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I. Vocabulary (5%)

1. As the judge of the Supreme Court, he will by no means _____ ethics and justice.
(A) roam (B) contemplate (C) dwell (D) compromise
2. Quitting job leaves Anna _____ time to prepare three meals for her beloved family.
(A) savage (B) eternal (C) ample (D) vigorous
3. Teenagers are _____ to be affected by hormone and emotions and thus be impulsive.
(A) accustomed (B) tempted (C) apt (D) indulged
4. The government made a(n) _____ statement and condemned students who had occupied the legislation yuan.
(A) sensational (B) solemn (C) hostile (D) upright
5. In spite of the strong opposition among the workers, the chairman still _____ his son to manage the company.
(A) intended (B) suspended (C) compelled (D) provoked

II. Cloze (29%)

(1) Unless you're an inveterate walker or a mass-transit rider, you probably spend more time in your car each week than anywhere ____6____ your workplace and your home.

It's not always ____7____. Highway gridlock, a fruitless search for a parking space or a brush with a thundering tractor-trailer can rattle all but the most Zen drivers.

Things are ____8____ get better. A new wave of innovation, led by carmakers and automotive-tech companies, is transforming the driving experience. Thanks largely to on-board computers, our vehicles are becoming smarter, ____9____, safer and more fun. (Human drivers, unfortunately, will remain as erratic as ever.)

Fully self-driving cars remain some years away. But new technology in the next five to 10 years will help cars park themselves, monitor the alertness of the driver and even communicate with each other to avoid ____10____. Tomorrow's cars may have long-range headlights, external airbags and ____11____ fuel-cell engines that emit only water.

6. (A) except (B) besides (C) owing to (D) in spite of
7. (A) pleasant (B) unpleasant (C) ridiculous (D) acute
8. (A) fond of (B) bound for (C) responsible for (D) about to
9. (A) duller (B) nimbler (C) more smiley (D) more ferocious
10. (A) passions (B) pimples (C) collisions (D) plunges
11. (A) hydrogen (B) electricity (C) oxygen (D) nitrogen

(2) One of the hottest places to visit in 2014 is Antarctica, according to the writers and readers of the Lonely Planet guide book series. It's right up there ____12____ Brazil and Scotland.

To come up with its quirky picks, Lonely Planet's annual "Best in Travel" survey polls its in-house writers and network of contributors, ____13____ readers. The results score locales on criterion

like affordability, ____14____, excitement and "x-factor."

Next year marks the 100th ____15____ of the explorer Ernest Shackleton's doomed quest to traverse Antarctica from sea to sea via the pole. That helped earn the frozen continent a spot in the top rankings, which, ____16____ the depth of your pockets, can actually be visited. Around \$4,000 can score you a last-minute spot on a 10-day budget ____17____ leaving from Ushuaia, Argentina, that tours the Antarctica coast. Upwards of \$45,000 and you can take a flight to a remote airstrip inland for ____18____ polar mountains.

"It's not a budget destination, but it is somewhere to go for the adventure of a lifetime," said Hall.

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| 12. (A) to | (B) on | (C) in | (D) with |
| 13. (A) in regard with | (B) along with | (C) concerning | (D) other than |
| 14. (A) relevance | (B) remedy | (C) remission | (D) indecency |
| 15. (A) resume | (B) foreshadow | (C) centenary | (D) apparatus |
| 16. (A) arising from | (B) depending on | (C) bursting into | (D) counting out |
| 17. (A) berth | (B) hassle | (C) phony | (D) snag |
| 18. (A) trekking | (B) intrusive | (C) snooping | (D) inducing |

(3) It takes a lot of water to maintain any kind of garden in the desert -- but imagine trying to keep 45 million flowers__19__. That's the task for the team behind Dubai Miracle Garden, a seven-hectare __20__ that opened in February in the sands just outside the city limits.

