

**I. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER TO FILL IN THE BLANK. (15 PTS)**

1. Would you mind if I \_\_\_\_\_ off the television?  
A. turn              B. turned              C. turning              D. had turned
2. Grace knows a lot about Web design though she \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
A. has never studied              B. had never studied  
C. never studied              D. will never study
3. It's a waste of time \_\_\_\_\_ Olga to help because she is too busy.  
A. to ask              B. you ask              C. being asked              D. asking
4. If Jane \_\_\_\_\_ 3 years older, she \_\_\_\_\_ after her own pet dog.  
A. were – could look              B. was – can look  
C. had been – would look              D. is – would look
5. The poster was prepared by that artist, \_\_\_\_\_ had been the creator of many original ones.  
A. who              B. that              C. he              D. which
6. Dammon's suit was \_\_\_\_\_ that we could not help laughing at him.  
A. such funny      B. too funny      C. a little funny      D. such
7. The room was very noisy, \_\_\_\_\_ I hardly heard myself talking to others.  
A. therefore      B. hence      C. so      D. consequently
8. Sarah proposed that we \_\_\_\_\_ out to the waters of Bala Lake to learn some basic skills of paddling.  
A. head      B. would head      C. headed      D. might head
9. Essays \_\_\_\_\_ in, we all felt relieved and ready for the term break.  
A. were handed      B. handing      C. handed      D. had been handed

10. Not until \_\_\_\_\_ the cartoonist \_\_\_\_\_ why he was popular with the public.

A. did I meet – that I realized      B. I met – that I could realize  
C. had I met – could I realize      D. I had met – did I realize

11. The young man was staggering along the street as if he \_\_\_\_\_ some alcohol.

A. drank      B. was drinking      C. had drunk      D. would drink

12. Having a few good friends can have good influence on one's \_\_\_\_\_ health.

A. sentimental      B. feeling      C. affection      D. emotional

13. An \_\_\_\_\_ psychologist will deliver a speech at the parents' meeting this weekend.

A. effective      B. eminent      C. erratic      D. erroneous

14. Though it was not his own work, the student sent the article to two publishers without \_\_\_\_\_ to his professors.

A. reference      B. preference      C. deference      D. interference

15. In the silence of the dining-room, only the \_\_\_\_\_ of cutlery was heard.

A. pattering      B. rustling      C. rattling      D. clattering

16. The little boy got injured at a \_\_\_\_\_ of speed while he was riding his bike.

A. pass      B. start      C. break      D. burst

17. It is widely claimed that watching TV too much may lead to headache and eye \_\_\_\_\_.

A. tension      B. intensity      C. extension      D. strain

18. The car was running so fast that I could hardly \_\_\_\_\_ a glimpse of the man sitting next to the driver.

A. launch      B. catch      C. cast      D. send

19. Motorists should not get \_\_\_\_\_ violating laws such as speeding or running through red lights.

A. away with      B. out of      C. off with      D. up on

20. Theodor was very delighted to see his old friend again; he gave her such a \_\_\_\_\_ handshake.

A. firm      B. close      C. steady      D. big

21. It is \_\_\_\_\_ that South Africa is a leading country in exporting diamonds.

A. human nature      B. without saying  
C. common knowledge      D. no wondering

22. Martha Wells, who is a very good counselor at my school, can \_\_\_\_\_ some very good advice.

A. turn up for      B. put off with      C. come up with      D. go in for

23. The new series of comic books \_\_\_\_\_ for children from 5 to 11 years old.

A. meet      B. suit      C. convenience      D. cater

24. \_\_\_\_\_, the power was cut, and the audience felt panicked and started running out of the theatre.

A. In a nutshell      B. All of a sudden      C. At no time      D. Without caution

25. I suggested some activities for the team, but my teammates \_\_\_\_\_ of them all.

A. disagreed      B. ridded      C. deprived      D. disapproved

26. The teacher called Michael “a walking dictionary” and that \_\_\_\_\_ stuck.

A. title      B. brand      C. label      D. tag

27. – Speaker 1: Would you like another cup of tea? - Speaker 2:

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A. Thank you!      B. I do.      C. Yes, please.      D. That's alright.

