I. 詞彙與慣用語 (13%)

1. The _______ enjoyed every minute of Oprah’s talk show.
   (A) craze   (B) border   (C) popularity   (D) audience

2. He quickly _______ the pill with a cup of water, and then went out.
   (A) swallowed   (B) gathered   (C) dedicated   (D) escaped

3. I always _______ my old friends by telephone.
   (A) disappear   (B) supply   (C) describe   (D) contact

4. To stay in good shape, we are advised to exercise _______.
   (A) suddenly   (B) regularly   (C) eventually   (D) recently

5. I was assigned to _______ the graduation ceremony when I was in senior high.
   (A) hang   (B) cherish   (C) organize   (D) challenge

6. The professor asked the applicant to _______ himself when interviewing.
   (A) introduce   (B) celebrate   (C) regard   (D) campaign

7. It took Jessie several hours to make the _______ of the dress for the birthday party.
   (A) origin   (B) selection   (C) carnation   (D) legend

8. The movie “Avatar” _______ Sam Worthington and Zoe Saldana.
   (A) threads   (B) features   (C) performs   (D) produces

9. The kids are extremely _______: they never feel sleepy.
   (A) traditional   (B) official   (C) energetic   (D) brief

10. The cleaner _______ the dirt away.
    (A) served   (B) publicized   (C) honored   (D) swept

11. The police _______ some more information to find out the robber.
    (A) required   (B) supported   (C) enlarged   (D) chanted

12. I remember I met that man several years ago, but I can’t _______ him now. I forget what he looks like.
    (A) crawl   (B) present   (C) visualize   (D) cripple

13. The math teacher asked those who failed the exam to stay and _______ the students were allowed to leave.
    (A) kind of   (B) a pair of   (C) a number of   (D) the rest of

II. 綜合測驗 (25%)

There are meanings and superstition behind what brides wear and what the couples do at the wedding ceremony.

A bride always wears something old, _______ her association with her family and the past. She also wears something new _______ represents the newlyweds and the beginning of the couple’s new life together. The _______ object that a bride puts on signifies that she can ask her friends and family for help when she needs it. The blue garter or blue jewelry on the bride is _______ her virginity and purity.

The bridal veil is used to hide the bride’ face _______ it is first revealed to her groom. The purpose of wearing it _______ when people believed evil spirits were around to try to ruin the wedding ceremony. The bride wore a veil to cove her face _______ evil spirits would not know she was the bride.

The wedding cakes during the wedding _______ are not just desserts to be served to guests. The wedding cake is always cut together by the couple and then they exchange bites of the cake. This is the first act the couple does together _______ husband and wife.

Nowadays, couples use these wedding traditions and customs for entertainment and for the sake of tradition. But _______ they do, it is the couples themselves that have all the power to make their love and marriage last for good.

14. (A) removing   (B) receiving   (C) symbolizing   (D) socializing
15. (A) that   (B) what   (C), which   (D) whose
16. (A) borrow   (B) borrowed   (C) borrowing   (D) borrower
17. (A) connected with   (B) taken away
   (C) ended in   (D) cut off
18. (A) unless   (B) now that   (C) as soon as   (D) until
19. (A) is dated back to   (B) dates back to
   (C) traces back to   (D) is tracing back to
20. (A) if   (B) so that   (C) while   (D) though
21. (A) practice   (B) profession   (C) recipient   (D) reception
22. (A) as   (B) on   (C) of   (D) with
23. (A) where   (B) why   (C) whatever   (D) whoever
The expression “politically correct” came about in the 1970’s and it referred to the use of language that would not cause an individual or any group to feel excluded, offended or diminished. People generally view being PC as a way to give groups respect so that groups can get along with each other.

Yet, does political correctness go too far? Some people believe that Americans try to be too PC and that they are too careful about giving offense. One criticism is that the advocates rarely discuss with the minorities they claim to be protecting and merely assume what the minorities want, when it is often not the case.

Just Paul JJ Payack, president and chief word analyst of The Global Language Monitor said, “The attempt to remove all bias from language is itself creating biases of their own.” We should think about how to balance political correctness and political incorrectness.

24. (A) treated (B) recorded (C) batted (D) offended
25. (A) speech (B) respect (C) ribbons (D) horns
26. (A) advocates (B) stewardess (C) attendants (D) passengers
27. (A) when (B) because (C) as (D) then
28. (A) gender (B) attempt (C) term (D) issue

If there are trees near your home, the quiet of night ends in most summer mornings as a buzz reaches your ears. It is the buzz of hundreds of cicadas.

High above the ground on tree branches, male cicadas “sing” to attract females. They have bodies build especially for the performance: membranes, in their lower sections, can make a drumming sound when they shake.

