

※ 請使用 2B 鉛筆於答案卡上作答。

I. Choose the answers that best complete the meaning of the following short passages: (40%)

- ◆ Studies (1) that estrogen treatment delays the onset of Alzheimer's and (2) heart disease.
- ◆ The rocket (3) from Europe's spaceport on the northeast coast of South America (4) 6:03 p.m.
- ◆ The research to develop (5) wonder drugs is contributing (6) America's rising cost of medical care.
- ◆ "Greed, for (7) a better word," says Michael Douglas in the Hollywood movie *Wall Street*, "is good." Money is (8), after all.
- ◆ Anything that is not consumed is, (9) saved; and the decision (10) to consume or to save is based largely on price.
- ◆ If education fails, what will (11) our future? This question has a lot of people (12) in Taiwan.
- ◆ (13), more people choose to shake off a few pounds by exercising (14) a rigorous diet plan.
- ◆ If you ask your (15) Chinese students which Chinese poem they know, nine times (16) ten they would happily mention the line "Moonshine from above my bed."
- ◆ (17) these people were complaining, in essence, was that for lack of better roads and modern transportation, it took too long to journey to places too far, making frequent trips (18) impossible.
- ◆ The Chinese leadership understands that only by increasing domestic spending (19) China keep its reform and growth story (20).

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| 1. (A) to suggest | (B) suggested | (C) is suggested | (D) suggesting |
| 2. (A) prevents | (B) prevents from | (C) is prevented from | (D) prevented |
| 3. (A) blasted off | (B) blast off | (C) beat up on | (D) beat down |
| 4. (A) at | (B) on | (C) in | (D) to |
| 5. (A) so-called | (B) so-call | (C) so called | (D) so call |
| 6. (A) by | (B) for | (C) against | (D) to |
| 7. (A) lacks of | (B) lack of | (C) lacked of | (D) lacking of |
| 8. (A) tempting | (B) tempted | (C) attempting | (D) attempted |
| 9. (A) on definition | (B) by definition | (C) with definition | (D) for definition |
| 10. (A) that | (B) why | (C) if | (D) whether |
| 11. (A) it become | (B) be becoming | (C) become of | (D) become |
| 12. (A) worry | (B) worried | (C) to worry | (D) to be worried |
| 13. (A) To increase | (B) Increasing | (C) Increasingly | (D) Increased |
| 14. (A) rather | (B) rather by | (C) instead | (D) instead of |
| 15. (A) company | (B) folk | (C) fallow | (D) fellow |
| 16. (A) out of | (B) on | (C) into | (D) above |
| 17. (A) That | (B) How | (C) Whether | (D) What |
| 18. (A) but all | (B) all but | (C) all except | (D) at all |
| 19. (A) should | (B) can | (C) must | (D) ought |
| 20. (A) alive | (B) a life | (C) to live | (D) to life |

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II. Choose the answer that best matches the meaning of each of the underlined words or phrases:
(40%)

- International education is now a global (21) industry worth \$30 billion a year, with (22) some 2 million students studying abroad, (23) a figure that's forecast to treble by 2020. In particular, the surging economies of India and China are producing far more (24) would-be graduates than their own colleges can accommodate.
- Hypertension is defined as a repeatedly (25) elevated blood pressure exceeding 140 over 90 mmHg. (26) Chronic hypertension can steadily cause blood vessel (27) deterioration in the back of the eye, abnormal thickening of the heart muscle, kidney failure, and brain damage. No (28) innate cause for high blood pressure is diagnosed in 95 percent of patients. Treatment is via salt restriction, regular aerobic exercise and medication.
- Like (29) deadlocked juries, medical experts who study colicky babies agree on a central observation: all babies cry for short periods, but one in five has prolonged (30) bouts of frantic screaming. Then they (31) beg to differ. The controversy is being played out in medical journals, at conferences, and in books written for (32) the layman.
- Employers have complained for years that too many students leave high school without basic work skills, despite the (33) battery of exams—considered among the most (34) stringent in the nation—that New York requires for graduation. The work-readiness credential, employers say, will make hiring decisions easier and cut employee (35) turnover. The test would cover so-called soft skills in 10 broad areas, including the ability to communicate, follow directions, negotiate and make basic decisions. It will be tried out in (36) pilot programs this spring.
- Once (37) hailed as a kind of free-market solution offering parents (38) an escape from moribund public schools, elements of the charter school movement have (39) prompted growing concern in recent years. In California, the state's largest charter school operator has just announced the closing of at least 60 campuses, (40) stranding 10,000 children just weeks before the start of the school year.

