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Digest Nov. W1~W3 & Oct. W3~W4 (40%)

I. Cloze Test (32%)

Life in the wild can be brutal for animals. Living in jungles, forests, and oceans around the world always 1 survival of the fittest. Many creatures are 2 stronger predators. Nature, however, has aided them in this endeavor by helping them survive even the most critically dangerous situations with a defensive ability. It is the gift of camouflage. Camouflage is a born ability that enables some animals to change their appearances to make themselves 3. This gift, in most dangerous situations, 4 creatures hidden from predators in plain sight. The amazing disguising abilities of camouflaged animals have even inspired technology that protects troops during wartime.

1. (A) comes down to (B) catches up with (C) takes advantage of (D) gives up on
2. (A) for the sake of (B) at the mercy of (C) in need of (D) in pursuit of
3. (A) invisible (B) intimidating (C) brilliant (D) efficient
4. (A) which keeps (B) keeps (C) to keep (D) keeping

People all around the world were saddened to hear the decease of Robin Williams on August 11, 2014. 5, they were shocked to learn that he had taken his own life. It was later revealed that Williams had been suffering from severe depression in the months 6 his death. Many celebrities expressed their condolences and spoke in praise of his talents. In show business, he developed a stellar reputation as a stand-up comedian, 7 improvisation and impersonation with his marvelous wits, unique style and boundless energy. Williams's 8 is that of inspirational comedian and actor who touched so many lives with his humor and humanity that his death caused an outpouring of mourning.

5. (A) Unfortunately (B) Consequently (C) Particularly (D) Ironically
6. (A) getting stuck in (B) leading up to (C) giving rise to (D) falling short of
7. (A) exploiting (B) mourning (C) requiring (D) blending
8. (A) nomination (B) belongings (C) legacy (D) feedback

Although street gangs wreak havoc on lives of citizens around the world, a similar phenomenon exists in the wilderness. Some animals band closely together to ensure their survival, which simultaneously ___9___ the survival of other species. You may ___10___ that the most deadly assassins in the animal kingdom are lions. Actually, that honor ___11___ wild dogs as they, eight out of ten times, capture their prey successfully. The dogs do so for they have strong loyalty and are determined to always stick together in nearly all circumstances. ___12___ their reputation for brutality, the dogs also have a kinder side. They are extremely protective of their young.

9. (A) poses a menace to (B) arouses sympathy with
(C) reminds them of (D) gives free rein to
10. (A) resume (B) deserve (C) preserve (D) assume
11. (A) derives from (B) belongs to (C) draws on (D) responds to
12. (A) With regard to (B) In terms of (C) In spite of (D) In return for

Regeneration is a historical fiction written by a female writer, Pat Barker. Raised by her grandfather, ___13___ how he was haunted by his memories of fighting in the First World War, which had a great impact on her writing about war. The novel, set in 1917, includes a letter by a British soldier Sassoon who points out the hypocrisy of the First World War. This quickly ___14___ those who share similar experiences. Though brave to reveal the harsh realities of war, he is accused of being mentally unstable and is sent to an institution. There he ___15___ many soldiers who have gone through traumatizing experiences on the battlefield. Besides, he gets acquainted with Dr. Rivers, whose job is to rehabilitate soldiers. The doctor is ___16___ dedicated to helping them get back to their positions. His interaction with them, nevertheless, has eventually transformed his perspectives of war. He thus quits his job as a doctor.

13. (A) it was noticeable (B) she took note of
(C) he demonstrated (D) a frequent scene was
14. (A) meets the demand of (B) bears a resemblance to
(C) evens the score with (D) strikes a chord with
15. (A) comes across (B) comments on (C) caters to (D) submits to
16. (A) unnecessarily (B) legitimately (C) originally (D) precisely

II. 篇章結構 (8%)

In Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, there is a tall building called the “Tower of David.” ____17____ He was the first investor in this building. The tower was supposed to highlight Venezuela’s economic power. However, Brillembourg died in 1993, and the building work stopped. The following year, a banking crisis made things worse. ____18____ The government, however, never resumed the remaining construction work.