28. The conductor asked me twice \_\_\_\_\_ my card.

A. if I had tapped      B. whether I have tapped  
C. did I tap      D. had I tapped

29. You cannot borrow the book at the same time. Please take \_\_\_\_\_ to have it, two weeks for each.

A. turns      B. time      C. risk      D. interest

30. You \_\_\_\_\_ in the preparation course because I can see no name like yours here.

A. would not have enrolled      B. mustn't have enrolled  
C. ought not have enrolled      D. couldn't have enrolled

**II/ CHOOSE THE WORD OR PHRASE THAT BEST FITS EACH SPACE IN THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE. (15 PTS)**

The Yellowstone National Park is also (1)\_\_\_\_\_ to a number of wildlife species, including wolves, grizzlies, elk and bison, all (2)\_\_\_\_\_ in their natural habitats. To those who come to visit this park, it offers a number of attractions and activities like hiking, boating, cycling and wildlife (3)\_\_\_\_\_. If you have a(n) (4)\_\_\_\_\_ interest in history, geology and geography, this park is a treasure cove waiting to be explored with its dramatic landscape that includes canyons, falls, geysers and water (5)\_\_\_\_\_ that you wouldn't find anywhere else in the world. Out of all the wonderful places you can plan to visit the summer, the Yellowstone National park is the most amazing of all and definitely a must-visit (6)\_\_\_\_\_ on your travel list.

Before you arrive you need to decide where to stay. Yellowstone Park offers many options when it (7)\_\_\_\_\_ to staying overnight. You can stay in the park properly via camping, or stay in a modern facility such as the Old Faithful Inn. In the summer you have nine lodging facilities to choose from with over 2,000 available rooms. You can also choose to stay in a more modest cabin on the east side of the park that contains (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 500 rooms. Keep in mind that if you plan to stay at any hotel or cabin or lodge in the Yellowstone Park region you must attempt to book at least 6 months (9)\_\_\_\_\_. Rooms get filled up very quickly due to limited (10)\_\_\_\_\_. Staying in Yellowstone National Park is an authentic American Great West experience which will (11)\_\_\_\_\_ and engage visitors (12)\_\_\_\_\_ all ages and backgrounds. With this (13)\_\_\_\_\_, Yellowstone lodgings do not have televisions, wireless internet or radios in the rooms or cabins, but telephones are available in most hotel and lodge rooms. (14)\_\_\_\_\_, because temperatures rarely reach beyond the 80 degrees Fahrenheit, hotels and cabins do not have air conditioning; however, fans are (15)\_\_\_\_\_.

1. A. home	B. homage	C. native	D. setting
2. A. are found	B. finding	C. found	D. will be found
3. A. viewing	B. looking	C. gazing	D. locating
4. A. enormous	B. abundant	C. glorious	D. avid
5. A. sections	B. partitions	C. bodies	D. units
6. A. spot	B. dot	C. sight	D. zone
7. A. introduces	B. comes	C. reaches	D. happens
8. A. almost	B. mostly	C. most	D. utmost
9. A. in balance	B. at hand	C. on offer	D. in advance
10. A. sensibility	B. knowledge	C. chance	D. availability
11. A. inspect	B. inspire	C. include	D. increase
12. A. at	B. in	C. of	D. about
13. A. as example	B. at times	C. in mind	D. on average
14. A. Supposedly	B. Similarly	C. Differently	D. Cheerfully
15. A. set	B. put	C. presented	D. provided

### **III. READING**

#### **A. READ THE PASSAGE AND CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS. (10 PTS)**

When Jules Verne wrote *Journey to the Center of the Earth* in 1864, there were many **conflicting** theories about the nature of the Earth's interior. Some geologists thought that it contained a highly compressed ball of incandescent gas, while others suspected that it consisted of separate shells, each made of a different material. Today, well over a century later, there is still little direct evidence of what lies beneath our feet. Most of our knowledge of the Earth's interior comes not from mines or boreholes, but from the study of seismic waves - powerful pulses of energy released by earthquakes.

The way that seismic waves travel shows that the Earth's interior is far from uniform. The continents and the seabed are formed by the crust - a thin sphere of relatively light, solid rock. Beneath the crust lies the mantle, a very different

layer that extends approximately halfway to the Earth's center. **There** the rock is the subject of a battle between increasing heat and growing pressure.

In its high levels, the mantle is relatively cool; at greater depths, high temperatures make the rock behave more like a liquid than a solid. Deeper still, the pressure is even more intense, preventing the rock from melting in spite of a higher temperature.

Beyond a depth of around 2,900 kilometers, a great change takes place and the mantle **gives way to** the core. Some seismic waves cannot pass through the core and others are bent by **it**. From this and other evidence, geologists conclude that the outer core is probably liquid, with a solid center. It is almost certainly made of iron, mixed with smaller amounts of other elements such as nickel.

