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I. Vocabulary and usage: choose the correct answer 20% (one point each)

- () 1. Sitting in remote mountains, this small village is only_____by air.
(A) domestic (B) fragile (C) distinct (D) accessible
- () 2. This afternoon, Professor Smith will arrive at our school and give a _____ on medieval art.
(A) moisture (B) structure (C) lecture (D) measure
- () 3. If any symptoms persist, please _____ a doctor without any delay.
(A) consult (B) resemble (C) encounter (D) surround
- () 4. She came out of _____ to break record after record with her Harry Potter books.
(A) nowhere (B) series (C) assistance (D) adventure
- () 5. The report _____ the lies the president told about the war.
(A) deposed (B) disposed (C) imposed (D) exposed
- () 6. The running candidates know the more _____ they get, the better chance they have of winning.
(A) latitude (B) publicity (C) milestone (D) icon
- () 7. Before making a big decision, you should _____ all the pros and cons. Try to think it over first.
(A) elaborate (B) overcome (C) designate (D) contemplate
- () 8. The Nobel Prize in Literature is the world's most _____ literary award.
(A) previous (B) controversial (C) spiritual (D) prestigious
- () 9. My mother always checks the _____ contents before she buys any packaged food.
(A) compassion (B) sanitation (C) nutrition (D) dedication
- () 10. Our boss emphasized _____ at the meeting because several employees had been repeatedly late for work.
(A) eloquence (B) competence (C) punctuality (D) simplicity
- () 11. The community was _____ for its high crime rate and gang violence.
(A) infamous (B) renowned (C) victorious (D) conflicting
- () 12. There was an unexpected _____ in the plot towards the end of the film.
(A) review (B) shortage (C) twist (D) advantage
- () 13. It _____ me when people answer their cell phones in a library or during a movie. They should be ashamed of their behavior.
(A) irritates (B) enlightens (C) abolishes (D) overcharges
- () 14. Why can't you just _____ the fact that you have been speaking ill of me?
(A) own up to (B) cut back on (C) pave the way for (D) get to the bottom of
- () 15. Mia always finishes everything on her plate, trying not to let any food _____.
(A) fall through (B) make a profit (C) fall out of favor (D) go to waste

- () 16. There is no doubt that our new gardener has a green thumb. Our flowers have been _____ ever since he was hired.
 (A) shattering (B) collapsing (C) flourishing (D) hesitating
- () 17. The candidate used a loudspeaker on top of a truck to _____ a recording of his campaign promises, which attracted a lot of attention.
 (A) confess (B) nominate (C) retrieve (D) magnify
- () 18. You may think Amy is mean, but she is actually highly sensitive and _____ to criticism. Therefore, she acts tough to hide these traits.
 (A) innovative (B) vulnerable (C) superstitious (D) enthusiastic
- () 19. The director didn't take the proper _____ before he started filming the explosion, which resulted in over 50 percent of the actress' body getting burned.
 (A) prohibitions (B) prescriptions (C) prosecutions (D) precautions
- () 20. The doctor suggested that quitting smoking and making exercise a part of his daily routine would benefit Mr. Brown's health _____.
 (A) out of the question (B) on the other hand (C) in the long run (D) at his wits' end

II. Cloze Test: Fill in the blanks with words from the list 10% (one point each)

(A) formalizing (B) shift (C) evolved (D) standardization (E) limited

The English language, like all languages, has 1 over time. Old English (OE), developed from the Germanic branch of Indo-European languages and was characterized by 2 vocabulary with word endings that identified the gender, number, and case of words. Middle English (ME) was distinguished by a large influx of French words into the language and the 3 to more simplified word forms. Modern English featured a move toward 4 of the language by 5 both usage and spelling.

(A) negotiating (B) assets (C) launch (D) bargaining (E) credibility

A strong brand can be one of a company's strongest 6. High brand power provides a company with many competitive advantages. Because consumers expect stores to carry the brand, the company has more 7 power when 8 with retailers. Because the brand name brings high 9, a company with a strong brand can more easily 10 new products with the same brand name. For example, Coca-Cola used its well-known brand name to introduce Diet Coke.

III. Reading Comprehension: Choose the best answer 15% (one point each)

Parents and teachers all over the world are always looking for new ways to beef up their children's intelligence. In 1993, researchers at the University of California found a way to help them do this. The researchers played music by the famous Austrian composer Mozart to 36 college students and discovered that their short-term memory improved, which helped them perform better on intelligence tests for about 30 minutes after listening. The researchers called this intellectual improvement the "Mozart Effect." The students' test scores literally increased by 10 to 15 percent. Afterwards, researchers studied a group of the most intelligent students at the university with the goal of finding out if their high intelligence could be traced back to listening to Mozart's music during childhood. The researchers wanted to find out if listening to Mozart's music at an early age would increase brain activity and permanently improve intelligence. Unfortunately, the results of these studies were inconclusive, and researchers today still cannot conclusively associate Mozart's music with higher intelligence. It seems that hitting the books and doing physical activity are still the best ways to better your brain.

- () 1. What does the word "this" refer to in sentence 2?
- (A) Improving children's intelligence (B) Research at the University of California
(C) Playing music for children (D) Understanding Mozart's music
- () 2. What happened to the students who listened to Mozart's music?
- (A) They became the most intelligent students at the university.
(B) Their intelligence improved permanently.
(C) Their ability to remember things in the recent past improved.
(D) They were able to remember 10 to 15 percent of each Mozart song.
- () 3. What do researchers now believe is the relationship between listening to Mozart's music as a child, and intelligence?
- (A) Permanently high intelligence can be traced back to listening to Mozart's music.
(B) The researchers have not been able to prove that there is any connection.
(C) Children who listen to Mozart are more intelligent than those who hit the books.
(D) Listening to Mozart increases a child's physical abilities.

