

注意
事項

- 一、請核對准考證與答案卡號碼是否相同。
- 二、選擇題每題 2 分共 50 題，每題都有 (A)、(B)、(C)、(D) 4 個選項，請選出 1 個最適當的答案，然後在答案卡上同一題號相對位置方格內，用 2B 軟心鉛筆畫記。如須塗改，務必用橡皮擦拭乾淨，不得用立可白塗拭，否則不為電腦接受時應自行負責。答錯不倒扣。
- 三、考完後將「答案卡」及「試題」一併繳回。

I. Vocabulary and Grammar (每題 2 分，共 50 分)

1. Some people have a purpose in life, but _____ just drift.
(A) the others (B) another (C) others (D) any other
2. These desks and seats can be _____ to the height of any child.
(A) adjusted (B) agreed (C) admitted (D) appreciated
3. To avoid predators, some insects have developed _____ ways of hiding themselves from their enemies.
(A) talented (B) discouraged (C) ingenious (D) impatient
4. If you found your best friend cheating on an examination, would you report him or her to the _____ right away?
(A) generation (B) authorities (C) pilot (D) standard
5. The earlier diagnosis of breast cancer, the greater the possibility for successful _____.
(A) delay (B) clinic (C) treatment (D) surgeons
6. I was not allowed to save you a seat. I am sorry to let you _____.
(A) on (B) off (C) down (D) up
7. Students learn best when they study things _____ to them.
(A) interested (B) that interest (C) be interest (D) of interest
8. The government offers _____, such as increased pay and commuting subsidies, to medical personnel serving in rural and remote areas.
(A) motives (B) incentives
(C) qualifications (D) accommodations
9. Some of the simplest living organisms defy classification, by virtue of _____ diversity.
(A) their (B) its (C) his (D) whose
10. Part of growing up for many young animals _____ learning how to survive.
(A) interprets (B) approaches (C) involves (D) participates

11. I believe it is _____ if you want to lie you're better off doing it on the phone, where people can't see you and you are therefore more likely to get away with it.
 (A) misconception what (B) a misconception which
 (C) a misconception that (D) mistaken
12. _____ the harmful side-effects of many diet pills, a lot of people still take them regularly.
 (A) Although (B) Despite (C) Because (D) In case of
13. Researchers found that the number of best friends boys and girls have _____ different. It is common for girls of school age to have one best friend, but boys usually have several good friends.
 (A) are (B) has been (C) have been (D) is
14. Bug-like robots are _____ nowadays. Researchers have found that they have stronger balance than larger robots.
 (A) out-of-date (B) in fashion (C) on the spot (D) little by little
15. The resemblance between these two grammar books is all the more _____ given the fact that they were written by two different authors.
 (A) ceaseless (B) considerate (C) striking (D) hygienic
16. I _____ you somewhere because you look so familiar.
 (A) must see (B) must have seen (C) will see (D) will have seen
17. Willie has _____ on a new camera. I'm sure that pretty soon he'll buy it.
 (A) broken his heart (B) had the heart
 (C) been with a heavy heart (D) set his heart
18. As the setting sun slips into the sea out beyond the harbor, one can't help having a sense of peace and _____ as the day ends in Tamsui -- a little seaside town.
 (A) silence (B) tranquility
 (C) transformation (D) transportation
19. He was _____, for at five he could not only read but also recite long poems after a single reading.
 (A) precocious (B) precious (C) predominant (D) decisive
20. The more carefully _____ a work of literature, the more likely your interpretation will be valid.
 (A) you read (B) that you read (C) reading (D) what you read
21. The airplane is ready to _____.
 (A) taking off (B) take off (C) takes off (D) took off
22. The manager wanted to give that award to _____ won first place.
 (A) whoever (B) whomever (C) who (D) whom
23. Thomas was _____ man when he was in college.
 (A) ambitious a rather young (B) a young rather ambitious
 (C) an ambitious rather young (D) a rather ambitious young

24. The worldwide economy dropped radically, so the government decided to take action to help _____ the tourist industry.
 (A) boost (B) brag (C) boycott (D) bypass
25. There's nothing I can do now except _____ for the test results.
 (A) waits (B) waited (C) to waiting (D) wait