The conditions in the Earth's core make it a *far more alien* world than space. Its solid iron heart is subjected to unimaginable pressure and has a temperature of about 9,000°F. Although scientists can not speculate about its nature, humans nor machines will ever be able to visit it.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
  - A. Jules Verne's supposition of the Earth's center
  - B. The Earth's interior through the study of seismic waves
  - C. The comparison between the Earth's core and the outer space
  - D. The depth and the temperatures at the Earth's interior
2. What is today's richest source of information about the Earth's interior for geologists?
  - A. Boreholes      B. Shells      C. Seismic waves      D. Mines
3. The word "**conflicting**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. controlling      B. important      C. outdated      D. opposing
4. The word "**There**" in paragraph 2 refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. mantle      B. crust      C. seabed      D. Earth's center
5. Which of the following is a primary characteristic of the Earth's mantle?
  - A. Light, solid rock      B. Uniformity of composition
  - C. Dramatically increasing pressure      D. Compressed, incandescent gas
6. Which of the following terms is **NOT** given a definition in the passage?

A. mantle      B. crust      C. seismic waves      D. outer core

7. Which of the following statement is **NOT** true?

- A. At relatively great depths, the rock behaves more like a liquid than a solid.
- B. Some seismic waves cannot pass through the core.
- C. Deeper down the Earth, the rock is melted due to high temperature.
- D. The outer core is liquid and the center is solid.

8. The phrase "**gives way to**" in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. runs along      B. rubs against      C. turns into      D. floats on

9. The word "**it**" in paragraph 4 refers to

- A. core      B. mantle      C. change      D. depth

10. Why does the author state in the last paragraph that the Earth's core is "*far more alien*" than space?

- A. Government funds are not available to study the Earth's core.
- B. Scientists aren't interested in the characteristics of the Earth's core.
- C. It is impossible to go to the Earth's core to do research.
- D. The Earth's core is made of elements that are dangerous to humans.

**B. READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE AND CHOOSE THE CORRECT SENTENCES FROM A TO F IN THE GIVEN LIST TO FILL IN THE GAPS FROM 1 TO 5. THERE IS ONE EXTRA SENTENCE THAT YOU MUST NOT USE IN THE LIST. (10 PTS)**

A good many technical people become irate when you call a computer a giant brain. They insist that a computer does only what thinking humans have planned to have it do.

Yet one authority states categorically, "A machine can handle information ; it can calculate, conclude, and choose ; it can perform reasonable operations with information. A machine, therefore, can think." Famed mathematician Norbert Wiener of MIT, envisions a machine that can learn and will "in no way be obliged to make such decisions as we should have made, or will be acceptable to us." (1)\_\_\_\_\_.

There is a popular anecdote about a computer programmer who, just for a lark, spent days setting up the machine to destroy itself, then watched delightedly as the computer dutifully proceeded to commit suicide. (2)\_\_\_\_\_.

To me the controversy boils down to a definition of the word “think”. There is no area in physiology that is less understood than the human brain. Practically all that is known is that the brain contains some ten billion tiny cells called neurons. (3)\_\_\_\_\_. The completely materialistic view is that neurons, along with an extraordinary network of nerve—communication lines, comprise all there is to the brain. But such an explanation fails to account for how the brain originates thought.

(4)\_\_\_\_\_. The brain has roughly a million times as many components as the best computer. On the other hand, the difference may lie in a spiritual factor, embraced by religion. At any rate, a machine cannot exercise free will or originate anything - not yet. Whether it ever will is still an open argument.

Computers can already do a lot of surprising things, which include predicting the weather. (5)\_\_\_\_\_, but this, as well as most of the other tasks now performed by the thinking machines, is routine, requiring thinking of a very low order.

- A. Apparently, neurons are elementary memory units, capable of storing the same kind of information “bits” that a machine can store
- B. The machine is able to make forecasts by assimilating vast quantities of data
- C. The machine is composed of different elements rather than memory units
- D. If that machine could have thought, would it not have circumvented him?  
It is ridiculous enough
- E. Evidently, he thinks machines can think
- F. Probably the clearest differentiation between man and machine is a quantitative one

#### **IV. IDENTIFY THE FIVE (5) MISTAKES IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH AND CORRECT THEM. (5 PTS)**

*(Line 1)* Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripoll was born on February 2, 1977 in the northern Columbian town of Barranquilla of a Catalan and Italian mother and an American father of Lebanese descent. Shakira began her musical career at the tender age of 8, when she wrote her first heart-wrenching song “*Tus Gafas Oscuras*” in memory of her brother who has lost his life in a car accident. At 10 years of age, Shakira applied to be in the school of choir, but she was turned off on the grounds that her voice was too strong and sounded like the bleating of a goat.