If you travel to England, you can visit mysterious places such as Stonehenge and Silbury Hill. If you are lucky, you may spot a crop circle somewhere in a farmer's field. They can be found in fields of crops such as wheat, **canola** and barley. Crop circles can cover an area that is as large as a football field. There are many different theories about the creation of the crop circles. Are they made by humans, or are they made from a more mysterious source? Could they be a landing site for an alien space ship? No one really knows for sure. Some of the circles are simple circular patterns and others are complex formations. The media first brought crop circles to the public's attention in the early 1990s. Since then, there have been reports about crop circles from around the world. Extensive research has been done to discover the origins of these mysterious circles. Videotape evidence shows small bright balls of light around the crop circles. Other theories include the idea of a type of microwave energy effect that causes the circles. It will be not be an easy feat to uncover the mystery behind them.

- () 4. What is the best title for this reading?
- (A) Circles in Fields (B) Mysterious Crop Circles
(C) Evidence of Crops (D) England's Circles of Food
- () 5. When can be said about crop circles?
- (A) They are caused naturally.
(B) They all look the same.
(C) No one really knows how they are made.
(D) People are not really interested in them.
- () 6. What is the most likely meaning of "canola" as seen in sentence 3?
- (A) A kind of cow (B) A kind of soil
(C) A confusing mystery (D) A kind of plant

Modern society makes things easy and convenient for many people. However, **it** also has many problems. One example is the amount of garbage that people generate. Something has to be done with all this garbage. It is not easy to find a solution.

Throwing things away wastes materials. For example, when a person buys a soft drink at a fast-food restaurant, the cup comes with a plastic cover and straw. After this person finishes the drink, he or she simply throws these things away. It took wood and other products to make the cup, and petroleum to make the cover and straw. These natural resources become garbage after being used only once. This is a very small example, but there are millions of paper soft drink cups made every year. Moreover, this way of using resources appears in every area of modern life.

Recycling does not help very much. After all, only certain materials can be recycled. Also, many people do not recycle since they think it is inconvenient. The only sure way to reduce garbage and save resources is to change the way we live. In the long run, we will have to stop relying on things that we use only once.

- () 7. In the second sentence, what does “it” refer to?
(A) Materials (B) Garbage (C) Resources (D) Society
- () 8. What is one reason that people produce so much garbage?
(A) It is made of paper and plastic. (B) They like convenient things.
(C) Recycling is very difficult. (D) Something must be done.
- () 9. According to the reading, what is true about most garbage?
(A) It cannot be recycled. (B) It can be recycled.
(C) It is made of plastic. (D) It is easy to use.

Eating lightly is healthy. Eating fewer calories helps people to lose weight. This in turn gives people more energy and motivation. It can also reduce health problems. Moreover, eating less may actually give people longer lives.

Being overweight does not necessarily make a person’s life shorter. Likewise, thin people are not always healthier or longer-lived than others. However, there does seem to be a connection between eating small amounts and living longer. This connection has never been systematically tested on humans, but there have been experiments with animals like mice. Mice that were only fed small amounts of food lived longer than mice that ate normal meals. Those on low-calorie diets were leaner than the other mice, but their difference in weight was not great.

It is not obvious why there should be such a difference in their **life spans**. One possibility is that eating puts stress on the body. Digesting food takes energy. The more calories one takes in, the more energy is required to process them. This requires extra work from the systems of the body. Over time, such stress could cause damage to body systems. At the very least, these systems could stop working earlier. In any case, eating less is a good idea.

- () 10. Why did mice on low-calorie diets live longer?
(A) They were much thinner than the other mice.
(B) The reason is not completely known.
(C) They got more exercise.
(D) The heavier mice had more stress.
- () 11. What does the term “life span” mean as used in the third paragraph?
(A) The length of a life (B) The time of death
(C) The reason for living a long time (D) Living longer than others
- () 12. According to the passage, who might live the longest?
(A) A person who often eats too much (B) A person who eats normal amounts
(C) A person who always eats small amounts (D) A person who never eats meat

According to the people of Walachia in Transylvania, Hunedora Castle is a haunted place. There have been many reports of ghostly activity. One of the most famous examples is Vlad III, better known as “Dracula.” People say his ghost wanders around the castle with the spirits of the people killed there. In one room, some hear the screams of two children. In another, they say you can hear the rustling of a woman’s skirt. She was killed by her husband because he found out that she had planned to leave him for another man. Renovations were planned to repair the castle in 1995, but the laborers were scared off when they found Dracula's medallion. According to legend, he used the medallion to ask the devil for power. Of course, they say the medallion is cursed. More recently, in October of 2001, a family was paid by a TV channel to spend one night in the castle. The family recorded data of any mysterious and ghostly activity. They recorded the most activity in the room where Dracula's medallion was found. None of the local people dare go near the castle, but it is popular with brave tourists!

- () 13.What is the best title for the reading?
- (A) Tourism in Walachia (B) The Ghosts of Dracula’s Castle
(C) Reality TV: Ghosts (D) The Curse of the Medallion
- () 14.Why were the laborers afraid of the medallion?
- (A) They thought it was used to kill two children.
(B) They thought it gave evil powers.
(C) They thought it made strange sounds.
(D) They thought it could move by itself.
- () 15.How many examples of ghosts are mentioned in the reading?
- (A) 2001 (B) One family (C) 3 (D) 2