

Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C, or D) that best completes the sentence.

1. - "I can't believe you're late again!" - "I'm sorry, but \_\_\_\_\_."  
A. I couldn't help  
B. it couldn't help  
C. I couldn't be helped  
D. it couldn't be helped
2. Upon entering the apartment, he \_\_\_\_\_ in the dark for the light switch.  
A. fumbled  
B. writhed  
C. hovered  
D. glimmered
3. The procedures of maintaining the system are \_\_\_\_\_ incompatible with our intended purpose.  
A. thoroughly  
B. absolutely  
C. terribly  
D. utterly
4. Damages from the hurricane have been \_\_\_\_\_ at millions of dollars.  
A. accessed  
B. assessed  
C. esteemed  
D. apportioned
5. I can't stand the pressure at work any more. There's \_\_\_\_\_ a stress-free job.  
A. nothing compared to  
B. nothing that compares  
C. no such thing as  
D. nothing as
6. She acted in the \_\_\_\_\_ that she was making the right decision.  
A. understanding  
B. belief  
C. expectation  
D. likelihood
7. - "I'm surprised he didn't get the job." - "He might have \_\_\_\_\_ a better interview."  
A. if he had  
B. if he would have  
C. did he have  
D. had he had
8. It turned out that the business tycoon was in \_\_\_\_\_ with local law enforcement to have the investigation dropped.  
A. league  
B. terms  
C. connection  
D. ties
9. This lovely new dress fits like a \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. gauntlet  
B. gown  
C. treat  
D. glove
10. - "Did you have trouble finding the house?" - "I hate to say it, but your directions \_\_\_\_\_."  
A. had lost us  
B. got us lost  
C. lost us  
D. were losing us
11. With its \_\_\_\_\_ engine, the car performed better than we had hoped.  
A. rigorous  
B. marginalized  
C. modified  
D. garner
12. He finds long newscasts boring; he'd rather listen to the news \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. in good standing  
B. in principle  
C. in brief  
D. in succession
13. \_\_\_\_\_ are you to reveal this confidential information to the press.  
A. In no time  
B. No matter what happens  
C. Under no circumstances  
D. In no account
14. The Nobel Prizes are among the world's most \_\_\_\_\_ awards.  
A. prestigious  
B. formidable  
C. imminent  
D. contingent
15. I would like to hear the \_\_\_\_\_ behind your suggestion.  
A. rationale  
B. prospective  
C. perception  
D. inflection
16. John \_\_\_\_\_ next summer on an archeological dig in Egypt.  
A. wishes he had spent  
B. hopes that he could spend  
C. wishes that he will spend  
D. is hoping to spend

17. - "Was his family really so poor?" - "They couldn't afford a bicycle, \_\_\_\_\_ a car."  
 A. not even                      B. apart from                      C. rather than                      D. much less
18. The attacks continued up to the day \_\_\_\_\_ the agreement was signed.  
 A. which                      B. for which                      C. on which                      D. of which
19. - "Has the order been shipped yet?" - " It \_\_\_\_\_ this morning, but I'd better check."  
 A. is supposed to be sent                      B. should have sent  
 C. was supposed to send                      D. was to have been sent
20. The torch \_\_\_\_\_ slightly, then went out. The battery was dead.  
 A. flashed                      B. guttered                      C. flickered                      D. shone

### WORD FORMS (40 pts)

#### A. Use the correct form of the word given to fill in each blank. (20 pts)

- The celebrity temporarily lost her \_\_\_\_\_ when someone threw a tomato at her. (**compose**)
- The sharp drop in stock prices in June was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the economic recession that followed in October. (**run**)
- She is wearing a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ shirt and embroidered jeans to her end-of-term party tonight. (**neck**)
- The factory has been \_\_\_\_\_ by a number of complaints from customers about the bad quality of its products. (**mobile**)
- A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ summer trip for your family means that you are just heading for a hassle-free vacation. (**include**)
- The new robot is supposed to do exactly what is required, which implies the \_\_\_\_\_ of its operation. ( **fail**)
- Being unemployed for nearly two years, Ricky was \_\_\_\_\_ and did whatever he liked. (**feet**)
- All the members are working \_\_\_\_\_ on the new project to meet the customers' demands. (**expedition**)
- Smoking has undoubtedly caused \_\_\_\_\_ damage to your health. (**repair**)
- To win a championship, \_\_\_\_\_ have to follow a tough training scheme. (**judo**)

#### B. Put the words given in the correct blanks. You have to use their correct forms to make a meaningful passage. There are two words that you cannot use. (20pts)

<b>habit</b>	<b>avoid</b>	<b>action</b>	<b>prevent</b>	<b>know</b>	<b>preparation</b>
<b>before</b>	<b>family</b>	<b>relate</b>	<b>remind</b>	<b>separation</b>	<b>major</b>

The first day in a new job can be (11)\_\_\_\_\_ of one's childhood and the traumatic experience of one's first day at school, (12)\_\_\_\_\_ from home life for the first time, feeling alone and far away from one's safe environment. Again, one is faced with the challenging new experience which must be successfully dealt with.

