

Choose the **BEST** answer for each question. To indicate your choice, blacken the appropriate space on your computer card for each question.

Example: It was Joan's first visit to the country, and everything was fresh and \_\_\_\_\_ to her.

A. dull                      B. quickly                      C. new                      D. excited

Answer:      A                      B                      C                      D  
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\*必須用 2B 鉛筆作答，答題前請先詳閱答案卡背後說明。

### I. Vocabulary: Part I -- Sentence Completion

Instruction: Choose the answer that best completes the sentence.

- After feeling off \_\_\_\_\_ for days, Peter finally went to see his doctor.  
 A. food                      B. color                      C. fitness                      D. balance
- The divisive issue \_\_\_\_\_ the community; half the residents seemed to be strongly for it, and half strongly against.  
 A. circumscribed                      B. assuaged                      C. polarized                      D. castigated
- Money was short and people survived by \_\_\_\_\_ and saving.  
 A. scrimping                      B. scavenging                      C. scouring                      D. scrounging
- The police spent seven months working on the crime case but were never able to determine the identity of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. malefactor                      B. demagogue                      C. patriarch                      D. dilettante
- The applicant's credentials were \_\_\_\_\_, but I didn't like the color of his necktie so I didn't hire him.  
 A. aloof                      B. domestic                      C. irreproachable                      D. vitriolic
- No report that is stamped "confidential" may be \_\_\_\_\_ outside the company.  
 A. disclosed                      B. detained                      C. deposed                      D. deferred
- "Kicking the bucket" is a humorous \_\_\_\_\_ for "dying."  
 A. dictum                      B. euphemism                      C. incantation                      D. conjecture

8. The Meteorological Office reported 20 centimeters of rain in October this year \_\_\_\_\_ only 14 last year.  
A. contrary to      B. in comparison      C. in contrast      D. as against
9. Attendance at company functions is \_\_\_\_\_ for new employees, if they expect to advance.  
A. mandible      B. mannerism      C. mandatory      D. managerial
10. Many city-dwellers enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ of the countryside.  
A. paradox      B. serenity      C. prestige      D. ingratitude
11. Weather prevented them from \_\_\_\_\_ the sunken ship.  
A. salvaging      B. ruining      C. ravaging      D. intruding
12. I made a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ effort to repair the leak, but my improvised patch didn't hold and I soon realized that I would have to call a plumber.  
A. vindictive      B. pristine      C. acrid      D. tentative
13. The more expensive carpet is a good choice \_\_\_\_\_ it will last longer.  
A. by means of      B. due to      C. in that      D. in view of
14. The insurance company refuses to \_\_\_\_\_ the project because of the many risks.  
A. underhand      B. underwrite      C. understand      D. underline
15. The darkening sky indicated to all of us that a thunderstorm was \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. ambivalent      B. imminent      C. conciliatory      D. inherent

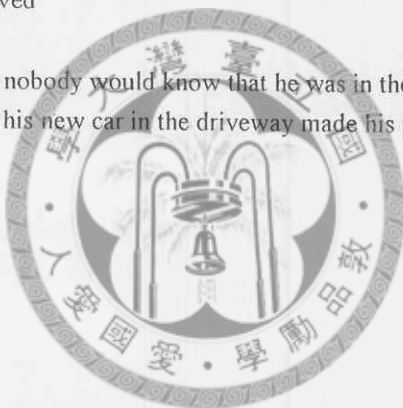
**Vocabulary: Part II -- Vocabulary in Context**

Instruction: Choose the answer that best explains the meaning of the capitalized word in each sentence as used in that particular context.

16. James APPENDED a few paragraphs to the final copy of the report.  
A. removed from the report  
B. added to the report  
C. declared that they were important  
D. stated that they were of no importance
17. John RETRACTED his promise to take the children to the zoo.

- A. wrongly promised  
B. took back his promise  
C. was the first to promise  
D. did not promise
18. A bullfight is an exciting SPECTACLE.  
A. an event that cannot be believed  
B. an event that can be written about in any language  
C. a public happening which moves from one part of the city to another  
D. a public scene which attracts the eye by its color, size, etc.
19. Connie is never happy when everyone is getting along. She always INSTIGATES fights and then acts like little Miss Innocent.  
A. checks them out  
B. protects them  
C. gets them started  
D. ignores them
20. As a public speaker, Nick was extremely CIRCUMSPECT.  
A. bold, moving or rushing anywhere without regard for the consequences  
B. careful, looking at or examining all possible consequences  
C. confident, with a sincere belief that he is right  
D. changeable, "folding" or bending according to circumstances
21. When George graduated from the university, he kept up a TENUOUS relationship with his old friends.  
A. weak  
B. full of trust  
C. with his mind, not his heart  
D. fixed
22. Most wild cats are solitary, living alone most of the time. Lions, however, are quite GREGARIOUS.  
A. able to hunt well  
B. large and strong  
C. liking to have the company of others  
D. able to adapt to changing temperatures

