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Part I Vocabulary

(20%)

Section A

Directions: In this section there are 20 sentences. Each of the sentences has an underlined part. For each sentence there are 4 choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the one that best keeps the meaning of the underlined part. Mark your answer on the ANSWER SHEET with a single line through the center.

1. He refused to acknowledge that he was defeated..
A. acquaint B. acquire C. admit D. accumulate
2. That book is the authentic story of a doctor's life.
A. joyful B. genuine C. authorized D. fearless
3. The pilot really knows how to handle an airplane.
A. steer B. hold C. treat D. deal with
4. He was in town to promote his new book.
A. raise B. sell C. elevate D. publicize
5. The police pursued the bank robber.
A. caught B. freed C. charged D. chased
6. Bridges over railroad tracks eliminate danger in crossing.
A. get rid of B. increase C. bring about D. reduce
7. The hospital is supported by voluntary contributors.
A. generous B. volunteered C. kind-hearted D. different
8. You are wasting your potential on this job.
A. money B. time C. capability D. energy

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9. He has a substantial understanding of economics.
A. a large B. a solid C. an abundant D. a massive
10. The Chamber of Commerce boosts local business.
A. restrains B. controls C. advances D. oversees
11. They went away for a fortnight on holiday.
A. a week B. two weeks C. a month D. two months
12. The play was too sophisticated for them.
A. dull B. childish C. silly D. complicated
13. They purchased a car last week.
A. bought B. lost C. got D. sold
14. Will you help me to shift the furniture round, please?
A. change B. switch C. move D. manage
15. He erased all the pencil marks on the book.
A. left B. noted C. wrote D. rubbed out
16. It was sensible of him to do that.
A. proper B. right C. wise D. responsive
17. The affair looks suspicious to me.
A. bright B. doubtful C. certain D. funny
18. That was an awful crime.
A. a terrible B. a poor C. an extreme D. an amazing
19. To save more money you'll need to be more frugal.
A. lucky B. intelligent C. hard-working D. economical
20. How to talk to a Martian is an academic question.
A. a theoretical B. an educational C. a scholastic D. a general

Section B

Directions: In this section there are 20 incomplete sentences. For each sentence there are 4 choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the one that best completes the sentence. Mark your answer on the ANSWER SHEET with a single line through the center.

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21. The man was _____ of speeding.
A. charged B. accused C. blamed D. criticized
22. _____ are that he will win the game.
A. Chances B. Opportunities C. Probabilities D. Fates
23. In the _____ of justice, I beg you to free the prisoner.
A. authority B. term C. terms D. name
24. The police _____ the crowd.
A. broke out B. broke in C. broke up D. broke down
25. Who can I _____ in my hour of need?
A. stick to B. take to C. refer to D. turn to
26. Your work is _____ all praise.
A. out of B. above C. beyond D. over
27. After being defeated they _____ to the enemy.
A. fell B. submitted C. took D. kept
28. They traveled from London to Paris _____ Dover.
A. via B. through C. across D. by
29. They have _____ to the files.
A. way B. means C. path D. access
30. Don't waste energy _____ over such a minor matter.
A. fussing B. looking C. running D. handing
31. My property was _____ of in a sale.
A. disturbed B. distributed C. disposed D. disputed
32. When Mr. Green retired, his son _____ the business from him.
A. took off B. took over C. took down D. took after
33. We'd be _____ off without all that noise from the children's room.
A. good B. well C. better D. best
34. If the land belongs to you, why don't you lay _____ to it?
A. label B. demand C. right D. claim

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35. The repairs to your car will cost you _____ \$35.
A. at large B. at all costs C. at once D. at most
36. _____ the absence of the Manager, Mr. Smith is in charge of the business.
A. In B. At C. To D. With
37. The meeting came to _____ at last.
A. a limit B. an end C. a finish D. a bound
38. They have _____ production.
A. brought up B. put up C. speeded up D. pulled up
39. I cannot _____ you a good post.
A. assure B. ensure C. make sure D. be sure
40. Those jeans will _____ in the wash.
A. shrink B. diminish C. contract D. reduce

Part II Reading Comprehension (40%)

Directions: In this section there are 4 passages. Each passage is followed by 5 questions. For each sentence there are 4 choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the best answer. Mark your answer on the ANSWER SHEET with a single line through the center.