Instead, the tower became the world’s tallest slum. In 2007, homeless squatters moved into the rooms. The new residents had no electricity or water, but still made homes and started small businesses inside the tower. They were occupying it illegally, but the former president of Venezuela, a strong believer in socialism, encouraged the occupation. ____19____

____20____ It claimed the building was full of criminals, though those who lived there said people followed the laws. The government is yet to say whether the Tower of David will be demolished or renovated.

- (A) The government evicted the inhabitants of the tower for safety reasons.
- (B) This tower becomes world famous due to David’s contribution to its completion.
- (C) It was nicknamed after its creator, David Brillembourg.
- (D) The Venezuelan government had taken over the project.
- (E) The intended symbol of wealth had become a symbol of poverty.
- (F) He claimed the tower as his territory, a symbol of wealth.

III. Vocabulary 7000 (20%)

21. For a teenager, getting a driver’s license is ____: the beginning of a journey toward social independence.
- (A) the quality time (B) a rite of passage
(C) a publicity stunt (D) a compulsory tendency
22. When exposed to extreme heat, clothing containing some ____ materials like polyester(聚酯纖維) will melt and can fuse to the skin.
- (A) synthetic (B) wholesale (C) corrupt (D) sophisticated
23. Instead of the standard fee at a ____ booth, the new distance-based system will charge drivers according to the distance they travel on freeways.
- (A) ticket (B) polling (C) toll (D) voting
24. I respect people who take the ____ rather than passively wait for others to make decisions.
- (A) insistence (B) heed (C) obligation (D) initiative
25. Companies that make an effort to ____ what their customers will do or need next are more responsive in their customers’ eyes.

- (A) enhance (B) instruct (C) safeguard (D) anticipate
26. A new study shows that babies of parents who smoked prior to _____, or pregnancy, have a greater chance of suffering from asthma.
- (A) conception (B) abstraction (C) engagement (D) reception
27. In a _____ lit fire inside a city homeless shelter, nine people have escaped with no one injured. The fire was soon extinguished.
- (A) specifically (B) chronically (C) deliberately (D) eligibly
28. *Thinktravel Projects* fund _____ that encourage new sustainable travel options. They even loan travelers bikes to reduce carbon emissions.
- (A) explorations (B) schemes (C) privileges (D) qualifications
29. She considered a cosmetic surgery but later rejected the idea for fear that people might think her _____.
- (A) vain (B) pious (C) ingenious (D) sensible
30. For their own benefit, some politicians truly excel at _____ words of the opposition party or people who make them seem disagreeable.
- (A) inferring (B) suspending (C) conducting (D) manipulating

TEXTBOOK (40 %)

I. Cloze Test 綜合測驗 (32%)

Shen Xin-Ling isn't the only person who tries his or her best to help others. But she is special __31__ her humble beginning, and of extending to a huge charity all on her own.

When she was in elementary school, she used her gifted sense of information to create websites to help her family sell clothes and improved her family's finances. __32__ the age of 11, she realized that her grandfather and many farmers were not selling the pomelo crops well, so she took the initiative to __33__ a pomelo online sales website, which sold over one million pounds of pomelo from 2001 to 2013. She then invested in free summer __34__ that teach creative ideas to disadvantaged children, computer skills to new immigrants, and help aboriginals with the digital divide. She created teaching websites to help those underprivileged __35__ hereditary conditions of poverty, hence eliminating societal gaps.

What is really __36__ for such a little girl is that she has single-handedly devoted herself to community services and contributed over NT\$5 million to charities. Indeed, __37__ young adults nowadays who keep complaining about the environment, she is much more positive to do something to make the world better. __38__ is she a whiz at what she undertakes, __38__ she has made herself a good role model. In this day of greedy capitalism, excessive individualism and loose morals, Shen Xin-Ling is like an angel that fell out of heaven.