By the time most people enter the workplace they are better (13)\_\_\_\_\_, as they have probably completed a university education and have become (14)\_\_\_\_\_ to changes in their social contexts. However, the first day in a new job is a time of anxiety, and no amount of preparation (15)\_\_\_\_\_ will eliminate the stress.

Everyone fears the (16)\_\_\_\_\_ and meeting new people with whom one will spend a considerable part of one's working life. Whether they are friendly or not, they will be part of one's life, and this is (17)\_\_\_\_\_. Just as the (18)\_\_\_\_\_ cope with the first day at school, so do they cope with the first day at work, building up (19)\_\_\_\_\_ with colleagues gradually. Social (20)\_\_\_\_\_ grows and, as it does so, co-workers might even become good friends.

## GUIDED CLOZE TEST (30 pts)

Read the passage and choose the best option (A, B, C or D) for each blank space.

A seacoast is the dynamic border between two worlds – the terrestrial and the marine. In the realm of life science, we can observe marine animals that inhabit the shoreline and tidepools. In the realm of Earth science, we can observe how the ocean's currents, waves and winds sculpt the (1)\_\_\_\_\_ alternately carrying off and depositing sand.

These forces not only (2)\_\_\_\_\_ the land, but they also affect the living populations. Sometimes animals that (3)\_\_\_\_\_ deeper water are thrown off (4)\_\_\_\_\_. They come close to the shoreline (5)\_\_\_\_\_ may actually be found on the beach. They may be injured, sick or disoriented and soon become cold, hungry or dehydrated. (6)\_\_\_\_\_ is the case with various species of dolphin, porpoise, seal, whale and turtle that become stranded (7)\_\_\_\_\_ the Atlantic coastline. (8)\_\_\_\_\_ there is help for some animals. In many locations, when beached animals are sighted, professionals and volunteers are on the (9)\_\_\_\_\_. Sick, cold or injured animals are immediately placed in a rehabilitation program (10)\_\_\_\_\_ getting them well enough to be returned to their natural habitat. Often the animals are tagged with a transmitter for future (11)\_\_\_\_\_.

Among the large marine animals that are regularly checked among the Atlantic coast are whales, dolphins, seals, walrus and sea turtles. If an individual from one of these populations is seen on shore, the observer can (12)\_\_\_\_\_ to ask an agency to help such creatures; if possible, a rescue team is (13)\_\_\_\_\_. Every acknowledged animal sighting is assigned a number and becomes part of the database for that species. If the animal (14)\_\_\_\_\_ treatment of an injury or disease, it may be given a temporary tank to live in (15)\_\_\_\_\_ it can recuperate and be returned to the wild.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A. surf                   | B. shoreline          | C. coast           | D. surface          |
| 2. A. shape                  | B. cleanse            | C. damage          | D. moisten          |
| 3. A. live                   | B. drink              | C. require         | D. inhabit          |
| 4. A. balance                | B. course             | C. route           | D. location         |
| 5. A. but                    | B. or                 | C. so              | D. also             |
| 6. A. Similar                | B. There              | C. Such            | D. It               |
| 7. A. among                  | B. within             | C. from            | D. along            |
| 8. A. Whatsoever             | B. However            | C. Whatever        | D. Whenever         |
| 9. A. scene                  | B. sight              | C. area            | D. location         |
| 10. A. with the intention of | B. with the intent on | C. in the          | D. in the intent on |
| 11. A. chase                 | B. chasing            | C. track           | D. tracking         |
| 12. A. take out              | B. take in            | C. call in         | D. call out         |
| 13. A. distributed           | B. deported           | C. dispatched      | D. transmitted      |
| 14. A. necessitates          | B. requests           | C. demands         | D. requires         |
| 15. A. unless                | B. until              | C. notwithstanding | D. afterwards       |

## OPEN CLOZE TESTS. (60 pts)

Fill in each of the blanks in the following passage with ONE suitable word.