Passage 1

It's easy to tell people to make exercise part of their daily routine. It's not so easy to tell them what to do. Some folks like to run marathons or climb mountains. But if you would rather care for your body without risking life or limb of increasingly creaky joints, you might consider Tai Chi Chuan, the ancient martial art that looks like a cross between shadow boxing and slow-motion ballet. Tai Chi combines intense mental focus with deliberate, graceful movements that improve strength, agility and—particularly important for the elderly—balance.

Practitioners praise Tai Chi's spiritual and psychological benefits, but what has attracted the attention of Western scientists lately is what Tai chi does for the body. In many ways, researchers are just catching up to what tens of millions of people in China and Chinatowns around the rest of the world already know about Tai Chi. Scientists at the Oregon Research Institute in Eugene reported that Tai Chi offers the greatest benefit to older men and women who are healthy but relatively inactive. Previous

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studies have shown that Tai Chi practiced regularly helps reduce falls among healthy seniors. The next step, from a scientific point of view, is to determine whether Tai Chi can help those who are already frail.

There are several styles of Tai Chi, but most of them start with a series of controlled movements, or forms, with names like Grasping the Sparrow's Tail and Repulse the Monkey. There are many good how-to books to get you started, or you can choose from among the growing number of classes offered at rec centers and health clubs in the U.S. and around the world. (These have the added benefit of combining instruction with a chance to meet new people.) Either way, the goal is to move at your own pace. As Tai Chi Cultural Center in Los Altos, California puts it, "Pain is no gain."

It can take a few months for the effects to kick in, but when they do they can act as a gateway to a new lifestyle. "Once people start feeling better, they often become more active in their daily life," says Dr. Karim Khan, a family-practice and sports physician at the University of British Columbia.

Any form of exercise, of course, can do only so much. "For older individuals, Tai Chi will not be the end-all," says William Haskell, an expert in chronic-disease prevention at Stanford University. "But Tai Chi plus walking would be a very good mixture." Younger people probably need more of an aerobic challenge, but they can benefit from Tai Chi's capacity to reduce stress.

The best thing about Tai Chi is that people enjoy it, so they are more likely to stick with it long enough to get some benefit. It helps when something that's good for you is also fun.

41. Tai Chi movements can improve all the following EXCEPT _____.

- A. strength B. balance C. nimbleness D. integrity

42. According to some scientists, what kind of people can benefit most from Tai Chi?

- A. Healthy but relatively inactive old people.
B. Active but relatively unhealthy old people.
C. Frail old people, just released from hospital.
D. Energetic young people.

43. The author mentions "Pain is no gain" (para.3) in order to advise people to _____.

- A. move as slowly as possible B. act elegantly
C. meet new people D. follow their own pace

44. Tai Chi can help young people _____.

- A. keep slim B. reduce stress
C. grow taller D. meet challenges

45. The author's main purpose of writing this article is _____.

- A. to challenge the idea that Tai Chi is the best exercise
- B. to introduce Tai Chi to North Americans as a good exercise
- C. to invite people to take part in a training course on Tai Chi
- D. to differentiate Tai Chi from other physical exercise

Passage 2

In the atmosphere, carbon dioxide acts rather like a one-way mirror—the glass in the roof of a greenhouse which allows the sun's rays to enter but prevents the heat from escaping.

According to a weather expert's prediction, the atmosphere will be 3°C warmer in the year 2050 than it is today, if man continues to burn fuels at the present rate. If this warming up took place, the ice caps in the poles would begin to melt, thus raising sea level several metres and severely flooding coastal cities. Also, the increase in atmospheric temperature would lead to great changes in the climate of the northern hemisphere, possibly resulting in an alteration of earth's chief food-growing zones.

In the past, concern about a man-made warming of the earth has concentrated on the Arctic because the Antarctic is much colder and has a much thicker ice sheet. But the weather experts are now paying more attention to West Antarctic, which may be affected by only a few degrees of warming, in other words, by a warming on the scale that will possibly take place in the next fifty years from the burning of fuels.

Satellite pictures show that large areas of Antarctic ice are already disappearing. The evidence available suggests that a warming has taken place. This fits the theory that carbon dioxide warms the earth.

