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试题

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## I. Vocabulary and Structure (30%)

## Part 1

Directions: Choose one of the four alternatives which is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase and mark the corresponding letter.

1. Their suggestions were received with apathy by the board of directors.  
[A] enthusiasm [B] indifference [C] antagonism [D] commendation
2. He will not succumb to any sort of humiliation.  
[A] persist [B] insult [C] disregard [D] accede
3. Her tragedy lies in her gullibility.  
[A] credulity [B] submissiveness [C] thriftiness [D] timidity
4. I wonder what is concealed behind that sheepish grin of hers.  
[A] embarrassed [B] false [C] sincere [D] charming
5. The path diverges right after the freeway.  
[A] converges [B] deviates [C] splits off [D] pervades
6. His brilliant success has incurred much jealousy from his colleagues.  
[A] brought about [B] brought in [C] brought up [D] brought out
7. The speaker tilted at the tax and property laws.  
[A] addressed [B] attacked [C] advocated [D] affirmed
8. The Prime Minister's statement went a long way towards reassuring the nation.  
[A] emphasized [B] stuck to [C] contributed to [D] persisted in
9. Tom is advised to mind his P's and Q's.  
[A] mind his own business [B] pay attention to his dress and appearance  
[C] spend money carefully [D] be careful with what he says and does
10. He has too much on his plate.  
[A] eats too much [B] is too busy [C] is greedy [D] is ambitious

## Part 2

Directions: Choose one from the four alternatives that best completes the sentence and mark the corresponding letter.

11. They \_\_\_\_\_ his efforts as childish.  
[A] detached [B] derided [C] demolished [D] denominated
12. All mammals are warm-blooded and most have relatively constant body temperature, \_\_\_\_\_

- the air temperature.  
[A] in regard to [B] regardless of [C] regarding [D] with regard to
13. He \_\_\_\_\_ an invitation to dinner with a smile.  
[A] declined [B] rejected [C] refused [D] turned down
14. It was not so much the many blows he received \_\_\_\_\_ the lack of fighting spirit that led to his losing the game.  
[A] as [B] that [C] for [D] from
15. Arrogance and pride are similar in meaning, but there is \_\_\_\_\_ difference between them.  
[A] a submerged [B] an indecisive [C] an indistinct [D] a subtle
16. Just as a present-day American might identify himself by length of hair, brand of beer, or model of car, \_\_\_\_\_ men of that day used political loyalties as a means of saying who they were.  
[A] because [B] if [C] though [D] so
17. So far as he could, John had always tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the example he saw in Lincoln.  
[A] set forth [B] put up with [C] call for [D] live up to
18. Washington was \_\_\_\_\_ in his belief that only the right kind of education could solve major social problem.  
[A] nothing but isolated [B] anything but isolated  
[C] nothing but isolating [D] anything but isolating
19. His conduct has been \_\_\_\_\_ reproach.  
[A] in [B] away from [C] on [D] beyond
20. In a film, \_\_\_\_\_ to an airfield than a suitable aircraft comes roaring up, lets down its steps, takes him inside and takes off.  
[A] hardly has any important character wandered on  
[B] as soon as any important character has wandered on  
[C] scarcely any important character has wandered on  
[D] no sooner has any important character wandered on
21. For far too long the average level of productivity in this country had been lower than \_\_\_\_\_ when the quality of the labor force was considered.  
[A] it was expecting [B] was to be expected  
[C] it had expected [D] had been expecting
22. My niece has been to Sumatra and Iran as well as all of Europe. By the time she's twenty, she \_\_\_\_\_ almost everywhere.  
[A] will be [B] would have been [C] will have been [D] would be
23. \_\_\_\_\_, there was no hope of her being able to sleep.  
[A] As she was exhausted [B] If she was exhausted  
[C] Exhausted though she was [D] Now that she was exhausted
24. Our modern civilization must not be thought of as \_\_\_\_\_ in a short period of time.

- [A] being created [B] to have been created [C] having been created [D] to be created
25. A series of theories on conserving the purity of water \_\_\_\_\_ proposed but no one has been as widely accepted as this one.  
[A] is [B] are [C] have been [D] has been
26. A new technique \_\_\_\_\_, the yields as a whole increased by 20 percent.  
[A] working out [B] had been worked out  
[C] having been worked out [D] having worked out
27. It was due to luck \_\_\_\_\_ judgement \_\_\_\_\_ the driver succeeded in avoiding an accident.  
[A] better than, when [B] more than, that  
[C] other than, when [D] rather than, that
28. The food she has prepared for the party is not enough, for there are \_\_\_\_\_ more people than she expected.  
[A] much [B] many [C] too [D] so
29. As far as I know, Charles Babbage is generally considered \_\_\_\_\_ the first computer.  
[A] to have invented [B] having invented [C] to invent [D] inventing
30. \_\_\_\_\_ a scientist is being deliberately informal, he will tend to speak like a book when he is explaining science.  
[A] Unless [B] Although [C] Even if [D] While

## II. Mistake spotting (10%)

Directions: Decide which underlined part is incorrect and mark the corresponding letter.