### PASSAGE A (30 pts)

Planting a garden is a (1)\_\_\_\_\_ like having a family. (2)\_\_\_\_\_ require a great deal of work, especially as they grow and as the seasons change. As summer days lengthen, your plants become (3)\_\_\_\_\_ on you for sustenance, much like your children depend on you for food and drink. (4)\_\_\_\_\_ a thirsty child asking for a drink of water, your plants (5)\_\_\_\_\_ the same. Their bent, wilted "body" language, translated, issues a demand much the (6)\_\_\_\_\_ your child requests milk or juice. When their collective (7)\_\_\_\_\_ are quenched, you see the way they both thrive in your care. The fussy child becomes satisfied, and the plant reaches toward the sun in (8)\_\_\_\_\_ showy display. You might also find that you have to clean the space around your

plants much like you would pick (9)\_\_\_\_\_ toys and clothes that have been (10)\_\_\_\_\_ helter-skelter in your toddler's room. Similarly, plants shed spent petals, roses need to be pruned, and weeds need to be pulled. So (11)\_\_\_\_\_ to keep children healthy, parents protect their children against disease with medicine, and gardeners do the same with insect (12)\_\_\_\_\_. In order to nourish them, parents give (13)\_\_\_\_\_ vitamins, and gardeners use fertilizer, as both promote healthy growth. As children grow and become adults, they need less and less care. (14)\_\_\_\_\_, here's where the similarity ends. While plants die and become dormant during winter, children still maintain a vital role in the family (15)\_\_\_\_\_.

### **PASSAGE B (30 pts)**

Camels are divided into two (16)\_\_\_\_\_: the dromedary, or one-humped camel, which once roamed wild in the deserts of North Africa and Arabia but now exists only in a domesticated state, and the two-humped Bactrian camel, native to Central Asia, (17)\_\_\_\_\_ domesticated camels abound while a small but shrinking number live in the wild stretches of the Gobi Desert. Bactrians are darker and woollier than (18)\_\_\_\_\_ and have shorter legs.

Bactrian camels are an excellent example of an animal that has (19)\_\_\_\_\_ well to its environment. They are able to survive on the arid Asian steppes because of the biological strategies that enable them to cope with the severe temperature changes common to Central Asia. Camels can graze (20)\_\_\_\_\_ a wide range of plants and thorny vegetation that (21)\_\_\_\_\_ mammals avoid. Most striking is their ability to (22)\_\_\_\_\_ long periods without water – a characteristic that humans recognized as useful and used for their own purposes. The camel's body conserves water by producing dry feces and concentrated urine. Body temperature may fluctuate by as (23)\_\_\_\_\_ as 57 degrees Fahrenheit during the course of a day, which enables the animal to minimize water loss due to perspiration. (24)\_\_\_\_\_ a camel may look scrawny and emaciated after a long, dry spell and its (25)\_\_\_\_\_ may become flaccid and flops to one side, it fills out quickly as soon as it gets water. In fact, a thirsty camel may drink up to 40 gallons in ten minutes. Its humps serve as storage facilities for body fat, so the camel can survive the grueling journeys across the desert where food is (26)\_\_\_\_\_ readily found. Built-in protection (27)\_\_\_\_\_ blowing desert sands include the camel's long (28)\_\_\_\_\_ which protect the eyes, and nostrils that can be closed during the sand storms. Even the camel's nasal cavities help to reduce water (29)\_\_\_\_\_ by moistening inhaled air. The thick coat of fur and underwool provide warmth during cold desert nights and help insulate against (30)\_\_\_\_\_ burning mid-day sun.

### **READING COMPREHENSION (20 pts)**

**Choose the item (A, B, C or D) that best answers each question about the passage.**

Today's shopping mall has as its **antecedents** historical marketplaces, such as Greek *agoras*, European *piazas*, and Asian *bazaars*. The purpose of these sites, as with the shopping mall, is both economic and social. People go not only to buy and sell wares, but also to be seen, catch up on news, and be **part of the human drama**. Both the marketplace and its descendant might also contain restaurants, banks, theaters, and professional offices.

The shopping mall differs from its ancient counterparts in a number of important ways. While *piazas* and *bazaars* were open-air venues, the modern mall is usually enclosed. Ancient marketplaces were often set up in public spaces, but shopping malls are designed, built, and maintained by a separate management firm as a unit. The first shopping mall was built by J. C. Nichols in 1922 near Kansas City, Missouri. The Country Club Plaza was designed to be an automobile-centered plaza, as its patrons drove their own cars to it, rather than take mass transportation as was often the case for city shoppers. It was constructed according to a unified plan, rather than as a random group of stores. Nichols' company owned and operated the mall, leasing space to a variety of tenants.

The first enclosed mall was the Galleria Vittoria Emanuele in Milan, Italy in 1865–77. Inspired by its design, Victor Gruen took the shopping and dining experience of the Galleria to a new level

when he created the Southdale Center Mall in 1956. Located in a suburb of Minneapolis, *it* was intended to be a substitute for the traditional city center. The 95-acre, two-level structure had a constant climate-controlled temperature of 72 degrees, and included shops, restaurants, a school, a post office, and a skating rink. Works of art, decorative lighting, fountains, tropical plants, and flowers were placed throughout the mall. Southdale afforded people the opportunity to experience the pleasures of urban life while protected from the harsh Minnesota weather.

