

I. Vocabulary (60%)

1. The finance minister was _____ in a bribery scandal and was criticized by the opposition party.
(A) entailed
(B) entitled
(C) enticed
(D) entangled
2. Economic analysts have different opinions on what _____ this long recession.
(A) deduced
(B) induced
(C) introduced
(D) seduced
3. The manager was very _____ in his instructions as to what we were allowed to discuss during the meeting.
(A) deficit
(B) explicit
(C) implicit
(D) solicit
4. The decision by the board _____ the company from sponsoring the upcoming international soccer match.
(A) concluded
(B) included
(C) precluded
(D) secluded

5. The government's new agricultural policy has been _____, especially by small farmers.
- (A) announced
 - (B) bounced
 - (C) denounced
 - (D) pronounced
6. At the presentation, Ms. White was successful in _____ her speech without losing any of its impact.
- (A) compressing
 - (B) condensing
 - (C) contracting
 - (D) shrinking
7. The fast-paced business environment has _____ the need for quick analysis of information.
- (A) accentuated
 - (B) fluctuated
 - (C) infatuated
 - (D) perpetuated
8. After the heavy rains, the tour bus lost control and _____ off the mountain road.
- (A) glided
 - (B) skated
 - (C) skidded
 - (D) slipped
9. According to a survey, software piracy has _____ the company of more than a million dollars in revenue.
- (A) deprived
 - (B) derided
 - (C) derived
 - (D) disproved

10. To ensure _____ the test must be racially and culturally unbiased.
- (A) equinox
 - (B) equipment
 - (C) equitation
 - (D) equity
11. The government decided to _____ several peacekeeping troops to the insecure area.
- (A) detain
 - (B) detect
 - (C) detest
 - (D) dispatch
12. One of the reasons he wasn't successful in the company was that he never _____ the corporate bandwagon.
- (A) got on
 - (B) looked for
 - (C) played with
 - (D) stayed by
13. With the spread of automatic ticket gates, railroad staff no longer need to _____ tickets.
- (A) chop
 - (B) cut
 - (C) punch
 - (D) slice
14. The small comic strip eventually became _____ in more than 100 newspapers all over the world.
- (A) indicated
 - (B) medicated
 - (C) syndicated
 - (D) vindicated

15. The famous therapeutic hot springs began drying up on a busy weekend, forcing officials to _____ up the pool with tap water.
- (A) back
 - (B) bottom
 - (C) front
 - (D) top

II. Reading Comprehension : (40%)

(I)

Gaga fever is about to reach a boiling point in Taiwan. American pop diva Lady Gaga and her entourage arrived in Taipei on Friday night. She's keeping most of her itinerary a secret, but fans in Taichung are eagerly awaiting a show she'll give there on Sunday.

Stefani Germanotta, these days much better known as Lady Gaga, arrived in Taiwan on her private jet Friday night. Her visit began at Taoyuan International Airport. Lady Gaga's record company has arranged 50 security guards to look after the pop superstar and her entourage while they travel to their hotel.

Lady Gaga's popularity has swept the world and her unique style has become a major selling point. Her avant-garde music videos and bold public style are complimented by brash public statements, such as saying that she has used drugs when searching for inspiration.

After coming to prominence just three years ago, she has since released a second album and an EP, selling an estimated total of 13 to 15 million albums and 40 to 51 million singles worldwide. Last year, she was selected as one of Time magazine's top 100 most influential people in the world. She has also won 11 MTV music awards and five Grammys.

Lady Gaga is scheduled to be in Taiwan for five days and four nights. Apart from her "Born This Way" concert, which will be held on Sunday at the Taichung Arena, the remainder of her itinerary is unknown. (Formosa News)

16. What's the best title for this news report?
- (A) Lady Gaga's Taiwan itinerary
 - (B) Lady Gaga arrives in Taiwan
 - (C) The famous pop signer
 - (D) Gaga's trip to Taichung
17. What is a diva?
- (A) A main female singer.
 - (B) A famous hostess of pop music programs.
 - (C) A female singer and songwriter.
 - (D) A successful female backing singer.
18. Which of the following is true?
- (A) Lady Gaga is scheduled to sing at Taoyuan International Airport.
 - (B) Lady Gaga's itinerary is revealed to the public.
 - (C) Lady Gaga has won more than a dozen of MTV awards.
 - (D) Lady Gaga has released millions of singles.
19. Which of the following is true?
- (A) This pop singer's first show in Taiwan is "Born This Way".
 - (B) There is only one show scheduled while her stay in Taiwan.
 - (C) The superstar arrived with her entourage of 50.
 - (D) She was selected as one of Time magazine's top 100 most influential people in the world in 2009.
20. Which of the following is true?
- (A) Lady Gaga sings with an elegant and conservative style.
 - (B) According to Stefani Germanotta herself, she used drugs when searching for inspiration.
 - (C) Lady Gaga's music style is never innovative.
 - (D) Lady Gaga and her entourage arrived by American Airlines.

(II)

Thailand's opposition appeared headed for a landslide election victory on Sunday, led by the sister of former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, in a triumph for protesters who clashed with the army last year.

Exit polls showed Yingluck Shinawatra's Pheu Thai (For Thais) party winning a clear majority of the parliament's 500 seats, paving the way for the 44-year-old business executive to become Thailand's first woman prime minister.

"Mr. Thaksin called to congratulate me and encourage me," Yingluck said of her billionaire brother, who was ousted in a 2006 coup and lives in Dubai to avoid jail for graft charges that he says were politically motivated. "He told me that there is still much hard work ahead of us," she told reporters. With nearly 80 percent of votes counted, Yingluck's party was projected to win 255 seats with Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva's Democrat Party taking 164, according to the Election Commission.

Exit polls by Bangkok's Suan Dusit University showed Pheu Thai doing even better, winning 313 seats compared to just 152 for the Democrats, dismal enough to threaten Abhisit's job as party leader.

Yingluck's supporters were jubilant, erupting in roars and cheers as television broadcast the exit polls. (China Post)

21. What is the best title for this news story?

- (A) Thaksin's sister to become Thai prime minister.
- (B) Thaksin to become Thai prime minister.
- (C) Yingluck is elected Thai prime minister.
- (D) Abhisit admits defeat.

22. According to the report, which of the following is true?

- (A) Pheu Thai party has won the parliament's 500 seats.
- (B) Pheu Thai party has won the parliament's 255 seats.
- (C) Pheu Thai party has won the parliament's 313 seats.
- (D) The final vote is still pending.

23. Which of the following is true?
- (A) Thaksin was ousted due to bribery charge.
 - (B) Thaksin was defeated in a parliament election.
 - (C) Thaksin's regime was overthrown in a general vote in 2006.
 - (D) Yingluck succeeds Thaksin as prime minister.
24. How did Yingluck's supporters feel about the exit polls?
- (A) Rejoicing.
 - (B) Surprising.
 - (C) Exhausted.
 - (D) Disappointed.
25. Which of the following is Thailand's opposition party?
- (A) Democrats.
 - (B) Republican.
 - (C) Dubai.
 - (D) Pheu Thau.