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考试科目: 英语 (第二外语)

适用专业: 外国语言学及应用语言学

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Part I Vocabulary, Structure & Error Identification (40 minutes, 30 points)

Section A: Vocabulary (15 minutes, 10 points)

Directions: In this section there are 20 incomplete sentences. For each sentence there are four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Choose the ONE that best completes the sentence. Then write the corresponding letter on the **Answer Sheet**.

- John was not listening and made a _____ answer when called upon to recite.
A) correct
B) direct
C) random
D) relevant
- Carter agreed to try to reduce American oil imports and control _____ in the United States.
A) infection
B) inflation
C) inspection
D) inspiration
- The response to our financial appeal _____ anything we expected.
A) impressed
B) surprised
C) surpassed
D) passed
- The structure of this animal's brain gives no _____ that it is any more intelligent than others.
A) index
B) indication
C) hint
D) implication
- Prices _____ because of the change in economic policy.
A) raised
B) flew
C) ran
D) soared

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Net purists.

But it is hardly inevitable that companies on the Web will need to resort to push strategies to make money. The examples of Virtual Vineyard, Amazon.com, and other pioneers show that a Web site selling the right kind of products with the right mix of interactivity, hospitality, and security will attract online customers. And the cost of computing power continues to free fall, which is a good sign for any enterprise setting up shop in silicon. People looking back 5 or 10 years from now may well wonder why so few companies took the online plunge.

12. We learn from the beginning of the passage that Web business_____.

- A) has been striving to expand its market
- B) intended to follow a fanciful fashion
- C) tried but in vain to control the market
- D) has been booming for one year or so

13. Speaking of the online technology available for marketing, the author implies that _____.

- A) the technology is popular with many Web users
- B) businesses have faith in the reliability of online transactions
- C) there is a radical change in strategy
- D) it is accessible limitedly to established partners

14. In the view of Net purists, _____.

- A) there should be no marketing messages in online culture.
- B) money making should be given priority to on the Web
- C) the Web should be able to function as the television set
- D) there should be no online commercial information without requests

15. We learn from the last paragraph that _____.

- A) pushing information on the Web is essential to Internet commerce
- B) interactivity, hospitality and security are important to online customer
- C) leading companies began to take the online plunge decades ago
- D) setting up shops in silicon is independent of the cost of computing power

Passage 4

The idea of determinism, that no event occurs in nature without natural causes, has been postulated as a natural law yet is under attack on both scientific and philosophical grounds. Scientific laws assume that a specific set of conditions will unerringly lead to a predetermined outcome. However, studies in the field of physics have demonstrated that the location and speed of minuscule particles such as electrons are the result of random behaviors rather than predictable results determined by pre-existing conditions. As a result of these studies, the principle of indeterminacy was formulated in 1925 by Werner Heisenberg. According to this principle, only the probable behavior of an electron can be predicted. The inability to absolutely predict the behavior of electrons casts doubt on the universal applicability of a natural law of determinism. Philosophically, the principal opposition to determinism emanates from those who see humans as creatures in possession of free will. Human decisions may be influenced by previous events, but the ultimate freedom of humanity may possibly lead to unforeseen choices, those not preordained by preceding events.

16. It is implied in the passage that a natural law
- A) is something that applies to science only
 - B) can be incontrovertibly found in the idea of determinism
 - C) is philosophically unacceptable
 - D) is a principle to which there is no exception
17. The word "unerringly" in line 5 could be most easily replaced by
- A) fortunately
 - B) effortlessly
 - C) without mistake
 - D) with guidance
18. The idea of determinism is refuted in this passage based on
- A) scientific proof
 - B) data from the science and philosophy of determinism
 - C) principles or assumptions from different fields of study
 - D) philosophical doubt about free will
19. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true about the principle of indeterminacy?
- A) It was formulated based on studies in physics.
 - B) It is philosophically unacceptable.

