I. Vocabulary and Phrases (字彙與片語): 30% 每題 2 分，請選出一個最適當的答案

1. A Boeing 787 made an ______ landing earlier this week because of the plane’s overcharged batteries.
   (A) emergency  (B) emotion  (C) emphasis  (D) empire

2. We have to take another ______ because there is too much traffic on this road.
   (A) entrance  (B) route  (C) lecture  (D) column

3. Scientists are doing research to ______ the spread of the new H1N1 virus.
   (A) combat  (B) resent  (C) murmur  (D) issue

4. The 2014 FIFA World Cup, a ______ for the men’s football world championship, is currently taking place in Brazil.
   (A) shelter  (B) construction  (C) tournament  (D) generation

5. Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook’s founder, has talked for years about the notion of a “social graph” which ______ people to their friends and all of the things they are interested in.
   (A) accomplishes  (B) consumes  (C) interprets  (D) connects

6. The government issued a travel ______ for Taiwanese in response to the outbreak of civil war in Thailand.
   (A) slogan  (B) monument  (C) alert  (D) circulation

7. Since food safety was repeatedly reported in the news, Mom has been more ______ than before about choosing and buying food.
   (A) sociable  (B) cautious  (C) envious  (D) innocent

8. It is both legally and ______ wrong to spread rumors about other people on the Internet.
   (A) morally  (B) physically  (C) literally  (D) commercially

9. If you’re looking for an energy-saving car, then look no ______ than this new model!
   (A) far  (B) farthest  (C) furthest  (D) further

10. Because of her hard work, my sister finally ______ his goal and entered the university she had dreamed of.
    (A) inspired  (B) realized  (C) encouraged  (D) organized

11. Everyone should take the test ______ the students on sick leave.
    (A) contrary to  (B) at the cost of  (C) except for  (D) in addition to

12. It is time that you apologized to your girlfriend and tried to ______ her. After all, it’s your fault.
    (A) look down on  (B) make up with  (C) get even with  (D) hang up on

13. Helen is ______ the grief of losing her beloved dog little by little.
    (A) cheering up  (B) getting over  (C) looking into  (D) coming across

14. Our dinner tonight ______ three courses and includes salad, pork chops, and dessert.
    (A) consists of  (B) is consisted of  (C) consists in  (D) is consisted in

15. Please don’t be so changeable. Let’s ______ our original plan.
    (A) head for  (B) trade for  (C) stick with  (D) end up

II. Dialogue (對話) and Grammar (文法): 20% 每題 2 分，請選出一個最適當的答案

16. May: Are you going to the countdown party this year?
   Linda: Sure, the annual fireworks show is great. I don’t want to miss it.
   May: ______
   Linda: Well, taking the bus is the best way.
   (A) You can’t miss it.  (B) The party is in front of the city hall.
   (C) Do you like fireworks?  (D) How would you get there?
17. Travel Agent: Now, our agency has come up with a travel package — Buy Two Get One Free.

   Passenger:

   Travel Agent: Yes, would you like to purchase this travel package?
   (A) It sounds like a journey!     (B) It depends on the agency.
   (C) It sounds great!        (D) You can count on me.

18. Policeman: Sir, please move your vehicle immediately.

   Jack: Did I do anything wrong?
   Policeman: You parked in the space reserved for the disabled.
   Jack: ______
   Policeman: Thank you for your cooperation.
   (A) But, there is no one parking here.     (B) I’m sorry. I will move it right away.
   (C) Really? I thought you understand my situation. (D) I think you need to calm down.

19. Janitor: Sorry, I wonder if you would ______. You’re blocking the exit of the theater.

   Visitor: I’m sorry. I must have missed the sign. Could you suggest a place to park?
   Janitor: The sign is here, just behind the tree.
   Visitor: Thanks a lot. I’ll move my car right away.
   (A) mind locking your vehicle       (B) mind moving your van
   (C) sign a contract with us          (D) watch the movie with us or not

20. Jack: Excuse me. I bought a CD player two days ago from your store. For some reason, it stopped working. Is it possible for me to bring it back for a refund?

   Salesclerk: Well, ______ there will be no problem at all.
   Jack: I see. It is not with me right now. Can I come back later?
   Salesclerk: No problem. Anytime this week will be OK. Sorry for all the trouble.
   (A) if you plan to burn more CD players,     (B) as long as you stay healthy,
   (C) if you have lost the CD player,          (D) as long as you have got your receipt,

21. ______, you can always try to spare time to read books as long as you feel like doing so.

   (A) Whatever busy you may be      (B) As busy as you may become
   (C) However busy you may be       (D) So you may be busy

22. Little League Baseball is a nonprofit organization ______ organized baseball and softball programs for young people between the ages of 8 and 18.

   (A) provided       (B) that provide       (C) provides       (D) providing

23. ______ to the college, all international students must pass an English proficiency test.