(Line 6) Instead of giving up, Shakira kept her focus on music and participated in a televised singing competition for children, after which she started being invited to various events in Barranquilla and became a local celebrity. When she turned 13, she caught the eye of theatre production Monica Ariza, who took her under her wing and made her name known outside Barranquilla. On a flight from her hometown to Columbian capital of Bogota, Ariza happened to sit next to Sony executive Ciro Vargas, that agreed to hold an audition for Shakira a few weeks later inside a hotel lobby. Vargas was utterly impressed with the budding new artist and praised her in lavish terms to the Sony artist directors.

**V. SUPPLY THE APPROPRIATE FORMS OF WORDS IN THE BRACKETS. (10 PTS)**

1. Whether you are at home or at school, you are likely to be \_\_\_\_\_ by objects made of some kind of plastic. **ROUND**
2. \_\_\_\_\_ as the first clocks used the length of the Sun's shadow to mark the passing of the day. **SUN**
3. A lot of traditional materials like bark or straw are \_\_\_\_\_ into daily modern products. **CORPORATION**
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Little Lucie's paintings is highly appreciated by many adults. **ART**
5. Three members of the jury \_\_\_\_\_ disappeared three days before the trial at the Supreme Court. **MYSTIFY**
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is a science in which future is forecast on the basis of the current trends in the society. **FUTURE**
7. My uncle has decided to join a walking group – a collective of \_\_\_\_\_ individuals, all enthusiastic for the outdoors. **MIND**
8. In the rat race of life, one is so concerned with his own benefits all the time that he soon becomes morally \_\_\_\_\_. **SENSE**
9. Among the five secretaries we have taken on so far, Wendy, who is the most \_\_\_\_\_, will be dismissed next month. **EFFECT**
10. The clerk's proposal was \_\_\_\_\_ protested by the Administration Board and the share-holders. **FURY**

**VI/ SUPPLY EACH BLANK WITH ONE SUITABLE WORD. (15 PTS)**

When you go shopping for sunglasses, you soon realize that as well as being overpriced, they are heavily associated (1)\_\_\_\_\_ images of celebrity. Sunglasses are cool, and it is a cool feeling which seems set to endure. Have you ever (2)\_\_\_\_\_ why this should be? The roots of sunglasses are anything (3)\_\_\_\_\_ glamorous, however. Amber-tinted spectacles first appeared in the nineteenth century and were a medical remedy for people (4)\_\_\_\_\_ eyes were oversensitive (5)\_\_\_\_\_ light. The first mass-produced versions, made by Sam Foster of Foster Grant Fame, were sold in the 1920s in seaside resorts. At this point, (6)\_\_\_\_\_, they remained functional objects, and were (7)\_\_\_\_\_ to acquire the cool (8)\_\_\_\_\_ they now enjoy.

This (9)\_\_\_\_\_ about thanks to the air force. In the 1930s, airmen started to wear anti-glare glasses which were called aviators. In the (10)\_\_\_\_\_ days of flight, these men were regarded (11)\_\_\_\_\_ heroes. Down on the ground, actors keen to (12)\_\_\_\_\_ in on a little of that glory realized that sunglasses represented a short (13)\_\_\_\_\_ to intrigue. If audiences could not see an actor's eyes, then they could not read his or her (14)\_\_\_\_\_. Being human, audiences wanted to know more. So it was that the (15)\_\_\_\_\_ between the fascination of celebrity and a pair of sunglasses was forged.

## **VII/ REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES WITHOUT CHANGING THE MEANING. (20 PTS)**

1. The new computer game will be undoubtedly as good as Caroline has expected. **UP**

→ There is no \_\_\_\_\_

2. Danny kept some spare parts in his car because he thought his car might stop working. **DOWN**

→ In \_\_\_\_\_

3. If nobody objects, today's class will not end until 5pm. **DISMISSED**

→ Unless \_\_\_\_\_

4. This door, which is an emergency exit, must never be locked for any reason. **SINCE**

→ On no \_\_\_\_\_

5. Melvin decided to hire the camping equipment from a local shop instead of buying it from the website. **DECISION**

→ Rather \_\_\_\_\_

6. Due to the danger of virus infiltration, we have to be cautious when sharing information. **PRECAUTION**

→ So dangerous \_\_\_\_\_

7. It came as a surprise to us that the prices all of the items in the shop were reduced by 30%. **BROUGHT**

→ To \_\_\_\_\_

8. It was wrong of you not to keep those trouble-makers under control. **STRING**

→ You should \_\_\_\_\_

9. Roger finally managed to cycle to the top of the hill when the crowds cheered wildly. **CHEERS**

→ Roger succeeded \_\_\_\_\_

10. Susan did not notice the broken guitar string, and neither did Faye. **TOOK**

→ Neither \_\_\_\_\_

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