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Part I Vocabulary (20 points)

1. Images from the Voyager spacecraft show that Saturn is distinctly oval.
a. suspiciously b. surprisingly c. clearly d. rather
2. Archaeologists think that Native Americans originally reached the North American continent via the Bering Strait between ten and twenty thousand years ago.
a. off b. by way of c. near d. in line with
3. Air conditioning protects industrial workers against harmful fumes in the environment.
a. germs b. gases c. chemicals d. debris
4. In 1972 Gloria Steinem founded *Ms. Magazine*, which promptly became the most popular feminist journal in the United States.
a. unquestionably b. ideally c. presumably d. quickly
5. The reindeer is probably the only deer that people have ever tamed.
a. eaten b. captured c. domesticated d. ridden
6. In the United States there are more people who are obese today than twenty years ago.
a. gainfully employed b. upwardly mobile
c. excessively overweight d. privately educated
7. When insects feed on decaying plant material in a compost pile, they help turn it into useful garden soil.
a. available b. organic c. distasteful d. decomposing
8. Anthropologist Barbar Myerhoff furthered her reputation as an authority on Native American culture with her study of the symbols, myths, and rituals of the Huichols.
a. deserved b. retained c. renewed d. advanced
9. The value of a particular variety of clay of pottery is related to its mineralogical and chemical makeup.
a. reactions b. attraction c. charts d. composition
10. No form of money has ever proved completely satisfactory in terms of providing a stable measure of value.
a. an official b. a useful c. a fixed d. a realistic
11. Diesel engines provided excellent mileage, but they are relatively noisy and their acceleration is sluggish.
a. uneven b. loud c. slow d. unreliable
12. Elizabeth Cady Stanton was typical of American women of her time in that her intelligence outran the educational and vocational opportunities open to her.
a. was tested by b. ran counter to c. surpassed d. escaped
13. Orioles are arboreal birds, and when they descend to the ground, it is mainly to gather nest materials.
a. territorial b. tree-dwelling c. corporeal d. cave-dwelling

14. Some critics claim that Art Nouveau was a great artistic movement, one that has consistently been misrepresented.
- a. described incorrectly b. subjected to ridicule
c. ignored d. exploited
15. Most tachometers measure the speed of rotation of a spinning shaft or wheel in terms of revolutions per minute.
- a. pumping b. wavering c. floating d. whirling
16. The Texas Institute of Culture houses memorabilia related to the history of Black cowboys in the United States.
- a. selects b. contains c. circulates d. studies
17. All living things have certain attributes that are passed on from one generation to the next.
- a. cells b. viruses c. traits d. flaws
18. The main features of the telegraph were developed by two inventors, but it was Samuel Morse who successfully synthesized their idea.
- a. financed b. publicized c. integrated d. disproved
19. Most members of the camel family are found in arid habitats.
- a. dirty b. dry c. sandy d. harsh
20. Cowbirds will lay eggs in the nest of others birds if those nests are left unattended.
- a. disorganized b. unguarded c. incomplete d. unwanted

Part II Paraphrase (15 points)

Direction: Paraphrase the underlined sentences in the following passage.

(1)The changing mindset of the Indonesian military, which for years did not see itself as subservient to the nation's civilian rulers, is a big reason for the success so far of the peace process.

"We're aware that Indonesia is now a democracy and the political decisions of the government have to be respected," Gen Bambang said.

Analysts believe this new mentality is helped by President Susilo Bambang Yuudhoyono being a retired general. (2)"This former hawk might have become a dove but he still has long and sharp claws," said Aguswandi, a researcher with the human rights group Tapol who is based in Aceh. "He is keeping tight control on the troops."

The fact that Gam's chain of command has proven more solid than predicted has also been significant.

"Gam has always been very disciplined," said Nur Djuli. (3)Of course, there are some naughty boys coming back to the villages brandishing weapons but for the most part we're very disciplined."

The Boxing Day tsunami, which killed more than 132,000 people in Aceh and left some 500,000 homeless, continues to play a role after the initial devastation focused the two warring parties' minds. (4)Faltering reconstruction and the plight of tens of thousands of refugees still in tents is reinforcing the need to keep the peace process on track.

However, no one in Aceh is complacent that sustainable peace is a foregone conclusion in the wake of the early successes as there are still two big stumbling blocks that need to be overcome.

(5)The first is the reintegration of Gam fighters into society. (6)The agreement says that 3,000 demobilised insurgents will receive compensation and vocational training from the international community.

