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2. 答案卡不可書寫(或顯示)任何可辨別個人姓名或特殊標記，違者不予計分。
3. 請於試題紙右上角填寫准考證號碼，繳卷時「試題」、「答案卡」一併繳回。

I. 字彙與慣用語：請選擇一個最適合的答案，以完成該句。每題 2 分

1. Cell phones have become so important that people cannot _____ to live without them.
(A) offer (B) understand (C) afford (D) refer
2. The manager is very experienced at _____ company tasks and responsibilities to various employees in the office.
(A) delegating (B) delivering (C) demanding (D) determining
3. Traveling enables people to _____ many different societies and cultures.
(A) conceive (B) contrast (C) contain (D) confuse
4. This company certainly _____ the computer market. More than half of computer users own a computer it produces.
(A) decides (B) displays (C) distributes (D) dominates
5. Many birds occasionally mate with members of other bird species, producing hybrid _____.
(A) offspring (B) combination (C) mixture (D) generation
6. _____ finding comfort in playing the piano, Jane often chats with her friends when she is in bad mood.
(A) According to (B) For example (C) Aside from (D) In spite of
7. Many parents are not satisfied with the learning environment in that school, so they _____ improvements in education.
(A) come upon (B) call for (C) provide with (D) take over
8. The outdoor concert was _____ because of rain.
(A) called off (B) put away (C) taken off (D) cut off
9. Mrs. Lin _____ in front of the school gate to pick her daughter up.
(A) came up with (B) pulled up (C) passed through (D) ran into
10. This year the annual rainfall is lower than average, so the supply of water might not _____ until next summer.
(A) wear off (B) hold off (C) let up (D) hold out

II. 文法選擇：請選出一個最適合的選項，以完成正確句子。每題 3 分

11. When Mr. Brown went to university to earn his bachelor's degree, he _____.
(A) has worked every Sunday (B) worked every Sunday
(C) was working every Sunday (D) every Sunday worked
12. The annual party held for the employees _____ scheduled on the last Saturday of each year.
(A) is (B) are (C) have (D) has
13. Neither the employees nor the supervisor _____ going on a vacation this year.
(A) was (B) were (C) is (D) are
14. _____ fault was it that our shipment arrived three weeks late?
(A) How (B) What (C) Who (D) Whose
15. Janet _____ to give up her dream of being a singer, but she never did.
(A) could have chosen (B) didn't choose (C) had chosen (D) could choose
16. The writer _____ on her new book for one year. It will be published next month.
(A) will work (B) works (C) has worked (D) has been working
17. They are planning to visit the town _____ the great writer was born.
(A) which (B) that (C) where (D) when
18. _____ that can endure uncomplainingly a long period of suffering is perhaps the noblest.
(A) Courage (B) The courage (C) Courages (D) The courages
19. Engines are machines _____ power or motion.
(A) produce (B) producing (C) which producing (D) produced
20. Every time cigarettes go up in price, many people try _____.
(A) to stop smoking (B) to stop to smoke (C) stopping to smoke (D) stopping smoke

III. 簡短對答：請選出一個最合適的選項，以完成對答。每題 2 分

21. A: Hello, I'm calling to make a complaint.
B: _____
(A) Is there anything else I can do for you?
(B) What can I do to help you?
(C) Again, I apologize for this.
(D) Yes, that's great.

22. A: Hi, could you please put me through to Mr. Brown?
 B: _____
 (A) I'm sorry, but he's engaged at the moment.
 (B) I look forward to hearing from you soon.
 (C) Hi, Mr. Brown, it's good to hear from you again.
 (D) Yes, you will be pleased to see him.
23. A: What do you think makes you a good chef?
 B: _____
 (A) I have years of experience in top restaurants.
 (B) Well, I think the soup you asked for tastes great.
 (C) Yes, I think I will be a good chef in the future.
 (D) Yes, you just like cooking.
24. A: Do you know how I can resolve my conflict with Helen?
 B: _____
 (A) No, I don't know who she is. Is she new here?
 (B) I don't really like conflicts in the workplace.
 (C) You could start by buying her a cup of coffee.
 (D) Yes, Helen likes arguing with you.
25. A: What are your salary expectations?
 B: _____
 (A) The salary I earned in my last position was not bad.
 (B) Yes, it is a good salary.
 (C) No, I don't need any.
 (D) I would like to discuss salary once I've known more about the job tasks.

IV. 克漏字填空：請對下列每題各選出一個最適合的選項，以完成句子。每題 2 分

Gold prices have declined at the Bank of Taiwan, (26) a similar downward trend internationally, the bank said yesterday. Analysts with the bank (27) urged investors not to chase prices right now and wait until they drop further. Gold investors have fled the market and put (28) money in the U.S. dollar, on concerns the economic situation in Europe will worsen after new leaders were elected in France and Greece.

According to the Bank of Taiwan, its gold (29) at around NT\$1.52 million per kilogram yesterday afternoon, down over NT\$30,000 from Tuesday's closing price of NT\$1.55 million. (30) the fact that the second quarter is a slow season in gold trading, analysts urged investors not to chase prices and enter the market in separate installments (31) prices come to a low. Investors should observe whether gold will find support at US\$1,560 to US\$1,580. (32) not, gold may decline to US\$1,521, the lowest at the end of last year, analysts said.

