

Part 1 Vocabulary: Choose the answer that best completes the sentence 30%

1. It creates a terrible _____ if you are late for an interview.
(A) compression (B) repression (C) impression (D) suppression
2. Members of the _____ met in secret so that their conspiracy would not be discovered.
(A) cabal (B) band (C) mob (D) team
3. The Mayor of London is said to be the main reason for helping London _____ into one of the top ten tourist attractions in the world.
(A) levitate (B) elevate (C) alleviate (D) relieve
4. After _____ at Queenie's wedding banquet, I became quite ill with indigestion.
(A) surfeiting (B) inhabiting (C) lamenting (D) exploiting
5. Since Rob has such an _____ flying, I am certain he will prefer traveling by coach or train.
(A) affirmation of (B) avarice for (C) affection for (D) aversion to
6. Giving children _____ to do around the house teaches them responsibility and also helps them build self-esteem.
(A) charms (B) chores (C) cheers (D) choirs
7. Surgeons must _____ their hands and arms with an antiseptic soap prior to operating in order to assure that no affection will occur.
(A) grab (B) crib (C) scrub (D) slit
8. Poor nutrition in the early stages of infancy can _____ both physical and mental growth.
(A) restore (B) resist (C) retard (D) reject
9. A citrus peel, cherry or olive can be used to _____ a cocktail; this adds a bit of variety to the drink's appearance.
(A) garnish (B) garish (C) garner (D) galleon
10. Although she already had a first degree from university, she decided to work towards a(n) _____ degree later in life.
(A) senior (B) upper (C) further (D) higher
11. Some modern agricultural methods have been heavily criticized, with _____ in particular receiving condemnation.
(A) free farming (B) battery farming (C) free range (D) precipitation farming
12. Too many people these days live a _____ lifestyle, and they don't get enough exercise.
(A) sedate (B) sedimentary (C) sedentary (D) seductive
13. The restaurant is going to be closed for two months while the owner _____ it.
(A) reiterates (B) renovates (C) remonstrates (D) resiles
14. The ELF research _____ English users as well as learners to reconceptualize the English language.
(A) prolonged (B) proved (C) proposed (D) prompted
15. Minor _____ may be treated at home without recourse to a doctor.
(A) segments (B) agreements (C) blandishments (D) ailments

Part 2 Grammar: Choose the answer that best completes the sentence 20%

16. Alex _____ Jenny, because she did not mean to hurt him.
(A) had to misunderstand (B) must misunderstand
(C) must have misunderstood (D) must be misunderstanding
17. By the time I finish my PhD dissertation I _____ for five years in this university.
(A) had work (B) will work (C) have worked (D) will have worked
18. The nurse told the patient that it was time to have his temperature _____.
(A) take (B) to take (C) taken (D) taking
19. His tutor insisted that he _____ hard until he finished the final exam.
(A) work (B) worked (C) shall work (D) would work
20. _____ in that organization for five years, Ying felt like _____ another job.
(A) Having worked – to try (B) Having worked – trying
(C) Working – to try (D) Working – trying
21. _____ the fact that the admission to the museum is expensive, many people are still willing to pay for it.
(A) Despite (B) In spite of (C) Despite of (D) In despite
22. _____ I get to know the place, the more I like the place.
(A) The much (B) The more (C) The most (D) If more
23. The downtown art gallery, _____ has been in run-down condition for many years, will soon be remodeled.
(A) what (B) it (C) that (D) which
24. An increase _____ 20% in the sales of hybrid passenger cars was observed in 2013.
(A) of (B) in (C) with (D) by
25. Since the economy is getting worse, the number of burglaries _____.
(A) has raised (B) have raised (C) has risen (D) have risen

Part 3 Reading Comprehension: Choose the best answer based on the passages 30%

Passage 1

Dr. Sally Ward, the country's leading authority on the speech development of young children, believes that babies under one year old should not watch television or videos at all. Children of two or three should watch for no more than an hour a day.

Dr. Ward's ten-year study of babies and toddlers in inner-city Manchester showed television was delaying speech development in children. The background noise from televisions stopped them learning to talk as early as they should. At eight months, they neither recognized their names nor basic words like 'juice' and 'bricks'. At three, they had the language of two-year-olds.

Now she has found that children from well-to-do families are being handicapped in the same way. The television is being used as a babysitter, with nannies particularly. Some of these middle-class children are spending far too much time watching television and videos. 'They get very fixed on the colors and flashing lights. We found in our study it was quite difficult to get them interested in toys.'

Parents or minders had stopped talking to them. They were not being taught a basic vocabulary through one-to-one conversations with adults. All the evidence showed, said Dr. Ward, that children whose language was below standard at the age of three could be **set back** for life.

