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Part I Listening Comprehension

Directions: In this section, you will hear 10 short conversations. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what was said. Both the conversation and the question will be spoken only once. After each question there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the four choices marked A, B, C and D, and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center. (10 points)

1. A. People are expected to come at six.
B. A formal party will be held.
C. It will be a party for relaxation.
D. There is no need to prepare special clothes.
2. A. They enjoy watching TV.
B. They find it hard to turn on TV.
C. They find TV programs interesting. *b*
D. They think TV is not worth watching.
3. A. Doctor and patient.
B. Policeman and car driver. *relationship*
C. Librarian and student.
D. Post clerk and customer.
4. A. He will no longer ask for their help.
B. He will regret not accepting their help.
C. He still needs their help.
D. He has to manage without their help.
5. A. She thinks big parties are too impersonal.
B. She would like to invite friends to a big party.
C. She feels she has to spend a lot of money in holding big parties.
D. She would like to be invited to small parties.
6. Things to wear.
B. The warm weather.
C. Best material for making clothes.
D. A bright shirt.
7. A. Cheaper things are sold in corner shops.
B. Supermarkets are less friendly than corner shops.
C. Better service is provided in supermarkets.
D. Things are equally expensive both in supermarkets and corner shops.
8. A. He has failed in the exam.

- B. He has lost in the game.
 C. He couldn't represent his team.
 D. The track meet had been cancelled.
9. A. In order to visit England as a tourist one day.
 B. To meet the woman in England.
 C. His work requires him to learn British English.
 D. English is necessary for his work.
10. A. He has some trouble with his parents.
 B. His parents had a quarrel.
 C. He and his wife might have had a quarrel.
 D. His wife and his parents might have disagreed with each other.

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Part II Vocabulary and Structure

Direction: In each question decide which of the four choices given will most suitably complete the sentence if inserted at the place marked. Put the letter of your choice in the Answer Sheet. (20 points)

11. Control of prices takes _____ over every other consideration.
 A. fraud
 B. precedence
 C. flaw
 D. specification
12. It is really unbelievable, but all her _____ have come true.
 A. predictions
 B. fragments
 C. gratitude
 D. expansion
13. At the conference, French and German were spoken, but English was _____.
 A. explicit
 B. finite
 C. predominant
 D. evocative
14. Yesterday the judge held a _____ hearing on this case in the court.
 A. dreadful
 B. empirical
 C. durable
 D. preliminary
15. The police believe that the thief is still on the _____.
 A. premises
 B. diversity
 C. emission
 D. engagement
16. He felt nervous about his _____ in this morning's class.
 A. dependence
 B. presentation
 C. detection
 D. compensation
17. He is the author of this novel with high _____ in the country.
 A. coherence
 B. prestige
 C. consequence
 D. commitment
18. We _____ that he cannot finish the work before June 15.
 A. prosecute
 B. meddle
 C. presume
 D. mingle
19. This engineering project has _____ over all others this year.
 A. awareness
 B. blueprint
 C. assessment
 D. priority

Grandma Moses is among the most celebrated twentieth-century painters of the United States, yet she had barely started painting before she was in her late seventies. As she once said of herself: "I would never sit back in a rocking chair, waiting for someone to help me." No one could have had a more productive old age.

She was born Anna Mary Robertson on a farm in New York State, one of five boys and five girls. ("We came in bunches, like radishes.") At twelve she left home and was in domestic service until, at twenty-seven, she married Thomas Moses, the hired hand of one of her employers. They farmed most of their lives, first in Virginia and then in New York State, at Eagle Bridge. She had ten children, of whom five survived; her husband died in 1927.

Grandma Moses painted a little as a child and made embroidery pictures as a hobby, but only switched to oils in old age because her hands had become too stiff to sew and she wanted to keep busy and pass the time. Her pictures were first sold at the local drugstore and at a fair, and were soon spotted by a dealer who bought everything she painted. Three of the pictures were exhibited in the Museum of Modern Art, and in 1940 she had her first exhibition in New York. Between the 1930's and her death she produced some 2,000 pictures: detailed and lively portrayals of the rural life she had known for so long, with a marvelous sense of color and form. "I think real hard till I think of something real pretty, and then I paint it," she said.

