第一部份：單一選擇題 (共 70 分)

說明：以下共 42 項。1~14 項，每題 1 分；15~42 項，每題 2 分。
請由每題 4 個備選項目中選出一個最適當者，標示在答案卡上。答錯不扣分。

I. 字彙與語法 (共 14 分)
1. This watch was _______ to me by my grandfather.
   (A) gave      (B) gives      (C) giving     (D) given
2. Richard _______ basketball since he was five years old.
   (A) has been playing    (B) playing      (C) was playing    (D) played
3. Although I was angry, I could not help _______ at his excuse.
   (A) to laugh      (B) laughing      (C) I laughed    (D) have laughed
4. The plane _______ landing at the airport in five minutes.
   (A) it is       (B) it really is     (C) is descending    (D) will be
5. The bread _______ baked this morning smelled delicious.
   (A) has       (B) was      (C) it      (D) just
6. At around two years of age, many children regularly produce sentences ______ three or four words.
   (A) are containing     (B) containing     (C) contain      (D) contains
7. Today, the true story of _______ at that castle remains a mystery.
   (A) happened     (B) it happened     (C) what happened  (D) what happening
8. _______ is on the table has four sections.
   (A) The notebook   (B) In the notebook    (C ) The notebook which   (D) Because the notebook
9. Modern humans, who first appeared about 600,000 years ago, _______ Homo sapiens.
   (A) were called     (B) they called      (C) calling       (D) they were called
10. In the United States _______ about four million miles of roads, streets, and highways.
    (A) there      (B) there are       (C) they        (D) they are
11. If you _______ me yesterday, I would have gone to the party with you.
    (A) tell      (B) told        (C) have told       (D) had told
12. Before you _______ a decision, consider all the facts.
    (A) keep      (B) take        (C) make         (D) have
13. Are you planning to talk to Mr. White on the phone or meet with him _______ person?
    (A) on          (B) in            (C) by      (D) to
14. The compound microscope has not one _______ two lenses.
    (A) but      (B) but there are       (C) and also      (D) and there are

II. 綜合測驗 (共 20 分) 下面有一段短文，共有 10 個空格。

What is humor? The dictionary defines it (15) “the quality that makes something laughable or amusing.” But that quality is different around the world. People like to make jokes about everyday parts of their culture. (16) this kind of joke, it is necessary for you to know something about the culture. Some humor is based on puns. Unfortunately, these jokes are not funny at all when translated (17) another language.

In some countries like (18), jokes that make fun of other ethnic groups are popular. In many British jokes, the Irish appear stupid and the Scots appear cheap. However, it is best to (19) this kind of humor. (20) these jokes are based on stereotypes, they can easily offend. In Iran, people try to use humor to change
a boring situation into a(n) (21) one. The jokes and humor depend (22) the situation. One kind of humor does cross cultures. Most people will laugh (23) the humor of cartoons like Bugs Bunny or movie stars like Jackie Chan. A funny face or someone (24) down stairs will bring a smile to most faces.

(adapted from the Studio Classroom Magazine)

15 (A) in   (B) as   (C) at   (D) by
16 (A) Appreciate (B) Appreciated (C) To appreciate (D) Appreciating
17 (A) in   (B) on   (C) into   (D) by
18 (A) England (B) China   (C) Japan   (D) America
19 (A) keep (B) abandon (C) use   (D) avoid
20 (A) Although (B) Despite of (C) Because of (D) Since
21 (A) interested (B) enjoyable (C) meaningful (D) valuable
22 (A) in   (B) on   (C) at   (D) by
23 (A) in   (B) as   (C) at   (D) by
24 (A) falling (B) falls   (C) fallen   (D) fell

III. 對話（共 12 分）選出最適當的回應句。

25 I got a promotion at work today.
   (A) How much was the fine?     (B) Where did you get it?
   (C) What's your new position?     (D) Who is going to promote it?
26 Hey, Jack. What's going on outside?
   (A) Baseball and football are my outside interests. (B) I think there is a fight.
   (C) I'm going out tonight.      (D) I need to go on with my work in the kitchen.
27 How often do you go jogging?
   (A) For about thirty minutes.  (B) At the park near school.
   (C) Until I'm too tired to go on.   (D) Usually twice a week.
28 Can you tell Mary and Susan apart?
   (A) No, they look the same to me. (B) No, Mary is much younger.
   (C) No, I'm only friends with Susan. (D) No, they always fight with each other.
29 Hi, Karen. How have you been?
   (A) Yes, I've been to the library. (B) I've never been to Hong Kong.
   (C) Just fine, and you?   (D) I've been working at the hospital.
30 Have you adapted to life in China yet?
   (A) Yes, I've already sent it to China. (B) No, I've never felt homesick.
   (C) Yes, but I've never been there.   (D) No, I'm still not used to it.

IV. 閱讀測驗（共 24 分）下面有四段短文，共有 12 題。

Questions 31 – 32

In the first half of the nineteenth century, a New York newspaper, the New York Sun, successfully carried out a hoax on the American public. Because of this trick, readership of the paper rose substantially.

On August 25, 1835, the Sun published reports that some wonderful new discoveries had been made on the moon. The article described strange, never-before-seen animals and temples covered in shining jewels. Many members of the American public were fooled by the story.

