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I. 詞彙題：40%
第 1-20 題，每題題目有一個空格。請在每題 A, B, C, D 四個選項中，選擇一個最適合的字或詞作答，並將選項填至答案卷上。

1. Being offensive, the gesture is considered _____ and unacceptable.
(A) unseemly (B) rational (C) tolerant (D) replaced
2. Every week, millions of dollars are spent, and won, on lottery tickets. The _____ in many lotteries can be as much as 100 million.
(A) inflation (B) winner (C) donation (D) jackpot
3. Ten years ago, Norman Cousins was _____ with ankylosing spondylitis, a progressive degenerative disease of the collagen tissue.
(A) indicated (B) caused (C) diagnosed (D) discovered
4. Dr. Mahatma has found, light _____ like yoga provide a gentle sense of well-being that starts slowly and lasts for hours after.
(A) plays (B) workouts (C) games (D) revenues
5. Many people are _____; they put off doing things that they need to until it's too late.
(A) procrastinators (B) animators (C) archeologists (D) horologists
6. Without the help of modern lifting equipment, the ancient people successfully transported the monolithic stones to their present site. Scientists consider this a remarkable _____.
(A) stigma (B) feat (C) overuse (D) charisma
7. According to this research, 74% have a very strong belief in a higher power, and the belief of an additional 17% is moderately strong. Just 4% are _____.
(A) optimists (B) skeptics (C) believers (D) symptoms
8. Young people become _____ with surfing on the miscellaneous Web sites from the Internet.
(A) dormant (B) dismal (C) contentious (D) infatuated
9. Jack was so _____ in the fascinating films that he completely lost track of time.
(A) immersed (B) interesting (C) resistant (D) ubiquitous
10. His reputation _____ because of attending the unlawful rally last week.
(A) rescinded (B) waned (C) capitulated (D) ignored
11. For the couple who have demanding jobs, limited time, and financial resources, the issue of whether to have a second child is a/an _____ they are facing.
(A) favoritism (B) obscene (C) dilemma (D) incitement
12. You will create a positive atmosphere through your _____ behavior, for instance, eye contact, or a friendly facial expression.
(A) hoax (B) taboo (C) vocal (D) nonverbal

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13. Approximately 15-20 percent of Americans have inherited a genetic _____ to the effects of excess sodium.
(A) emancipation (B) susceptibility (C) premium (D) consumption
14. School _____ is an illness that prevents some children from going to school.
(A) attack (B) contamination (C) phobia (D) afflict
15. Because crows are so numerous, active, and _____, it is difficult to distinguish one crow from another.
(A) attached (B) monochromatic (C) holistic (D) hilarious
16. Psychologists define people hooked to iPods or cellphones as those with _____ to be wired.
(A) compulsion (B) violation (C) disgrace (D) insult
17. In many cultures, _____ people who are discussing problems is considered rude and disrespectful.
(A) to flare up (B) to cut in on (C) to make do (D) to take on
18. A rational schedule should allow adequate time to study for a test, as well as time to relax such as going to the movies or _____ friends.
(A) taking out (B) hanging out with (C) dropping with (D) siding up
19. After receiving my invitation, Janet sent me in reply an email _____ that she would be glad to attend the baby shower for Helen.
(A) claims with (B) lumps up to (C) to the effect (D) says
20. Since the point is so crucial, the instructor tries hard to _____ to her students.
(A) tuck it into (B) pinpoint of it (C) be on edge of it (D) get it across

II. 段落填空(綜合測驗)：30%

下面三獨立段落(一)(二)(三)，共有 15 題填空(21-35)，請就每題所提供的 A, B, C, D 四個選項中選出最適合題意的答案，將選項填至答案卷上。

(一)

The two books that grew out of Lewis Carroll's original stories, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and its continuation, *Through the Looking Glass*, have given immense pleasure to adults and 21 translated into more than 30 languages. In Carroll's fantasy, the 22, known around the world as Alice, follows a rabbit (the White Rabbit) down a hole and finds herself in a make-believe world filled with strange 23, including the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter, the Duchess, and the Queen of Hearts. The language of the stories often seems like nonsense, containing many captivating 24 and funny plays on words. Some of these are so well known that people use them in everyday conversation.

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Today, the story of Alice remains one of the most popular in English 25 .

