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二、考生應在答案卷上規定範圍內作答，且不得書寫任何與答案無關之文字、符號，違者該科不予計分。

三、答案卷以每人一張為限，不得要求增補；試題與答案卷必須繳回，不得攜出試場。

I Vocabulary. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence. 2 points for each.

1. Brian _____ the lights to get just the effect he wanted.
A discarded b demeaned c deemed d dimmed
2. Sometimes one has to use physical force to _____ men to obey the laws.
A refresh b desperate c compel d rely
3. The police _____ the suspect into signing a false statement.
A intimidated b admired c venerated d contributed
4. Mosquitoes that _____ disease to humans are everywhere in summer.
A translucent b transmit c convict d manipulate
5. Most Americans have only a _____ knowledge of French.
a rudimentary b unreasonable c cautious d amber
6. Since Richard's industry knowledge is second to none, he is a(n) _____ person in our organization.
A rejected b vulnerable c integral d prolonged
7. In the earliest journeys, few Europeans had _____ beyond the Himalayas.
A ventured b entertained c tranquil d serenaded
8. I had been through the _____ of losing a house during economic crisis.
A validation b trauma c conference d sonnet
9. A(n) _____ year is the period used by governments for accounting and budget purposes, which vary between countries.
A tactical b emergent c fiscal d celebrated
10. The army is now _____ to operate on a shoot-to-kill basis.
A bounced b presented c depicted d empowered

II. Cloze. Choose the answer that best fills in each blank. 2 points for each.

What do you think about when someone says the word "intelligence"? You might say that it's that ____11____ quality that helps people to succeed in life. Intelligent students are more likely to do well in tests and at school in general. Experts have traditionally seen a high level of intelligence as ____12____ across the board to most human activities, guaranteeing the possessor of high intelligence success in ____13____ he or she does.

In the 1980s, however, a new ____14____ about intelligence was developed. The theory of multiple intelligences was first ____15____ by a Harvard University professor named Howard Gardner. His book, *Frames of Mind: The Theory of Multiple Intelligences*, suggested that the mind does not possess just one kind of intelligence, but rather many distinct "intelligences."

- 11 a misappropriated b depressed c pessimistic d mysterious
- 12 a applicable b irritable c bitter d devout
- 13 a whether b whatever c whom d however
- 14 a apprentice b habitat c hypothesis d plunge
- 15 a disoriented b conceived c evacuated d outraged

III. Grammar. Choose the answer that best completes the sentences. 2 points for each.

- 16 Many students do not get enough sleep and have poor health _____ increasingly strict college prep courses and tests.
A because of b in spite of c although d notwithstanding
- 17 Melissa is a painter who is one of only four Chinese _____ their work exhibited at the J. Paul Getty Museum.
A ever to b ever to have had c ever had has d ever have having
- 18 _____ the South Atlantic, Tristan da Cunha is 1740 miles from the nearest mainland, South Africa, and 1600 miles south of the island of St. Helena.
A Situation in b Situating under c Situate from d Situated in

19 _____ the hardware, the computer terminals were generally thought to be out-of-date and badly maintained.

A Of term in b In semester of c Term upon term of d In terms of

20 The film is set in a rugged landscape and tells the story of a mother on her gloomy journey to the coast, _____ she will be rescued from this land.

A it is presumed b where it presumed c where it is presumed d what it is presumed

21 People could always go camping _____ in a hotel.

A rely on staying b instead of staying c likewise stay d however stay

22 The players _____ the loyalty of their supporters and played better basketball than ever before.

A inspire with b inspired at c were inspired by d were inspired

23 Denying what he said earlier, the prisoner's statement was _____ the one he had made earlier.

A contradictory to b contradictory c comparing to d likelihood to

24 The Queen owns Balmoral and Sandringham Estates, _____ from her father, and also has a valuable artwork collection.

A where she inherit b which she inherited c there she inherited d what she inherited

25 The association for the study of arts plans a workshop for authors at its coming meeting that will _____ writers.

A harper the attitude on b sharpening the skills of c shark the skills in d sharpen the skills of

IV Reading Comprehension: Choose the best answer based on the passage. 2 points for each.

Passage 1

Although eating sparingly may have been less a choice than an involuntary circumstance of poverty in places like early 20th-century Calabria, decades of research have suggested that a severely restricted diet is connected to long life. Lately, however, this theory has fallen on hard scientific times. Several recent studies have undermined the link between longevity and caloric restriction.