While their singing is impressive, it is the cicada’s life cycle that is really interesting. North American periodical cicadas live underground for thirteen, and sometimes even seventeen years and live for only four to six weeks as adults. Scientists wonder why the insects stay underground for such a long time. For the time being, the answer is a mystery. Another interesting question is how the cicadas know when to come above ground for that part of their life cycle. The insects do it as if they had a timekeeper inside their bodies to tell them when to dig a way out and fill the air with their strange music. Still, there is no reasonable scientific explanation so far.

29. (A) build (B) building (C) to build (D) built
30. (A) drumming (B) loyal (C) plural (D) neutral
31. (A) That (B) When (C) While (D) Because
32. (A) wonder (B) expect (C) imply (D) claim
33. (A) as long as (B) as if (C) no matter (D) since

One day a farmer’s donkey fell into a well. The farmer madly thought when the stricken animal cried out to be rescued. An obvious solution, the farmer regretfully concluded that as the donkey was old and as the well needed to be filled in anyway, he should give up the idea of saving the beast, and simply fill in the well. He tried to himself that hopefully the poor animal would not suffer too much.

The farmer asked his neighbor for help and before long they all began to shovel earth quickly into the well. When the donkey realized what was happening, he cried and struggled. But then, to everyone’s relief, the noise stopped.

After a while the farmer looked down into the well and was amazed by what he saw. The donkey was still alive and progressing towards the top of the well. The donkey had discovered that by shaking off the dirt letting it cover him, he could keep stepping on top of the earth as the level rose. Soon the donkey was able to step up over the edge of the well and happily walked away.

Life tends to shovel dirt on top of each of us from time to time. The trick is to shake it off and take a step up.

34. (A) what if he did (B) what to do (C) what could he do (D) what doing
35. (A) Without (B) Of (C) By (D) Besides
36. (A) frequent (B) freeze (C) participate (D) persuade
37. (A) struggled (B) shocked (C) pitched (D) situated
38. (A) regardless of (B) simply put (C) instead of (D) but for
III. 文意選填 (10%)

What happens to our planet? Many scientists agree that our globe is major climate change. They also agree that the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is rising significantly and global warming is getting more and more serious. We are experiencing more water shortages; hurricanes, typhoons and cyclones are becoming common. The 21st century might see temperatures rise of about 3 to 8 degrees, ice sheets and seas rise several feet.

Thousands of scientists from a hundred countries are working on the scientific aspects of climate change. They are not just proving this theory to be correct, they are also advising on what action we must take. In dealing with global warming, we should at least use the preventive principle. And the rate of climate change is now so fast we must alter the way we live or we will face terrible results.

This is a global crisis, but please don’t get and don’t despair. We should do something to our earth. We are understand what causes global warming and climate change and then act. We can make a .

(A) but (B) contract (C) disappointed (D) going through (E) protect
(AB) difference (AC) increasingly (AD) supposed to (BC) based on (BD) that

IV. 閱讀測驗 (22%)

Laziness is a sin; everyone knows that. We’ve probably been told that laziness is wasteful, and that lazy people will never achieve anything in life.

But laziness can be caused by more complex reasons than the simple wish to avoid work. Some people who appear to be lazy are suffering from much more serious problems. They may be so distrustful of their coworkers that they are unable to join in any group task for fear of having their ideas stolen. Some people are busy planning great deals or wonderful achievements, and therefore they are unable to deal with whatever “lesser” work is on hand. Still other people are not avoiding work, strictly speaking; they are merely putting certain things off and rescheduling their day.

In some cases, laziness can actually be helpful. Some people may look lazy when they are really thinking, planning, or researching. We should all remember that some great scientific discoveries occurred by chance or while someone was “lazy.” Newton, for example, wasn’t working when the apple hit him and then he devised the theory of gravity. Moreover, taking time off for a rest can be particularly helpful to the athlete who is trying too hard or the doctor who’s simply working overtime too many evenings in the hospital.

So be careful when you’re tempted to call someone lazy. That person may be thinking, resting, or planning his or her next book.

49. What is the main idea of this passage?
(A) Lazy people will never get achievements.
(B) There may be some causes and benefits in being lazy.
(C) Laziness is one kind of emotional sickness.
(D) Lazy people are always planning and researching.

50. According to the passage, which of the following statements is NOT the reason for laziness?
(A) Some people are afraid that their ideas may be stolen.
(B) Some people are planning in mind.
(C) Some people are not trusted by their coworkers.
(D) Some people are rearranging what they should do first.

51. Why does the author think that laziness can be helpful?
(A) Most of the time laziness is encouraged.
(B) A doctor will do better jobs if he is resting all the time.
(C) All great scientific discoveries took place while someone was lazy.
(D) Sometimes taking a rest is good for someone who works too hard.
When it comes to Cupid, the god of love, people often picture a cute, pudgy baby angel with wings and a bow and arrow. But in Greek and Roman mythology, Cupid ages. He eventually grows into one of the most beautiful young men ever to exist.

