

I. Vocabulary:

A. Choose the best word to complete the sentences

1. Mom is frying an egg in a ____.
a. pot b. casserole c. grill d. pan
2. On ____ Day, we clean our ancestors' graves.
a. Constitution b. Valentine's c. St. Patrick's d. Tomb Sweeping
3. The weather ____ said that it would be clear all weekend.
a. forecaster b. janitor c. investigator d. producer
4. I need to buy some ____ to go with this dress, for instance, a handbag or a belt.
a. fluorescents b. accessories c. garments d. apparels
5. California is a ____ state because of the large number of citizens from Latin America and Asia and other areas.
a. semiracial b. polyracial c. multiracial d. monoracial
6. She is a cartoonist. She draws and writes ____.
a. editorials b. articles c. comics d. essays

B. Select the word or phrase that best keeps the meaning of the underlined word or phrase

7. It is really a beautiful house, especially the built-out roofed doorway.
a. tile b. yard c. porch d. garage
8. Environmentalists are behind the new legislation for the protection of endangered pandas.
a. support b. control illegally c. fail to reach d. delay
9. The emergence of supersonic travel opened new horizons for the military, tourism, and commerce.
a. profitability b. urgency c. appearance d. simplicity
10. Before refrigeration, canning was one of the few methods of preserving vegetables.
a. storing b. ingesting c. increasing d. gleaning
11. Hans Lippershey built his telescope to scan the nighttime skies and chart the heavenly bodies.
a. visualize b. reflect c. magnify d. survey
12. Bill and Jane work together every day, but they have never met each other's spouses.
a. parents b. wives c. children d. folks
13. Thai stocks closed almost flat as losses in the electronics sector offset gains in finance companies.
a. with big losses b. with surprising gains c. with no gains and no losses d. with no surprising ending
14. He stepped down last month because of illness.
a. passed away b. lost consciousness c. quit school d. resigned
15. Their claim has been turned down.
a. accepted b. confirmed c. authorized d. refused
16. All you have to do is sit back and enjoy the fun.
a. relax b. sit in the back row c. take a seat d. sit outdoors

II. Grammar:

A. Choose the best word or phrase to complete the sentences

17. Psychologists define anxiety as a feeling of dread, apprehension, or ____.
a. afraid b. be afraid c. having fear d. fear
18. A ferry ____ nearly 150 passengers sank in a rainstorm.
a. carrying b. carries c. carried d. which carries
19. He never had a ____.
a. bone in his selfish body b. selfish bone in his body c. body in his selfish bone d. selfish body in his bone

20. Always ___ diskettes to their envelopes as soon as you remove them from the disk drive.
a. they return b. it is returned c. a return d. return

21. Nearly half the country's population now lives in suburbs, up from a ___ in 1950.
a. whole b. second c. three d. quarter

22. In the past, ___ fresh ingredients from another region was difficult.
a. get b. got c. getting d. be gotten

B. Identify the one underlined part that would NOT be considered correct

23. No one knows exactly how many species of animals lives on earth.
a b c d

24. During a recession, manufacturers may be forced to decrease the number of their workers to reduction their expenditures.
a b c d

25. This year, the lab needs US\$22 million to start build the spacecraft but the budget offers nothing.
a b c d

26. Princess Anne began five days working visit to Vietnam on Saturday during which she will promote British business.
a b c d

27. Without water, food, and clothing, person could not survive a prolonged exposure to the elements.
a b c d

28. A dolphin, often called a "porpoise," is considered to be one of the bright among animals.
a b c d

29. When too many firms enter competitive markets, their share of profits will fell.
a b c d

III. Read the following passage and answer the questions in italics

30. Three stocks fell for every two that gained.

Which of the following statement is true based on the above passage?

a. The index fell. b. More stocks fell. c. Three stocks gained 20 percent. d. About 20 percent of the stocks fell.

31. Investors in two Internet firms, Amazon.com and eBay are suing a Wall Street analyst, Mary Meeker and her employer, Morgan Stanley, for bullish recommendations of Amazon and eBay shares.

Which of the following statement is false?

a. Mary Meeker worked for Morgan Stanley. b. These investors lost money. c. Ms. Meeker predicted the price of eBay and Amazon.com would go up. d. The investors were very happy with Ms. Meeker's advice.

32. The project would have failed even with Teresa's help.

What do we know about the project?

a. It failed because Teresa didn't help. b. It will fail without Teresa's help. c. Teresa helped, so it didn't fail. d. Teresa did not help, and it failed.

33. It is surprising that doctors don't know whether many drugs found effective for men will also help women.

What does the writer think is surprising?

a. That many drugs that help men also help women. b. That many drugs that help men don't help women. c. That doctors don't know whether some drugs help men. d. That doctors don't know how some drugs affect women

IV. Cloze test: choose the best answer for the blanks

Money can't buy happiness—happiness is a 34 attitude and 35 may be as happy in a cottage as in a mansion. Money can't buy inward peace—peace is the result of a 36 philosophy of life. Money can't buy character—character is 37 we are when we are 38 ourselves.