- C) It has been in existence for more than a decade.
 - D) It is concerned with the random behavior of electrons.
20. It is implied in the passage that free will is
- A) accepted by all philosophers
 - B) a direct outcome of Werner's principle of indeterminacy
 - C) the antithesis of determinism
 - D) a natural law

Passage 5

Most people think of deserts as dry, flat areas with little vegetation and little or no rainfall, but this is hardly true. Many deserts have varied geographical formations ranging from soft, rolling hills to stark, jagged cliffs, and most deserts have a permanent source of water. Although deserts do not receive a high amount of rainfall – to be classified as a desert, an area must get less than twenty-five centimeters of rainfall per year – there are many plants that thrive on only small amounts of water, and deserts are often full of such plant life.

Desert plants have a variety of mechanisms for obtaining the water needed for survival. Some plants, such as cactus, are able to store large amounts of water in their leaves or stems; after a rainfall these plants absorb a large supply of water to last until the next rainfall. Other plants, such as the mesquite, have extraordinarily deep root systems that allow them to obtain water from far below the desert's arid surface.

21. What is the main topic of the passage?
- A) Deserts are dry, flat areas with few plants.
 - B) There is little rainfall in the desert.
 - C) Many kinds of vegetation can survive with little water
 - D) Deserts are not really flat areas with little plant life.
22. The passage implies that
- A) the typical conception of a desert is incorrect
 - B) all deserts are dry, flat areas
 - C) most people are well informed about deserts
 - D) the lack of rainfall in deserts causes the lack of vegetation
23. The passage describes the geography of deserts as
- A) flat
 - B) sandy
 - C) varied
 - D) void of vegetation
24. According to the passage, what causes an area to be classified as a desert?

- A) The type of plants
- B) The geographical formations
- C) The amount of precipitation
- D) The source of water

25. Which of the following is mentioned in the passage about cacti?
- A) They have deep root systems.
 - B) They retain water form one rainfall to the next.
 - C) They survive in the desert because they do not need water.
 - D) They get water from deep below the surface of the desert.

Passage 6

American jazz is a conglomeration of sounds borrowed from such varied sources as American and African folk music, European classical music, and Christian gospel songs. One of the recognizable characteristics of jazz is its use of improvisation: certain parts of the music are written out and played the same way by various performers, and other improvised parts are created spontaneously during a performance and vary widely from performer to performer.

The earliest form of jazz was ragtime, lively songs or rags performed on the piano, and the best-known of the ragtime performers and composers was Scott Joplin. Born in 1868 to former slaves, Scott Joplin earned his living from a very early age playing the piano in bars along the Mississippi. One of his regular jobs was in the Maple Leaf Club in Sedalia, Missouri. It was there that he began writing the more than 500 compositions that was to produce, the most famous of which was "The Maple Leaf Rag."

26. This passage is about
- A) jazz in general and one specific type of jazz
 - B) the various sources of jazz
 - C) the life of Scott Joplin
 - D) the major characteristics of jazz
27. The word "conglomeration" in line 1 could best be replaced by
- A) disharmony
 - B) mixture
 - C) purity
 - D) treasure
28. Which of following statements is true according to the passage ?
- A) Scott Joplin was a slave when he was born.
 - B) Scott Joplin's parents had been slaves before Scott was born.
 - C) Scott Joplin had formerly been a slave, but he no longer was after

excitement and a world of promise. 2) It can improve proficiency in scientific research, for by means of it scientists and researchers can get a global book at the latest development in the field concerned and accordingly they need spend no time doing what has already been done. In view of personal communication, the most convenient means could be peculiar to Internet, too.

3) While people speak highly of Internet, its drawbacks shouldn't be neglected. A little fatal breakdown of the system, or a disastrous error could bring us an enormous amount of damage and loss. 4) Meanwhile, with Internet's replacement of books or the written work as the main source of information, human's writing abilities are weakened and so are the relations between people.

