I Vocabulary Comprehension

Question 1～10

Complete the sentences below with the correct words from the box and write the correct words on the answer sheet.

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a) Linette is afraid of going over bridges, so she drives to the _1_ and takes the _2_ into the city every day.

b) Traveling to the small town in the Sahara Desert to visit my sister was very _3_ and uncomfortable. My daughter complained a lot, but so did I. I guess I _4_ for her.

c) I need to check the bus _5_. Then we can _6_ the trip to New Orleans.

d) Make sure that you have your passport and your _7_. They will check both at the _8_.

e) Nicole _9_ the beach and warm weather. That’s why she lives on the _10_.

Question 11～15

Match each statement below with the related sentence from the box and write the correct number on the answer sheet.

(a) These cultures have roots in European culture.
(b) It is unique.
(c) This is the wrong environment for it.
(d) She adapted.
(e) They are nomadic.

11. At first, the food in Kenya made Alex sick, and the weather was too hot. But after a month, she was comfortable.

12. I tried to grow corn in my garden, but it didn’t grow very big.

13. Many US and Canadian traditions are similar to European traditions.

14. The handmade table is beautiful. I’ve never seen anything like it.

15. The Penan are a group of people in Malaysia who live in the forest. They don’t live in one place; they move around a lot.
II. Reading Comprehension

Question 16~18

Alzheimer’s disease is the most common cause of dementia, or memory loss, among people over sixty, although there have been rare cases of people as young as thirty who have developed the illness. It is an irreversible, progressive disorder that slowly destroys brain cells and nerves, disrupting the transmitters that carry messages in the brain, especially those responsible for storing memories. It develops because of a complex series of changes that take place in the brain over a long period of time. This is not a part of the normal aging process. The early symptoms of the disease include lapses of memory, difficult in finding the right words for everyday objects, and mood swings. As the illness progresses, a person may show a disturbing loss of short-term memory, routinely forgetting recent events and have difficulty following a conversation. Ultimately, a sufferer becomes incapable of carrying out the simplest tasks and cannot even recognize family members.

Although the disease was first identified by Dr. Alois Alzheimer in 1906, its causes are still obscure and there is no cure. Scientists have discovered a genetic link in the disease, which suggests that it may run in families. Alzheimer’s is a major health problem in the developed countries, a fact that has led some researchers to speculate that it causes may lie in the modern, high stress lifestyle. In the United States, some 4 million people already have Alzheimer’s and this figure is expected to increase by three hundred and fifty percent by the middle of this century.

16. One symptom of Alzheimer’s disease is _____.
   (A) weight loss  (B) mental confusion
   (C) partial blindness  (D) impaired hearing

17. Which of the following is NOT TRUE?
   (A) The disease is currently incurable
   (B) Some sufferers cannot recognize their own family members.
   (C) The disorder develops slowly.
   (D) Only people over sixty get the disease.

18. In the United States, how many people are expected to have Alzheimer’s by the year of 2050?
   (A) 10,000,000  (B) 12,500,000  (C) 14,000,000  (D) 17,000,000
Global warming is one of the major challenges facing mankind in the 21st century. Industrial pollution has caused the Earth’s surface temperature to rise by 0.6 degrees Centigrade in the last century and scientists predict it could rise a further 205 degrees during the next fifty years. This would mean that the planet would warmer than at any time since the end of the last Ice Age ten thousand years ago.

Human activities have altered the earth’s atmosphere through the burning of fossil fuels, like oil and coal, for domestic and industrial purposes. These fuels emit carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide, which trap heat and can remain in the atmosphere for periods ranging from decades to centuries, thereby causing global warming and dramatic climate changes—a phenomenon known as the “greenhouse effect”.

The warmest years of the 20th century all occurred after 1985 and, of these, 1998 was the warmest year ever recorded. The Arctic and Antarctic ice caps are melting, causing the sea level to rise globally. It has already risen 4-8 inches in the last 100 years. Meanwhile, severe storms and typhoons have become more frequent. Although global warming will adversely affect many arrears of life, scientists disagree on the severity of its impact. Some even dispute that the greenhouse effect is caused solely by pollution from human activities, suggesting instead that there may also be some hitherto unexplained natural forces at work.

19. According to this passage, what is the main cause of the greenhouse effect?
   (A) The melting of the Arctic and Antarctic ice caps.
   (B) The long term effects of the last Ice Age.
   (C) Pollution from the burning of fossil fuels.
   (D) Dramatic climate changes

20. What is the most suitable title for this passage?
   (A) The challenge of Global Warming
   (B) The Earth Atmosphere
   (C) The warmest years of the 20th Century
   (D) How Global Warming Can be Stopped
21. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?
   (A) Scientists agree on the causes of global warming.
   (B) Carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide are harmless.
   (C) Excessive global warming is caused primarily by natural forces.
   (D) There is an urgent need to reduce domestic and industrial pollution.