However, most of the fuel is burnt in the northern hemisphere, where temperatures seem to be falling. Scientists conclude, therefore, that up to now natural influences on the weather have exceeded those caused by man. The question is; which natural cause has most effect on the weather?

One possibility is the variable behavior of the sun. Astronomers at one research station have studied the hot spots and "cold" spots (that is, the relatively less hot spots) on the sun. As the sun rotates, every 27.5 days, it presents hotter or "colder" faces to the earth, and different aspects to different parts of the earth. They seem to have a considerable effect on the distribution of the earth's atmospheric pressure, and consequently on wind circulation. The sun is also variable over a long term: its heat output goes up and down in cycles, the latest trend being downward.

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Scientists are now finding mutual relations between models of solar-weather interactions and the actual climate over many thousands of years, including the last Ice Age. The problem is that the models are predicting that the world should be entering a new Ice Age and it is not. One way of solving this theoretical difficulty is to assume a delay of thousands of years while the solar effects overcome the inertia(惯性)of the earth's climate. If this is right, the warming effect of carbon dioxide might thus be serving as a useful counter-balance to the sun's diminishing heat.

46. It can be concluded that a concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere would_____.

- A. prevent the sun's rays from reaching the earth's surface
- B. mean a warming up in the Arctic
- C. account for great changes in the climate in the northern hemisphere
- D. raise the temperature of the earth's surface

47. The article was written to explain_____.

- A. the greenhouse effect
- B. the solar effects on the earth
- C. the models of solar-weather interactions
- D. the causes affecting weather

48. Although the fuel consumption is greater in the northern hemisphere, temperatures there seem to be falling. This is_____.

- A. mainly because the levels of carbon dioxide are rising
- B. possibly because the ice caps in the poles are melting
- C. exclusively due to the effect of the inertia of the earth's climate
- D. partly due to variations in the output of solar energy

49. On the basis of their models, scientists are of the opinion that_____.

- A. the climate of the world should be becoming cooler
- B. it will take thousands of years for the inertia of the earth's climate to take effect
- C. the man-made warming effect helps to increase the solar effects
- D. the new Ice Age will be delayed by the greenhouse effect

50. If the assumption about the delay of a new Ice Age is correct_____.

- A. the best way to overcome the cooling effect would be to burn more fuels
- B. ice would soon cover the northern hemisphere
- C. the increased levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere could warm up the earth even more quickly

D. the greenhouse effect could work to the advantage of the earth

Passage 3

For more than 10 years there has been a bigger rise in car crime than in most other types of crime. An average of more than two cars a minute are broken into, vandalized(破坏) or stolen in the UK. Car crime accounts for almost a third of all reported offences with no signs that the trend is slowing down.

Although there are highly professional criminals involved in car theft, almost 90 percent of car crime is committed by the opportunist. Amateur thieves are aided by our carelessness. When the Automobile Association (AA) engineers surveyed one town centre car park last year, 10 percent of cars checked were unlocked, a figure backed up by a Home Office national survey that found 12 percent of drivers sometimes left their cars unlocked.

The vehicles are sitting in petrol stations while drivers pay for their fuel. The AA has discovered that cars are left unattended for an average of three minutes——and sometimes much longer——as drivers buy drinks, cigarettes and other consumer items——and then pay at the counter. With payment by credit card more and more common, it is not unusual for a driver to be out of his car for as long as six minutes providing the car thief with a golden opportunity.

In an exclusive AA survey, carried out at a busy garage on a main road out of London, 300 motorists were questioned over three days of the holiday period. 24 percent admitted that they “always” or “sometimes” leave the keys in the car. This means that nationwide, a million cars daily become easy targets for the opportunist thief.

The AA recommends locking up whenever you leave the car——and for however short a period. A partially open sunroof or window is a further come-on to thieves.

Leaving valuables in view is an invitation to the criminal. A Manchester probationary (假释期) service research project, which interviewed almost 100 car thieves last year, found many would investigate a coat thrown on a seat. Never leave any documents showing your home address in the car. If you have a garage, use it and lock it——a garaged car is at substantially less risk.

There are many other traps to avoid. The Home Office has found little awareness among drivers about safe parking. Most motorists questioned made no efforts to avoid parking in quiet spots away from street lights—just the places thieves love. The AA advises drivers to park in places with people around——thieves do not like audiences.