Visitors are confronted with __21__ colorful -- some would say gaudy -- patterned flower beds, creative vertical displays and manicured lawns. With precipitation such a __22__ in Dubai -- it falls on fewer than 25 days a year, on average -- the plants are kept __23__ using waste water and a drip irrigation system.

A butterfly garden is next on the cards here and, this being Dubai, there are already world records to __24__ of -- the longest (800 meters) wall of flowers, the world's biggest flower clock and the tallest flower pyramid.

You'll find birdies of a different kind, and a taste of wetland wilderness in an unexpected locale, at the Ras al Khor Wildlife __25__ on the northern edge of Dubai. Some 20,000 birds of 67 species make their home in these saline lagoons, which are fed by the Dubai Creek inlet and protected from the city's __26__ urban development.

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| 19. (A) in bloom | (B) in advance | (C) on and off | (D) at bottom |
| 20. (A) adoration | (B) utility | (C) vision | (D) attraction |
| 21. (A) a devil of | (B) a fraction of | (C) a riot of | (D) a good deal of |
| 22. (A) popularity | (B) similarity | (C) abundance | (D) rarity |
| 23. (A) vacuumed | (B) hydrated | (C) flooded | (D) droughty |
| 24. (A) exaggerate | (B) pride | (C) boast | (D) burst |
| 25. (A) Function | (B) Reservoir | (C) Sanctuary | (D) Observatory |
| 26. (A) ever-expanding | (B) long-bracing | (C) much-devastating | (D) little-breached |

(4) In one of the biggest technology deals of the past decade, Facebook agreed to buy WhatsApp for \$16 billion to expand in the fast-growing mobile messaging market and pursue its goal of connecting as much of the world's population as ____27____ over the Internet.

Facebook said it will pay \$4 billion in cash and \$12 billion in ____28____ for WhatsApp, a service that has 450 million monthly users and is adding more than 1 million new users a day.

"WhatsApp is on a ____29____ to connect 1 billion people. The services that ____30____ that milestone are all incredibly valuable," Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said in a statement announcing the deal.

Zuckerberg has been trying to get into the mobile messaging market for a while. The company offered to buy Snapchat for \$3 billion last year, but that messaging start-up ____31____ the offer.

To close the WhatsApp deal, Facebook offered an extra \$3 billion in restricted stock units, a common type of equity ____32____, to WhatsApp founders and employees. These awards will ____33____ over four years. Jan Koum, WhatsApp's co-founder and CEO, also gets a seat on Facebook's ____34____ of directors.

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| 27. (A) possible | (B) valid | (C) relied | (D) subtle |
| 28. (A) stroke | (B) stock | (C) suite | (D) supervision |
| 29. (A) script | (B) sewer | (C) sled | (D) path |
| 30. (A) smash | (B) scribe | (C) reach | (D) swap |
| 31. (A) spurned | (B) raved | (C) grinned | (D) quashed |
| 32. (A) relay | (B) compensation | (C) variation | (D) treason |
| 33. (A) rampage | (B) staple | (C) mobile | (D) vest |
| 34. (A) paradigm | (B) lethality | (C) board | (D) stigma |

III. Filling in the Blanks (20%)

(1) We can blame the Internet for plenty: the ____35____ of porn, our obsession with cat videos, and the alleged rise of teen trends. But is it also a ____36____ in helping us lose our religion? A new study suggests it might be.

Allen Downey, a computer scientist at Olin College of Engineering in Massachusetts, set out to understand the national ____37____ in those who claim no religious affiliation. These are the "nones," which the Pew Research Center considers the ____38____ "religious" group in America.

Since 1985, Downey says, the ____39____ of first-year college students who say they're religiously unaffiliated has grown from 8% to 25%, according to the CIRP Freshman Survey.

And, he adds, ____40____ from the General Social Survey, which has been tracking American opinions and social change since 1972, show unaffiliated Americans in the general population ____41____ from 8% to 18% between 1990 and 2010.