According to analysts, (33) positive news that may cause a rally in gold would be a third round of quantitative easing measures (34) the U.S. Federal Reserve. The move would cause a depreciation (35) the U.S. dollar and a rise in the metal, they said.

26. (A) to follow (B) follows (C) follow (D) following
 27. (A) immediately (B) meanwhile (C) particularly (D) simultaneous
 28. (A) its (B) their (C) our (D) your
 29. (A) was quoted (B) quote (C) quoted (D) were quoted
 30. (A) Give (B) Gives (C) Giving (D) Given
 31. (A) which (B) that (C) when (D) what
 32. (A) If (B) Why (C) Although (D) Better
 33. (A) a (B) those (C) one piece of (D) a pile of
 34. (A) with (B) by (C) for (D) in
 35. (A) by (B) with (C) without (D) of

V. 閱讀測驗：下面有兩篇短文，請閱讀短文後，對下列每題各選出一個最適當的答案。每題 2 分

For most people, it is natural to return a favor after they have received help from others. Yet, not many people know that there is actually much more they can do—they can “pay it forward.” The phrase means “to return a favor by helping out other people.” It has existed for a long time and been mentioned in the works of famous writers such as Ralph Waldo Emerson. In 2000, more people learned about this idea through the movie *Pay It Forward*, which was based on Catherine Ryan Hyde’s novel.

In the movie, Eugene Simonet, a social studies teacher, gave all of his students a special assignment. He asked them to think of a way to change the world. While most students didn’t take the assignment seriously, a boy named Trevor did. He came up with a plan called “Pay It Forward.” The main idea was to help three people, who then had to help three others instead of returning the favors they had received. Trevor believed that if enough people did this, the world would change eventually.

Trevor then started by helping a homeless man. Later, he set up a dinner date for Eugene and his mother, hoping that the two would fall in love with each other. The results of his efforts all appeared disappointing to him in the beginning. However, the idea of “paying it forward” did spread gradually. At the end of the story, even though Trevor was killed while trying to protect a friend, his plan had influenced more people than he could have ever imagined.

In real life, both the novel and the movie have inspired many people. For instance, there is a “Pay It Forward Foundation” in the United States. Similar foundations have also been set up in England and Australia. Usually, when something happens in the movies, people say, “It was just a movie.” However, these foundations put the great idea into practice and are truly making a difference in the real world.

36. Which of the following statements is NOT true?
- (A) Trevor got killed while he was trying to protect a friend.
 - (B) To make the world a better place, Trevor started a plan called “Pay It Forward.”
 - (C) The movie *Pay It Forward* was based on Ralph Waldo Emerson’s novel.
 - (D) The Pay It Forward Foundation was set up to put the great idea into practice and to make a difference in the real world.
37. According to Trevor’s plan “Pay It Forward,” those who had received help from others had to _____.
- (A) return a favor to the person who gave the help
 - (B) help three other people
 - (C) read Catherine Ryan Hyde’s novel
 - (D) set up foundations similar to “Pay It Forward Foundation”
38. According to the article, Trevor did NOT try to help _____.
- (A) Ralph Warldo Emerson
 - (B) his mother
 - (C) his friend
 - (D) a homeless man
39. Which of the following statements is true?
- (A) The “Pay It Forward Foundation” was set up by Eugene Simonet and Trevor’s mother in order to pass on Trevor’s idea.
 - (B) The idea of “paying it forward” did not exist until Catherine Ryan Hyde’s novel was published.
 - (C) “Paying it forward” means helping out more people after you have received help from others.
 - (D) The movie *Pay It Forward* came out in 2000, and it was the first time people learned about the idea of “paying it forward” because of this novel.
40. In real life, people have been inspired to set up the “Pay It Forward Foundation” in _____.
- (A) England
 - (B) Australia
 - (C) Japan
 - (D) the United States

Mortgage interest rates for 30-year mortgages fell for the third month in a row, down to 6.13 percent from 6.32 percent, according to mortgage finance company Holdings Corp. It was the lowest mark since May of last year.

Rates on 15-year mortgages also dropped slightly from 5.91 percent to 5.89 percent. They did not, however, reach their all-time low of 5.83.

Levels for one-year adjustable rate mortgages fell to 5.21, exactly the same as they were one year ago.

Holdings Corporation cited that slow sales in the housing market have **triggered** the drop in rates across the board.

Fees that lenders charged only edged up 0.1 percent over the three-month period. Weakness in the housing sector is expected to last until the middle of next year.

41. According to the report, rates on 30-year mortgages _____.
 - (A) had reached their all-time low rate
 - (B) had fallen for three successive months
 - (C) fell down to 6.32 percent
 - (D) were lower than those in the past year
42. In the report, the word “trigger” is closest in meaning to _____.
 - (A) actuate
 - (B) decelerate
 - (C) suppress
 - (D) restrain
43. What did NOT happen to rates on 15-year mortgages?
 - (A) They fell to their all-time low rate.
 - (B) They fell to 5.89 percent.
 - (C) They fell, but not to their lowest ever rate.
 - (D) They fell slightly.
44. The report is mainly about _____.
 - (A) fees charged by lenders
 - (B) the weakness of the housing sector
 - (C) rising interest rates on loans
 - (D) falling interest rates for housing loans
45. What is expected to happen to housing sector from the middle of next year?
 - (A) Rates on loans will increase.
 - (B) Sales will slow down.
 - (C) Sales will increase.
 - (D) It will become weaker.