Part VI Writing (40 minutes, 20 points)

Directions: Many parts of the world are losing important natural resources, such as forests, animals, or clean water. Choose **one** resource that is disappearing and explain why it needs to be saved. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

Write your essay of about 150 words on the **Answer Sheet**

6. In that company, there appears _____ among clerks caused by the increasing use of computers.
- A) redundancy
B) recession
C) reduction
D) restraint
7. There will be _____ races to select competitors for the final.
- A) productive
B) primitive
C) potential
D) preliminary
8. When you didn't answer the telephone, I _____ you were out, naturally.
- A) presumed
B) prepared
C) persisted
D) preferred
9. He is _____ fatter than he was when I used to know him.
- A) considerate
B) considerable
C) considerably
D) considerately
10. The French Revolution was a period of _____ but produced some great literature.
- A) tide
B) chaos
C) vigor
D) peace
11. Make sure you _____ your food properly before you swallow it.
- A) eat
B) crunch
C) chew
D) bite
12. Many separate strands were _____ together to make the rope really strong.
- A) twisted
B) woven
C) rolled
D) wounded
13. A long line of traffic had to wait at the _____ until the train had passed.
- A) crossroads
B) junction
C) level crossing
D) bridge
14. A leopard has spots and a tiger has _____.
- A) strips
B) streaks
C) stripes
D) bands
15. The headlights of the approaching car were so _____ that the cyclist had to stop riding.
- A) gleaming
B) dazzling
C) visible
D) light
16. The melting of the snow has caused flooding by _____ rivers.
- A) increased
B) expanded

- C) overgrown
 17. The road lay ahead of him, a _____ grey line stretching to the horizon.
 A) continual
 B) constant
 C) continuous
 D) prolonged
18. I _____ to my office as it is so near my home that I don't need to drive there.
 A) use to go
 B) go on foot
 C) walk
 D) go
19. As a result of their _____ the three small independent countries felt less afraid of their powerful neighbor.
 A) combination
 B) alliance
 C) partnership
 D) union
20. If you are so senseless as to go on long walks in tight-fitting shoes, you must expect to get _____.
 A) blisters
 B) scars
 C) bruises
 D) scratches

Section B: Structure (15 minutes, 10 points)

Direction: In this section there are 10 incomplete sentences. For each sentence there are four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Choose the ONE that best completes the sentence. Then write the corresponding letter on the **Answer Sheet**.

1. _____ range in color from pale yellow to bright orange.
 A) Canaries
 B) Canaries which
 C) That canaries
 D) Canaries that are
2. February normally has twenty-eight days, but every fourth year, _____ has twenty-nine.
 A) there
 B) its
 C) is a leap year
 D) a leap year, it
3. Evidence suggests that one-quarter of operations _____ bypass surgery may be unnecessary.
 A) they involve
 B) involve
 C) involving
 D) which they involve
4. The Caldcott medal, _____ for the best children's picture book, is awarded each January.
 A) is a prize which
 B) which prize
 C) which is a prize
 D) is a prize

5. The Wilmington Oil Field, in Long Beach, California, is one of _____ oil fields in the continental United States.

- A) productive
B) the most productive
C) most are productive
D) productivity

6. Thunder occurs as _____ through air, causing the heated air to expand and collide with layers of cooler air.

- A) an electrical charge
B) passes an electrical charge
C) the passing of an electrical charge
D) an electrical charge passes

7. The population of Houston was ravaged by yellow fever in 1839 _____ in 1867.

- A) it happened again
B) and again
C) was ravaged again
D) again once more

8. Researchers have long debated _____ Saturn's moon Titan contains hydrocarbon oceans and lakes.

- A) over it
B) whether the
C) whether over
D) whether

9. The flight instructor, _____ at the air base, said that orders not to fight had been issued..

- A) When interviewed
B) when he interviewed
C) when to interview
D) when interviewing

10. In the northern and central parts of the state of Idaho _____ and churning rivers.

- A) majestic mountains are found
B) are majestic mountains found
C) are found majestic mountains
D) finding majestic mountains

Section C: Error Identification (10 minutes, 10 points)

Directions: In this section there are 10 sentences. Each of them has four underlined words or phrases. The four underlined parts of the sentence are marked A), B), C) and D). Identify the one underlined word or phrase that must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct. Then write the corresponding letter on the **Answer Sheet**.