Gam is currently declining to hand over a list of names, instead wanting the money to be transferred to commanders who will then distribute it not only to the fighters but also to a wider circle of supporters.

Mr Feith says he understands their reluctance, considering "(7)there is still a climate of intimidation and the intelligence services are still operating here", but insists that eventually the names will have to be submitted to ensure accountability and transparency

(8)The Gam leadership's hand might be forced by its own members, who are coming forward in increasing numbers to register but are being turned away because the authorities have not received their details.

Worrying Gam is the draft of the law that will enshrine Aceh's wide-ranging autonomy, including the right to form local political parties. (9)At least five versions are currently floating around and reports from Jakarta suggest the government might allow Acehese parties only to contest national elections and not local polls.

"(10)The whole concept of establishing local political parties is still at an early stage but it needs to be addressed in the same spirit as in Helsinki," warned Mr Feith. "The government would be making a mistake if it thought it could cut corners on that."

Part III Rhetoric (15 points)

A) Direction: The following sentences are not well-written. Try to improve them as you think proper. (5 points)

1. Once out of the office, the pipe-in music no longer gave him a headache.
2. I got on a bus that was going to the Ball Park by mistake.
3. The football game was played in our stadium that was full of excitement.
4. The first load of wash should be white things. Such as bed sheets, pillowcases, towels, handkerchiefs, and underwear.
5. Getting out of bed, the tile floor was so cold that Maria shivered all over.

B) Direction: Rewrite the following sentences as instructed. (10 points)

1. Teachers also want to make sure that student performance on tests is not the basis for negative action against an employee. (Use "student performance on tests" as the subject)
2. Schools that repeatedly fail to make enough progress face a series of sanctions, the most serious of which include school closure and takeover by a private company. (Use a conditional clause with "if")
3. At the meeting, Mr Barroso warned Yes against setting Ukraine up as a rival to Turkey, whose bid to join the EU fuelled the French and Dutch no votes. (Begin with "Yes was warned ...")
4. The first goal is to be awarded market economy status, which would allow Ukraine to join the World Trade Organization by the spring of next year. (Use the word "without" in your sentence)
5. There has been a notable rise over the past two years in the percentage who say the press is too critical of the Bush administration. (Use "The past two years" as the subject)

Part IV Cloze (10 points)

Direction: Fill in the blanks with words you think most suitable.

The __1__ from the Third World has always been foreseen by our shipping ____2___. P & O, for example, while still out to __3__ the total freight __4__ carries, is planning for a gradual __5__ in its

percentage share of the trade with the new ___6___ powers of the Third World. But P & O has no intention of throwing ___7___ the towel. The key ___8___ behind its strategy of holding on to the richest ___9___ of the trade has been to move up-market – to go where the Third World cannot follow: into high-technology ___10___.

Part V Reading Comprehension A (40 points)

She slept but a few hours. They were troubled and feverish hours, disturbed with dreams that were intangible, that eluded her, leaving only an impression upon her half-awakened senses of something unattainable. She was up and dressed in the cool of the early morning. The air was invigorating and steadied somewhat her faculties. However, she was not seeking refreshment or help from any other source, either external or from within. She was blindly following whatever impulse moved her, as if she had placed herself in alien hands for direction, and freed her soul of responsibility.

Most of the people at that early hour were still in bed and asleep. A few, who intended to go over to the Cheniere for mass, were moving about. The lovers, who had laid their plans to night before, were already strolling toward the wharf. The lady in black, with her Sunday prayer-book, velvet and goldclasped, and her Sunday silver beads, was following them at no great distance. Old Monsieur Farival was up, and was more than half inclined to do anything that suggested itself. He put on his big straw hat, and taking his umbrella from the stand in the hall, followed the lady in black, never overtaking her.

The little Negro girl who worked Madame Lebrun's sewing-machine was sweeping up the galleries with long, absent-minded strokes of the broom. Edna sent her up into the house to awaken Robert.

"Tell him I am going to the Cheniere. The boat is ready; tell him to hurry."

He had soon joined her. She had never sent for him before. She had never asked for him. She had never seemed to want him before. She didn't appear conscious that she had done anything unusual in commanding his presence. He was apparently equally unconscious of anything extraordinary in the situation. But his face was suffused with a quiet glow when he met her.

