**Listening Section: 10%**

I. Best Response

1. (A) Maybe you should drive safer.
(B) Maybe you should drive faster.
(C) Maybe you should buy a new car.
(D) Maybe you should buy a new horn.

2. (A) Sure! We can film the last scene today.
(B) Sure! Let’s get the actors to finish their parts.
(C) Really? I didn’t know it was the final show!
(D) Really? Let’s be the first people to see it!

3. (A) So don’t tell your parents about it.
(B) So children wouldn’t understand it.
(C) So make sure you wear stylish clothes to it.
(D) So it’s too simple for most adults.

4. (A) Then I’m going to order a hamburger.
(B) Then I’m going to bring my mom.
(C) Then I’m going to wear my nicest clothes.
(D) Then I’m going to take my cell phone.

II. Short Conversations

5. (A) Because it made her husband upset.
(B) Because it made her stomach upset.
(C) Because it repaired her concentration.
(D) Because it impaired her concentration.

6. (A) The risk is too high.
(B) The rock is too big.
(C) The cost is too much.
(D) The trip is too long.

7. (A) She is late for work every day.
(B) She is experiencing stress at work.
(C) She is having too much fun at work.
(D) She is not used to working very early.

8. (A) Because she has such a good attitude.
(B) Because her job is very hard.
(C) Because she is going to be in a movie.
(D) Because she was given a great opportunity.

III. Short Talk

9. (A) Make an original jacket.
(B) Take pictures for magazines.
(C) Write their own pop songs.
(D) Learn how to be a model.

10. How is the winner of *Project Runway* decided?

(A) The designers compete to see who makes the most money.
(B) The designers have their personalities tested by doctors.
(C) The designers are judged by design experts.
(D) The designers make their own clothes for a month.

**Reading Section: 71%**

I. Vocabulary, Idioms and Phrases (15%)

11. It takes great efforts to ____ the invaluable paintings and masterpieces in the museum.
12. Fortune Magazine covers a wide range of current economic news with comprehensive _____.
   (A) confrontation  (B) performance  (C) entertainment  (D) commentary

13. Literary masterpieces are often works that can ____ with people from all walks of life.
   (A) cast a spell  (B) make a vow  (C) have a background  (D) strike a chord

14. Lisa was complimenting you because she was trying to _____ a ride out of you.
   (A) saturate  (B) relate  (C) sympathize  (D) wheedle

15. Ice on road is a major _____ at this time of the year, so be sure to drive with extreme caution.
   (A) hazard  (B) staple  (C) fleck  (D) shepherd

16. Rebecca wants to be her own master and thus _____ to being told what to do.
   (A) engages  (B) objects  (C) premieres  (D) interrupts

17. Legend has it that evil creatures living on the island had _____ voices that lured sailors to their death.
   (A) victorious  (B) wholesome  (C) enchanting  (D) wacky

18. We will never _____ to demands by terrorists. Any form of terrorist attack will be met with military retaliation.
   (A) give up  (B) give out  (C) give in  (D) give away

19. He failed to get promoted for lack of _____. He needs to be more decisive.
   (A) strength  (B) privilege  (C) entertainment  (D) resolution

20. Though they considered his art creative, I found his art rather dull and _____.
   (A) conventional  (B) essential  (C) spiritual  (D) fashionable

21. The _____ robot can be programmed to perform a lot of household tasks. Better yet, it can recharge itself.
   (A) impaired  (B) sophisticated  (C) detectable  (D) avoidable

22. Allan refused the offer to transfer to another office because he enjoyed the ____ shared with his colleagues.
   (A) awareness  (B) contrast  (C) camaraderie  (D) mortality

23. Logan seemed to _____ the bad news _____ and went ahead with his plans for the day.
   (A) take…off  (B) take…in stride  (C) take…to the top  (D) take…for

24. Thinking about being stuck for hours on the highway, Howard becomes less ____ about the trip home.
   (A) typical  (B) scary  (C) skillful  (D) enthusiastic

25. Generally speaking, the hotel we stayed was good, but the food they served was nothing to _____.
   (A) hang on  (B) dig in  (C) beg for  (D) write home about

II. Grammar (10%)  

26. The young panda is so small and weak that it requires ____ care for the first two months.
   (A) a great deal of  (B) a large number of  (C) a big sum of  (D) a couple of

27. The teachers and students of our school are great. The food at the school cafeteria is inexpensive and delicious. The club activities here are exciting. ____ HSNU is a terrific high school.
   (A) To sum up  (B) Not to mention  (C) To speak frankly  (D) To begin with