These trends ____42____ with what the Pew Research Center's Religion & Public Life Project reported in 2012. It said one in five American adults, and a third of those under 30, are unaffiliated.

Downey says he stepped into the ongoing debate about the rise of the "nones" not because he has a ____43____ interest one way or the other, but because the topic fascinates him. He says it's good ____44____ for study and appeals to students who are learning to crunch real data.

(A) uptick	(B) jibe	(C) number	(D) fodder	(E) declined	(F) proliferation
(G) stats	(H) ballooned	(I) disagree	(J) vested	(K) culprit	(L) slow-moving
(M) fastest-growing					

(2) When LaTisha Styles graduated from Kennesaw State University in Georgia in 2006, she had \$35,000 of student debt. This __45__ would have been easy to discharge if her Spanish degree had helped her land a well-paid job. But there is no shortage of Spanish-speakers in a nation that __46__ Latin America. So Ms Styles found herself working in a clothes shop and a fast-food restaurant for no more than \$11 an hour. Frustrated, she took the gutsy decision to go back to the same college and study something more __47__. She majored in finance, and now has a good job at an investment consulting firm. Her debt has __48__ to \$65,000, but she will have little trouble paying it off.

As Ms Styles's story shows, there is no simple answer to the question "Is college worth it?" Some degrees pay for themselves; others don't. American school kids pondering whether to take on huge student loans are constantly told that college is the gateway to the middle class. The truth is more __49__, as Barack Obama hinted when he said in January that "folks can make a lot more" by learning a trade "than they might with an art history degree". An angry art history professor forced him to apologize, but he was right. College graduates aged 25 to 32 who are working full time earn about \$17,500 more annually than their peers who have only a high school __50__, according to the Pew Research Centre, a think-tank. But not all degrees are equally useful. And __51__ how much they cost—a residential four-year degree can set you back as much as \$60,000 a year—many students end up worse off than if they had started working at 18.

According to the result of the research done by PayScale, engineering is a good bet wherever you study it. An engineering graduate from the University of California, Berkeley can expect to be nearly \$1.1m better off after 20 years than someone who never went to college. Even the least __52__ engineering courses generated a 20-year return of almost \$500,000. Arts and humanities courses are much more varied. All doubtless nourish the soul, but not all __53__ the wallet. An arts degree from a __54__ school such as Columbia or the University of California, San Diego pays off handsomely. But an arts graduate from Murray State University in Kentucky can expect to make \$147,000 less over 20 years than a high school graduate, after paying for his education.

(derived from "Is College Worth it?" *The Economist*, April 5, 2014)

(A) competes	(B) swollen	(C) rigorous	(D) diploma	(E) fatten	(F) lucrative
(G) obligation	(H) given	(I) pragmatic	(J) nuanced	(K) borders	(L) flat

IV. Discourse Structure (10%)

Look at your navel. Do you know what it is? It is a scar, or mark, that remains where your umbilical cord attached you to your mother before you were born. Your navel is technically named the umbilicus. All humans have them. Other mammals have them as well, although theirs are usually smooth or flat—often just a thin line hidden by fur.

What do you think is in your navel? In 2011, a team of scientists launched a project to find out.

These scientists were from the biology department of North Carolina State University (NC State) and the Nature Research Center (NRC) at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. ___55___ For this project, people wiped cotton swabs in or on their navel. The first group of 66 samples was collected from visitors to the museum and other participants. ___56___ The research team discovered that navels are very diverse habitats! In total, they discovered 2,368 different species. More than half of those may be new to science.

“They reminded me of rain forests,” wrote Dr. Rob Dunn, a biologist at NC State and the project’s leader, in a blog post. “They differed more than we expected.” Each participant’s navel hosted about 67 different species. ___57___ The team considered factors including age, sex, and whether the person had aninnie or an outie. Despite this research, the scientists can’t quite explain why some navels had a particular species, while others did not. ___58___ This means that if a species was found in a navel, that navel usually had a lot of that species!

