Part 1: Fill-in-the-Blank (40%)

1. Tom has a very small apartment that doesn’t have much room for _____.
   (A) shortage  (B) structure  (C) storage  (D) splendid

2. After class many students use iPads for _____.
   (A) entrance  (B) element  (C) combination  (D) entertainment

3. This sauce is too _____. I can hardly eat it.
   (A) outstanding  (B) regretful  (C) spicy  (D) passive

4. My French isn’t very good; can you _____ for me?
   (A) interpret  (B) transport  (C) insult  (D) modernize

5. As a poet, Whitman gathers _____ from everyday life.
   (A) expectation  (B) inspiration  (C) estimation  (D) civilization

6. My mother is always _____ of everything I do.
   (A) marvelous  (B) critical  (C) believable  (D) affordable

7. In the earthquake, two people died and 21 were _____.
   (A) measured  (B) equipped  (C) injured  (D) breed

8. The teacher found John possesses a great _____ for art.
   (A) campaign  (B) strike  (C) gasoline  (D) talent

9. Let’s go to another restaurant. This one is too _____.
   (A) suitable  (B) elder  (C) worth  (D) noisy

10. The audience ____ when the rock band sang the song.
    (A) looked after  (B) checked in  (C) went nuts  (D) cleaned up

11. Have you ever _____ about a career in the electronics industry? I think you would be very successful.
    (A) thought  (B) spoken  (C) discussed  (D) considered

12. Why trouble yourself with problems _____ your control?
    (A) beside  (B) beyond  (C) between  (D) because

13. How long does it take to _____ as a professional dancer?
    (A) recruit  (B) employ  (C) upgrade  (D) qualify

14. My landlord told me that the rent had to be paid at the _____ of each month.
    (A) middle  (B) final  (C) beginning  (D) fifteenth

15. If we do not make any money in the business, we will have to _____ our store.
    (A) make up  (B) close down  (C) carry on  (D) turn over

16. Terry bought a new MP3 player because it was on _____ at the department store.
    (A) sell  (B) sale  (C) sold  (D) selling

17. The store has too many customers now, so they need to _____ new workers.
    (A) apply  (B) invite  (C) collect  (D) hire

18. Mary did an _____ job on her sales presentation.
    (A) outstanding  (B) external  (C) outward  (D) elective

19. Jim has a fish tank holding over 20 _____ of fish.
    (A) descriptions  (B) centuries  (C) species  (D) galleries

20. The president’s speech was quite _____.
    (A) delicious  (B) enormous  (C) inspiring  (D) portable
Part 2: Cloze (30%)  

Paragraph A
Iron Man was created by Stan Lee. This American cartoonist has also given us other superheroes, (21)_Hulk, Thor and Spider-Man. It's hard to believe that one man has created so many different characters. In an (22)_Lee said he thought that Iron Man was the best superhero. (23)_you're an Iron Man fan, you probably know that Robert Downey Jr. is back in the latest movie. In Iron Man 3, he fights a bad guy (24)_the Mandarin. Can Iron Man stop the Mandarin's (25)_plan? Watch the movie and find out!

( ) 21. (A) because of (B) such as (C) as if (D) just like
( ) 22. (A) Internet (B) interview (C) interest (D) insect
( ) 23. (A) Because (B) If (C) Though (D) Unless
( ) 24. (A) called (B) to call (C) calling (D) calls
( ) 25. (A) chubby (B) frank (C) local (D) evil

Paragraph B
Most of us feel at least a little saddened when stormy weather appears. Psychologists say that rain or snow can bring on depression in many people. (26)_lived in Alaska (27)_three years, and she stayed depressed for about six months of the year. The reason for her depression was due to the fact that the sun barely makes an appearance during sunny weather, people in Alaska and elsewhere (28)_to be happier and friendlier. During pleasant weather, people are more (29)_to help each other. But when the summer weather becomes too hot and humid, people are (30)_to become more irritable.

( ) 26. (A) A friend of mine (B) a friend of me (C) The friend of mine (D) the friend of me
( ) 27. (A) of (B) why (C) for (D) with
( ) 28. (A) decline (B) incline (C) attend (D) tend
( ) 29. (A) willing (B) reluctant (C) ready (D) passive
( ) 30. (A) probable (B) likely (C) possible (D) like

Paragraph C
Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in what is now Kentucky. He was elected President of the United States in 1860. Soon (31)_he became president, several states withdrew from the Union and formed the Confederate States of America. Later, war between the North and the South (32). Known (33)_the Civil War, it lasted for four years. Lincoln dreamed for a unified country. The wisdom and political ability of Lincoln made him a great leader. Not only (34)_the North win the war, but it also contributed to the removal of slavery. Unfortunately, he did not live to see his dream fulfilled. A mad actor killed him while he was attending the theater, days before the war (35)_to an end.