1. Which of the following statement is true?
 - a. Edna slept soundly though she slept only for a few hours.
 - b. She got up early in the morning in order to take in the fresh air.
 - c. Though disturbed by her dreams, Edna did not want any help.
 - d. Edna got up early to go to pray in Cheniere.
2. The lady in black was walking
 - a. before Old Monsieur Farival.
 - b. behind Old Monsieur Farival.
 - c. far ahead the lovers.
 - d. far behind the lovers.
3. It is very likely that Robert is
 - a. Edna's husband.
 - b. Edna's friend.
 - c. Edna's brother.
 - d. Edna's servant.
4. Which of the following is not true?
 - a. Edna suffered a sense of longing.
 - b. Edna was an impulsive woman.

- c. Edna did nothing unusual.
- d. Edna didn't know she had done something unusual.

The casual observer would have missed it, but many Church of England priests conducted a low-key anniversary celebration this month. It has been one year since the first women were ordained as Anglican clergy – an important milestone in a church that prides itself on its social conscience. But some in the church have not made peace with a feminized ministry. Last week one of the opposers of women priests found himself the target of a new, potentially even more divisive campaign – an effort by a militant gay-rights group to “out” gay members of the hierarchy.

The Bishop of London, the Rt. Rev. David Hope, a conservative traditionalist, was confronted with charges implying he was actively homosexual. Responding, he denied the assertion but acknowledged that his sexuality was ambiguous. A week earlier, Derek Rawcliffe, 73, the retired Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, had become the highest-ranking clergyman in the faith's 460 years to admit publicly that he was gay. The revelations may force the church into a public stance on the issue.

The Church of England does not condemn homosexuality as such. It welcomes lay parishioners in the stable same-sex relationships and condones gay leanings among the clergy. Where it draws the line is at accepting sexually active gays and lesbians as priests. Even this line is fading, however, under pressure by liberals to bless permanent unions among homosexual men and women of the cloth. Viewing the moment as a prime chance to advance their cause, some gay-rights advocates have decided to attack the perceived church hypocrisy by outing gay bishops. A number of prelates have been under pressure since last November, when a group of gay-rights shock troops called Outrage alleged that 10 bishops were homosexuals.

- 5. The passage suggests _____.
 - a. no women have become a priest in England up till now.
 - b. homosexual leaning among the clergy is strongly condemned.
 - c. homosexual leaning among the lay parishioners is encouraged.
 - d. no women could become a priest in the 19th century.
- 6. The word “gay” means
 - a. happy b. lay c. strange d. queer
- 7. “Stance” probably means _____.
 - a. example b. attitude c. exemplary d. altitude
- 8. Which of the following statements is not true?
 - a. The Rt. Rev. David Hope admitted he was a gay.
 - b. Derek Rawcliffe acknowledged he was a gay.
 - c. Some clergymen dislike the idea of women priests.
 - d. Some gay bishops had been driven out of the Church.
- 9. The synonym of the “the cloth” is _____.
 - a. the homosexual men b. the homosexual women
 - c. the clergy d. the Church

She stopped, choking with sobs, and, overcome by emotion, flung herself face forward on the bed,

sobbing in the quilt. Gabriel held her hand for a moment longer, irresolutely, and then, shy of intruding on her grief, let it fall gently and walked quietly to the window.

She was fast asleep.

Gabriel, leaning on his elbow, looked for a few moments unresentfully on her tangled hair and half-open mouth, listening to her deep-drawn breath. So she had had that romance in her life: a man had died for her sake. It hardly pained him now to think how poor a part he, her husband, had played in her life. He watched her while she slept as though he and she had never lived together as man and wife. His curious eyes rested long upon her face and on her hair: and, as her thought of what she must have been then, in that time of her first girlish beauty, a strange friendly pity for her entered his soul. He did not like to say even to himself that her face was no longer beautiful but he knew it was no longer the face for which Michael Furey had braved death.

Perhaps she had not told him all the story. His eyes moved to the chair over which she had thrown some of her clothes. A petticoat string dangled to the floor. One boot stood upright, its limp upper fallen down: the fellow of it lay upon its side. He wondered at his riot of emotions of an hour before. From what had it proceeded? From his aunt's supper, from his own foolish speech, from the wine and dancing, the merry-making when saying good-night in the hall, the pleasure of the walk along the river in the snow. Poor Aunt Julia! She, too, would soon be a shade with the shade of Patrick Morkan and his horse. He had caught that haggard look upon her face for a moment when she was singing *Arrayed for the Bridal*. Soon, perhaps, he would be sitting in that same drawing-room, dressed in black, his silk hat on his knees. The blinds would drawn down and Aunt Kate would be sitting beside him, crying and blowing her nose and telling him how Julia had died. He would cast about in his mind for some words that might console her, and would find only lame and useless ones. Yes, yes: that would happen very soon.