In November 2012, the team published their first findings in a paper called “A Jungle in There: Bacteria in Navels are Highly Diverse, But Predictable.” They will soon have 600 samples from people all over North America. ___59___ “This biodiversity is critical to the functioning and health of our ecosystems—be that on our skin, or our forests and streams,” says Menninger, an entomologist and NC State’s director of public science.

(adapted from *National Geographic Education*, May 22, 2013)

- (A) With this variety, they may well begin to explain the differences among people in terms of the intimate forests of their umbilicus.
- (B) Yet not one was common to every person, and only eight were found on at least 70 percent of participants.
- (C) It was not only inclusive of all visitors, but also helping teach them about the challenges and techniques behind the collection of scientific data.
- (D) They’re interested in helping people understand and appreciate the microscopic species with which we share our daily lives.
- (E) The researchers did learn, however, that the eight most common species were among the most abundant.
- (F) One doesn’t have to go off to Amazon rain forest to experience biodiversity— it exists in your backyard, your basement, and even your own navels.

V. Reading Comprehension (6%)

Like other 20-somethings seeking a career foothold, Andrew Lang, a graduate of Penn State, took an internship at an upstart Beverly Hills production company at age 29 as a way of breaking into movie production. It didn’t pay, but he hoped the exposure would open doors.

When that internship proved to be a dead end, Mr. Lang went to work at a second production company, again as an unpaid intern. When that went nowhere, he left for another, doing whatever was asked, like delivering bottles of wine to 27 offices before Christmas. But that company, too, could not afford to hire him, even part time.

A year later, Mr. Lang is on his fourth internship, this time for a company that produces reality TV shows. While this internship at least pays him (he makes \$10 an hour, with few **perks**), Mr. Lang feels no closer to a real job and worries about being an intern forever. “No one hires interns,” said Mr. Lang, who sees himself as part of a “revolving class of people” who can’t break free of the intern cycle. “Is this any way to live?”

The intern glass ceiling isn’t limited to Hollywood. Teneh Ogbemudia, 23, who aspires to be a record executive, has had four internships at various New York media companies, including Source magazine and Universal Music Group.

“In any given month, I’d say I apply to at least 300 full-time jobs,” she said, noting these attempts were to no avail. “On the other hand, I can apply to one or two internship positions a month and get a call back from both.”

60. According to the passage, which of the following is true about internships?
- (A) Mr. Lang and Mr. Ogbemudia both have had four internships.
 - (B) Internships are full-time for college or graduate students.
 - (C) Mr. Lang finally broke free of the intern cycle.
 - (D) Intern positions are unpaid and are usually temporary.
61. What is the goal of Yenneh Ogbemudis and Andrew Lang?
- (A) They can complete their internship and go on to another.
 - (B) They aspire to have more exposures to the companies and the public.
 - (C) They are continually in search of the real jobs.
 - (D) They use the internships to determine if they have an interest in a particular career.
62. Which of the following is closest in meaning to “**perks**” in the third paragraph?
- (A) trainees (B) subsidies (C) spurs (D) vacations

VI. Rewriting and Drawing Up a Cloze Test (20%)

Based on the article below, write a passage within 300 words, and then draw up a cloze test with 5 blanks. There should be four corresponding options in each question (one correct answer, three distracters). Please underline the correct answers to your questions.

I have often thought it would be a blessing if each human being were stricken blind and deaf for a few days at some time during his or her early adult life. Darkness would make this person more grateful for sight; silence would teach this individual the joys of sound.