28. Two pandas from China, named Tuan-tuan and Yuan-yuan, _____ in Taipei Zoo now.
   (A) living  (B) which living  (C) which are living  (D) are living

29. Many of Da Vinci’s ideas, while _____ in his time, have become commonly accepted in today’s world.
   (A) was laughing  (B) was laughed  (C) they have laughed  (D) laughed at

30. People with a lower EQ _____ get adapted to the society.
   (A) are unlikely to  (B) are used to  (C) are impossible to  (D) are unfamiliar to

31. Most people appear _____ and well-adjusted on the surface.
   (A) confident  (B) confidently  (C) confidence  (D) of confidence

32. Not a person in the room believes what you just said. I myself don’t, _____.
   (A) neither  (B) either  (C) too  (D) so

33. The last thing _____ was passing an old lady who seemed to be going awfully slow.
   (A) what I remember  (B) all I remember  (C) I remember  (D) that remembered

34. Which of the following sentences is correct?
(A) Because of John fooled around all day, he failed to passed the test.
(B) Because John fooled around all day, he passed the test.
(C) Because of John’s fooling around all day, he failed to pass the test.
(D) Because John fooling around all day, he does not pass the test.

35. Which of the following sentences is correct?
(A) To our admiring, the magician turned the rabbit into a dove in a second.
(B) To much our admiration, the magician turned the rabbit into a dove in a second.
(C) To our great admiring, the magician turned the rabbit into a dove in a second.
(D) Much to our admiration, the magician turned the rabbit into a dove in a second.

III. Cloze Test (30%)

The biggest problem that pandas face today is the loss of their natural habitat, which ___36___ deforestation. For the past century, large areas of natural forest ___37___ cleared for agriculture, timber and human habitation, leaving the pandas with limited areas to live in. The forest is also cut into small areas and the pandas ___38___ live in small groups. As a result, pandas are facing a great risk of inbreeding. What’s worse, deforestation also ___39___ a threat to the pandas’ food supply. ___40___, measures are being taken to help preserve their habitat and protect tier lives.

36. (A) is responsible for (B) gives rise to (C) results in (D) is due mainly to
37. (A) was (B) were (C) has been (D) have been
38. (A) prefer to (B) had better (C) have no choice but to (D) can’t wait to
39. (A) reduces (B) poses (C) lifts (D) stops
40. (A) Luckily (B) In fact (C) Instead (D) Likewise

Can you remember the last time you stepped into a room full of strangers and felt that ___41___ and awkward feeling rush over you? Or that heart thumping moment when you wanted to ask someone out on a date, but were too shy to do so? That anxiety makes you feel that ___42___.

Everyone experiences shyness differently and on varying degrees. One of the root causes is having a(n) ___43___ . It is especially true for high school students. They believe in the misconception that their unique qualities are not worthy of anyone’s admiration; they mistakenly try to fit in with everyone else, thus not feeling like themselves. As a matter of fact, about 50 percent of juvenile misbehavior ___44___ teenagers’ negative self-evaluation.

Some think that shyness is nothing but a hindrance to a person’s social life. Wrong! Shyness is not a fault; it is a personality trait. ___45___, shy people tend to be attentive listeners and makes a welcoming presence even without saying a word. If a person has a sense of self-worth, then her shyness is the inner space that shines.

41. (A) self-conscious (B) unconscious (C) subconscious (D) environmentally-conscious
42. (A) the cat is out of the bag (B) someone is really bugging you (C) curses, like chickens, come home to roost (D) you have butterflies in your stomach
43. (A) weak self-image (B) economic distress (C) political issue (D) physical disability
44. (A) that is caused by (B) results from (C) accounts for (D) are the consequence of
45. (A) Worse still (B) Instead (C) To begin with (D) Generally speaking

If it had not been for Cameron Mackintosh’s efforts, Victor Hugo’s Les Misérables ___46___ so well-known now. Reading the 1,200-page-long novel, for native or non-native readers, is already time-consuming. The French audience had the privilege of viewing the French musical in only 3 hours ___47___ 1979, when the novel was first adapted by the composer, Claude-Michel, the lyricist, Alain Boublil, and the poet, Jean-Marc Nate. As for the English audience, ___48___ Cameron Mackintosh’s revision of the French musical that they were able to watch its English debut in London in 1985. With Cameron’s insistence that the cast ___49___ on the Paris of Hugo, the actors and actresses are able to interpret the problems of poverty and inequality confronted by the lower class. ___50___ has ever captured people’s imaginations like Les Mis and there have never been so many charitable acts done under the influence of a mere theatrical performance. Les Mis, already watched by more than fifty million viewers, will definitely continue to mesmerize theater-goers, give messages of hope and arouse people’s sympathy for the poor.
Where did I go wrong? Didn’t I talk enough with you? How can you be so ___51__ that you leave me facing such a terrible ordeal of my life? It really kills me to identify you in this morgue. I am overwhelmed by grief and awfully in need of sympathy. I feel myself ___52__ and feel like screaming. How come? As you left home this morning, you were so full of vitality, and in this minute you are lying motionless ___53__ your body mangled and saturated in blood. How I wish you ___54__ to ask me to pick you up. It was not cool, in fact very stupid, to get into a car with someone who had been drinking.