The air of the room chilled his shoulders. He stretched himself cautiously along the sheets and lay down beside his wife. One by one they were all becoming shades. Better pass boldly into that other world, in the full glory of some passion, than fade and wither dimly with age. He thought of how she who lay beside him had locked in her heart for so many years that image of her lover's eyes when he had told her that he did not wish to live.

Generous tears filled Gabriel's eyes. He had never felt like that himself towards any woman but he knew that such a feeling must be love. The tears gathered more thickly in his eyes and in the partial darkness he imagined he saw the form of a young man standing under a dripping tree. Other forms were near. His soul had approached that region where dwell the vast hosts of the dead. He was conscious of, but could not apprehend, their wayward and flickering existence. His own identity was fading out into a gray impalpable world: the solid world itself which these dead had one time reared and lived in was dissolving and dwindling.

10. The woman might have just _____.
- a. told the tragic story of her first love
 - b. been maltreated by her husband
 - c. learned the death of Michael Furey
 - d. done something terrible
11. From the passage, we know _____.
- a. Gabriel had been in passionate love with the woman

curious duplicity in his yellow-gray, twinkling eyes, that twinkled and eyes, that twinkled and expanded like a goat's; with mockery, irony, and frustration.

"Your face is curiously like Pan's" said Lou to him at dinner.

16. St. Mawr is
- a. a friend b. a servant c. an artist d. a horse
17. Which of the following is NOT true?
- a. She was angry at first because St. Mawr did not like her.
b. She is now happy that St. Mawr does not like her.
c. St. Mawr was angry when she came to him.
d. St. Mawr didn't care that she stayed nearby.
18. Which of the following is NOT true?
- a. The artist realized his life was a thorough failure.
b. The artist realized he was limp in making money.
c. The artist regretted to have accepted help from Rico.
d. The artist enjoyed the English country life.
19. The artist
- a. has lost his hope of becoming rich.
b. believed he had a higher social position than the laborers.
c. was impressed by the hostess's beauty.
d. never left his native land.
20. We can infer from the passage that
- a. Dean Vyner came with his wife.
b. She, the heroine, was not very sociable.
c. St. Mawr had a face like Pan's.
d. Rico was also an artist.

Part VI Reading Comprehension B (20 points)

Direction: Read the following passage and answer the questions following.

The American gun industry was celebrating yesterday after the House of Representatives passed a bill shielding manufacturers and dealers from lawsuits stemming from the misuse of their weapons.

The passage of the bill was another legal victory for big business in the US. While President Bush has stumbled with some of the higher profile items on his domestic agenda, like social security, his efforts at legal reform have been pressing ahead, making it tougher for individuals to sue corporations. Frivolous lawsuits, he maintains, are hobbling corporate America.

The vote, 283 in favour of the bill to 144 against, also underlines the shifting sands in Washington and more broadly in America. Some 59 Democrats supported the bill.

With the conservative right in ascendancy, many Democrats clearly feel there is little political capital on the US left in backing gun control. Wayne LaPierre, the executive vice president of the National Rifle Association, told the Los Angeles Times that lawmakers had learned that "it's bad politics to be on the wrong side of the 2nd Amendment" - the right to own firearms.

The sight of citizens in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina with no one to protect them or their

- b. Michael Furey had been in passionate love with the woman
 - c. Gabriel say Furey was standing under a dripping tree
 - d. Furey saw Gabriel was standing under a dripping tree
12. Which of the following is not true?
- a. It had pained Gabriel to know his wife was weeping for someone else.
 - b. Furey had risked his life standing in the rain.
 - c. Gabriel had risked his life standing in the rain.
 - d. Patrick Morkan had already been dead.
13. All happened at the party except _____.
- a. Gabriel made a speech.
 - b. Aunt Julia sang *Arranged for the Bridal*.
 - c. Morkan made a speech.
 - d. Gabriel danced.
14. Gabriel though all except _____.
- a. Aunt Julia would die before Aunt Kate.
 - b. Aunt Kate would die before Aunt Kate.
 - c. He would not be able to console her aunt.
 - d. It was better to die with the full glory of some passion than to fade and wither dismally with age.
15. Which of the following is not true?
- a. It was snowing outside.
 - b. Gabriel's wife was still beautiful.
 - c. Gabriel imagined he was fading into the world of the dead.
 - d. Gabriel had risked his life for other women than his wife.

Lou escaped to look at St. Mawr. He was still moist where the saddle had been. And he seemed a little bit extinguished, as if virtue had gone out of him.