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51. The passage seems to imply that payment by credit card _____.
A. is preferable for safe parking B. is now a common practice
C. takes longer than necessary D. aids a car thief in a way
52. Which of the following statements is correct?
A. In the UK, a million cars are stolen daily.
B. In the UK, there are amateur car thieves only.
C. There are more car crimes than any other type of offences.
D. One in ten drivers invites car theft due to carelessness.
53. The researches mentioned in the passage on car theft include all the following EXCEPT _____.
A. checking private garages B. interviewing motorists
C. questioning car thieves D. examining parking lots
54. The best way for a driver to avoid car theft is _____.
A. leaving documents showing one's home address in the car
B. locking one's car in a parking lot at any time
C. not leaving the car unattended for longer than necessary
D. not leaving a sunroof or window partially open
55. In the last paragraph, the term "safe parking" means _____.
A. not parking under street lights
B. not parking in front of a theatre or cinema
C. avoiding traps set by a possible car thief
D. parking where a lot of people pass by

Passage 4

Nowadays, we hear a lot about the growing threat of globalization, accompanied by those warnings that the rich pattern of local life is being undermined, and many dialects and traditions are becoming extinct. But stop and think for a moment about the many positive aspects that globalization is bringing. Read on and you are bound to feel comforted, ready to face the global future, which is surely inevitable now.

Consider the Internet, that prime example of our shrinking world. Leaving aside the all-too-familiar worries about pornography and political extremism, even the most narrow-minded

must admit that the net offers immeasurable benefits, not just in terms of education, the sector for which it was originally designed, but more importantly on a global level, the spread of news and comment. It will be increasingly difficult for politicians to maintain their regimes of misinformation, as the oppressed will not only find support and comfort, but also be able to organize themselves more effectively.

MTV is another global provider that is often criticized for imposing popular culture on the unsuspecting millions around the world. Yet the viewers' judgment on MTV is undoubtedly positive; it is regarded as indispensable by most of the global teenage generation to watch it, a vital part of growing up. And in the final analysis, what harm can a few songs and videos cause?

Is the world dominance of brands like Nike and Coca-Cola so bad for us, when all is said and done? Sportswear and soft drinks are harmless products when compared to the many other things that have been globally available for a longer period of time—heroin and cocaine, for example. In any case, just because Nike shoes and Coke cans are for sale, it doesn't mean you have to buy them—even globalization cannot deprive the individual of his free will.

Critics of globalization can stop issuing their doom and gloom statements. Life goes on, and has more to offer for many citizens of the world than it did for their parents' generation.

56. Some people feel sad about globalization because they believe it will_____.

- A. bring threat to the world peace
- B. impact the diversified local life
- C. disrupt their present easy life-style
- D. increase the size of people speaking dialects

57. Internet was originally designed_____.

- A. to promote education
- B. to distribute news and comment
- C. to relieve people of worries
- D. to publicize political beliefs

58. What is the writer's attitude towards globalization?

- A. Suspicious
- B. Positive
- C. Indifferent
- D. Contemptuous

59. It is implied in the passage that Nike and Coca-Cola_____.

- A. should not become dominant brands
- B. have been ignored by many people
- C. cannot be compared with drugs
- D. shouldn't have caused so much concern

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60. Which of the following could be the best title of the passage?

- A. Globalization Is Standardization
- B. Globalization: Like It or Lump It
- C. Globalization: Don't Worry, Be Happy
- D. Globalization Brings Equality

Part III Translation (20 points)

Directions: Read the following passage carefully. Then translate it into Chinese. Write your translation on the ANSWER SHEET.

Effective translators aim to capture the overall message of an advertisement because a word-for-word duplication of the original rarely conveys the intended meaning and often causes misunderstandings. In designing advertisements to be used in other countries, marketers are recognizing the need to keep messages as short and simple as possible and to avoid idioms, jargon, and slang that are difficult to translate. Similarly, they avoid jokes, since humor does not translate well from one culture to another. The bottom line is that consumers interpret advertising in terms of their own cultures. As the global marketplace opens up, there is no room for linguistic or cultural blunders.

Part IV Writing (20 points)

Directions: In this part you are to write within 30 minutes a composition of 130-150 words about "Is Failure a Bad Thing?" Your composition should be based on the following outline.

1. 失败是常有的事.
2. 人们对失败有各种不同的看法.
3. 你对失败的看法.