II. Cloze (每題 2 分，共 30 分)

Questions 26-32

In 2009, an American woman awoke from dental surgery with a very unusual condition. Karen Butler had mysteriously picked up what appeared to be a foreign language. What wasn't so clear was exactly what type of accent the 56-year-old woman was speaking with. Some people thought that her pronunciation sounded Irish while _____(26)_____ said it had an Eastern European sound to it. In 2010, a British woman named Sarah Colwill _____(27)_____ a migraine so severe that she had to be taken to a hospital. When she woke up later, people in the hospital thought she was speaking with a Chinese accent. Both of these bizarre____(28)_____ are examples of an extremely rare condition known as Foreign Accent Syndrome (FAS). Estimates vary from 70 to 100 cases of FAS that _____(29)_____ in the past 70 years.

FAS is usually caused by either some type of head injury _____(30)_____ a stroke. Those suffering from the problem aren't really speaking in a particular foreign accent. Scientists have discovered they experienced injury to _____(31)_____ parts of their brains. This has led to the conclusion that the sections in these people's brains that control their speech function are no longer operating____(32)_____, which accounts for their inability to speak in the way they once did. Although Foreign Accent Syndrome is not life threatening and is often temporary, those afflicted with the problem usually experience distress over losing their original way of speaking.

26. (A) other (B) the other (C) others (D) the others
 27. (A) suffered (B) contracted (C) informed (D) permitted
 28. (A) religions (B) incidents (C) stories (D) illness
 29. (A) report (B) reported (C) have reported (D) have been reported
 30. (A) and (B) or (C) nor (D) but
 31. (A) specific (B) many (C) accidental (D) right
 32. (A) positively (B) domestically (C) normally (D) aggressively

Questions 33-40

_____ (33)_____ in a quiet corner of the dimly lit room, Eric Chang, with earphones on, is totally absorbed in the on-line martial arts game he has been playing____(34)_____ the past few weeks. A destitute orphan at the outset, Eric has managed _____(35)_____ a mentor in a kung fu master, made a fortune by knocking out numerous formidable enemies, and is about to make his climactic _____(36)_____ to the top, namely, to take possession of the woman that meets all his desires. If only one could accomplish such feats in real life just as easily, with the swish of a mouse manipulated by a single hand! If only Eric, a superhero, in virtual reality, _____(37)_____ not a ten-year-old minor loitering in a cyber café at two o'clock in the morning.

Eric's is ____ (38) ____ an isolated case. According to a recent survey, more than half of Taiwan's primary school students have been to Internet cafes and as many as 120,000 students are characterized as Internet ____ (39) _____. ____ (40) ____ is these impressionable youngsters that the government's new regulations for Internet cafes seek to protect.

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| 33. (A) Seating | (B) Sat | (C) Seated | (D) Having seated |
| 34. (A) for | (B) since | (C) on | (D) when |
| 35. (A) finding | (B) found | (C) to find | (D) to be found |
| 36. (A) ascent | (B) descent | (C) upgrade | (D) aspiration |
| 37. (A) is | (B) be | (C) being | (D) were |
| 38. (A) by all means | (B) by no means | (C) by means of | (D) a means to |
| 39. (A) freaking | (B) alcoholics | (C) lovers | (D) addicts |
| 40. (A) It | (B) There | (C) Such | (D) That |

III. Reading Comprehension (每題 2 分，共 20 分)

Questions 41-45 refer to the following advertisement and letter

Writer Wanted

Do you have a passion for computers, cell phones, and electronic gadgetry of all sorts?

Do you also understand how fundamentally some of these gadgets are changing the way we do business? If so, you might be just the person we're looking for to provide us with monthly articles that discuss the latest electronic devices available for on-the-go businessmen.

We're especially interested in hiring youthfully minded techno-geeks who have familiarity with the business world and five years or more of professional writing experience. However, we also believe in giving newer writers a chance to break into the business. If you are new to freelance writing, but love technology and have the talent to produce high quality articles for us, write a couple of articles and submit them. The ability to translate material to and from French, while not essential, is a definite asset for any applicant.

Interested applicants should mail a resume and two writing samples to David Parker, Human Resources Department, Compubiz Magazine Head Offices, 2846 Brock Avenue, Suite 12, Gotham, Illinois, 57869.