21. (A) were (B) have (C) have been (D) having been
 22. (A) foil (B) protagonist (C) player (D) movie star
 23. (A) characters (B) animals (C) casts (D) stalemates
 24. (A) themes (B) characters (C) plots (D) figures of speech
 25. (A) essay (B) literature (C) archeology (D) philosophy

(二)

Creap coffee creamer is a big seller in Japan, and Bimbo bread is extremely popular in Mexico, but people in English-speaking countries would be 26 to buy these products. Why? 27 their names have unfortunate meanings in English. The Brand Naming Co. is a company which 28 creating brand names for clients. It has created a “black museum” of products with names that make them virtually unsellable in English-speaking countries. It also cautioned about a Turkish cookie called “Bum” and a Mexican beer called “Nude”. One of the most famous stories about a brand-naming problem involves an American car. The marketing department at Chevrolet decided to name their new car “Nova.” They thought that they 29 a good name. *Nova* means “star” in Latin. 30 , in Spanish, the two words *no va* means “doesn’t go”—not a very suitable name for a car.

26. (A) likely (B) unlikely (C) as well as (D) same
 27. (A) Because (B) Because of (C) In case (D) It’s
 28. (A) good at (B) skillful to (C) specializes in (D) used to
 29. (A) were found (B) find (C) had found (D) has found
 30. (A) Hence (B) Moreover (C) As a result (D) However

(三)

There are many theories about the beginning of drama in ancient Greece. The one most widely 31 today is based on the assumption that drama 32 ritual. The argument for this view goes as follows. In the beginning, human beings viewed the natural forces of the world, even the seasonal changes, 33 unpredictable, and they sought, through various means, to control these unknown and feared powers. Those measures which appeared to bring the desired results were then retained and repeated until they hardened into fixed rituals. 34 stories arose which explained or veiled the mysteries of the rites. As time passed some rituals were abandoned, but the stories, later called myths, persisted and 35 material for art and drama.

31. (A) is accepted (B) accepted (C) accepting (D) had accepted

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32. (A) evolved from (B) took over (C) imitated by (D) made out
33. (A) were (B) for (C) are (D) as
34. (A) Eventually (B) However (C) Resulting in (D) Moreover
35. (A) posed (B) provided (C) declined (D) traumatized

III. 閱讀測驗：30%

本部分共有 15 題(36-50)，包含兩篇短文（一）（二），每篇短文後有幾個相關問題，請由每題 A, B, C, D 選項中，選出最適當的答案填至答案卷上。

（一）

Nineteenth-century writers in the United States, whether they wrote novels, short stories, poems, or plays, were powerfully drawn to the railroad in its golden year. In fact, writers responded to the railroads as soon as the first were built in the 1830's. By the 1850's, the railroad was a major presence in the life of the nation. Writers such as Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau saw the railroad both as a boon to democracy and as an object of suspicion. The railroad could be and was a despoiler of nature; furthermore, in its manifestation of speed and noise, it might be a despoiler of human nature as well. By the 1850's and 1860's, there was a great distrust among writer and intellectuals of the rapid industrialization of which the railroad was a leading force. Deeply philosophical historians such as Henry Adams lamented the role that the new frenzy for business was playing in eroding traditional values. A distrust of industry and business continued among writers throughout the rest of the nineteenth century and into the twentieth.

For the most part, the literature in which the railroad plays an important role belongs to popular culture rather than to the realm of serious art. One thinks of melodramas, boys' books, thrillers, romances, and the like rather than novels of the first rank. In the railroads' prime years, between 1890 and 1920, there were a few individuals in the United States, most of them with solid railroading experience behind them, who made a profession of writing about railroading-works offering the ambience of stations, yards, and locomotive cabs. These writers, who can genuinely be said to have created a genre, the "railroad novel," are now mostly forgotten, their names having faded from memory. But anyone who takes the time to consult their fertile writings will still find a treasure trove of information about the place of the railroad in the lift of the United States.

36. What does the passage mainly discuss?

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(A) The role of the railroad as a subject for 19th century American literature
(B) Railroad as a despoiler of nature in the 19th century
(C) The major 19th century American writers
(D) The history of railroad building in the U.S.