1. The buffalo and the bison are like except for the size and

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shape of the head and shoulders.

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2. Because the plan that was made yesterday is no longer feasible, the manager had to choose another alternatives.
- A B
C D
3. This is the most important respect which civilized man can be distinguished from primitive communities.
- A B
C D
4. The English horn is an alto oboe with a pitch one fifth lower as that of the soprano oboe.
- A B C D
5. The capital of the Confederacy was originally in Mobile, but they were moved to Richmond.
- A B
C D
6. A pearl develops when a tiny grain of sand or some another irritant accidentally enters into the shell of a pearl oyster.
- A B C
D
7. The Internal Revenue Service uses computers to check tax return computations, to determine the reasonableness of deductions, and for verifying the accuracy of reported income.
- A
B C D
8. In early days hydrochloric acid was done by heating a mixture of sodium chloride with iron sulfate.
- A B C
D
9. The main cause of the ocean's tides is the gravitation pull of the Moon.
- A B C
D
10. Never in the history of humanity there have been more people living on this relatively small planet.
- A B C
D

Part II Reading Comprehension (60minutes, 30 points)

Directions: There are 6 reading passages in this part. Each passage is followed by some questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A),B),C) and D). You should decide on the best choice and write the corresponding letter on the **Answer Sheet**.

Passage 1

A project likely to evolve in the near or intermediate future is space tourism, a purely commercial activity that would not have to rely on unpredictable government decisions. It would therefore put space operations on a much more solid, dependable footing and would enormously expand man's space activity. While some people see space tourism as a potential multibillion-dollar business, difficult technical problems remain to be solved.

First, a manned reusable rocket like the Venture Star must be built. Then, a second serious problem must be addressed: Even today's most-advanced space rockets are able to lift only about 2.5% of their launch weight into orbit – a ratio that has hardly changed in the past 40 years. This fact is a result of the limits of material characteristics and chemical power sources, and there is no indication that any fundamental breakthrough can be expected in these areas in the foreseeable future.

Operational costs may be somewhat reduced by the use of air-breathing engines to help a reusable rocket penetrate Earth's atmosphere. Today the lowest cost attainable to lift a payload to orbit is more than \$4,000 per pound. Even with a very optimistic assumption of costs on the order of \$200 per pound, the price of a ticket to space would have to be at least \$50,000. It is questionable whether a sufficient number of customers could be tempted to pay such a high price for a short trip around the world. However, space tourism may become more attractive once space facilities are built that offer tourists a longer and more interesting stay in space.

When the international space station becomes a center for all kinds of space activities, service and repair functions will be required, as well as the refueling of manned and unmanned probes. These developments will eventually lead to space assembly and manufacturing and will indicate the start of an industrial park on the station, consisting of space hotels, recreation centers, and other fantastic facilities. Once

such attractions can be offered and longer stay in space is possible, more people will be inclined to pay the expense for an extended trip into space. We could even imagine hospitals for wealthy patients whose suffering may be relieved in the weightlessness of space.

1. The main subject of this passage is _____.
 - A) space activity
 - B) space tourism
 - C) space transportation system
 - D) humanity's future in space
2. The word "reusable"(par.2)probably means that _____.
 - A) can be used
 - B) can not be used
 - C) can be used again
 - D) can not be used again
3. Only a very small percentage of space rockets' launch weight can be lifted into orbit because _____.
 - A) the space rockets are not advanced
 - B) a manned reusable rocket has not been built
 - C) air-breathing engines can not help a reusable rocket penetrate Earth's atmosphere
 - D) material characteristics and chemical power sources are limited
4. It is doubtful whether _____.
 - A) space operational costs may be reduced
 - B) tourists want to have a long stay in space
 - C) we can offer tourists an interesting stay in space
 - D) we can have enough customers to pay high price for only a short trip in space
- 5) Which of the following statements in NOT true?
 - A) Space tourism will enormously expand man's space activity.
 - B) Some rich patients are likely to stay in space to relieve their suffering.
 - C) The most difficult technical problem concerning space tourism has been solved.
 - D) Some industries may find opportunities to develop in space.