( ) 31. (A) when (B) after (C) while (D) then
( ) 32. (A) broke up (B) broke down (C) broke out (D) broke in
( ) 33. (A) by (B) to (C) for (D) as
( ) 34. (A) was his leadership helped (B) did his leadership help (C) his leadership helped (D) his leadership was helped
( ) 35. (A) came (B) went (C) brought (D) put
Part 3: Reading Comprehension (30%)  

Paragraph A  

American author Ernest Hemingway was a major influence on twentieth-century fiction because of his memorable understated writing style—getting to the point quickly and telling stories in a simple manner. Furthermore, Hemingway’s personal life was full of adventure. A Farewell to Arms was inspired by Hemingway’s experience in Italy as an ambulance driver in World War I. After marrying the first of his four wives, Hemingway moved to Paris and published his first novel in 1926. He later worked as a journalist in the Spanish Civil War. This experience formed the basis for another novel. After writing perhaps his most famous novel, The Old Man and the Sea, in 1952, Hemingway went on a trip to Africa, where he almost died in a plane crash.

36. What is the main topic of the passage?  
(A) An introduction to Hemingway’s life and works.  
(B) A report on Hemingway’s private life.  
(C) A summary of Hemingway’s novels.  
(D) A descriptions of Hemingway by his four wives.

37. Based on this passage, where did Hemingway most often find inspiration?  
(A) From people he saw on the streets every day.  
(B) From his many trips to Africa.  
(C) From his wives and children.  
(D) From his special experiences in life.

38. What is true about Hemingway?  
(A) He was good at using indirect ways to tell a story.  
(B) He was once an ambulance driver in Spain.  
(C) He had a terrible experience in Africa.  
(D) His first novel became his most famous work.

39. Which of the following happened first?  
(A) Hemingway wrote about the Spanish Civil War.  
(B) Hemingway moved to Paris.  
(C) Hemingway wrote The Old Man and the Sea.  
(D) Hemingway traveled to Africa.

40. When did Hemingway publish his first novel?  
(A) Before his first marriage.  
(B) After his first marriage.  
(C) After he moved to Prague.  
(D) After his first divorce.

Paragraph B  

Bill Gates is the richest man in the world. His worth is estimated at over $70 billion. Bill Gates is the owner and founder of Microsoft, the largest computer software company in the world. Today, Microsoft earns over $28 billion per year. Some people consider Bill Gates the best businessman that ever lived. Thirty years ago, few people knew much about computers, but Gates saw a gold mine. He was born in 1955. His mother was a teacher and his father was a well-known lawyer. Bill was very good at math and attended private schools. He was first introduced to computers when he was only 13 years old. In his teens, he was developing computer software programs. Even though Gates was skilled in computers, he went on to study law at university. During that time, Bill Gates, along with his future partner, Paul Allen formed BASIC computer operating software. Bill knew the home computer market was about to explode. So, within one year, Gates left university and formed Microsoft with Paul Allen. In 1981, Microsoft teamed up with IBM and it became the operating system for IBM home computers. This partnership has made Microsoft the household name that it is today.

41. According to the article, why did Bill Gates pursue a career in computers?  
(A) He was good at math.  
(B) He knew home computers were going to be popular.  
(C) He didn’t do well in school.  
(D) He was a billionaire.
Paragraph C

There are different kinds of color blindness. Being completely color-blind means that you see the world in only shades of grey, but this is extremely rare. Most people who have this condition are only partially color-blind. They either cannot see the difference between red and green, or between orange and blue. In most cases, people are born with the condition, but it can sometimes result from an injury to the brain or eyes. Color blindness may not stop people from performing everyday tasks, but it can be a problem in situations like driving. Some people have argued that color blindness may actually give an advantage when it comes to hunting. People who are color-blind are better at detecting items in disguise.

( ) 46. In the case of complete color blindness, what does a person see?
(A) Nothing but black    (B) Everything in orange and blue
(C) Everything in red and green  (D) Everything in shades of grey

( ) 47. What does the word “rare” in line 2 mean?
(A) Popular    (B) Uncommon    (C) Well-done    (D) Usual

( ) 48. According to the passage, which of the following statements about color blindness is not true?
(A) Most people are completely color-blind.    (B) Brain injuries may cause it.
(C) It comes in various types.    (D) It can make driving difficult.

( ) 49. Why do some people think color blindness can be an advantage when hunting?
(A) Color-blind people have better aim.
(B) Color-blind people can concentrate better than others.
(C) Color-blind people can discover disguised objects more easily.
(D) Color-blind people are good at setting traps for animals.

( ) 50. What is the tone of this passage?
(A) Joyful    (B) Informative    (C) Protective    (D) Inspirational