But when he lifted his lovely naked head, like a bunch of flames, to see who it was had entered, she saw he was still himself. For ever sensitive and alert, his head lifted like the summit of a fountain. And within him the clean bones striking to the earth, his hoofs intervening between him and the ground like lesser jewels.

He knew her and did not resent her. But he took no notice of her. He would never "respond." At first she had resented it. Now she was glad. He would never be intimate, thank heaven.

She hid herself away till tea-time, but she could not hide from the sound of voices. Dinner was early, at seven. Dean Vyner came—Mrs. Vyner was an invalid—and also an artist who had a studio in the village and did etchings. He was man of about thirty-eight, and poor, just beginning to accept himself as a failure, as far as making money goes. But he worked at his etchings and studied esoteric matters like astrology and alchemy. Rico patronized him, and was a little afraid of him. Lou could not quite make him out. After knocking about Paris and London and Munich, he was trying to become staid, and to persuade himself that English village life, with squire and dean in the background, humble artist in the middle, and laborer in the common foreground, was a genuine life. His self-persuasion was only moderately successful. This was betrayed by the curious arrest in his body: he seemed to have to force himself into movement: and by the

property had galvanised minds, he said. "Americans saw a complete collapse of the government's ability to protect them."

It was hardly a surprise that the bill made it through congress. Last year, a 10-year-old ban on assault weapons was allowed to expire amid fierce lobbying from the NRA. The latest immunity bill, already approved by the Senate, now goes to the White House to be signed into law.

One of the people voting against the bill was New York Democrat Carolyn McCarthy, whose husband was killed when a gunman opened fire on a commuter train in Long Island a decade ago. "I don't understand this," she said. "This is not common sense. This is not protecting the American people."

Also passing through the House on Thursday was the so called "cheeseburger bill" protecting fast food companies against lawsuits from individuals blaming them for being overweight and for associated health problems.

The bill arose from a failed suit against McDonalds by several Bronx teenagers in 2002. The suit was widely derided at the time but the food industry was shaken - fearing the kinds of massive lawsuits that have been aimed at the tobacco industry.

"As one judge put it, if a person knows or should know that eating copious orders of super-sized McDonald's products is unhealthy and could result in weight gain, it is not the place of the law to protect them from their own excess," said Republican representative James Sensenbrenner.

Another piece of legislation aimed at curbing class action lawsuits against big business overcame Democratic opposition in February. The measure transfers most class action suits, which allow plaintiffs to combine claims into a single suit, from state to federal courts.

Republicans have argued that aggressive lawyers advertise for plaintiffs and then chose states in which to file cases that tend to award huge sums against corporations. Mr Bush said the law would reduce the "frivolous lawsuits that clog our courts, hurt the economy, cost jobs and burden US businesses".

Democrat Ed Markey at the time described it as the "final payback" to industry for its support of the Republican party.

In another nod to big business, a proposal was, incidentally, rejected by the Senate this week that sought to raise the minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour, a level that it has stood at since 1997 - accounting for inflation, it is now the lowest it has been since 1956.

It is difficult to argue that there are no frivolous lawsuits filed in the US, the land of the litigious. Whether denying individuals their day in court is the right solution is much less certain.

Maryland Democrat Chris Van Hollen, whose district was terrorised by a sniper in the Washington area three years ago, said the gun bill will "strip innocent victims of crimes of their rights and instead extend protections to those unscrupulous dealers who put guns into the hands of criminals".

Opponents argue that had the gun immunity law been in place, relatives of the victims of the sniper incident in Washington would have been unlikely to win the \$2.5m settlement from the dealer who claimed he had lost the weapon used, plus some 200 other guns, to the black market.

Democrats also point out that the cost of violent gun crime and rising levels of obesity are not beneficial to corporations.

In addition, the threat of legal action has an uncanny knack of getting companies to behave more responsibly. The food industry is a clear example. As McDonald's faced the possible threat of a landslide of lawsuits from people who regularly chow down on its food, the firm announced that it would stop

"super-sizing" meals and is working to make its fries healthier.

It has also been offering more salads and other alternatives to burgers, including "all-white-meat" McNuggets, a direct response to the McFrankenstein jibes of the judge in the 2002 case.

The Cheeseburger bill still faces a vote in the Senate.

Why could such a bill as Cheeseburger be passed in the US Congress? What effect would the passing of such a bill have on big companies and individuals respectively?

Part VII Writing (30 points)

"A beauty is in the eye of a lover." What does this saying imply? Find a proper title for your writing. (300 words)