31. Which of the following would be the best title for the passage?
- A. Grandma Moses: A Biographical Sketch
 - B. The Children of Grandma Moses
 - C. Grandma Moses: Her Best Exhibition
 - D. Grandma Moses and Other Older Artists
32. According to the passage, Grandma Moses began to paint because she wanted to _____.
- A. decorate her home
 - B. keep active
 - C. improve her salary
 - D. gain an international reputation
33. From Grandma Moses' description of herself in the first paragraph, it can be inferred that she was _____.
- A. independent
 - B. pretty
 - C. wealthy
 - D. timid
34. Grandma Moses spent most of her life _____.
- A. nursing
 - B. painting
 - C. embroidering
 - D. farming
35. In sentence 2, Para. 3, the word "spotted" could best be replaced by _____.
- A. speckled
 - B. featured
 - C. noticed
 - D. damaged

Passage Two

The early settlers who came from the eastern United States were used to having lots of trees around. They found it hard to adapt to a treeless place like Nebraska. And they needed trees for building and for fuel. So they started many tree-planting programs that went on for years and years. Finally, in 1872 a newspaperman named J. Sterling Morton had an idea. Why not have a special day set aside for planting trees? So Arbor Day was born, and on April 10, 1872, the first Arbor Day was celebrated. The state government announced that it would give prizes to individuals and groups who planted the most trees. On that first day, more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska.

36. With what topic is the passage mainly concerned?
- A. The Nebraskan terrain
 - B. Early settlers
 - C. Arbor Day
 - D. Some uses for trees
37. It can be inferred from the passage that in the eastern United States there were many _____.
- A. trees
 - B. settlers
 - C. types of fuel
 - D. situations requiring adaptation
38. According to the passage, trees were initially needed by the Nebraskan settlers for _____.
- A. shade
 - B. the prevention of soil erosion
 - C. the creation of parks
 - D. construction
39. Why does the author mention J. Sterling Morton?
- A. To cite an example of an early settler.
 - B. To give credit for the origin of an idea.
 - C. To support the author's own point of view.
 - D. To stress the importance of journalists.
40. According to the passage, which of the following happened on April 10, 1872?
- A. A great many new trees were planted.
 - B. J. Sterling Morton was born.
 - C. The Nebraska state government donated trees.
 - D. A million prizes were awarded.

Passage Three

Artificial flowers are used for scientific as well as for decorative purposes. They are made from a variety of materials, such as wax and glass, so skillfully that they can scarcely be distinguished from natural flowers. In making such models, painstaking skill and artistry are called for, as well as thorough knowledge of plant structure. The collection of glass flowers in the Botanical Museum of Harvard University is the most famous in North America and is widely known throughout the scientific world. In all, there are several thousand models in colored glass, the work of two artist-naturalists, Leopold Blaschka and his son Rudolph.

The intention was to have the collection represent at least one member of each flower family native to the United States. Although it was never completed, it contains more than seven hundred species representing 164 families of flowering plants, a group of fruits showing the effect of fungus diseases, and thousands of flower parts and magnified details. Every detail of these is accurately reproduced in color and structure. The models are kept in locked cases as they are too valuable and fragile for classroom use.

41. Which of the following is the best title for the passage?
- A. An Extensive Collection of Glass Flowers
 B. The lives of Leopold and Rudolph Blaschka
 C. Flowers Native to the United States
 D. Materials Used for Artificial Flowers
42. Which of the following statements about Leopold and Rudolph Blaschka is true?
- A. They were brothers.
 B. They were artists.
 C. They were florists.
 D. They were farmers.
43. It can be inferred from the passage that the goal of Leopold and Rudolph Blaschka was to _____.
- A. create a botanical garden where only exotic flowers grew
 B. do a thorough study of plant structure
 C. make a copy of one member of each United States flower family
 D. show that glass flowers are more realistic than wax flowers
44. In sentence 2, Para. 2, the word "it" refers to which of the following phrases?
- A. "The intention"
 B. "the collection"
 C. "one member"
 D. "each flower family"
45. Which of the following is NOT included in the display at the Botanical Museum of Harvard University?
- A. Models of 164 families of flowering plants.
 B. Magnified details of flower parts.
 C. Several species of native birds.
 D. A group of diseased fruits.

Part IV Translation

Directions: Translate the following passages into English. (10 points)

和平与发展是时代的主题

和平与发展是时代的主题。世界各国人民应携手合作，继续推进人类和平与发展的崇高事业。

和平的环境，是一个国家、一个地区以至全球发展的重要前提。没有和平，没有稳定的政治局面，就谈不上经济发展。历史和现实都充分说明了这一点。

当今世界，国际局势总体上趋向缓和，但各种因素引发的冲突甚至局部战争此起彼伏，

一些地区的紧张态势依然存在,妨碍了有关国家和地区的经济发展,也对世界经济产生了不利影响。一切负责任的政治家和政府,都应该遵守《联合国宪章》的宗旨和公认的国际关系基本准则,为实现普遍、持久、全面的和平而努力,而不能违背各国人民的利益去人为地挑起紧张态势,甚至制造武力冲突。

Part V Writing

Directions: Write a short composition of about 250 to 300 words on the topic given below: (15 points)

Topic: Some young people like to carry out a research project on their own, while others like to do it in a group. Which way do you prefer? Explain why.