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| 21. (A) sector | (B) labor | (C) manufacturer | (D) engineer |
| 22. (A) selectively | (B) exactly | (C) relatively | (D) roughly |
| 23. (A) an image | (B) a number | (C) an account | (D) a signal |
| 24. (A) reluctant | (B) prospective | (C) talented | (D) unpromising |
| 25. (A) measured | (B) cured | (C) lowered | (D) heightened |
| 26. (A) Short-term | (B) Full-term | (C) Mid-term | (D) Long-term |
| 27. (A) expansion | (B) worsening | (C) enhancement | (D) development |
| 28. (A) inherent | (B) external | (C) unrelated | (D) ordinary |
| 29. (A) cooperating | (B) beached | (C) unanimous | (D) stalled |
| 30. (A) sessions | (B) signals | (C) suspensions | (D) sections |
| 31. (A) politely agree | (B) politely disagree | (C) ask for permission | (D) ask to be excluded |
| 32. (A) board members | (B) patients | (C) ordinary folks | (D) specialists |
| 33. (A) set | (B) impact | (C) defeat | (D) pattern |
| 34. (A) liberal | (B) punishing | (C) lax | (D) strict |
| 35. (A) restructure | (B) replacement | (C) retirement | (D) recruitment |
| 36. (A) experimental | (B) model | (C) customized | (D) navigated |
| 37. (A) chided | (B) praised | (C) denounced | (D) posted |
| 38. (A) a hiding place in | (B) a choice of | (C) a way out of | (D) a means to defeat |
| 39. (A) silenced | (B) triggered | (C) diluted | (D) contaminated |
| 40. (A) inconveniencing | (B) puzzling | (C) idling | (D) resettling |

III. Find the one error in each of the following short passages: (20%)

41. Crying is a young baby's only (A) means of communicating (B) physical discomfort or emotional distress. All babies cry sometimes (C) when they are hungry, wet, upset or in pain. Crying does not (D) necessary indicate a serious problem.
42. The store sells some very (A) delicated (B) china cups. They (C) aren't very expensive, (D) I'm sure.
43. I like her (A) company. She's both charming and (B) sophisticate. She has a degree in (C) marketing and seems (D) to be quite capable.
44. (A) For most people, (B) most of the time, that miraculous machine we (C) called the human body functions with remarkable reliability. It does, however, require maintenance and (D) occasional repair.
45. You need to (A) go and see a doctor now. (B) Mind you, it's pouring outside. (C) Go bring (D) a umbrella.
46. (A) Because of the large number of troops (B) present in the capital, the situation is becoming very (C) complicate. I'd advise you (D) not to go there.
47. (A) He's one of those quiet students who (B) never asks any (C) questions in class (D) unless you call on him.
48. I received (A) advance training in (B) survival skills after I (C) was transferred to the department and (D) put in charge of the rescue team.
49. As the old Chinese saying (A) goes: a newborn calf (B) fears not the tiger. I (C) myself taught calculus to college students when I (D) had started my career as a novice instructor in the 1970's.
50. I (A) am convincing that this is absolutely the best bargain, (B) provided that you travel with a partner and stay for at least 3 days. Additional charges (C) will apply if you (D) decide to travel on weekends.