Wake up, sweetie! I can’t ___55__ the thought of you becoming a statistic. You have a lot of living to do. Please wake up and walk me out of here, for I feel so weak that I can barely walk.

In today’s society, you may find it difficult to slow down. However, you needn’t ___56__ to a deserted beach or mountain villa to find rest and relaxation. You can experience these by keeping the following tips in mind. First, better thinking matters. The ability to relax depends ___57__ on your thinking ___57__ (on) your circumstances. Secondly, form a habit of relaxing. Whether it is exercise, a hot bath or favorite TV show, find an activity that ___58__ your batteries. Last but not least, get enough restful sleep. Sleep experts recommend keeping a “worry journal,” ___59__ you can write everything that’s on your mind before going to bed. This activity can help you release thoughts that might otherwise prevent you from getting needed sleep. And don’t forget to recognize your own ___60___. You can’t do everything perfectly, but you can get the rest and relaxation you need to do many things better.

We all know that celebrities like to compete to buy and wear fashionable clothes. But who decides which colors and trends will be fashionable? Well, the Color Marketing Group decides on the colors. CMG, ___61__ design professionals and other experts, meets yearly and analyzes all of the factors that influence us—politics, lifestyle trends, fashion, the environment—to predict what colors we’ll crave next. So what is ___62__ fashion this season? Contrasts and differences ___63__ this winter’s collection. Purple is the number one color for winter 2008. ___64__, military styles are playing a big role in design. Straight lines, button-up shirts, fitted skirts and belts have all been ___65__, while loose clothing is obviously out.
would not let them study and practice their religion or faith. In order to keep their beliefs alive, they would sometimes get together and play with the dreidel. It would look like they were innocently having fun, but really they were also studying or talking about the Torah. The Torah is the collection of scrolls, which contain the basic scriptures of the Jewish religion and law.

Today the tradition of the dreidel continues. The dreidel is a four-sided spinning top with one Hebrew letter printed on each side. The Hebrew letter nun starts the word nes, which means “miracle.” The Hebrew letter gimel starts the word gadol, which means “great.” The Hebrew letter hey starts the word haya, which means “was.” The Hebrew letter shin starts the word sham, which means “there.” Of course, then, the words together mean “a great miracle happened there.” That message reminds those who are playing the dreidel game of the Hanukkah story.

The dreidel can be used in a variety of ways. Sometimes children like to have contests to see who can spin the most dreidels at the same time. Other times they just like to see who can spin the dreidel the longest. On other occasions, children like to guess the letter on which the dreidel will stop spinning.

66. According to the reading, the Hebrew word _____ means “great.”
(A) nes    (B) gadol    (C) haya    (D) sham

67. According to the reading, which of the following is NOT true?
(A) Not allowed to practice their religion, Jewish people played with the dreidel to celebrate a miracle.
(B) Today children usually play the dreidel games in many different ways.
(C) The dreidel is a four-sided spinning top with one Hebrew letter printed on each side.
(D) Children often have contests to see who can spin the most dreidels at the same time.

With its short legs moving furiously, a tiny, flat-faced pug reminds one of a stuffed toy. In contrast, the wolf-like Siberian husky moves with the skill of an experienced wild hunter. Strangely, these two animals with completely different appearances belong to the same species, Canis familiaris, better known as dogs. Physical differences are causing scientists to rethink how they differentiate between species.

Since an animal’s appearance is not always a clear indication of its species, scientists have begun using DNA to help with identification. The Barcode of Life project is aimed at researching a single gene that has a unique sequence in each species. Using that gene as a bar code, they will then be able to sort similar animals into groups. Animals with the same sequence would be part of the same species.

This method will not only help identify current species, but also provide insight into species evolution. For example, through DNA research, scientists have discovered that domestic dogs are descended from wild gray wolves that were domesticated by humans long ago. The Barcode of Life project is definitely helping scientists gain a better understanding of the animal kingdom.

