
- A. there is only one possible explanation
  - B. there are two main explanations
  - C. numerous explanations are given equal attention
  - D. one of many possible explanations is the most believable
46. Where did the dollar sign most likely come from, according to the passage?
- A. An abbreviated form of a Spanish word
  - B. A misunderstanding of a Spanish word
  - C. A translation of a Spanish word
  - D. A misspelling of a Spanish word

47. Look at the expression "common practice" in paragraph 2. This expression is closest in meaning to ?

A. a habitual occurrence  
B. a difficult achievement  
C. a strange belief  
D. an unusual task

Yolanda: Gaining access to computers without authorization and manipulating the data and programs they contain is comparable to joyriding in stolen cars; both involve breaking into private property and treating it recklessly. Joyriding, however, is the more dangerous crime because it physically endangers people, whereas only intellectual property is harmed in the case of computer crimes.

Arjun: I disagree! For example, unauthorized use of medical records systems in hospitals could damage data systems on which human lives depend, and therefore computer crimes also cause physical harm to people.

48. An issue in dispute between Yolanda and Arjun is
- A. whether joyriding physically endangers human lives  
B. whether the unauthorized manipulation of computer data involves damage to private property  
C. whether damage to physical property is more criminal than damage to intellectual property  
D. whether the unauthorized use of computers is as dangerous to people as is joyriding
49. The reasoning in Arjun's response is flawed because he
- A. fails to maintain a distinction made in Yolanda's argument  
B. denies Yolanda's conclusion without providing evidence against it  
C. relies on the actuality of a phenomenon that he has only shown to be possible  
D. uses as evidence a phenomenon that is inconsistent with his own conclusion

Someone who gets sick from eating a meal will often develop a strong distaste for the one food in the meal that had the most distinctive flavor, whether or not that food caused the sickness. This phenomenon explains why children are especially likely to develop strong aversions to some foods.

50. Which one of the following, if true, provides the strongest support for the explanation?
- A. Children are more likely than adults to be given meals composed of foods lacking especially distinctive flavors.  
B. Children are less likely than adults to see a connection between their health and the foods they eat.  
C. Children tend to have more acute taste and to become sick more often than adults do.  
D. Children typically recover more slowly than adults do from sickness caused by food.