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Gotham, Illinois

Dear Mr. Parker,

I am writing this letter in response to your ad posted in the Vancouver Sun. I have a Masters Degree in English Literature, and have been working as a freelance writer now for the past seven years. My employers have included two computer-oriented technical magazines and a business journal, giving me experience writing articles in both the fields you mentioned in your ad. I also have published several creative pieces.

Please see my enclosed resume for further details of my work history. I have also enclosed two writing samples. One is an article on artificial intelligence that originally appeared in the technical magazine Computer Engineering Weekly. The other is an article on stock market trends in the 1990s, which first appeared in Business Investing.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
Bill Torrance

41. To whom should the applications be addressed?
(A) Bill Torrance (B) CEO of Compubiz Magazine
(C) Mr. Gotham (D) David Parker
42. In the ad, the word “fundamentally” in passage 1, paragraph 1 and sentence 2 is closest in meaning to
(A) rapidly (B) slowly (C) deeply (D) badly
43. Why does Compubiz allow writers to submit articles?
(A) To gauge levels of experience (B) To get free articles
(C) To encourage new writers (D) To avoid frivolous applications
44. How does Mr. Torrance meet the criteria laid out in the ad?
(A) He has more than seven years of writing experience.
(B) He is fluent in more than three different languages.
(C) He claims to have a deep love of all technology.
(D) He says he is a new writer with a lot of talent.
45. What qualification listed in the ad does Mr. Torrance NOT mention?
(A) His total amount of writing experience
(B) His business writing experience
(C) His high level of formal education
(D) His level of familiarity with French

Questions 46-50

Archaeologists believe that the first people to eat corn lived in central Mexico 5,000 years ago. They gathered a kind of corn that grew wild in much of Central America. The cultivation of corn made possible some of the great Native American civilizations, from the Aztec to the Zuni. By the time Europeans arrived, corn was cultivated all over North and South America. Curious about this new grain, Columbus brought some seeds back to Europe. Within a century, people were growing corn in many parts of Europe, Asia, and Africa. Corn, or maize, was able to spread to the rest of the world because of its ability to grow in diverse climates.

The cultivation of corn in the United States has changed dramatically in the past century. Farmers used to grow corn in small fields of a few acres. Now corn farms may be as large as 6,000 acres. Before the age of machines, farmers had to pick each ear of corn by hand. It might take a family several long days of hot, hard work to harvest a few acres of corn. These days, huge harvesting machines can pick hundreds of acres of corn in a day. While corn growing used to be a way of life for many families, now it is a big business. Over 330 million metric tons of corn is grown annually in the United States.

Genetic engineering is bringing about some important changes in the production of corn. It has allowed scientists to develop plants that produce larger and more numerous ears of corn. This makes it possible for farmers to harvest far more corn per acre of land. In the near future, genetic engineering may develop types of corn that are resistant to certain diseases. This will help farmers save millions of tons of corn that are lost to disease every year. Scientists are also working on kinds of corn that can be cultivated in dry or very hot areas. Furthermore, geneticists may soon develop a kind of corn that contains more protein and is more nutritious. All these changes would mean the corn would be able to feed more people around the world.

46. What is the purpose of this passage?
- (A) to prove that corn plays an important role in creating a civilization
 - (B) to explain how corn is cultivated
 - (C) to tell about the historical development of corn
 - (D) to compare bioengineered corn with conventionally cultivated corn
47. Bioengineered corn has several advantages. What is NOT one of them?
- (A) It can prevent certain human diseases.
 - (B) It has more ears.
 - (C) It can grow in the tropics.
 - (D) It is more nourishing.
48. Initially corn_____.
- (A) was found by Columbus
 - (B) was cultivated in America
 - (C) grew in dry and hot areas
 - (D) grew wild in Central America
49. In what way did the use of machines in the cultivation of corn affect American farmers' lives?
- (A) Many workers lost their jobs on the farms.
 - (B) Fields were hard to come by.
 - (C) Some farmers made a lot of money selling corn.
 - (D) Farmers had to hire more workers to pick each ear of corn.
50. Why did Columbus bring some corn seeds back to Europe?
- (A) He did it out of curiosity.
 - (B) He knew corn was nutritious.
 - (C) He wanted to show his country that he did arrive in South America.
 - (D) He decided to start a corn business.