The effect of the false story on sales of the paper was dramatic. The paper's sales increased
considerably as people eagerly searched out details of the new discoveries. Later, the newspaper company explained that the moon stories were written as satire.

31 Which of the following best states the topic of the passage?
(A) A discovery on the moon    (B) The New York Sun
(C) A hoax and its effect       (D) The success of a newspaper

32 The main point of the passage is that
(A) the New York Sun was one of the earliest American newspapers.
(B) the Sun increased sales when it tricked the public with a false story.
(C) a newspaper achieved success by writing about the moon.
(D) in 1835 some amazing new discoveries were made about the moon.

Questions 33 – 35

The center part of a hurricane is called the eye of the storm. In the eye of a hurricane, winds are calm and no rain falls. There can even be blue sky and sunshine in the eye of the storm.

This dry and calm spot is caused as the air spins around the center of the hurricane. The spinning air rises and pulls moisture with it. What remains in the center is dry, clear air.

33 The topic of the passage is
(A) the calm in the center of hurricanes.  (B) the destruction of hurricanes.
(C) the bad weather during a hurricane.     (D) the beautiful weather that follows a hurricane.

34 The passage indicates that in the eye of a hurricane
(A) it is windy.    (B) there is a lot of rain.   (C) there is cloudy, gray sky.   (D) it can be sunny.

35 According to the passage, what causes the calm area?
(A) The air circling around the center    (B) The blue sky and sunshine
(C) The high temperatures               (D) The heavy rainfall

Questions 36 – 38

The ancestors of humans had a lot more hair than the humans of today; in fact, they had thick hair all over their bodies. This thick hair was necessary for protection against the cold of the Ice Ages.

As the Earth got warmer, the hair began to thin out, except for on the head. The head hair has remained through the evolutionary process, both as a sort of pillow to cushion the sensitive head when it gets banged around and as a sort of cover to keep the head warm and prevent heat from escaping from the scalp.

36 Which of the following is true about the hair of the ancestors of humans?
(A) There was not much of it.       (B) It covered their entire bodies.
(C) It was thin.        (D) It was not useful.

37 According to the passage, what happened as the temperature on the Earth increased?
(A) The hair on the head began to thin out.    (B) The hair on the body remained the same.
(C) The hair on the body got thicker.       (D) The hair on the body began to thin out.

38 The author indicates that one of the purposes of hair on the head is to _____.
(A) fill up pillows  (B) ensure that the head is warm
(C) help heat escape from the scalp     (D) make it easier to think

Questions 39 – 42
The life-span of an elephant that dies from natural causes is about sixty-five years. Of course, an elephant can perish from a number of “unnatural causes.” For example, it can be killed by hunters, most probably for the valuable ivory from its tusks; it can die from diseases that spread throughout an elephant herd; or it can die from drought or from the lack of food that almost certainly accompanies the shortage of water.

If, however, an elephant survives these disasters, it falls prey to old age in its mid-sixties. Around this age, the cause of death is attributed to the loss of the final set of molars. When this last set of teeth is gone, the elephant dies from malnutrition because it is unable to obtain adequate nourishment. In old age, elephants tend to search out a final home where there is shade for comfort from the sun and soft vegetation for cushioning. The bones of many old elephants have been found in such places.

39 The word “perish” in line 2 means _____.
(A) fall ill (B) shoot (C) die (D) get rich

40 The word “drought” in line 4 means ____.
(A) a lack of water (B) a lack of food (C) a lack of air (D) a drowning

41 “Molars” in line 6 are ____.
(A) animals (B) types of food (C) hunters (D) teeth

42 In line 7, “malnutrition” is used to describe someone who ____.
(A) suffers from poor eating (B) is in good health (C) has an illness (D) has dental problems

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第二部份: 非選擇題 (共 30 分) 請將答案寫在非選擇題彊封答案卷上，並要標明題號。

I. 簡答題 (共 10 分) 閱讀下面文章，回答下列五個問題；答案請務必簡明扼要。

It is estimated that there’s an average of 3.1 new cases a day of abused children needing to be placed in shelters. One organization, the Taiwan Fund for Children and Families, is looking for at least 300 households to take care of these children. The fund says that at the moment there are around eleven hundred couples offering shelter to these children, but that meets only half of the need. Ideally, one child in one care-giving family is optimal, but right now there are two. Family Mart, the convenience store franchise with nineteen hundred stores around the island, has joined forces with the fund to accept donations and help raise awareness of the abused children's needs. Those who would like to offer shelter can also go to Family Mart to get more information. Once accepted as a qualified family to take in children, a couple then needs to receive at least twenty-eight hours of training.

1 What kind of children is the passage talking about?
2 What do these children need?
3 What is the perfect number of these children in one family?
4 What does Family Mart do in joining forces with the fund?
5 What is a couple required to do after being accepted as a qualified family to take in children?

II. 英文作文 (共 20 分)

請以“The advantages and disadvantages of being a boy and a girl”為題，寫一篇約一百二十字的英文作文，論述「身為男生及女生的優缺點」。文中必須都要提到身為男生的優缺點和身為女生的優缺點。（提示：可自行闡述說明亦可從家庭、學校、社會或傳統角度試論之。）

(評分標準: 內容 5 分，組織 5 分，文法 4 分，用字遣詞 4 分，拼字、大小寫及標點符號 2 分。)