37. According to this passage, which of the following statements is NOT true?
A) The railroads' prime years ranges from 1890 to 1920
(B) Melodramas, boys' books, thrillers, romances belong to popular culture
(C) Henry Adams saw the railroad as a boon to democracy
(D) The 19th century writers of railroad novel are now mostly forgotten

38. In the first paragraph, the author implies that writers' reactions to the development of railroads were
(A) disinterested
(B) lamented
(C) enthusiastic
(D) both positive and negative

39. The word "them" in the 2nd paragraph line 5 refers to
(A) years
(B) individuals
(C) novels
(D) works

40. The word "ambience" in the 2nd paragraph line 6 is closest in meaning to
(A) surrounding
(B) memory
(C) development
(D) scenery

41. The railroad played an important role in all of the following kinds of books EXCEPT
(A) melodramas
(B) thrillers
(C) novels of highest quality
(D) romances

42. What is the author's attitude toward the railroad novels?
(A) They contributed to the erosion of traditional values.
(B) They are worth reading as sources of knowledge about the impact of railroads on life in the 19th century America
(C) They have as much literary importance as serious art

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(D) They are good examples showing how writers with solid experiences created a new genre

(二)

Since school began in August, educators have tried several strategies to boost scores on statewide test. They've had practice tests and adjusted the curriculum to pinpoint individuals' weaknesses. They've encouraged students to study hard and be prepared. Then just before the school's 800 students were set to take the Maryland School Assessments in reading and math this week, principal Charlotte Boucher did one more thing: She dialed up a local restaurant supply company and ordered 3,600 peppermint candies. Along with smart teaching, careful preparation, a good night's sleep and a full stomach, peppermint candies are said to improve test performance. Boucher said she found "millions of sites that claimed that peppermints were the perfect midpoint snack for things like testing." None of the Web sites offered scientific evidence to back up the claim, but Boucher thought it would still be a fun way to give the students a treat.

But it turns out—unlike some internet tales (the old send-Bill-Gates-an-e-mail-and-he'll-send-you-\$500 shtick)—faith in the power of peppermint might have real science behind it. In the 1990s, researchers at University of Cincinnati found that a whiff of peppermint or muguet, a scent similar to lily of the valley, helped test subjects concentrate and do better on tasks that required sustained concentration. Joel Warm, a professor of psychology who conducted the research, said there is more than a bit of truth in the peppermint theory. "Not only do you get an improvement in focus with peppermint, you get a change in response that affects alertness in target detection," he said. Bryan Raudenbush, an associate professor of psychology, found that athletes who had a sniff of peppermint performed better than those who didn't. Heath E. Morrison, a community superintendent said he heard the peppermint spiel at a seminar on brain research about three years ago. Now, several of the schools in his "cluster" sometimes distribute the candies.

43. With which of the following topics is the passage mainly concerned?

- (A) The history of peppermint
- (B) The power of peppermint
- (C) Distributing peppermint
- (D) Internet tales about peppermint

44. The word "boost" in the first paragraph line 1 is closest in meaning to

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(A) raise
(B) win
(C) hit
(D) develop

45. Peppermint plays a significant role for all of the following persons EXCEPT
(A) athletes
(B) test subjects
(C) Bill Gates
(D) Charlotte Boucher

46. Which of the following statements is NOT true about Charlotte Boucher?
(A) She is a female principal
(B) Through Web sites she found information about peppermints
(C) She visited a local restaurant supply company to order peppermint candies
(D) Her students were set to take the Maryland School Assessments

47. Which of the following statements about peppermint candies is NOT true?
(A) They help improve test performance
(B) They help people concentrate
(C) Scientific evidence backs up their power
(D) Morrison distributes them

48. Besides peppermint candies, which of the following is not said to boost scores on tests?
(A) smart teaching
(B) careful preparation
(C) keeping curriculum intact
(D) practicing tests

49. Charlotte Boucher's "students" mentioned in this passage are most likely
(A) university students
(B) middle school students
(C) kindergarten kids
(D) martial school students

50. Which of the following statements is NOT supported by the passage?
(A) It was claimed that peppermints were the perfect snack for people on diet
(B) Joel Warm and William Dember worked together as researchers
(C) Bryan Raudenbush is an expert in psychology field
(D) Peppermint was discussed at a seminar on brain research

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