

**I. Vocabulary:** Choose one word or phrase that best completes the sentence. (20%)

1. He was devastated when the doctor told him that his wife had \_\_\_\_\_ cancer. She didn't have many days left.  
(A) spacious                      (B) terminal                      (C) nagging                      (D) explicit
2. People in a democratic country may not understand the true meaning of liberty and tend to \_\_\_\_\_ it and trespass against others.  
(A) nourish                      (B) rescue                      (C) abuse                      (D) pretend
3. Most Buddhist monks spend a lot of time on \_\_\_\_\_. They believe it can help them gain insight into their religious belief.  
(A) narration                      (B) prescription                      (C) obligation                      (D) meditation
4. The street vendors in this city are \_\_\_\_\_ for harassing tourists and selling fakes.  
(A) notorious                      (B) contagious                      (C) migrant                      (D) fabulous
5. In old romantic movies, the heroine's \_\_\_\_\_ often involves choosing between a rich boyfriend and the poor man she really loves.  
(A) encounter                      (B) contribution                      (C) consensus                      (D) dilemma
6. Even during holidays, the hotel \_\_\_\_\_ rate remained exceptionally high, causing management to review ways to reduce it.  
(A) security                      (B) vacancy                      (C) facility                      (D) confidence
7. We are finding it increasingly difficult to service our clients, and so are trying both to hire new staff and to \_\_\_\_\_ some customer service functions.  
(A) distract                      (B) outsource                      (C) supervise                      (D) represent
8. There is \_\_\_\_\_ pressure on many high school students to study hard in order to enter a good university.  
(A) tremendous                      (B) reluctant                      (C) complicated                      (D) mature
9. The scientists came up with a/an \_\_\_\_\_, which they felt needed further testing to determine if it was the solution to their problem.  
(A) investigation                      (B) hypothesis                      (C) instruction                      (D) stimulus
10. The accountant was so \_\_\_\_\_ in processing the customer receipts that she had the job done before lunch.  
(A) potential                      (B) efficient                      (C) dynamic                      (D) essential

**II. Cloze Test:** 從四個選項中，挑出最適合文章內容的答案 (40%)

**Passage A**

When you purchase cut flowers from your local florist, do you think about where they came from? Common sense might tell you that they were grown close by, because cut flowers can't \_\_ (11) \_\_ a very long trip. The reality, though, is that your cut flowers might come from places like the Netherlands, Ecuador, or Kenya!

Flowers can now travel long distances \_\_ (12) \_\_ air freight and high-tech cooling systems. Even the most delicate orchid can be shipped to arrive fresh in most places on Earth. This allows Americans, for example, to import \_\_ (13) \_\_ 70 percent of the cut flowers they buy.

The country that exports the most cut flowers is the Netherlands, which \_\_ (14) \_\_ the world cut flower trade. There, seven auction houses handle about 60 percent of the world's cut flower

exports. Some auction houses are very large \_\_\_(15)\_\_\_ – Aalsmeer, near Amsterdam, is an auction house in the sense that Tokyo is a city or Everest a mountain. Its scale is daunting. About 120 soccer fields would fill its main hangar, which holds five auction halls. Nineteen million cut flowers are sold here on an average day.

The Netherlands is also a world leader in developing new flower varieties. Dutch companies and the government invest a \_\_\_(16)\_\_\_ amount of money in flower research. Their scientists try to find ways to lengthen a flower's vase life. They also try to strengthen flowers to prevent them \_\_\_(17)\_\_\_ being damaged while traveling on rough roads and to strengthen flowers' natural fragrance.

11. (A) predict (B) survive (C) cherish (D) decorate
12. (A) apart from (B) in terms of (C) thanks to (D) because
13. (A) some (B) any (C) mostly (D) ever
14. (A) cultivates (B) formulates (C) migrates (D) dominates
15. (A) though (B) indeed (C) perhaps (D) then
16. (A) considerate (B) considerable (C) confident (D) confidential
17. (A) to (B) of (C) from (D) on

### Passage B

When people hear the name "Sysco" they probably think of Cisco, the San Jose-based maker of routers and other high-tech gear. But Houston-based food distributor Sysco, which each year ships 21.5 million tons of \_\_\_(18)\_\_\_, meats, prepared meals, and other food-related products, is pretty technologically savvy too.