   (A) Before being admitted     (B) Before having admitted
   (C) By being admitted         (D) By having admitted

24. The music festival ______ in this town draws about two million tourists every year.

   (A) occurred to     (B) which is held
   (C) taken place     (D) that is happened

25. Creative-thinking skills determine ______.

   (A) what flexibly and imaginatively workers are approaching their problems
   (B) how flexibly and imaginatively people approach problems
   (C) how can people be flexible and imaginative in approaching problems
   (D) what a flexible and imaginative way will a worker approach his or her problems
III. Cloze Test (抽選字測驗): 20 % 每題 2 分，請依文意選出最適當的一個選項

i. 第 26 至 30 題為題組

Printers are no longer used only to copy information on paper. There are now printers that can make three-dimensional objects. These printers follow designs _26_ into a computer program. _27_ the computer reads the design, the printer deposits layers of powder, liquid, or other materials to form a model. _28_ material is wasted, and the process is relatively low-cost. It can produce _29_ quickly, and designs can be easily adjusted and reprinted. The 3-D printer _30_ by artists to make sculptures. Industrial designers are using it to make prototypes, and mechanics can even use it to make auto parts.

26. (A) that enter (B) entered (C) entering (D) to enter
27. (A) Unless (B) However (C) After (D) Whether
28. (A) Little (B) Much (C) A Few (D) Many
29. (A) galleries (B) penalties (C) gardens (D) models
30. (A) use (B) used to be (C) have used (D) is being used

ii. 第 31 至 35 題為題組

If you are looking for a new job, here are some job interview tips you should keep in mind when meeting with a potential employer. First, be sure to dress appropriately for the _31_. If you have an interview for a high-ranking job offered by a big company, then you might want to consider _32_ nice pants and a dress shirt. However, you don't want to overdress, either. _33_, be sure to do some research on the company. This will help you know if you have the needed skills or experience to work for that company. Finding out something about the company will also help you ask key questions about their business to show them you are interested in their company. Finally, be _34_ to tell them why you would be the best choice for the position. You do not have to _35_ about your accomplishments, but you can tell them in a confident and direct way why you can help their company better than other applicants.

31. (A) occasion (B) platform (C) opposition (D) partnership
32. (A) wear (B) wore (C) worn (D) wearing
33. (A) Next (B) In other words (C) Otherwise (D) On the contrary
34. (A) decided (B) reported (C) prepared (D) connected
35. (A) blame (B) boast (C) bend (D) balance

IV. Reading Comprehension (閱讀測驗): 30 % 每題 2 分，請根據文意選出一個最適當的答案

i. 第 36 至 37 題為題組

Welcome to the NUU Kwoh Ting Library guided tour. The tour begins at the first floor entrance and should take approximately 30 minutes. Please follow along as I describe various aspects of our library. The NUU Kwoh Ting Library first opened in 1985 and covers 60,000 square feet on six floors. Our current collection numbers over 498,000 titles, excluding media and archives. These holdings include books, periodicals, reference and index volumes, dissertations, microforms and computer materials. Renovation and upgrades have provided us with more study and shelf space, more room for archives and more office space. On your left, you’ll find the new library computer lab. Our new networked computer lab has 50 fully functioning public workstations which give access to the computer catalogue, local and online databases and word processing software. A new security system has recently been installed. Professional, full-time, part-time and student workers compose the library work force to help provide the services and resources for all visitors to the library.

36. What are included in the 498,000 titles?
   (A) Archives. (B) Cassette tapes. (C) DVDs. (D) Computer discs.

37. What can you do in the computer lab?
   (A) Write reports. (B) Upgrade shelf space. (C) Install security software. (D) Teach computer programming.
Basic Pancake Recipe

What you need:
- 1 cup of flour
- 10 g of sugar
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup milk
- 50 g butter, melted

Method:
1. In a bowl, mix flour and sugar.
2. Beat in the egg and then add milk a little at a time. Keep stirring until the mixture is smooth.
3. Add butter in a hot pan or grill, and then pour 1/4 cup measures for each pancake.
4. When large bubbles form on the surface, turn the pancakes over until lightly golden on the other side.
5. Transfer pancakes to a plate and sprinkle with maple syrup if desired.

38. Which of the following is added to the mixture last?
(A) Sugar  (B) Flour  (C) Milk  (D) Egg

39. When should you turn the pancake upside down?
(A) When the butter melts.  (B) When the sides turn brown
(C) When the pan becomes hot.  (D) When bubbles form on the surface.

40. What can the maple syrup be used as?
(A) A topping.  (B) A capital.  (C) A side dish.  (D) A juice.

The Dark Knight Rises is the third and final installment of director Christopher Nolan’s Batman trilogy. The movie takes place in Gotham City eight years after Batman went into exile to cover up the crimes of former district attorney Harvey Dent. Batman is forced out of retirement when Gotham is threatened by Bane, a masked terrorist determined to overthrow the city’s government.

When the movie begins, Gotham City is in an era of peace in which organized crime has been subdued. The past injuries make Bruce Wayne, Batman’s alter ego, hobble and become a recluse. After he meets a charming cat burglar named Selina Kyle, Wayne returns to society and is soon forced to put on his Batman suit when Bane leads a bold assault on the city’s stock exchange. Bane defeats Batman in their first encounter and takes Gotham hostage with a nuclear weapon. Eventually, Batman fights back and saves Gotham with the help of Selina Kyle and police commissioner James Gordon.