Question 22–25

Formosan black bears, also known as “white-throated bears”, are the largest indigenous mammals in Taiwan. Although they are a subspecies of Asiatic black bear, they are distinguishable by a V-shaped patch of white fur on their chests. Solitary animals, with a life span of about thirty years, Formosan black bears usually move around singly, except during the mating season or when providing food for their cubs. Unlike other species of bears, they do not hibernate in winter. They were once found at both low and high elevation island wide, but their distribution has decreased because of the destruction of their habitat by human development and persistent hunting. Now they are only found in remote mountain region, usually above 1000 meters.

For centuries, the Formosan black bear has been highly prized because of the medicinal value of its gall bladder and food value of its paws, with the result that was almost hunted to extinction. However, in 1989 it was listed as an endangered species and given legal protection under the Wildlife Conservation Act, with heavy penalties imposed on anyone caught poaching the animal. Unfortunately, there is still a lucrative black market trade in bear parts because unscrupulous people cannot resist the lure of the high profits to be made from poaching. This trade will only stop when the people who buy bear parts put the preservation of this unique animal above their own selfish desires.

22. The underlined word “indigenous” means
   (A) descended from prehistoric creatures
   (B) originated naturally in a region.
   (C) being in danger of extinction
   (D) unable to coexist with human beings
23. Which of the following is INCORRECT?
   (A) Formosan black bears are reclusive and independent.
   (B) Some people believe that bear products can help them to stay healthy.
   (C) The survival of the Formosan black bear is under threat.
   (D) All Asiatic black bears have a patch of white fur on their chests.

24. What does the writer think of people who poach bears?
   (A) They are only trying to make a living.
   (B) Their work is not properly rewarded.
   (C) The behavior is immoral and unprincipled.
   (D) They provide an honest service to people who wish to buy bear parts.

25. What can be concluded from paragraph two?
   (A) If there were no demand for bear parts, poaching would cease.
   (B) The number of Formosan black bears has increased dramatically.
   (C) The penalties for poaching should be abolished.
   (D) The medicinal value of the bear's gall bladder has been scientifically proven.

Question 26–30

Highly successful entrepreneurs are often unconventional, breaking many of the traditional rules of management. They are not necessarily motivated by the desire to make enormous amounts of money, but go into business because they want a challenge. This was the case with Richard Branson who left school, without any qualifications, when he was sixteen years old. He is now a multi-millionaire. His first business venture was a company called Virgin Records, which he started in London in the 1960’s, using a small amount of borrowed capital. In 1992, he sold that business for almost US$ 1 billion. Spurred on by his early success, he branched out into many diverse businesses and now owns over two hundred companies, including an international airline.

Richard Branson is a risk taker with an unusual management style. He employs people he likes personally. This is more important to him than their qualifications. He rarely holds board meetings and never sends memos, preferring to conduct a lot of business on the phone. Branson is very charismatic and commands tremendous loyalty from his staff. Employees are encouraged to offer their own
26. What motivates entrepreneurs like Richard Branson?
   (A) The desire to be extremely wealthy.
   (B) The need to be liked by their employees.
   (C) The challenge of running a successful business.
   (D) The ambition to be famous

27. What does Richard Branson’s lack of educational qualifications prove?
   (A) He was a rebellious student.
   (B) Academic achievement is not a prerequisite for success in business.
   (C) His family couldn’t afford to give him a good education.
   (D) He thinks education is a waste of time.

28. The underlined phrase *pick holes in* means
   (A) to find mistake in an argument
   (B) to dismiss an idea without any discussion.
   (C) to support another person’s point of view.
   (D) to thank an employee for making a suggestion.

29. What does the writer imply about Richard Branson?
   (A) He relies heavily on written communications
   (B) He could easily go bankrupt.
   (C) Money is not important to him.
   (D) He values his employees and treat them well.

30. According to the passage, which of the following would best describe an entrepreneur?
   (A) A businessman who is afraid to invest in new projects.
   (B) Someone who is prepared to take risks in business.
   (C) A businessman who is well educated.
   (D) Someone who has never had a business failure.
III. Writing Skills (25 分)
Rewrite the following sentences in correct order and be aware of the punctuation and capitalization (20 分)
31. till 11 o'clock / slept / this morning / the children
32. the papers / threw / into the bin / he
33. speak / don't / well / English / I
34. hides / mrs jones / her money / under the bed
35. pack / carefully / didn't / the suitcase / you
36. I / on this shelf / this morning / some money / left
37. a loan / have to get / from the bank / you'll
38. woke me up / in the middle of / the phone / the night
39. shouldn't walk / at night / you / in the park
40. your article / I / quickly / last night / in bed /read.

Put the correct number order (1,2,3,4,5) on the blanks of each of the following sentences (5 分)
41. _____ They are classified as birds but they cannot fly
42. _____ Instead, they are excellent swimmer because they have wings shaped like flippers
43. _____ They live only in the cold regions in the southern hemisphere
44. _____ Penguins are very interesting animals
45. _____ Many people think that these birds live at the north pole but they do not