23. That year Pamela noticed an ATTENUATION of her physical strength.  
 A. strengthening or increase  
 B. weakening or lessening  
 C. variation or change  
 D. steadiness or lack of change
24. When the armies of the two countries approached each other, the United Nations INTERPOSED a special unit of U. N. soldiers.  
 A. took away from between  
 B. made larger, increased  
 C. put in between  
 D. watched or observed
25. Michael hoped that nobody would know that he was in the building. Didn't he realize that parking his new car in the driveway made his presence rather CONSPICUOUS?  
 A. important  
 B. expensive  
 C. unfortunate  
 D. noticeable



## II. Cloze Test

Instruction: Choose the best answer to fill in the blank.

A traffic accident took place on a busy road. A taxi travelling \_\_26\_\_, knocked down a passing motorcyclist. No sooner had the accident happened \_\_27\_\_ a crowd gathered. The motorcyclist was seriously \_\_28\_\_ as he \_\_29\_\_ motionless on the road. Blood trickled down his forehead. But he was \_\_30\_\_ killed.

26. A. in full speed    B. by full speed    C. at full speed    D. on full speed  
 27. A. then    B. than    C. when    D. before  
 28. A. injure    B. injured    C. to be injured    D. damage  
 29. A. lay    B. lied    C. laid    D. lain  
 30. A. by all means    B. by every means    C. by some means    D. by no means

## III. Error Recognition

Instruction: Identify the one underlined word or phrase that should be changed for the sentence to be correct.

31. Organization, cleanliness, and prompt are important traits to develop in the field of business.  
A B C D
32. Among these two products, the one on the right is better for a number of reasons.  
A B C D
33. While I was shopping at the market, I realized that the prices of many items had been risen in recent weeks.  
A B C D
34. Mrs. Ford had a hard time to find her way around the unfamiliar streets of the new city.  
A B C D
35. Speaking on behalf of entirely the committee, Clark reported the findings and conclusions, adding his own recommendation for further study.  
A B C D

#### IV. Reading Comprehension

Instruction: Read each of the following passages and choose the best answer to each question.

By the time this gray whale washed up dead at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge last week, researchers were scratching their heads. Over the last three weeks, eleven gray whales have mysteriously died and floated ashore in San Francisco Bay.

Starvation was blamed for most of the 270 deaths of gray whales last year along their migration route but this year the dead whales seem to have a bit more blubber.

"Although we've had a few animals that were very, very thin, we've had even more animals that were in very good body shape, which probably indicates there is more to it than just a nutritional problem," said Martin Haulena of the Marine Mammal Center.

The gray whale population, once endangered, rebounded from 15,000 to 26,000 over the last 20 years. More whales create more pressure on the food supply, a supply that some scientists say may have dwindled as a result of the warm waters of El Nino.

At a 7,000 mile round trip migration from Alaska to Mexico, they (researchers)

still believe starvation is still the strongest theory.

"They're traveling this long distance; they don't have enough to eat -- now they've got to migrate south to breed with low body reserves," said University of California-Santa Cruz emeritus professor of biology Burney J. Le Boeuf.

Finding answers becomes a problem when most of the whales wash ashore were badly decomposed and difficult to autopsy.

"There might be a whole bunch of different things going on," Haulena said. "The animals we have been able to examine in past years, we've seen a pneumonia, we've seen probably a brain infection and encephalitis."

Oceanic Society researcher Caitlyn Toropova is looking for live grays (whales). This year there have been 65 sightings of the behemoths, more than three times the number seen last year.

Toropova said: "We've done a study to figure out what's going on with the live whales in the bay to maybe give some insight into what's happening with the ones that are washing up dead."

A once endangered species that some scientists believe may be suffering the effects of overpopulation.

36. Which of the following is NOT a possible reason for whales dying?

- A. pneumonia
- B. brain infection
- C. over-population
- D. over-eating

37. Why might the increasing number of whales cause problems with their health?

- A. There's not enough room for them in Alaska.
- B. There may not be enough food for them in Alaska.
- C. They get pushed ashore.
- D. There are more whales to spread disease.