31. (A) owing to (B) just as (C) because of (D) ever since
 32. (A) In (B) At (C) On (D) Since
 33. (A) decipher (B) clarify (C) accumulate (D) launch
 34. (A) camp (B) education (C) preschools (D) courses
 35. (A) change (B) changing (C) perceive (D) perceiving
 36. (A) appropriate (B) valuable (C) sturdy (D) thorough
 37. (A) regardless of (B) in search of (C) by the time (D) different from
 38. (A) Only – and (B) Hardly – when (C) Neither – nor (D) Not only– but

Madagascar is an island country in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Southeast Africa. __39__ its long isolation from neighboring continents, Madagascar allows native plants and animals to evolve and is home to an abundance of plants and animals found __40__ else on Earth. That is __41__ Madagascar becomes well-known as a biodiversity hotspot.

For example, Madagascar's fauna is diverse and exhibits a high rate of endemism. The cat-like fossa is a rare carnivorous mammal endemic to Madagascar, and there are as few as 2,500 fossas __42__ in the island. Another is the monkey-like lemur, which has been characterized as 'Madagascar's flagship mammal species.' In the absence of monkeys and other competitors, these primates have adapted to a wide range of habitats and diversified into numerous species. Some can jump over nine meters from branch to branch, __43__ other smaller species are only the size of a mouse. Roller birds, on top of that, can be found __44__ above Madagascar's rain forests. With green heads, white chins, purple wings and green and blue bodies, they are vivid like paintings that have __45__. Still another example is the Madagascar hissing cockroaches, which are named for the __46__ sounds they make. No other roaches in the world seem to be capable of making such similar sounds.

39. (A) Thanks to (B) In addition to (C) Even if (D) As long as
 40. (A) anywhere (B) somewhere (C) nowhere (D) everywhere
 41. (A) because (B) why (C) what (D) where
 42. (A) leave (B) to leave (C) leaving (D) left
 43. (A) what (B) when (C) while (D) where
 44. (A) fly (B) to fly (C) flying (D) flew
 45. (A) confronted with (B) come alive (C) made ends meet (D) turned out to be
 46. (A) sheer (B) exquisite (C) supreme (D) distinct

II. Reading comprehension (8%)

A new acquaintance wants to give you his telephone number. Since you don't have a piece of paper at hand, you attempt to commit it to memory. You repeat the numbers in your head several times as he says them, trying your hardest to place them somewhere in your memory where you'll recall them later. Five minutes later

when you are sitting with paper in hand, you can't recall a single digit. What happened and why? Why can't you remember this number, but fully remember the name of your aunt's dog that bit you when you were six? It is all a matter of short-term memory versus long-term memory.

Short-term memory is when you retain or hold information for a short period of time. When information is stored in short-term memory, neural mechanisms are not created and the information quickly flows out. Short-term memory can be compared to a colander. The information is poured in like flour, but it eventually sifts out.

Long-term memory would be like a bowl. The flour is poured into it, and because there are not holes, the memories stay. Neural pathways are created and the information can be recalled at a later date. Weeks, months, and years can pass and the memory can still come back.

Purposefully encoding information into long-term memory takes time and practice. One way to intentionally store something in long-term memory is to break the information into smaller 'pieces.' Another technique is to use visual memory. Writing the information down on cards and looking at it again and again places the data into long-term memory. Speaking the information aloud is still another method because this uses auditory memory and helps create a lasting memory. When using this method to study for an exam, it is important to read the desired information out loud over and over again.

47. What happens when something goes into short-term memory?

- (A) The brain becomes like a bowl full of water.
- (B) Information is stored for a short period of time.
- (C) Your brain creates neural mechanisms for it.
- (D) Information is changed into pictures.

48. Why is short-term memory compared to a colander?

- (A) Short-term memory can only be held for a short period of time.
- (B) Kitchen appliances involve the use of memory.
- (C) Colanders have strong memories.
- (D) Bowls are too small to fill with memories.

49. What can we benefit by breaking down information?

- (A) We can come up with solid ideas and practices.
- (B) We can increase the depth to our memory.
- (C) We can make a short-term memory item into a long-term one.
- (D) We can add more items to our short-term memories.

50. According to the passage, which of the following techniques would a student trying to memorizing a new word possibly use?

- (A) Speaking out loud.
- (B) Studying the collocations related to the word.
- (C) Decoding it in detail.
- (D) Memorizing only one part every day.