In the 1980s, giant megamalls were developed. While Canada has had the distinction of being home to the largest of the megamalls for over twenty years, that honor will soon go to Dubai, where the Mall of Arabia is being completed at a cost of over five billion U.S. dollars. The 5.3 million square foot West Edmonton Mall in Alberta, Canada, opened in 1981, with over 800 stores, 110 eating establishments, a hotel, an amusement park, a miniature-golf course, a church, a zoo, and a 438-foot-long lake. Often referred to as the "eighth wonder of the world," the West Edmonton Mall is the number-one tourist attraction in the area, and will soon be expanded to include more retail space, including a facility for sports, trade shows, and conventions.

The largest enclosed megamall in the United States is Bloomington, Minneapolis's Mall of America, which employs over 12,000 people. It has over five hundred retail stores, an amusement park which includes an indoor roller coaster, a walk-through aquarium, a college, and a wedding chapel. The mall contributes over one billion dollars each year to the economy of the state of Minnesota. Its owners have proposed numerous expansion projects, but have been *hampered* by safety concerns due to the mall's proximity to an airport.

1. In paragraph 1, "*antecedents*" most nearly means \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. contemporaries      B. predecessors.      C. planners      D. descendants
2. The statement that people went to marketplaces to "*be part of the human drama*" (paragraph 1) suggests that people \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. prefer to be entertained rather than shop for necessities.      B. seem to be more emotional in groups.  
C. like to be in community, interacting with one another.      D. like to act on stage rather than shop.
3. All of the following questions can be explicitly answered on the basis of the passage EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Who designed the Galleria Vittoria Emanuele?  
B. Why was the Country Club Plaza automobile-centered?  
C. What are three examples of historical marketplaces?  
D. What is the Edmonton Mall often referred to as?
4. How was the Country Club Plaza different from an urban shopping district?  
A. It consisted of many more stores.  
B. It was built by one company that leased space and oversaw operations.  
C. It had both retail stores and restaurants, and offered areas for community programs.  
D. It was based on an Italian design.
5. According to the passage, how did Southdale expand the notion of the shopping mall?  
A. It was unheated.  
B. It was the first to rise above two stories.  
C. It was designed with more parking spaces than any previous shopping mall.  
D. It enabled people to enjoy the urban life with necessary and leisurely activities.
6. What does "*it*" in paragraph 4 refer to?  
A. Minneapolis      B. Galleria Vittoria Emanuele      C. Southdale Center Mall      D. Minnesota
7. Which is the only activity visitors to the West Edmonton Mall cannot enjoy?  
A. Gambling in a casino      B. Visiting animals in a zoo  
C. Doing sports      D. Riding an amusement park ride

8. What is NOT a probable reason for the proposed expansion of the Mall of America?  
 A. To contribute more to the economy of its state B. To keep it closer in size to the other megamalls  
 C. To create more employment prospects D. To compete for visitors with the Mall of Arabia
9. Which mall offers people a place of worship?  
 A. Country Club Plaza B. Southdale Center Mall C. Galleria Vittoria Emanuele D. Bloomington
10. In the last paragraph, "**hampered**" most nearly means \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. deferred B. hindered C. incriminated D. deteriorated

**SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION (30 points)**

**Rewrite each sentence in such a way that it means almost the same as the one printed before it. Use the word in brackets without making any change to it. Write NO MORE THAN TEN WORDS.**

1. The sales of the new gadget stopped rising as its novelty value disappeared. (**worn**)  
 → Had the novelty value of the new gadget \_\_\_\_\_ off.
2. My brother is far more skillful than his girlfriend. (**nowhere**)  
 → My \_\_\_\_\_ brother's \_\_\_\_\_ him.
3. Our special offer was taken up by as many as 40,000 people. (**availed**)  
 → No \_\_\_\_\_ our special offer.
4. I think the party tomorrow will possibly lack warmth and feeling . (**devoid**)  
 → The odds \_\_\_\_\_ warmth and feeling.
5. Peter hardly realized he didn't have any chance to be promoted. (**running**)  
 → Little \_\_\_\_\_ for the promotion.
6. The teacher unexpectedly checked our homework in order for us not to be lazy. (**did**)  
 → For fear that \_\_\_\_\_ check on our homework.
7. Given responsibility for that project, the applicant really showed her true qualities. (**now**)  
 → The applicant really came \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for that project.
8. Although I tried, I couldn't remember where I left my keys. (**slightest**)  
 → Try \_\_\_\_\_ where I left my keys.
9. Jerry had spent all the money he earned before he left for Singapore. (**which**)  
 → Jerry \_\_\_\_\_ left \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore, \_\_\_\_\_ means.
10. Everyone approved of the decision to gain access to Chat GPT in information search. (**tap**)  
 → There was unanimous \_\_\_\_\_ Chat GPT in information search.

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