The company supplies goods to one in three U.S. restaurants, cafeterias, and sports stadiums - anyplace \_\_\_(19)\_\_\_ serves food. To get all that food safely to the right \_\_\_(20)\_\_\_ at the right time, Sysco maintains a complex web of software, databases, scanning systems, and robotics that surely would impress Silicon Valley types (including executives from that homonymic company).

Sysco's supply-chain logistics are especially complex because a single jar of caviar can't be handled the same way \_\_\_(21)\_\_\_ a box of frozen onion rings or an 80-pound tub of flour. That \_\_\_(22)\_\_\_ most off-the-shelf inventory-management software. So Sysco uses \_\_\_(23)\_\_\_ tech tools to crank out a logistical plan every day and then execute it. That way a restaurant that wants Fuji apples doesn't get Macintoshes instead, or an elementary school cafeteria doesn't \_\_\_(24)\_\_\_ meals meant for the assisted-living facility down the street. In the process, the company has found ways to cut costs and speed delivery times, which is helping Sysco \_\_\_(25)\_\_\_ a downturn that is forcing many of its restaurant customers to cut back or close altogether.

18. (A) agriculture (B) produce (C) package (D) harvest
19. (A) to (B) like (C) that (D) such
20. (A) venue (B) currency (C) employment (D) entrance
21. (A) that (B) to (C) as (D) than
22. (A) turns out (B) rules out (C) checks out (D) seeks out
23. (A) generalized (B) mobilized (C) customized (D) hospitalized
24. (A) end up with (B) come up with (C) keep up with (D) get along with
25. (A) record (B) sport (C) finance (D) weather

### Passage C

At Vericom Telecommunications, we believe that our efforts \_\_\_(26)\_\_\_ a difference in what you do and clients as yourself make our hard work worthwhile.

We thank you for your continuous business with us for the past three years. Because you have surpassed our \$1,500 yearly service bill requirement to qualify for our VIP services, you are now eligible \_\_\_(27)\_\_\_ a Gold Members Card. The following are some of the benefits that are accompanied with this Gold Members Card.

- You will have a personal customer care service person assigned to you. Our service team consists \_\_\_(28)\_\_\_ veterans with over seven years of service experience and they will be delighted to help you \_\_\_(29)\_\_\_ in whatever way they may be able to.

- You will receive Gold Members Card benefits in various restaurants, clubs, and theaters. (An enclosed booklet lists all the franchises where you will be able to receive superior service and discounts.)

- A total of 10% will be discounted from your total service bill \_\_\_(30)\_\_\_ you are a Gold Card Member.

26. (A) take (B) get (C) make (D) do  
27. (A) to (B) for (C) as (D) of  
28. (A) of (B) to (C) as (D) from  
29. (A) for (B) of (C) from (D) out  
30. (A) due to (B) in spite of (C) even though (D) as long as

III. **Grammar:** Identify the one underlined word or phrase that is incorrect. (從四個有底線的單字或片語中挑出錯誤的一項) (20%)

31. Most young people would prefer to go to a four-years university instead of a junior college or technical school.

- A B C D

32. Even we had been behind schedule at one point, the proposal was submitted on time.

- A B C D

33. Clients using travel agency vouchers should stay in hotels that accept vouchers and should present it on arrival.

- A B C D

34. Mr. Jackson is worried how a price hike in coffee will affect his delivering schedule.

- A B C D

35. Consumers are usually willing to buy more of an item as its price falls because of they want to save money.

- A B C D

36. All passengers must present their boarding passes to the designate agent at the airport gate.

- A B C D

37. For each workshop, you must register and pay prior to the date on which the conference begin.  
 A B C D
38. Could you find a letter that you showed me yesterday morning that was from Mr. White of the  
 A B C D  
 Best Service Company?
39. Have you ever considered to move to another city to find a new job that uses the same skills  
 A B C  
 but offers a better salary?  
 D
40. Travel club application forms can find in front of the main desk in the hotel lobby.  
 A B C D

