

Part 1/ ANS:

1. Due to a budget cut, our company's annual year-end party, which is usually quite a treat, has to be held at a _____ cost.
(A) hostile (B) barren (C) minimal (D) systematic
2. A plot to rob the bank was _____ to the police, and all the people involved in the plan were caught.
(A) revealed (B) cancelled (C) declared (D) explored
3. One good way to _____ questions you don't want to answer in a conversation is to change the topic.
(A) whip (B) split (C) litter (D) dodge
4. To apply for a job, you need to have _____ such as skills, education, and experience required by the job.
(A) regulations (B) qualifications (C) preventions (D) conventions
5. For years, Lily has been _____ all incoming calls on both her mobile phone and home phone because she hates to be bothered by unknown callers.
(A) glittering (B) purifying (C) mimicking (D) filtering
6. Many people felt extremely sad and angry over the _____ news of a stray dog found abused and killed in the park.
(A) flexible (B) sorrowful (C) eventual (D) optional
7. Chris never shows up at meetings on time. His excuse for being _____ late is that he wants to avoid small talk at the beginning of the meetings.
(A) consistently (B) respectfully (C) indifferently (D) enormously
8. Steve will quit his job next week. His _____ is completely unexpected, especially after his promotion and pay raise two months ago.
(A) approval (B) enforcement (C) resignation (D) signature
9. People with an _____ illness should avoid going to public places to keep the diseases from spreading.
(A) outrageous (B) infectious (C) ultimate (D) explicit
10. Although electronic devices are very popular nowadays, paper _____ are still most common in major elections around the world.
(A) tokens (B) fragments (C) ballots (D) warranties

Part 2-1/ ANS:

第 11 至 15 題為題組

We all know that too much stress is not good for our health, but too little is not ideal, either. While 11 stress can be dangerous to the body, short-term stress is actually healthy.

Short-term stress triggers the production of protective chemicals in our body and strengthens the body's defenses. 12 our body is in a vulnerable situation, a burst of stress will quickly mobilize the body's own repair system to defend the damaged areas. This 13 us from physical discomfort and sickness. Small amounts of stress hormones may even sharpen our memory. A recent study found that when rats were forced to swim—an activity that places them under stress for a short while—they remembered their way through mazes far 14 than rats that were in a relaxed state.

The key to a healthy lifestyle is to keep our stress level 15. Too much stress will make us cranky and sick. Too little stress, on the other hand, will lead to boredom and low motivation.

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| 11. (A) contagious | (B) chronic | (C) diagnostic | (D) tedious |
| 12. (A) Till | (B) Unless | (C) When | (D) Whereas |
| 13. (A) conceals | (B) derives | (C) shields | (D) transforms |
| 14. (A) harder | (B) better | (C) less | (D) further |
| 15. (A) balanced | (B) balancing | (C) balances | (D) to balance |

Part 2-2/ ANS:

第 16 至 20 題為題組

Do you know the difference between the terms *meteoroid*, *meteor*, and *meteorite* in astronomy? Many people find these words confusing. However, the difference is all about their 16.

Meteoroids are far up in the sky. They are chunks of rock or metal that speed through space. Some are very large and may be hundreds of feet wide. Others 17 the size of a small stone. Most meteoroids travel around the sun in space and stay away from the Earth. However, sometimes a meteoroid will enter the Earth's atmosphere. Friction with the atmosphere will cause it to 18 and burn while traveling at high speed. As a meteoroid begins to burn in the atmosphere, it leaves a streak of light. When this tail-like light is falling down toward the Earth, it is called a meteor, or a shooting star. Most meteors vaporize completely before they hit the ground. If any meteor 19 its fiery journey through the atmosphere and lands on Earth, it is called a meteorite. Large meteorites can cause great explosions and much destruction on the surface of the Earth. 20, Barringer Crater in the American state of Arizona, measuring 1,200 m in diameter and some 170 m deep, was produced by a meteorite impact.

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| 16. (A) size | (B) weight | (C) location | (D) temperature |
| 17. (A) may be | (B) would be | (C) must have been | (D) could have been |
| 18. (A) wear out | (B) turn off | (C) break through | (D) heat up |
| 19. (A) approaches | (B) survives | (C) confirms | (D) targets |
| 20. (A) Indeed | (B) Nevertheless | (C) For example | (D) In short |