Passage 2

Schizophrenia is often confused with multiple personality disorder yet is quite distinct from it. Schizophrenia is one of the more

common mental disorders, considerably more common than multiple personality disorder. The term "schizophrenia" is composed of roots which mean "a splitting of the mind," but it does not refer to a division into separate and distinct personalities, as occurs in multiple personality disorder. Instead, schizophrenic behavior is generally characterized by illogical thought patterns and withdrawal from reality. Schizophrenics often live in a fantasy world where they hear voices that others cannot hear, often voices of famous people. Schizophrenics tend to withdraw from families and friends and communicate mainly with the "voices" that they hear in their minds.

It is common for the symptoms of schizophrenia to develop during the late teen years or early twenties, but the causes of schizophrenia are not well understood. It is believed that heredity may play a part in the onset of schizophrenia. In addition, abnormal brain chemistry, also seems to have a role: certain brain chemicals, called neurotransmitters, have been found to be at abnormal levels in some schizophrenics.

6. The paragraph preceding the passage most probably discusses
- A) the causes of schizophrenia
 - B) multiple personality disorder
 - C) the most common mental disorder
 - D) possible cures for schizophrenia
7. Which of the following is true about schizophrenia and multiple personality disorder?
- A) They are relatively similar.
 - B) One is a psychological disorder, while the other is not.
 - C) Many people mistake one for the other:
 - D) Multiple personality disorder occurs more often than schizophrenia.
8. "Disorder" in line 3 is closest in meaning to which of the following?
- A) Disruption
 - B) Untidiness
 - C) Misalignment
 - D) Disease
9. It can be inferred from the passage that a "schism" is
- A) a division into factions
 - B) a mental disease
 - C) a personality trait
 - D) a part of the brain
10. What is NOT true about schizophrenia, according to the passage?
- A) It is characterized by separate and distinct personalities.
 - B) It often causes withdrawal from reality.
 - C) Its symptoms include illogical thought patterns.

- D) Its victims tend to hear voices in their minds.
11. According to the passage, how do schizophrenics generally relate to their families?
- A) They are quite friendly with their families.
B) They become remote from their families.
C) They have an enhanced ability to understand their families.
D) They communicate openly with their families.

Passage 3

In the first year or so of Web business, most of the action has revolved around efforts to tap the consumer market. More recently, as the Web proved to be more than a fashion, companies have started to buy and sell products and services with one another. Such business-to-business sales make sense because businesspeople typically know what product they're looking for.

Nonetheless, many companies still hesitate to use the Web because of doubts about its reliability. "Businesses need to feel they can trust the pathway between them and the supplier," says senior analyst Blane Erwin of Forrester Research. Some companies are limiting the risk by conducting online transactions only with established business partners who are given access to the company's private intranet.

Another major shift in the model for Internet commerce concerns the technology available for marketing. Until recently, Internet marketing activities have focused on strategies to "pull" customers into sites. In the past year, however, software companies have developed tools that allow companies to "push" information directly out to consumers, transmitting marketing messages directly to targeted customers. Most notably, the Pointcast Network uses a screen saver to deliver a continually updated stream of news and advertisements to subscribers' computer monitors. Subscribers can customize the information they want to receive and proceed directly to a company's Web site. Companies such as Virtual Vineyards are already starting to use similar technologies to push messages to customers about special sales, product offerings, or other events. But push technology has earned the contempt of many Web users. Online culture thinks highly of the notion that the information flowing onto the screen comes there by specific request. Once commercial promotion begins to fill the screen uninvited, the distinction between the Web and television fades. "That's a prospect that horrifies