Although the much-anticipated film met with critical and financial success, its Aurora premiere was marred by a mass shooting, just like what Gotham citizens get. About 30 minutes into a midnight screening of the movie in Aurora, Colorado on July 20, 2012, a man dressed in body armor and wearing a gas mask appeared in the theater and threw a gas canister. He then opened fire with multiple weapons as the viewers scrambled to escape. Police arrived at the scene within minutes and arrested the suspect, James Holmes, but the shooting still killed 12 people and injured 58 others. Although the police have yet to discover the motive for the shooting, they say that Holmes has called himself “The Joker,” a strong reference to the Batman franchise.

41. According to the passage, which of the following about The Dark Knight Rises is WRONG?
(A) It received good reviews from film critics.
(B) It was shot by director Christopher Nolan.
(C) It begins in a city with many organized crimes.
(D) It is the third installment of the Batman trilogy.

42. The reason that Batman disappeared for eight years is because ________.
(A) his past injuries made him unable to walk anymore
(B) he lost the battle with the masked terrorist in their first encounter
(C) he was arrested and put in prison by the police commissioner
(D) he tried to cover up the crimes of the city’s former district attorney

43. Who poses a threat to Gotham City in The Dark Knight Rises?
(A) Harvey Dent.  (B) Selina Kyle.
(C) Bane.  (D) The Joker.

44. Which of the following is NOT related to the mass shooting in Aurora?
(A) 12 people died and 58 others were hurt.
(B) There was a midnight screening of the new Batman film on July 20.
(C) The Dark Knight Rises is said to be a financial success.
(D) James Holmes threw a gas canister in the theater.
45. According to the passage, which of the following can prove a link between the Aurora shooting and the Batman story?

(A) The suspect referred to himself as “The Joker.”

(B) The suspect overthrew the citizens of Gotham City.

(C) The suspect attacked the city’s stock exchange.

(D) The suspect was a hostage with multiple weapons.

iv. 第 46 至 50 題為題組

The word “selfie” is defined in Oxford Dictionaries as “a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically with a smartphone or webcam and uploaded to a social media website.” What’s more, according to Oxford Dictionaries, it is among the buzzwords of the year for 2013.

This word has actually been around for more than ten years. An editor at Oxford Dictionaries has traced the origins of “selfie” back to 2002, when it was first used in an Internet forum in Australia. Then, over the years that followed, when smartphones and social media sites became more and more common, the popularity of this word surged, with its use skyrocketing in particular these past few years. In fact, according to Oxford Dictionaries, the use of this word has increased by as much as 17,000 percent this past year. In 2013, both the word and the activity itself became widespread, with everyone from celebrities to teenagers to grandmothers taking photos of themselves, often at arm’s length, and then posting them onto the Internet. Many people also discovered that selfies were ideal to use for their profile pictures on social websites like Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn.

Today, most people have accepted the current spelling of this word, with an “-ie” ending, though it was initially often spelled with an “-y” at the end. Besides, different forms of the word family have now begun to appear everywhere, including “selfie” for a hairstyle selfie, “selfie” for a workout selfie, and “drelfie” for a drunken selfie.

Not everyone has appreciated this new word or this new trend. The U.S. President Barack Obama was widely criticized for taking a smiling selfie with the British Prime Minister David Cameron and the Danish Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt during a memorial service for the former South African President Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg, South Africa, in December of 2013. Quite a few people have said that “funeral selfies” have crossed the line and have taken this trend too far. Others have complained that the increasing popularity of selfies only goes to prove that modern society has become too self-obsessed.

Like it or not, it seems that “selfie” is here to stay, at least for the next year or two. However, it’s too soon to tell if it will become a more permanent part of the English language. Other candidates for the Oxford Dictionaries’ 2013 Word of the Year included “showrooming,” which means looking at a product in a shop and then buying it online, and “bitcoin,” which is the name of a new digital currency.

46. The topic of the third paragraph is about the _______ of the word “selfie.”

(A) origin  (B) meanings  (C) popularity  (D) variations

47. According to the article, which of the following statements is TRUE?

(A) A “drelfie” is a photo taken by oneself when he or she is driving.

(B) It’s a common sense that people can take selfies wherever they like.

(C) The word “selfie” is originally spelled “selfy” at the very beginning.

(D) The origin of the word “selfie” can date back to the 20th century.

48. After reading the article, we could infer that _______.

(A) Obama, Cameron, and Thorning-Schmidt gathered to have a meeting

(B) people nowadays like to take photos of themselves and put them online

(C) South Africans neither like nor take selfies at all

(D) those who put their selfies as profile pictures are surely self-obsessed

49. The word “selfie” was first used _______.

(A) in an Internet forum in Australia  (B) by the U.S. President Barack Obama

(C) on Facebook  (D) by an editor at Oxford Dictionaries

50. “Selfie” was chosen as the word of the year of 2013 because _______.

(A) it was the word well-liked among the young people

(B) it had been used by celebrities such as Barak Obama

(C) it won the most votes from Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn users

(D) people who used it increased amazingly during the past year