I. Choose the best response. (20%)

1. Do you think it’s true?
   A. I’m absolutely positive.          B. How do you know that?
   C. I’m just kidding.                  D. I can’t know for sure.

2. You didn’t by any chance remember to turn off the air conditioner, did you?
   A. I’m sure.                           B. What a pity!
   C. Oh, it completely slipped my mind.  D. Okay.

3. Would it disturb you if I turned on the TV?
   A. It’s for you.                         B. No, it’s all the same.
   C. No, it’s entirely your preference.   D. No, I wouldn’t mind.

4. Paul, what are you doing tonight?
   A. I’d be happy to.                     B. I don’t know yet.
   C. I’m probably sure.                   D. I’m not likely.

5. You can borrow my motorcycle whenever you wish.
   A. Thank you. I’m really very much.     B. Any time.
   B. No, honestly! It was very nice of you. D. I really appreciate it.

6. Thank you so much for your hospitality. I really enjoyed myself.
   A. Any time.                           B. register at "www.english.com"

7. I don’t think we’ve met.
   A. How about you?                     B. How do you do?
   C. What about you?                    D. I appreciate it.

8. His company went out of business last year.
   A. What a pity!                       B. What else can you tell me?
   C. Not as far as I know.              D. What would you like to know?

9. This city needs more police protection.
   A. Is that definite?                  B. You’ll be disappointed.
   C. Wouldn’t you agree?                D. I feel the same way.

10. Can I be frank with you?
    A. If I had only known.               B. By all means.
    C. Please forgive me.                D. It’s none of my business.

II. Choose the answer that best matches the meaning of the underlined word(s). (30%)

11. Having been divorced for five years, she was the sole provider for her young son.
    A. important  B. special  C. best  D. only
12. The police are very unwilling to get involved in this sort of thing.
   A. encouraged  B. beneficial  C. reluctant  D. pleased

13. The horse and the rider ran very fast into the big pastures and into a world that knew no pain or suffering.
   A. choked  B. galloped  C. exaggerated  D. depressed

14. A new machine may save thousands of animals from the great physical or mental pain of drug tests.
   A. agony  B. suicide  C. abortion  D. explosion

15. It’s a pleasantly fresh, cold, and dry autumn day.
   A. chilly  B. humid  C. crisp  D. freezing

16. Anxiously, the little boy strained his eyes for a quick look of the mare that he loved so much.
   A. glare  B. glamour  C. glance  D. glow

17. Normally a strong and muscular man, the athlete had lost more than 30 pounds because of the cancer.
   A. well-built  B. well-heeled  C. well-defined  D. well-adjusted

18. She held the toy with the determined grip of a small child and wouldn’t stopping holding it.
   A. let off  B. let down  C. let out  D. let go

19. There was embarrassing and difficult moment as couples decided whether to stand next to their partners.
   A. challenging  B. sarcastic  C. chauvinistic  D. awkward

20. I was so extremely pleased to receive the present that I’d been dreamed of.
   A. redundant  B. thrilled  C. negotiated  D. frustrated

21. He leaned back in his easily broken or damaged chair.
   A. frail  B. factual  C. fragile  D. fractious

22. She went to bed, miserable and depressed.
   A. sensible  B. considerate  C. unhappy  D. reliable

23. The presidential election campaign is the most crucial one for years.
   A. dangerous  B. important  C. urgent  D. interesting

24. Affairs do have a devastating effect on marriages.
   A. destructive  B. obsessive  C. possessive  D. everlasting

25. Don’t be afraid to stand up for yourself.
   A. improve  B. encourage  C. distract  D. defend

III. Choose the best answer that matches the meaning of each (underlined) sentence. (20%)

26. What he has done really gets on my nerves.
   A. What he has done really encourages me.  B. What he has done really irritates me.
   C. What he has done really arouses my curiosity.  D. What he has done really bores me.

27. I was totally burned out last night.
   A. I got injured in a fire accident last night.  B. I was totally unconscious last night.
   C. I was totally exhausted last night.  D. I desired to do something strongly last night.
28. Don't play tricks on me.
   A. Don't deceive me.
   B. Don't laugh at me.
   C. Don't criticize me.
   D. Don't misinterpret what I mean.

29. I screwed it up.
   A. I failed it.
   B. I turned it on.
   C. I made it up.
   D. I couldn't afford it.

30. I'm not in the mood for company.
   A. I don't want to start a business.
   B. I want to be alone.
   C. I don't want to get myself into that mess.
   D. I don't want any job interview.

31. Your guess is as good as mine.
   A. I suppose so.
   B. I don't know either.
   C. I think you're right.
   D. You can say that again.

32. Oh, come on! **Don't chicken out now.**
   A. Don't be cruel to animals.
   B. Don't get confused.
   C. Don't be afraid to make it.
   D. Don't play too much.

33. Do you get the picture?
   A. Have you ever been to a museum?
   B. Do you have the courage?
   C. Do you understand?
   D. Have you reached the your goal?

34. You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours.
   A. One day you'll pay for this.
   B. If you help me, I'll help you in return.
   C. My back is itching, please help me scratch it.
   D. Don't get me wrong.

35. Take it from me:
   A. Believe me.
   B. Take advantage of me.
   C. You don't have to return it to me.
   D. You can have it for free.

IV. Choose the sentence that is grammatically incorrect. (30%)

36. A. The earlier the treatment is given, the better the patient's chances.
   B. It's worth checking each item for obvious flaws.
   C. Mrs. Smith lives with her six-years-old daughter.
   D. The character of U.S.A. has been formed by immigration.

37. A. She was bare-footed.
   B. It is foolish to risk skin cancer.
   C. The rising sun casts a golden glow over the fields.
   D. I am used to take a nap in the afternoon.

38. A. Can I take a photograph of you?
   B. He said a lot of jokes last night.
   C. Change is often hard to deal with.
   D. Heavy industry pollutes our rivers with noxious chemicals.
39. A. Do you think who is the best singer in our country?
   B. Have you known her long?
   C. She smiled again in a friendly manner.
   D. They've just opened a new hotel in Hualien.

40. A. A good way to break the habit of eating too quickly is to put your knife and
    fork down after each mouthful.
   B. Spain has been one of Cuba's major trading partners.
   C. Reunification is close to the heart of both the Chinese and Taiwanese leaderships.
   D. Heart attacks were extremely rare in babies.

41. A. Superficially there have been many changes in Taiwan in recent years.
   B. I felt so exciting when I saw Michael Jackson in the concert.
   C. What impressed me most was their efficiency.
   D. The best way to proceed is by a process of elimination.

42. A. Saturday afternoon is for recreation and outings.
   B. People shouldn't make promises they don't mean to keep.
   C. There seems no possibility that such action can be averted.
   D. A generation before, it was thought that babies born this small could not survive.

43. A. Privacy was an unknown luxury.
   B. He had done a terrible mistake but he wasn't going to admit it.
   C. The boys lay, panting like dogs.
   D. Mind your own business—It's got nothing to do with you.

44. A. The country had been illegally occupied for many years.
   B. The whole thing needs to be given further consideration.
   C. Mediate between a two sides in this dispute will be a delicate business.
   D. The government declared a state of emergency.

45. A. Companies competing against each other in keen contested world markets.
   B. The population is still exploding.
   C. Signs of overwork are nervous tension, irritability, and depression.
   D. A cornerstone of democracy is its notion that majority opinion prevails.