

I. **Vocabulary:** (30%): 第 1 到第 15 題，共 15 題，每題 2 分

1. The man got killed because his family refused to pay the _____ demanded by the kidnappers.
(A) rental (B) refund (C) ransom (D) region
2. I have a very _____ arrangement with my employer so I can work whatever hours suit me.
(A) favorite (B) flexible (C) portable (D) prompt
3. We were asked to _____ the play over and over again until our performance was perfect.
(A) resolve (B) rehearse (C) observe (D) describe
4. When you walk into a dark room from the bright sunlight, your eyes need a few moments to _____ to the change in light.
(A) adapt (B) adopt (C) admire (D) alarm
5. Do you think it is good for students to be absolutely _____ without making any objections in any case?
(A) innocent (B) sincere (C) industrious (D) obedient
6. Most plants thrive in a warm, sunny environment when they are also given _____ water and plant food.
(A) excessive (B) adequate (C) deliberate (D) condensed
7. The living cost is much higher these days, so I find it hard to live within _____.
(A) budget (B) margins (C) account (D) finance
8. The government _____ to public opinion about reform and began to take new measures.
(A) appointed (B) yielded (C) ceased (D) converted
9. One important source of information for the shopper, or consumer, is the list of _____ that is required by law on all food labels.
(A) experiments (B) preparation (C) merchandise (D) ingredients
10. After a long economic downturn, tourism proved to be the _____ that improved the local economy.
(A) pursuit (B) myth (C) stimulus (D) horizon
11. I don't understand why I'm not _____ if I have been with the company for over a year.
(A) affordable (B) subjective (C) responsible (D) eligible
12. When he decided to write a children's book, he hired someone to _____ it because he knew his drawings weren't very good.
(A) participate (B) exploit (C) illustrate (D) distinguish
13. Once the boss sees how computers _____ our work, he'll wonder why we didn't start using them years ago.
(A) facilitate (B) invade (C) nominate (D) overwhelm
14. They ought to make their information more _____ so all the staff know what is going on in the company.
(A) extensive (B) accessible (C) numerous (D) addictive
15. I'm afraid we don't have any more of Yo-Yo Ma's CD in our _____, but I can order a copy of his latest release if you like.
(A) inventory (B) convention (C) domination (D) guidebook

II. **Cloze Test:** (30%): 第 16 到第 30 題，共 15 題，每題 2 分

Passage A:

Most fire-related deaths are caused by smoke inhalation ____(16)____ by the actual flames. Keeping yourself cool and knowing what to do during a fire could mean the ____(17)____ between life and death not only for you ____(18)____ for those you care about as well.

When you go to a new place – a hotel or a movie theater __ (19) __ – take a minute upon your arrival to __ (20) __ yourself with where the exits are. Often during a fire there are no lights. If you find yourself in smoke-__ (21) __ room, drop down to the floor and crawl along where the floor and wall meet. Smoke __ (22) __, so it is much easier to breathe along the floor. Cover your nose and mouth with a cloth; __ (23) __ better, with a wet cloth, if possible. Remember an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

16. (A) but also (B) rather than (C) more than (D) instead
17. (A) difference (B) definition (C) destination (D) division
18. (A) and (B) but (C) still (D) also
19. (A) on duty (B) for instance (C) for fun (D) in example
20. (A) familiar (B) family (C) familiarize (D) familiarity
21. (A) filled (B) full (C) filling (D) field
22. (A) raising (B) arises (C) arouses (D) rises
23. (A) very (B) even (C) more (D) near

Passage B:

Why does a red fire engine appear red? What makes blue jeans blue? White light, the light emitting from the sun or from a light bulb, is actually __ (24) __ of seven different colors of light, each with their own wavelength. The seven colors are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. When the white light hits the red fire truck, the pigments in the paint absorb all the colors except red, __ (25) __ is reflected off the truck. That is why we see a red fire engine. We see all colors __ (26) __ the same way. Of course we see many different shades and variation of colors __ (27) __ certain pigments reflect different amounts of different colors of light. When we see something white, all light is reflected. When we see something black, all light is absorbed.

This also explains why we can't distinguish colors easily in very __ (28) __ light. There is such a small __ (29) __ of light being reflected __ (30) __ objects appear as gray or black.

24. (A) consisted (B) comprised (C) contained (D) composed
25. (A) that (B) which (C) what (D) when
26. (A) by (B) at (C) for (D) in
27. (A) because (B) assuming that (C) granting that (D) in case that
28. (A) bright (B) dime (C) dim (D) brighten
29. (A) amount (B) number (C) quality (D) plenty
30. (A) that (B) which (C) who (D) when

III. Reading Comprehension: (40%): 第 31 到第 40 題，共 10 題，每題 4 分

Passage A:

It was the article that filled the Internet with comments, links, and blog posts. Entitled “Why Chinese Mothers Are Superior,” this short article in both the print and online versions of *The Wall Street Journal* certainly caused quite a controversy in January. Even the article's title rubbed some the wrong way, and many were more disturbed by the article's content.

Written by Amy Chua, a second-generation Chinese-American and law professor at Yale University, the article attempted to explain how Chinese mothers in America are able to raise so many stereotypically successful children. She began by listing all of the things that most American kids do, but that her two daughters were never allowed to do, when growing up: no sleepovers, no play dates, no TV, no computer games,

Known as “freeters”, they shun traditional lifetime employment, often prefer to work part-time and change jobs regularly. In 2001, there were over 4 million of them aged 15 to 34; up from 1.8 million in 1990.

While many freeters choose the lifestyle because they’re not ambitious for success in the traditional sense – or simply lack direction in their lives – some are victims of Japan’s changing economic fortunes. They’re unable to find secure jobs because companies, keen to reduce costs, are unwilling to take on large numbers of new graduates as full-time staff, preferring to employ cheaper part-timers instead. As the unemployment rate hovers at a near record 5.4 per cent, competition for new jobs is tough, with only 1.35 positions available per graduate.

The growing number of freeters could have serious implications for Japanese society. Although they can support themselves, they can’t afford to feed a family, which means that the birth rate will decline even further. As the population is expected to start shrinking from 2007, the country will probably face long-term labor shortages. In addition, without a secure income, freeters could become a burden to society when they get old and have no savings or relatives to depend on. (248 words)

36. What is the main subject of the passage?
- (A) Japan’s traditional work ethic
 - (B) The difficulties of finding full-time employment
 - (C) Young people who don’t have a career
 - (D) Rising unemployment in Japan
37. From the passage, the “freeter” lifestyle could be described as
- (A) a waning trend. (B) a recent phenomenon.
 - (C) a revolutionary activity. (D) an international movement.
38. Which of the following is **CORRECT**?
- (A) The number of freeters tripled between 1990 and 2001.
 - (B) Japan’s population is expected to grow in the next twenty years.
 - (C) The “cradle-to-the-grave” lifestyle is no longer the norm in Japan.
 - (D) Some freeters would prefer to have traditional employment.
39. What would be the best title for this passage?
- (A) The Changing Work Ethic in Japan
 - (B) The Future of Freeters in Japanese Society
 - (C) The Dangers of the Freeter Lifestyle
 - (D) Japan’s Troubled Economy
40. Which of the following is implied in the passage?
- (A) The freeter lifestyle is condemned by most Japanese people.
 - (B) The number of unmarried people will probably increase.
 - (C) In the future, companies will only employ part-time staff.
 - (D) Freeters are the cause of Japan’s high unemployment rate.