38. The word "dwindled" in line 12 is closest in meaning to

- A. lessened
- B. increased
- C. dislocated
- D. perpetuated

39. One reason it is difficult to know why the whales are dying is that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the whales travel such a long distance
- B. there are more whales than there used to be
- C. the whale bodies are too old to study by the time they are found
- D. the whales are endangered



40. About how many more whales have been sighted in the San Francisco Bay this year compared to last year?
- A. twice as many
  - B. three times as many
  - C. half as many
  - D. about the same

*West Side Story* is a musical tragedy based on William Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet*. It is set in the early 1950s, when gang warfare in big cities led to injuries and even death. *West Side Story* transformed the Montagues and Capulets of Shakespeare's play into feuding street gangs, the Jets and the Sharks, one consisting of newly-arrived Puerto Ricans and the other of native-born New Yorkers. The plot, tightly choreographed by Jerome Robbins, tells the story of the love of Maria, a Puerto Rican, for Tony who, while attempting to stop a street fight, kills Maria's brother and is ultimately killed himself. Leonard Bernstein's musical score is brilliant, and Stephen Sondheim, making his Broadway debut, revealed a remarkable talent for writing lyrics. Among the hit songs of the play are "Tonight," "Maria," "America," and "I Feel Pretty."

The play opened on September 26, 1957. It ran for 734 performances, toured for ten months, then returned to New York for an additional 246 performances. A film version was released in 1961, and a successful New York revival opened in 1980.

41. According to the passage, when does the action of the play *West Side Story* take place?
- A. Shakespeare's time
  - B. the early 1950s
  - C. 1957
  - D. 1980
42. It can be inferred from the passage that the Capulets and Montagues
- A. were rival groups in Shakespeare's play
  - B. were 1950s street gangs
  - C. fought against the Jets and Sharks
  - D. were groups of actors, dancers, and singers
43. The word "feuding" in line 4 is closest in meaning to
- A. growing
  - B. hostile
  - C. organized
  - D. criminal
44. According to the article, the words to the songs of *West Side Story* were written by
- A. Jerome Robbins
  - B. Leonard Bernstein
  - C. William Shakespeare
  - D. Stephen Sondheim
45. During its initial appearance in New York, how many times was *West Side Story* performed?
- A. 10
  - B. 26
  - C. 246
  - D. 734

Humans have struggled against weeds since the beginnings of agriculture. Marring our gardens is one of the milder effects of weeds--any plants that thrive where they are unwanted. They clog waterways, destroy wildlife habitats, and impede farming. Their spread eliminates grazing areas and accounts for one-third of all crop loss. They compete for sunlight, nutrients, and water with useful plants.

The global need for weed control had been answered mainly by the chemical industry. Its herbicides are effective and sometimes necessary, but some pose serious problems, particularly if misused. Toxic compounds threaten animal and public health when they accumulate in food plants, groundwater, and drinking water. They also harm workers who apply them.

In recent years, the chemical industry has introduced several herbicides that are more ecologically sound. Yet new chemicals alone cannot solve the world's weed problems. Hence, scientists are exploring the innate weed-killing powers of living organisms, primarily insects and microorganisms.

The biological agents now in use are environmentally benign and are harmless to humans. They can be chosen for their ability to attack selected targets and leave crops and other plants untouched. In contrast, some of the most effective chemicals kill virtually all the plants they come in contact with, sparing only those that are naturally resistant or have been genetically modified for resistance. Furthermore, a number of biological agents can be administered only once, after which no added applications are needed. Chemicals typically must be used several times per growing season.

46. With what topic does this passage primarily deal?
- A. The importance of the chemical industry.
  - B. The dangers of toxic chemicals.
  - C. Advantages of biological agents over chemical ones.
  - D. A proposal to ban the use of all herbicides.
47. The word "marring" in line 2 is closest in meaning to
- A. spoiling      B. dividing      C. replacing      D. planting
48. The word "clog" in line 3 is closest in meaning to
- A. drain      B. float on      C. obstruct      D. grow along
49. Which of the following statements about the use of chemical agents as herbicides would the author most likely agree?
- A. It should be increased.
  - B. It has become more dangerous recently.
  - C. It is safe but inefficient.
  - D. It is occasionally required.
50. Which of the following is NOT given as an advantage of using biological agents over chemical herbicides?
- A. They are less likely to destroy desirable plants.
  - B. They are safer for workers.
  - C. They are more easily available.
  - D. They do not have to be used as often.