68. What is true of both the pug and the Siberian husky?
(A) They are animals of the same species.
(B) They have similar appearances.
(C) They both look like cute toys.
(D) They are very skilled hunters.

69. What will the Barcode of Life project help scientists do?
(A) Keep track of animals in the wild.
(B) Find out the existing number of each animal.
(C) Learn how animals survive in the wild.
(D) Correctly group animals into species.

70. What is the main purpose of article?
(A) To describe how different two animals of the same species can look.
(B) To explain a method being developed for determining species.
(C) To describe the ways in which dogs have helped us understand genes.
(D) To show how researching evolution can be a very difficult thing to do.

Edita Gruberova (born December 23, 1946, Bratislava) is a Slovak soprano who is one of the most acclaimed
coloraturas(花腔女高音) of recent decades. From Gruberova’s 1968 debut in her native Bratislava as Rosina, through her international breakthrough in 1976 as Zerbinetta in Vienna, until the present day where her concentration has turned to the tragic heroines of Donizetti and Bellini, this exceptional singer has consistently demonstrated an amazing level of vocal perfection. Her voice has matured with the years but her technique—that incredible ability to spin out endless phrases, to sing with apparent ease well into high Cs and above—has remained intact. She has worked diligently through the recent past to plumb the depths of each new role, her dramatic interpretations improving accordingly.

71. According to the passage, Edita Gruberova won international recognition three decades ago because of _____.
   (A) her bravery to sing in Bellini’s operas
   (B) her amazing vocal perfection
   (C) her ability to bring tragic heroines to life
   (D) a role she played in one of Bellini’s operas

72. Edita Gruberova’s vocal perfection is characterized by _____.
   (A) her success in plumbing the depths of different roles
   (B) her dramatic interpretations of each role
   (C) her demonstrations of Donizetti’s operas
   (D) her ability to sing high notes with ease

73. Based on the passage, which of the following is TRUE?
   (A) Gruberova’s favorite opera composers are Bellini and Donizetti.
   (B) Gruberova has tried tragic roles in Bellini’s and Donizetti’s operas.
   (C) Gruberova has not made any improvement in her voice since her debut.
   (D) Gruberova was born in Vienna, where she rose to fame as a coloratura.

Written Section: 19%

I. Vocabulary & Derivatives (10%)

74. Dinosaurs have been extinct for millions of years. They no longer exist on earth.

75. Mary is extremely sensitive and vulnerable. She takes all criticism personally and gets hurt easily.

76. As they announced the sudden death of Peter, I felt completely overcome. I still can’t get over it.

77. The novels are divided up into three categories: historical, romantic, and crime.

78. In dating, it hurts to get dumped. But we should learn to take it gracefully. After all, everyone has the right to refuse someone he/she doesn’t love.

79. Kim resembles his father as an eloquent speaker; he inherits his father’s gift for speaking.

80. The French novelist’s works describe the poverty and social injustice suffered by the people during the rule of Napoleon I.

81. The patient recovered immediately after the doctor tried the new treatment. It was surprisingly effective.

82. Without enough food, many people in underdeveloped countries die from starvation every year.

83. One third of all road fatalities are caused by people drinking and driving.

II. Translation (9%)

84. Debby’s house was broken into last night. To make matters worse, her jewels were stolen.

85. 假如處理得好，危機有可能會變成轉機。
   ______ well, the crisis ______ be turned into an opportunity.

86. 一想到她的微笑，我就感到快樂又溫暖。真希望她就在此和我在一起。
   At ______ her smile, I feel happy and warm. How I wish she ______.

87. 這齣戲啓發了演員們共同為無家可歸者募款。
   (3%)

   ____________________________________________________________________________________
1-10  C D B C D  A B D A C  
11-20  A D D D A  B C C D A  
21-30  B C B D D  A A D D A  
31-40  A B C C D  D D C B A  
41-50  A D A B D  B C D C B  
51-60  A C B B D  A D B A C  
61-70  C D B B A  B A A D B  
71-73  B D B  

Written Section

I. Vocabulary (10%)【請注意題號及答題順序，答題順序錯誤不算分

74. extinct  75. vulnerable  76. overwhelmed  77. categories  
78. rejection  79. inherits  80. injustice  81. immediately  
82. starvation  83. fatalities  

II. Guided Translation (9%)【每格不限填一字】

84. was broken into (1%)  make matters worse (1%)  
85. If handled (1%)  is likely to (1%)  
86. the thought of (1%)  were here with me (1%)  
87. This show has inspired its performers to work together to raise money for the homeless. (3%)