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I. Vocabulary (20%) Please select the best answer (A, B, C, or D) to complete the following sentences:

- The politician was not offended by the _____ question.
(A) hoisted (B) innocuous (C) emancipated (D) mesmerized
- John was _____ when he learned that his comments had made his father angry.
(A) contrite (B) lucid (C) staunch (D) sordid
- Some people believe that William Shakespeare is one of the most _____ writers of all time.
(A) clandestine (B) prolific (C) grievous (D) bolster
- It is a _____ to visit France if you are unable to speak French.
(A) liability (B) propensity (C) robust (D) terse
- The mother _____ her daughter for not doing her homework.
(A) fabricated (B) subordinated (C) precipitated (D) rebuked
- In some cultures, elderly people are _____ due to their age and wisdom, while other cultures have no respect for older people.
(A) embellished (B) venerated (C) berated (D) equivocated
- The English teacher _____ the main point of the difficult passage many times so that her students would better understand what they were reading.
(A) inundated (B) ostracized (C) circumvented (D) reiterated
- My brother's car is so _____ that everyone tells him to buy a new vehicle.
(A) mitigated (B) extricated (C) dilapidated (D) chided.
- Magicians are usually quite _____ with their hands.
(A) gregarious (B) vicarious (C) retrospect (D) dexterous
- Mary knew that she should not _____ away her money since she wanted to buy a new car.
(A) subsidize (B) embellish (C) fritter (D) zenith

II. Grammar (20%) Please select the best answer (A, B, C, or D) to complete the following sentences:

- How many people are there in the classroom? _____ a girl along with two boys in the room.
(A) There is (B) There are (C) There was (D) There have
- Joe: "Can one of you give me a ride to class on your scooter?"
Bill: "Sorry, I don't have a scooter and _____."
(A) Jack doesn't too. (B) also Jack. (C) neither will Jack. (D) Jack doesn't either.
- Tom said, "If you practice hard you will succeed." _____, Bill followed his advice and then failed the driver's test.
(A) Therefore (B) Nevertheless (C) Conversely (D) On the other hand

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14. Although he gets up early, _____ late for work.
(A) but he's always (B) even he will be (C) he cannot be (D) he's always
15. If John _____, I would invite him.
(A) is available (B) might be available (C) were available (D) wouldn't be busy
16. The student _____ next to me is from Brazil.
(A) is sitting (B) that he is sitting (C) was sitting (D) sitting
17. Never _____ tasted such delicious coffee!
(A) they (B) they have (C) have they (D) should they
18. _____ go there with us.
(A) I wish that you can (B) I want for you to (C) I hope you (D) I ask that you may
19. Do you know where _____
(A) is the station? (B) should I find the station? (C) to go to the station? (D) the station is?
20. _____ you will stay for dinner.
(A) I suppose that (B) I ask that (C) I suggest that (D) I insist that

III. Reading Comprehension: 閱讀測驗 (20%) Please read the following passages and choose the best answer for each question.

Passage A (Source: Scott Miles (2008), Essential Reading)

Immigration is one way to **replenish** a workforce, but this is not always an easy solution. Immigration has helped the United States maintain a healthy economy despite a low birth rate among the majority race, white Americans. The trade-off is a radical change in the racial and cultural makeup of the society. As non-Hispanic, white Americans continue to have fewer and fewer children, immigrant minority numbers are rising rapidly. By 2050, white Americans will still be the largest racial group. They will make up less than half of the total American population. The fastest growing minority is Hispanic, which currently makes up slightly over 14 percent of the population, surpassing the African-American population in 2000. Already, Hispanics are the majority race in Los Angeles, and will be the dominant racial/ethnic group in California and Texas in the next few decades. Some feel that as the United States has always been a nation of immigrants, this kind of change is of no great cause for concern. Whether or not the traditionally highly homogenous countries of Asia would be able to tolerate such fundamental changes in their societies **may be another matter**, however. Currently, immigration laws in Asian nations are quite restrictive.

In the meantime, European and Asian governments promote ambitious programmes to encourage couples to have more children, but declining populations have proven very difficult to reverse. Thus far, no country that has fallen below a birth rate of 1.5 has managed to rise back to the population replacement

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level of 2.1. Robert Retherford of the East West Center states that the dilemma for governments is finding ways of keeping the economy competitive in the global marketplace while making societies more marriage friendly, particularly in regard to married women in the workforce. Says Retherford, "It won't be easy and it won't be cheap."