31. An integrated circuit looks like nothing more than a tiny silver-gray square or chip of metal, perhaps one-half of a centimeter on a side, and not more thicker than a sheet of paper.  
[A] [B]  
[C] [D]
32. Against scientists' expectation, few synthetic vitamins and minerals in pill supplements are absorbed so efficiently by the body that are those occurring naturally in foods.  
[A] [B]  
[C] [D]
33. Whatever be his excuse, we cannot forgive his disloyalty, even he tried every means to compensate.  
[A] [B] [C] [D]
34. Linguists find that despite their concentration and endeavor, adults intend to learn foreign languages less quickly and painlessly than do most of the children.  
[A] [B]  
[C] [D]
35. This type of programming also allowed the programmer to be able to structure his or her data so that any information that was to be used for a particular problem could access.  
[A] [B] [C] [D]

36. Studies show that bones grow in proportion to the stress placed on them, which may be why being underweight place women at greater risk for osteoporosis(骨质疏松).  
 [A] [B]  
 [C] [D]
37. If the telephone had been used to relay this message, it would be received until the San Francisco office opened on the next day, nearly half a day later than with the message delivery method.  
 [A] [B]  
 [C] [D]
38. If people did know the facts earlier, they would not have adopted theories of a biological origin for petroleum with such firmness.  
 [A] [B] [C]  
 [D]
39. Laughter plays an important role in the promotion of social unity, production of a sense of well-being, and to cope with stressful situation.  
 [A] [B] [C]  
 [D]
40. Partly as a response to criticisms, alternative approaches to investigate human behavior have become increasingly popular in the twentieth century.  
 [A] [B] [C]  
 [D]

### III. Cloze test (10%)

Directions: Fill in each underlined space with one word that best suits the context of the following passage.

In every cultivated language there are two great classes of words which, taken together, comprise the whole vocabulary. First, there are those words 41 \_\_\_\_\_ which we become acquainted in daily conversation, which we learn, that is to say, from the members of our own family and from our familiar associates, and 42 \_\_\_\_\_ we should know and use even if we could not read or write. They 43 \_\_\_\_\_ the common things of life, and are the stock in trade of all who speak the language. Such words may be called "popular", since they belong to the people at 44 \_\_\_\_\_ and are not the exclusive right of a limited class.

On the other 45 \_\_\_\_\_, our language includes a multitude of words which are comparatively 46 \_\_\_\_\_ used in ordinary conversation. Their meanings are known to every educated person, but there is little occasion to use them at home or in the market-place. Our first acquaintance with them comes not from our mother's lips or from the talk of our school-mates, 47 \_\_\_\_\_ from books that we read, lectures that we 48 \_\_\_\_\_, or the more 49 \_\_\_\_\_ conversation of highly educated speakers who are discussing some particular topic in a style appropriately elevated above the habitual level of everyday life. Such words are called "learned", and the distinction between them and "popular" words is 50 \_\_\_\_\_ great importance to a right understanding of linguistic process.

### IV. Translation from English into Chinese (15%)

Unlike the masses, intellectuals have a taste for rationality and an interest in facts. Their critical habit of mind makes them resistant to the kind of propaganda that works so well on the majority. Intellectuals are the kind of people who demand evidence and are shocked by logical inconsistencies and fallacies. They regard over-simplification as the original sin of the mind and have no use for the slogans, the unqualified assertions and sweeping generalizations which are the propagandist's stock-in-trade.

Philosophy teaches us to feel uncertain about the things that seem to us self-evident. Propaganda, on the other hand, teaches us to accept as self-evident matters about which it would be reasonable to suspend our judgement or to feel doubt. The Propagandist must therefore be consistently dogmatic. All his statements are made without qualification. There are no greys in his picture of world; everything is either diabolically black or celestially white. He must never admit that he might be wrong or that people with a different point of view might be even partially right. Opponents should not be argued with; they should be attacked, shouted down, or if they become too much of a nuisance, liquidated.

#### V. Translation from Chinese into English(20%)

不过我隐约感到，对于人们迷恋运动，还有一个更深一层的解释。在我看来，人们所以这样做，与其说是害怕生命终结，不如说是害怕资源枯竭。我们这个时代，第一次预见到自然资源将最终被耗尽。我们眼见着荒原莽林日趋缩小，河流日渐失去维系生命的能力，大气层充斥着潜在致命的有毒气体。眼见着不能替代的资源正在被耗费殆尽，大家从心底里担心，我们正在制造一个无法居住的世界。我们多少感到有些无可奈何，然而又想尽可能地保护资源。我们回收汽水瓶，整修旧楼房，保护跟我们最密切相关的自然资源——我们的身体健康——心里抱着一种近乎迷信的念头，希望借助这种小小的姿态（跑步），来拯救一个正在受到我们摧残的地球。跑步成了对我们的暴食、贪婪、浪费等罪过的一种惩罚。就像穿刚毛衬衣（hairshirt）、睡钉床一样，你越是不喜欢，就越是觉得自己品行高尚。

#### VI. Writing (15%)

Directions: Write a composition of about 200 words on the topic "The Knowledge Economy and Me"