I. Vocabulary/Grammar/Usage (78%)

Directions: In the following section you will read 26 questions. You are to choose the one best answer, (A), (B), (C), or (D) to each question. Then, write it on the answer sheet.

1. Economists placed greater trust in the ___ price index (CPI) report, contending that the surge in the wholesale index was a fluke.
   (A) client       (B) consumption       (C) consumer       (D) confront

2. For the millions of Americans who have poured a record torrent of their hard-earned cash into ___ fund, this should have a hard time.
   (A) mutinous       (B) mutual       (C) muse       (D) mutilate

3. China has been undergoing a brain ____ since 2000, over 550,000 students went overseas to study, but less than 150,000 have returned.
   (A) draw       (B) draft       (C) drape       (D) drain

4. Sport-utility ____ is designed for off-road driving.
   (A) vehicle       (B) vender       (C) venues       (D) venture

5. Infamous for hawking software, diet pills and other unsolicited goods, ___ accounted for 67% of world-wide Internet e-mail messages in March.
   (A) sprite       (B) spears       (C) speck       (D) spams

6. The Taoyuan International Airport MRT line would be built by government, and not on a Build-Operate- ____ (BOT) basis.
   (A) transform       (B) transfer       (C) traffic       (D) transport

7. According to the rules, violators who ___ copyrights and trademarks and sell such goods face prison terms of 3 to 7 years.
   (A) counsel       (B) counter       (C) counterfeit       (D) council

8. The coffee shop on the corner is known ___ as the best place to offer brewed coffee.
   (A) far and wide       (B) up and down       (C) over and over       (D) now and then

9. She can not give you a ____ answer now; there are some uncertain points on this issue.
   (A) define       (B) definite       (C) vogue       (D) vague

10. Drug ____ is a serious problem in the world. The illegal use of drugs is harmful to youngsters.
    (A) prescription       (B) application       (C) abortion       (D) abuse

11. ____ is a persistent decline in price level. It weakens borrower’s balance sheets and reduces consumption.
    (A) inflation       (B) reduction       (C) deflation       (D) recession

12. What is unusual about the hedge fund is the speed of the demise, which was accentuated by the heavy use of ____ .
    (A) level       (B) leverage       (C) lessen       (D) lessor

13. James is ____ tense in the Calculus class that he won’t finish the exercise.
    (A) so       (B) such       (C) very       (D) much

14. Mary’s voice always sounds as ____ as his.
    (A) bluntly       (B) passionately       (C) friendly       (D) quickly

15. ____ is something we can take for granted.
    (A) To smoke harmful to one’s health       (B) That smoking is harmful to one’s health       (C) It is harmful to one’s health to smoke       (D) Smoking is harmful to one’s health

16. Three of these computers are out of order and ____ .
    (A) repairing is required of them       (B) require them be repaired       (C) need to repair       (D) need to be repaired

17. The per capita income of the people in Japan ____ one of the highest in Asia.
    (A) is       (B) are       (C) being       (D) to be

18. Many people enjoy hamburger, ____ many others hate it.
    (A) being       (B) being that       (C) while       (D) otherwise

19. Tina would rather die than ____ John. She doesn’t love him.
    (A) marry       (B) to marry       (C) marriage       (D) married
20. She saw the proposal, but she didn’t know ___ its purpose was.
   (A) how   (B) why   (C) whom   (D) what

21. Kingman has a limited water supply ___ light rainfall.
   (A) because   (B) because of its   (C) because its   (D) is it because

22. Not until the late 1980’s, ___ the ban of her people’s visiting the Chinese mainland.
   (A) when Taiwan removed   (B) that Taiwan did Taiwan remove   (C) and Taiwan removed

23. ___ by transferring the blame to some one else is often called scapegoating.
   (A) Problems are eliminating   (B) Problems eliminated   (C) problems are eliminated   (D) Eliminating problems

24. If you ___ over 65 years old, you are entitled to receive the national pension.
   (A) were   (B) are   (C) shall be   (D) will be

25. The director ___ pompous attitude I can’t stand will be fired.
   (A) whose   (B) who   (C) whom   (D) which

26. Thomas as well as his classmates, ___ going to take an course of Mathematics next semester.
   (A) are   (B) were   (C) is   (D) was

II. Cloze Test : Choose the best answer to fill in each blank (22%)
Passage 1
   Every day, many people travel on the Mass Rapid Transit system in and around Taipei. The system is smooth, clean convenient, and rivals any other transit system in the world. Riding on the MRT is now easier than ___ before with the Easy Card. The Easy Card is fast replacing the old ticket system and is also finding its place into the wallets and hearts of MRT passengers everywhere. Why should you ___ from the stored-value tickets to the Easy Card? In one word – speed. ___ taking out a card, passing through the reader, and waiting for it to come out, all it takes is one quick swipe across the sensor at the turnstile. The card can even be read through leather, which saves you the ___ of taking it out of your bag or wallet. What’s more, you can add money ___ using your ATM card. This is really great if you don’t have any cash ___.

27. (A) even     (B) long        (C) never   (D) ever
28. (A) swear       (B) swift         (C) switch     (D) swallow
29. (A) Instead of       (B) In addition to  (C) In other word   (D) In spite of
30. (A) tumble      (B) trouble     (C) trash   (D) sore
31. (A) to       (B) for     (C) at    (D) of
32. (A) before your eyes  (B) under contro l   (C) on hand   (D) out of order

Passage 2
   With the economic recession, more and more people are becoming ___ hunters. They seek high value at low cost. They try hard to make ___ of their hard-earned money. Before making up their minds to buy something, the ___ -conscious consumers will think it over again and again. Do they really need it? Is it really worth the money? Once they decide to get it, they will, for example, ___ on all the clothes they like in a clothing store, or try out all the sports outfits they may buy in a shopping mall. It takes them a long time to pick out the one that is both ___ and valuable.

33. (A) garbage   (B) bargain     (C) head    (D) job
34. (A) a deal       (B) a joke     (C) a display     (D) the most
35. (A) budget       (B) efficiency  (C) fashion    (D) organism
36. (A) set      (B) try     (C) consume   (D) make
37. (A) fashionable     (B) shabby     (C) cheap    (D) fancy

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