Recently, I was visited by a very good friend of mine. I asked her what she had observed from a long walk in the woods. “Nothing in particular,” she replied. Had I not been accustomed to such responses, I might have suspected her words, for long ago I became convinced that the seeing see little. How was it possible to walk for an hour through the woods and see nothing worthy of note? I, who cannot see, find hundreds of things to interest me through just touch. I feel the delicate symmetry of a leaf. In spring, I touch the branches of trees hopefully in search of a bud, the first sign of awakening nature after her winter’s sleep. Occasionally, if I am very fortunate, I place my hand gently on a small tree and feel the happy quiver of a bird in full song.

It is human, perhaps, to appreciate little that which we have and to long for that which we

don't have, but it is a great pity that in the world of light, the gift of sight is used only as a mere convenience, rather than as a means of adding fullness to life. If, by some miracle, I were granted three seeing days, I should divide the period into three parts.

On the first day, I should want to see the people whose kindness, gentleness, and companionship have made my life worth living. First, I should like to gaze long upon the face of my dear teacher, Mrs. Anne Sullivan Macy, who came to me when I was a child and opened the outer world to me. I should want not merely to see the outline of her face, so that I could cherish it in my memory, but to study that face and find in it the living evidence of the sympathetic tenderness and patience with which she accomplished the difficult task of my education. I should like to see in her eyes that strength of character which has enabled her to stand firm in the face of the plight and that compassion for all humanity which she has revealed to me so often.

On the second day of sight, I should devote my time to a hasty glimpse of the world, past and present, through museums. I should try to investigate the soul of man through his art. The whole magnificent world of painting would be opened to me, from the Italian Primitives, with their serene religious devotion, to the Moderns, with their feverish visions. I should look deep into the canvases of Raphael and Leonardo da Vinci. I should want to feast my eyes upon the warm colors of Veronese. Oh, there is so much rich meaning and beauty in the art of the ages for you who have eyes to see!

On my third and last day of sight, I should spend this day in the workday world of the present, so that the city could become a destination of mine. From Fifth Avenue, I would make a tour of the city—to Park Avenue, to the slums, to factories, to the parks where children play. My eye would strive to touch and hold closely each thing its gaze rested upon. Some sights would be pleasant, filling the heart with happiness; some would be miserably pathetic. To the latter, I would not shut my eyes, for they, too are part of life. To close the eye on them is to close the heart and mind.

I can give one warning to those who see: Use your eyes as if tomorrow you would be stricken blind. And the same method can be applied to other senses. Hear the music of voices, the song of a bird, the vigorous strains of an orchestra, as if you would be stricken deaf tomorrow. Touch each object you want to touch as if tomorrow your tactile sense would fail. Smell the perfume of flowers, taste with enjoyment each scrap of food, as if tomorrow you could never smell or taste again. Make the most of every sense glory in all the aspects of pleasure and beauty which the world reveals to you through the several means of contact which nature provides. But of all the senses, I am sure that sight must be the most delightful.

(adapted from "Three Days to See" by Helen Keller)

VII. English Composition (10%)

- Please read the following article first. Then, you, as the teacher of the kid, write down an article about 200 words to tell what you feel about the story. What would you do to help the father and the kid to get through the dilemma?

The father of the 9-year-old who infamously sneaked onto a flight from Minneapolis to Las Vegas last month broke down in tears during a press conference, distressed over his child's behavior problems and his own efforts to correct them.

That frustrated dad's tears drew national attention to a serious issue: overwhelmed parents at a loss over how to discipline their children who repeatedly act out.

"I'm a parent, I'm not perfect," said the father, who wore a hooded sweatshirt and a ball cap to shield his identity.

Sometime before his son's airline escapade, the father said, the boy had stolen a delivery van and was brought home by a police officer. The father asked the officer to come into his house to watch him discipline his son.

"I said, 'Please, sir, can you go up with me and watch me whip his butt?'" the father told reporters. "The officer said, 'If I see you hit your son, we're going to have to lock you up.'"

"What can I do?" the visibly shaken father asked. "If I whip my son, I get locked up. If I let him keep doing what he is doing, I get into trouble. Someone please, please help me."