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本試題為單一選擇題，請選出一個正確或最適當的答案

共25 題，每題4 分

1. Professor Nelson, who is rather strange, displays some __ behavior from time to time.
(A) ordinary (B) eccentric (C) comprehensive (D) logical
2. Some families have children in chronic health conditions. At times, the pressure may be __ to every individual in the family and the challenges can affect the quality of family life.
(A) encouraging (B) convincing (C) outgoing (D) overwhelming
3. Christopher Reeve was __ from the neck down and confined to a wheelchair, after the tragic accident.
(A) paralyzed (B) articulated (C) classified (D) enlightened
4. Many young Spaniards continued to come to the island, hoping to find gold quickly and become rich __.
(A) backward (B) hardly (C) overnight (D) nowhere
5. Since our economy has been improving recently, I hope that my boss will give me a big __ this year.
(A) conquest (B) consumption (C) rise (D) raise
6. John Keene's opinion has no __ on her daughter's decision to become a professional artist. She always gets her own way.
(A) annoyance (B) revenge (C) record (D) effect
7. The book is about a very __ boy who always breaks things.
(A) clumsy (B) appropriate (C) evident (D) fragrant
8. If something is __, it is dull and depressing.
(A) measurable (B) dreary (C) graphic (D) hysterical
9. Katherine was reminded to return the book by next Monday, which she __ from the school library three months ago.

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(A)captured (B)prevented (C)borrowed (D)arrested

10. Sarah, who often attends symphony concerts, has a great__ for music.

(A)anxiety (B)disregard (C)appreciation (D)headline

11. For some people, the fear of visiting a__ outweighs the pain of a toothache.

(A)barbarian (B)diplomat (C)dentist (D)magician

12. Dr. Morales has confirmed a major __ in the world of rock art: an ancient rock painting at a burial site from the Inca site of Machu Picchu in Peru.

(A)epidemic (B)discovery (C)flaw (D)galaxy

13. Some soils are extremely rich in__ and nutrients such as iron and copper.

(A)minerals (B)mermaids (C)miniatures (D)manuscripts

14. Scientists have found a __ for the rare contagious disease, and some patients now have the hope of recovery.

(A)replacement (B)penalty (C)cure (D)passion

15. Elaine Hadley has many__, such as horse-back riding, dancing, and playing with animals.

(A)devices (B)sensations (C)temperaments (D)hobbies

While on vacation, not everyone likes staying at nice hotels, visiting museums, and shopping at department stores. Some would rather jump out of an airplane, speed down a river, or stay in a traditional village. They are part of a growing number of people who enjoy adventure tourism. It is a type of travel for people looking to get more out of their vacations.

With the Internet, it is easier than ever to set up an adventure tour. People can plan trips themselves, or they can find a suitable tour company online. Some popular countries to visit are Costa Rica, India, New Zealand, and Botswana. Their natural settings make them perfect for outdoor activities like hiking and diving. Rich in wildlife, they are

also great for bird watching and safaris. Learning about the local history and culture is also popular with adventure travelers. In Peru, people love visiting the ruins of Machu Picchu. And, travelers in Tanzania enjoy meeting local tribes. In some countries, it is even possible to live and work in a village during a vacation. While building houses and helping research teams, travelers can enjoy local food and learn about the culture.

Besides being a lot of fun, these exiting trips mean big money for local economies. Tourism is already the world's largest industry, worth some \$ 3 trillion. Of that, adventure tourism makes up about 20% of the market. That number is growing, as more people plan exciting vacations in their own countries and abroad.

16. What can we infer about adventure tourists from the passage?

- (A) They like safe and comfortable vacations.
- (B) They have little interest in culture.
- (C) They enjoy trips that are exciting.
- (D) They rarely play on sports teams.

17. Where would you go to visit Machu Picchu?

- (A) Tanzania
- (B) Europe
- (C) Peru
- (D) The Himalayas

18. What is NOT a reason why people enjoy traveling to New Zealand?

- (A) Tours there are cheaper than in other places.
- (B) It is a great place for nature lovers.
- (C) One could easily set up a bird watching trip.
- (D) There are many outdoor activities.

19. What does the word rich in paragraph 2 mean?

- (A) wealthy
- (B) plentiful
- (C) funny
- (D) heavy

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20. What does the passage suggest about the tourism industry?

- (A) It may soon be worth \$3 trillion.
- (B) Adventure tourism brings in the most money
- (C) Most of the industry is facing hard times.
- (D) It is important to local economies.

Loy Krathong is a favorite festival in Thailand because it is very beautiful and romantic. This is the celebration of the full moon in November. In Thai, Loy means "float" and Krathong means "small, lotus-shaped boat." This is the day when people float krathongs, wash their sins away, and make wishes for the future.

Originally, the krathong was made of banana leaves. A krathong contains food, flowers, candles and coins. The making of a krathong is much more creative these days as many more materials are available. When the day of the festival comes, one lights the candles, makes one's wishes and lets it float away with the current of a river.

Some believe the festival originates from Buddhism. They say the offering of flowers and candles is a tribute of respect to the footprint of the Lord Buddha on the sandy beach of the Narmaha River in India, as well as to the great Serpent and dwellers of the underwater world, after the Lord Buddha's visit to their watery realm. It is possible that this is derived from a Hindu festival that pays tribute to the god Vishnu, who meditates at the center of the ocean.

Today, Thais clean the rivers to prepare for this day. Some people do good deeds—for example, giving money to the poor. There are contests, such as krathong-making contests and beauty contests. The most important part of the celebration is making krathongs and floating them with candles in the moonlight. Also, couples or lovers believe that if they float krathongs together and the boats stay together in the water, their love will last forever.

21. According to the passage, typical Loy Krathong activities include all of the following EXCEPT .

- (A) giving a gift to the king
- (B) making krathongs

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(C)holding beauty contests

(D)giving money to poor people

22. Which of the following would be the most appropriate title for this passage?

(A)Living in Thailand.

(B)Thailand Night Life.

(C)Loy Krathong Festival.

(D)How to Make a Krathong.

23. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage about Loy Krathong ?

(A)The festival probably originated from India.

(B)The origin of the ceremony is to honor Buddha.

(C)It is a day for people to make wishes for the future.

(D)The krathong is offered to pay respect to one's ancestors.

24. According to the passage, which of the following is true about krathong-making?

(A) Originally, the krathong was made of bamboo leaves.

(B) Fewer materials are available for making krathongs now.

(C) The making of krathongs is much more creative now.

(D)Krathongs come in one size only.

25. Altogether, for couples or lovers, Loy Krathong is a festival with a touch.

(A)comic

(B)religious

(C)romantic

(D)philosophical