21. Which of the following statement is true?

- (A) If current population trends continue, Hispanics will be the majority racial/ethnic group in the United States by 2050.
- (B) The author believes that immigration is the easiest answer to Korea and Japan's population problems.
- (C) We can infer that the author is optimistic about developed countries solving their population problems.
- (D) By 2050, white Americans will make up less than half of the total American population.

22. In paragraph 1, the word **replenish** means

- (A) fill up again
- (B) replace
- (C) reply
- (D) repent

23. In paragraph 1, what is implied by **may be another matter**?

- (A) This would be an additional cause of population decrease.
- (B) This situation might not be a problem in Asian countries.
- (C) Asian countries might have trouble dealing with large immigrant populations.
- (D) Highly homogenous countries of Asia would be able to tolerate the fundamental changes in their societies.

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

- (A) European government successfully promotes programmes to encourage couples to have more children.
- (B) For Asian countries, declining populations have proven very difficult to change.
- (C) To rise back to the population replacement level of 2.1 won't be easy.
- (D) Governments should make societies more marriage friendly.

25. Which is the most appropriate title for this passage?

- (A) Immigration is the best policy
- (B) Ambitious programmes lead to higher birth rates
- (C) The restrictive immigration laws in Asia
- (D) Ways to increase populations

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Passage B (Source: John Langan (2005) Ten Steps to Improving Colleges Reading Skills)

We tend to think that children in the same family will grow up to be more similar than unrelated people. This is a fundamental part of our lore: brothers who are alike in their enjoyment of sports or sisters who both take up the law. However, comprehensive studies in Sweden, Great Britain, the United States, Finland, and other countries show that a shared family environment does not affect children's personalities at all! This is because, even within a family, each child grows up in a thoroughly different world from the others.

Although siblings share many genes, other factors, including birth order, make children live in distinct worlds and develop quite differently even in the same home. The research leads to a radical conclusion: families do not make us similar to our siblings; they make us different. Genetics accounts for similarities among children in the same families, but it is family experiences that make them different. Most parents, for instance, treat girls differently from boys and firstborns differently from those born later.

For example, two sisters were at a dinner party when the conversation turned to upbringing. The elder sister started to say that her parents had been very strict and that she had been rather frightened of them. Her sister, younger by two years, interrupted in amazement. "What are you talking about?" she said. "Our parents were very **lenient**. I remember being allowed to stay out late and to do all sorts of things. How could you call them strict?"

Both were accurate: one sister had received different treatment from the other. The first child had borne the brunt of parental anxiety all through her childhood and was stopped from doing things that might possibly be dangerous or unsuitable. But by the time the younger one was growing up, the parents had learned to relax a bit, since the first daughter hadn't gotten into trouble, and they were much more likely to let the second daughter do what she wanted.

Although certain personality traits do run in families, siblings are far more disparate than they are alike. When they are tested, their scores are as different as those of unrelated people brought up separately.

26. According to the author, children in the same family
- (A) share few genes.
 - (B) are brought up similarly.
 - (C) receive different parental treatment.
 - (D) do not get along as adults.

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27. The author implies that

- (A) most parents do a poor job of bringing up their children.
- (B) parents should treat all of their children exactly the same.
- (C) many people believe brothers and sisters are more alike than they really are.
- (D) genes account for the majority of our characteristics.

28. The author's main purpose is to

- (A) inform readers about brothers and sisters.
- (B) persuade readers to bring up their children more consistently.
- (C) entertain readers with humorous family stories.
- (D) claim that genetics accounts for similarities among children in the same families.

29. Which is the most appropriate title for this selection?

- (A) Testing Siblings
- (B) Shared Genes, Shared Upbringing
- (C) Parental Anxiety About Bringing Up Children
- (D) The Same Parents But Different Upbringings

30. In paragraph 3, the word **lenient** means

- (A) free
- (B) not severe
- (C) orderly
- (D) demanding

IV. English Composition: 英文作文 (20%)

Night markets have become one of the most popular attractions for both locals and foreigners. Have you been to one? How do you like or not like the night markets? Provide specific reasons to support your viewpoints.

V. Translation: 英翻中 (20 %) Please translate the English statement into Chinese.

A Chilean congressional commission on Wednesday found two mine owners responsible for the accident that trapped 33 men a half-mile underground for 69 days last year. The body was in complete agreement that mine owners Alejandro Bohn and Marcelo Kemeny were guilty of negligence. The commission also said Sernageomin, the state mine safety regulator, had to accept some responsibility, as it had not ensured safety requirements were met. The mining company is under bankruptcy protection and its assets have been sold off to help resolve debts and pay severance to the miners. (Source:Associated Press)