34. a. physical b. lucrative c. mental d. material
35. a. one b. it c. that d. what
36. a. reimburse b. constructive c. pessimistic d. sluggish
37. a. which b. what c. who d. that
38. a. along with b. alone with c. among in d. among at

V. Reading comprehension: Answer all the questions following the passage on the basis of what is stated or implied in the passage.

A. Taiwan's central bank said more than 11 percent of bank lending was non-performing or in trouble as of September, as terrorist attacks, natural disasters and a slowing economy caused more businesses to default on debts.

The NT\$1.66 trillion of sour loans included NT\$1.12 trillion reported by domestic banks as non-performing, equivalent to 7.79 percent of outstanding credits, the bank said in a statement.

"A sluggish property market and a rising unemployment rate also hurt individuals' ability to repay their loans," the central bank said. Aside from that, two typhoons hit Taiwan in late September, killing at least 100 people.

Taiwan's property market has yet to pull out of a decade-long slump that began when the country's stock market crashed in the early 1990s. There are at least 1.2 million excess homes on the island.

Nine straight months of record unemployment and a shrinking economy are **sapping** consumer demand in Taiwan. Tame inflation has allowed the central bank to **trim** interest rates 10 times since December to a record low 2.5 percent.

The central bank is trying to spur investment and lending to counter a drop in exports that tipped Taiwan into recession earlier this year. The government expects the economy to shrink as much as 2 percent this year, as the Sep. 11 attacks on the US curb demand in Taiwan's biggest export market.

The government is encouraging the country's almost 50 banks, 39 financial cooperatives and 285 farm and fisheries credit unions to combine into fewer, stronger companies, to reduce the percentage of loans going bad ahead of Taiwan's entry into the WTO.

39. What is **NOT** the reason that some individuals are unable to pay back loans?
a. The stock market crashed in the 1990s. b. Some natural disasters hit Taiwan in a short time.
c. The real estate was devalued. d. Many people bought more than one house.
40. What is the main idea of this passage?
a. The central bank tries to lower interest rate again. b. The economic situation is getting worse.
c. The unemployment rate hits a record high. d. Taiwan is going to enter WTO.
41. What is the measure taken by the government to solve the problems of bad loans of financial institutions?
a. It offers advantages rate for first-time home buyers. b. It encourages financial institutions to merge. c. It spends a huge amount of money on infrastructure. d. It deregulates the restrictions on setting up branch offices.
42. What is meant by "**sapping**?"
a. encouraging b. continuing c. extending d. weakening
43. What is meant by "**trim**?"
a. increase b. cut c. offer d. negotiate

B. In the body's blood system, the heart is the pump that does the vital job of circulating the blood to all parts of the body. The tubes or blood vessels which carry blood from the heart are known as arteries; the blood vessels that return the blood to the heart are veins. The heart is really two pumps side by side. Each pump sucks blood from veins into a collecting chamber, the atrium or auricle, which then pushes the blood under high pressure into the ventricle below it. The ventricles pump the blood under high pressure into arteries. The pulse, which can be felt at various parts of the body, is caused by the **simultaneous** pumping action of the two ventricles.

Blood that has given up **its** oxygen to the **tissues** (deoxygenated blood) enters the heart through the right atrium. The right ventricle then pumps it to the lungs. Here it collects oxygen and returns through the veins to the left side of the heart to be pumped to the rest of the body, before returning to the right atrium again. The double circulation is needed because the pressure has to be boosted by re-pumping through the heart, so that it can pass around the body fast enough to supply the body tissues with the necessary oxygen.

A very important role is played by small flaps of skin at the exits of the heart and between the auricles and ventricle: these are one-way valves that prevent the blood going the wrong way. If these valves are faulty, it has a serious effect on the system, as blood seeps out from the flaps.

44. Which of the following is the main topic of the passage?
- a. How the heart works b. The blood system of the body c. The importance of oxygen in the body d. Why the heart has two pumps
45. The word **its** refers to
- a. blood's b. pump's c. atrium's d. ventricle's
46. It can be inferred from the passage that the pulse is the
- a. vibration of blood in the veins. b. noise of the blood in the ventricles. c. sound of blood vibrating in the ventricles. d. rhythmical throbbing of the arteries.
47. The word "**simultaneous**" is closest in meaning to
- a. one at a time b. all the time c. at the same time d. all at once
48. According to the passage, when the blood needs more oxygen it gets that from the
- a. atrium. b. veins. c. tissues. d. lungs.
49. The word "**tissues**" could best be replaced by
- a. living cells. b. outer skin. c. inner muscles. d. weak blood.
50. Why is the blood passed through the right atrium twice?
- a. To be reoxygenated b. To increase the pressure c. To boost the lungs. d. To speed up the heart's beat.