26. The best title for this passage is
- (A) Dr. Sally Ward's research has been profound.
 - (B) Early exposure to television slows down children's speech development.
 - (C) Dr. Sally Ward is a leading expert on children's speech development.
 - (D) Choosing a proper minder for children is important.
27. What language ability does Dr. Ward expect a child of eight months to have?
- (A) The child has standard language ability.
 - (B) The child is able to converse with parents.
 - (C) The child is able to recognize his/ her name and basic words.
 - (D) The child will find it difficult to talk.
28. Which one is good for young children?
- (A) Authority
 - (B) Television
 - (C) Colors and flashing lights
 - (D) Conversations with adults
29. What family background of toddlers is delaying their speech development after watching too much television?
- (A) Children from rich families
 - (B) Children from poor families
 - (C) Children from both rich and poor families
 - (D) No influence at all
30. What does the phrase '**set back**' mean?
- (A) Returned
 - (B) Damaged
 - (C) Promised
 - (D) Looked after

Passage 2

According to statistics, it is becoming increasingly rare in many Western countries for families to eat together. It seems that people no longer have time to enjoy a meal, let alone buy and prepare the ingredients. Meanwhile, fast food outlets are *proliferating*. Further evidence of the effects of the increasing pace of life can be seen on all sides. Motorists drum their fingers impatiently at stop lights. Tempers flare in supermarket queues. Saddest of all is the success of an American series of books called 'One Minute Bedtime Stories'. What, one has to ask, do parents do with the time thus saved?

According to Barton Sparagon, M.D., medical director of the Meyer Friedman Institute in San Francisco, and an expert on stress-related illness, the above are all symptoms of a modern epidemic called 'hurry sickness'. The term was coined nearly 40 years ago by a prominent cardiologist, who noticed that all of his heart disease patients had common behavioral characteristics, the most obvious being that they were in a chronic rush. Hurry sickness has been an issue in our culture ever since, but the problem is escalating in degree and intensity, leading to rudeness, short-tempered behavior and even violence, alongside a range of physical ills.

The primary culprit, according to Sparagon, is the increasing prevalence of technology- like e-mail, cell phones, and laptop computers. We can bring work home, into our bedrooms and on our vacations. Time has sped up for so many people, and there is increased pressure to do more in the same number of hours, says Sparagon. Jull Stein, a sociologist at the University of California at Los Angeles, agrees that time is being more compressed than ever. 'In the past, an overnight letter used to be a big deal. Now if you can't send an e-mail attachment, there's something wrong. Because the technology is available to us, there is an irresistible urge to use it.'

What about those annoying people who shout into their cell phones, oblivious to those around them? Stein says that self-centered behavior is related to larger social trends as well as technology. 'There is a breakdown of the nuclear family, of community, of belonging; and an increased alienation and sense that we are all disconnected from one another. This breakdown came before the technology, but the technology has exacerbated it.' Now we connect through this technology, says Stein, and we don't have face-to-face interaction. Ironically, as people pull their cell phones out in the most unlikely venues, our personal lives are available on a public level as never before. People are having work meetings and conversations about their spouses and their therapy sessions with complete impunity. Ordinarily we'd never be exposed to this information, says Stein.

Sparagon claims that there is more a sense of entitlement now than ever ('Why should anyone slow me down?'). But he warns that there is more than civility at stake. 'This *chronic impatience* is damaging not only to our social environment, but to our physical health. It builds, and then it doesn't take much to explode. And for those who repress it, it's equally damaging.' The high-tech revolution and the lifestyle it has spawned have brought with them a rash of serious health problems, including palpitations, immune disorders, insomnia and migraines.

Recovery is possible, but Sparagon emphasizes that there is no quick fix. Sparagon works with people to become aware of their stress and the impact it's having on their lives. They examine their belief systems and they learn to challenge their behaviors. One popular exercise is to assign a chronically impatient person to stand in the longest line in the grocery store.

31. What does the word '*proliferating*' mean?

- (A) Increase greatly and quickly in number
- (B) Make something happen
- (C) Move around quietly trying not to be seen or heard
- (D) Advertise something repeatedly in order to increase its sales

32. Which one is the main reason to explain why 'hurry sickness' has increased, according to Barton Sparagon?

- (A) It is a modern epidemic.
- (B) Social trends
- (C) The rapid development of technology
- (D) It is not a new condition.

33. One result of technology and the increased pace of life is that people
- (A) frequently meet work colleagues in public places.
 - (B) have personal telephone conversations in public.
 - (C) need to visit therapists regularly.
 - (D) no longer have offices to work from.
34. What effects can *chronic impatience* potentially have on us?
- (A) On our physical and mental health problems
 - (B) On our physical health only
 - (C) On stress-related problems
 - (D) On people around us and our physical health
35. How to cure 'hurry sickness'?
- (A) Curing hurry sickness is a slow process.
 - (B) Patients need to become aware of their stress.
 - (C) Sufferers need to change their behavior patterns.
 - (D) Sufferers need to become aware of the stress in their life and change their behavior patterns.

Part 4 Short essay writing 20%

Some people argue that studying in a foreign country has many advantages; others think that the disadvantages outweigh the advantages and argue students should stay in their own country to study. Briefly consider both sides of the issue and state which position you support. Give examples to support your arguments.