In any case, Passarino was more interested in the centenarians themselves than in what they had eaten during their lifetimes. In a field historically marred by exaggerated claims and dubious entrepreneurs hawking unproven elixirs, scientists studying longevity have begun using powerful genomic technologies, basic molecular research, and, most importantly, data on small, genetically isolated communities of people to gain increased insight into the maladies of old age and how they might be avoided. In Calabria, Ecuador, Hawaii, and even in the Bronx, studies are turning up molecules and chemical pathways that may ultimately help everyone reach an advanced age in good, even vibrant, health.

26 According to the passage, “the link between longevity and caloric restriction” means

A eating less calories brings longer rest times.

B long life relies on the habit of eating sparingly.

C everyone in Calabria consumes low calories.

D there is a theory about living a long life by eating a lot of food.

27 According to the passage, which of the following statements is wrong?

A Science is a field that is related to exaggerated claims.

B Scientists use high technologies such as genomics.

C Scientists look into basic molecular.

D Scientists look into diseases of old age and do nothing about them.

28 According to the passage, the term “elixir” means

A a concentrated solution of sugar in water

B a small, dry, one-seeded fruit of a cereal grass

C a substance believed to maintain life indefinitely

D a fluid naturally contained in plant or animal tissue

29 According to the passage, Passarino might be a

A geneticist

B machinist

C botanist

D zoologist

30 Which of the following titles is the best title for this passage?

A Restricted diet and calorie

B Calabria and diet

C New discovery of longevity

D Insight into genomic technologies

Passage 2

A distinct musical and dance style, commonly known as forró, can be found in Brazil's northeast region. This accordion-driven music is part of the region's popular dance forms and dates back to the late 19th century, when cowboys would celebrate the end of the dry season. Over time, the specific rhythm attached to this style would inspire a couples' dance accompanied by accordion, drum, and triangle. The leading pioneer of the style, Luiz Gonzaga, made the first recordings in the mid-1940s. Forró lost momentum during the bossa nova period of the 1960s, but would gain a new generation of fans in the 1980s. Popular artists such as Caetano Veloso and Gilberto Gil recorded modern versions of some of Gonzaga's most popular tunes.

The 1960s were tumultuous political times in Brazil. Worsening economic problems and weak political leadership led to the armed forces seizing power in 1964. Life under the military government was restrictive, and artists who spoke out against the government repression found themselves in prison or in exile. As tensions relaxed in the 1970s and Brazil opened up to the world, its music scene embarked on its most prolific era of the 20th century. An enormous amount of music was created and combined with jazz, classical, rock, and other forms. This musical melting pot of artists and genres embraced virtually anything and everything from Brazil and beyond. It made possible numerous collaborative opportunities between Brazilian artists and their international peers. Even samba found a new audience outside of the Carnaval. More modern harmonies and electric instruments brought it into nightclubs to be enjoyed by a new, younger audience.

31 According to the passage, which of the following statements about forró is incorrect?

- A It is a kind of music that accompanies dancing.
- B One plays more than one musical instrument to perform it.
- C Its origin could be traced back to the 1920s.
- D It was used by cowboys to do dance moves during celebration.

32 According to the passage, which of the following statements is incorrect?

- A Forró is a kind of musical and dance style that was popular during the 1960s.
- B Luiz Gonzaga was good at performing forró.
- C Caetano Veloso was one of the popular musicians who re-interpreted Gonzaga's works.
- D In the 1970s, young people started to like music again.

33 In the sentence "its music scene embarked on its most prolific era of the 20th century," "prolific" means

- A Conforming to established practice or accepted standards
- B Not suited to circumstances or needs
- C Conveying a hint or suggestion
- D Producing or characterized by abundant works or results

34 According to the passage, what happened in Brazil?

- A The people of Brazil lived peacefully in 1964.
- B Military forces influenced the themes of samba in the 1980s.
- C Brazilian music encompasses elements of several music genres.
- D Some Brazilians were in exile due to the fact that they showed restrictive thinking.

35 Which of the following titles is the best title for this passage?

- A The development of Brazilian music
- B Tumultuous times in Brazil
- C Samba as the musical melting pot
- D Forró, Gonzaga, and Veloso

V. Essay Writing (30%)

Does anyone deserve to be homeless? Should only some of the homeless people be helped?

Please write a well-organized essay in 200-250 words to discuss and give your opinion.