IV. **Reading Comprehension:** (20%)

**Passage A**

Washington – A government study release yesterday said that businesses should implement widespread commercial use of encryption, mathematical formulas to scramble electronic data, to curb the theft of computer data, wireless communications, and other electronic information. A committee of the government research council, which gives science and technology advice, said a broad use of encryption would help industries in many ways, including by making banking and telecommunications networks more secure and by giving people greater privacy. The committee also recommended that export controls on encryption technologies be progressively relaxed but not eliminated.

41. What does the study suggest businesses do?  
 (A) Curb electronic information sharing  
 (B) Use special technology to scramble electronic data  
 (C) Progressively relax government export controls  
 (D) Invest in government research
42. According to the article, how will the committee's recommendations benefit businesses?  
 (A) Science and technology advice will be available.  
 (B) Computer data will be processed more quickly.  
 (C) Government resources will be shared.  
 (D) Telecommunications networks will be more secure.

**Passage B**

On April 1, Meokyung Heavy Industries (MHI) received a \$100 million order from the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC), a state-subsidized, semiprivate corporation in Vietnam, for an offshore petroleum gas platform and support facilities.

The project is located 90 kilometers northwest of Nha Trang in the Nguyen-Smith Field. When completed it will be capable of producing 7.5 million cubic meters of gas a day, worth \$125 million annually. The platform is part of a project that includes laying 8.8 kilometers of pipe on the ocean floor to transport the gas to existing processing platforms. MHI is responsible for the design, materials procurement, construction, and transportation of the equipment, as well as the installation and hookup. The project is scheduled to begin May 31.

43. Where would this information be most likely to appear?  
 (A) In a newspaper (B) In an oil industry periodical  
 (C) In a construction industry publication (D) In a stockholders' report
44. How will the gas be transported?  
 (A) By ship (B) Through ocean pipelines  
 (C) By tanker truck (D) Through processing platforms
45. Which of the following is MHI's responsibility?  
 (A) Operating the facility (B) Delivering the structural equipment  
 (C) Supervising Vietnam's oil industry (D) Exploring for oil

**Passage C**

Since the major cost of advanced education, if the student is away from home, is room and board, one can argue that as far as possible the expansion of public education beyond high school should be arranged locally. But there are various types of professional and vocational education which can be given at only a few centers in even a very populous state. It is literally impossible, for example, to give adequate instruction in clinical medicine except in cities of sufficient size to support large hospitals. Similarly, advanced work in the arts, sciences, and letters can be done only where adequate libraries and laboratories are at hand. It is clearly in the national interest to find all the latent talent available for the lengthy training that research careers demand. Yet to establish research centers at every point in the United States where general education beyond the high school is desired would be not merely uneconomical, but impossible. (157 words)

46. The major cost of advanced education, if the student is away from home, is  
 (A) transportation and lodging. (B) tuition and room.  
 (C) books and tuition. (D) food and room.
47. It is literally impossible to give adequate instruction in clinical medicine in  
 (A) large cities. (B) the United States.  
 (C) a very populous state. (D) a sparsely populated state.
48. Which of the following is true?  
 (A) It is feasible to have the expansion of public education beyond high school arranged locally.  
 (B) General education beyond the high school is undesirable.  
 (C) Research centers for advanced education beyond the high school is not merely uneconomical, but impossible.  
 (D) Libraries and laboratories cannot be established at every point in the United States where they are desired.
49. To educate all the latent talent available is  
 (A) impracticable and uneconomical. (B) costly and time-consuming.  
 (C) not in the interest of the nation. (D) to be arranged locally.
50. "Advanced work in the arts, sciences, and letters" refers to advanced work in the arts, sciences, and  
 (A) correspondence. (B) bibliography.  
 (C) literature. (D) linguistics.