Cupid’s mother, Venus, is jealous of a beautiful girl, Psyche. She orders Cupid to punish Psyche, but instead he falls in love with her and then marries her.

As Cupid is a god, Psyche is forbidden to look upon him. Therefore, Cupid visits Psyche only at night, and warns her not to be too curious about what he looks like. Yet, Psyche still disobeys and shines a lamp on him. As a result, Cupid flies away without any word.

Heartbroken, Psyche spends the rest of her life searching for her lover. She herself even goes to Venus to beg forgiveness and offer to do everything so she could see Cupid again. Still in anger, Venus puts Psyche in a deathlike sleep.

In the end, Cupid cannot forget his love for the mortal Psyche. He awakens her and has her turned into a goddess so that the two of them can live together forever after. It’s a sweet ending to their story, and a confirmation that, at least in myth, the power of love overcomes all obstacles.

52. What is true about Cupid’s appearance?
(A) He looks like an aged man.
(B) He has wings.
(C) He is solely as a small child.
(D) He wears a bowtie all the time.

53. That Cupid falls in love with Psyche proves that ____________
(A) Cupid himself can not resist love.
(B) Psyche is in deep love with Cupid.
(C) Cupid is the god of love.
(D) Cupid’s arrow falls on Psyche.

54. What does Venus do to Psyche?
(A) She envies Psyche’s beauty so much that she asks her son to marry her.
(B) She punishes Psyche because of Psyche’s curiosity.
(C) She forgives Psyche and thus helps her find Cupid.
(D) She puts Psyche into a deep sleep so she appears to be dead.

55. What’s the positive message of the story of Cupid and Psyche for lovers?
(A) Beauty is only skin deep.  (B) Love conquers everything.
(C) Love is without reason.  (D) All is fair in love.

In the United States, it is against the law for employers to discriminate against people because of their appearance or disabilities. These ideas came into law in 1990, through the Americans With Disabilities Act (the ADA). And they have since created lots of opportunities for men and women who once faced almost impossible chances in finding a job.

The ADA helps workers by causing businesses to hire people with disabilities according to their work performance, not their handicap. The Act also ensures that people with disabilities are treated fairly and equally in the workplace by setting guidelines which businesses must follow in order to make a workplace more accessible to disabled people. Such guidelines might include the installation of wheelchair ramps, Braille numbers inside an elevator, and doors that open at the push of a button.

Many of the changes that were brought about by the ADA are so common that today people without disabilities often do not give them a second thought. For instance, it is scarcely known that in stores, aisles have to be far enough apart to allow a wheelchair to safely move between them.

An estimated 20 percent of Americans suffer from some form of long lasting disability. That means this substantial piece of legislation is directly beneficial to around 50 million Americans.

56. The information in this passage is mostly about ____________.
(A) how disabled people were discriminated in America before 1990
(B) how the ADA came into existence
(C) how the ADA help disabled people in the US
(D) how disabled Americans overcome difficulties in finding jobs

57. The ADA ensures that ____________.
(A) every business hires disable people unconditionally
(B) disabled workers are treated fairly and equally
(C) disabled workers get higher pay than the other workers
(D) every disabled worker get a job

58. Which disability-friendly installation or convenience is NOT mentioned in the passage?
(A) Smooth aisles in stores.  (B) Wheelchair ramps.
(C) Push-button opened doors.  (D) Braille numbers inside an elevator.

59. “People without disabilities often do not give them a second thought” in the third paragraph means people ____________ the changes ADA brought about.
(A) do not think twice about  (B) do not agree with
(C) do not think of  (D) do not get used to
V. 文意字彙 (10%) 
60. As he gets old, his face is s____d.
61. The m________t of this basketball team is a leopard; they hope the players can move as fast as it.
62. All the bathrooms are o________d so you have to wait in line.
63. The teacher always a________es students’ grades after exams to find out which part students don’t learn well.
64. He promised he would be f________l to his wife and that he would never have an affair with other women.
65. The government puts e________s on the importance of conserving water resources.
66. After crying for an hour, the little girl’s eyes were s________n.
67. The man bought lots of j________y for his beloved wife, including diamond rings, silver bracelets, and gold necklaces.
68. To add some flavors, the chicken is s________d with herbs and onions before it is put into the oven.
69. This store provides a v________y of items for us to choose from.

VI. 翻譯 (20%) 
70. Mike 似乎喜歡傳簡訊勝於與同學在教室聊天。(prefer)
71. 一般普遍相信 Jack 和 Andy 兩人都不在別人背後說壞話。(neither)
72. 我常想像可以付擔得起較大的公寓會是怎樣。
73. 雖然老師再三提醒我要交報告，但我還沒研究出要寫什麼。
74. 我看到我最喜歡的歌手朝我走過來，我的心狂跳不已。