Part I. Choose the most appropriate answer to complete the sentence.

1. China’s first poetry anthology, the *Book of Songs* ________ three parts—“feng”, “ya”, and “song”.
   (A) speaks ill of   (B) consists of   (C) gets rid of   (D) sets off
2. Chinese characters ________ from drawings.
   (A) originated   (B) cooperated   (C) deprived   (D) excelled
3. You have to find ________ is good and true and beautiful in your life as it is now.
   (A) that   (B) which   (C) what   (D) it
4. The unions had gone _________. The leaders swore, “We’re going to fight until we win!”
   (A) on strike   (B) shopping   (C) on display   (D) in for
5. We are too involved in materialistic things and they don’t satisfy us. The loving relationships we have,
   the universe around us, we _________.
   (A) give them a try   (B) get you nowhere   (C) make small talk   (D) take them for granted
6. ________ people got together in front of Taipei City Hall to congratulate the new president on having
   won his election campaign.
   (A) Millions of   (B) Million of   (C) The million   (D) Millions
7. Many lives were killed in the fire. Since then, much attention has been given to fire ________.
   (A) prevent   (B) preventive   (C) preventing   (D) prevention.
8. It has been a ________ that Chinese give out red envelopes on Chinese New Year’s Eve.
   (A) tradition   (B) situation   (C) birth   (D) ceremony
9. Jane changed the ________ when she was asked about her relationship with Tom.
   (A) gender   (B) subject   (C) conclusion   (D) degree
10. I will always ________ the friendship that I have with you.
    (A) cause   (B) affect   (C) reply   (D) appreciate
11. Tommy usually ________ at KTVs with his friends.
    (A) gets along   (B) puts up   (C) hangs out   (D) gets out of the way
12. The little girl is looking at the steak ________ her mouth watering.
    (A) in   (B) of   (C) with   (D) within
13. The rich man kept his house ________ twenty-four hours a day.
    (A) guard   (B) guarding   (C) guarded   (D) to guard
14. Bill tried ________ to put out the fire with a towel; however, the towel ended up catching on fire.
    (A) in fact   (B) in spite of   (C) ins and outs   (D) in vain
15. ________ by her father, Joan became a doctor.
    (A) To encourage   (B) Encouraging   (C) Encourage   (D) Encouraged
16. No matter ________ his parents said, he still dreamed of being a movie star.
    (A) what   (B) that   (C) if   (D) where
17. To start a new life, you need to ________ your miserable past ________ you first.
    (A) put…up   (B) put…behind   (C) stand…out   (D) set…up
18. If I were you, I ______ attractively while going on a date.
   (A) would dress myself up  (B) will dress up  (C) have dressed up  (D) had been dressed
19. ______ telling the whole story, Gloria Dump died.
   (A) Having finished  (B) Finished  (C) To finish  (D) Finishing
20. Gloria thought she wouldn't be able to afford the jacket, but with the employee's discount, the price was ______ she expected.
   (A) half much as  (B) much lower than  (C) much less as  (D) less what

Part II. Choose the correct answer to complete the passage.

Four days later, Silas and Eppie were walking ____(1)____ the dirty streets of the great northern town. It was thirty years since Silas had been to the town where he was born. In that time there had been many changes. The streets were crowded with people who looked tired and ill. Thick, black smoke from large factories ____(2)____ the air.
   "Oh, ____(3)____ dark, ugly place! See how the smoke and tall buildings hide the sky! Is Lantern Yard near here, Father?" said Eppie.

1. (A) along  (B) at  (C) of  (D) with
2. (A) filling  (B) to fill  (C) filled  (D) fill
3. (A) what a  (B) what's  (C) how  (D) which is

We tend to blame others for their mistakes. Yet, when we make any errors, we would ____(4)____ ourselves with all possible excuses. Self-criticism and examination demand us to have the ____(5)____ to face up to ourselves.

4. (A) see  (B) defend  (C) draw  (D) express
5. (A) courageous  (B) courage  (C) encourage  (D) discouraging

Confucius stressed that one should match one's words with action or ____(6)____ knowledge with practice. To him, it is not enough to know a principle. It is important to ____(7)____ it into practice. It is hard to comprehend a principle, yet it is even harder to practice it.

6. (A) devalue  (B) integrate  (C) extract  (D) outfit
7. (A) get  (B) take  (C) put  (D) go

At age 51, Pierre took early retirement ____(8)____ he could spend more time with his family. It is in Shihmen ____(9)____ he and his wife built their stone house by the sea. Everywhere you look, you can see the fruits of their environmental lifestyle. The residence uses both solar power and ____(10)____ electricity, and the surrounding wild and barren sandy area has been totally transformed into a space overflowing with greenery.

8. (A) so  (B) because  (C) in spite of  (D) there
9. (A) while  (B) which  (C) who  (D) where
10. (A) wind-generate  (B) wind-generated  (C) wind-generating  (D) wind-generation

Hunger is decreasing around the world. There are ____(11)____ starving people every year. Unfortunately, the number of overweight people is increasing ____(12)____ starvation rate is decreasing. In the United states, 55 percent of adults are overweight; 23 percent of American adults are considered obese. ____(13)____, excessive body weight and obesity are increasing rapidly in developing countries, too.

11. (A) fewer  (B) more  (C) least  (D) less
12. (A) more fast than  (B) faster to  (C) faster than  (D) more faster than
13. (A) Surprise  (B) Surprising  (C) Surprised  (D) Surprisingly
M: At first, I thought the report had to be done by Wednesday.
W: Right. (14)
M: Yes, but then I asked him exactly when, and he said “Tuesday”.

14. (A) He has to manage the web site in the next few days.
  (B) Why don’t you do it tomorrow?
  (C) But I have to take the exam on Wednesday.
  (D) The manager said it’s due the middle of the week.

M: Do we get as much sick leave as vacation?
W: Are you kidding? (15)
M: Since I’ll get fourteen vacation days this year, that means only seven days of sick leave then.

15. (A) How are you going to spend your days of sick leave?
  (B) We only get half as many sick days.
  (C) I need as many as possible.
  (D) Do you have to work a full week?

Part III. Reading Comprehension
Questions 1-2 refer to the following invitation card.

Jenny and Peter Wang
request the pleasure of the company of
Tim, Sophia, Tina, Michael & David Lin
at the marriage of their daughter
Rose
to
Paul
son of Mary and John Li
at the St. Paul Church, Main Street
on Saturday 29th April
at 11 am
and afterwards at the Hilton Hotel

RSVP: 11th April
1234 Cliton Drive
Ph: 3819001
Forest Hill, Miaoli 360

1. Who is getting married?
   (A) Tim & Sophia  (B) Jenny & Peter  (C) Rose & Paul  (D) Mary & John
2. Which statement is TRUE?
   (A) The invited guests have to reply to the invitation before 29th April.
   (B) The invited guests can reply to the invitation via emails.
   (C) They are getting married at Hilton Hotel at 11 am.
   (D) Tina and Michael are invited to the wedding.
Questions 3-4 refer to the following passage.

Last Friday, I got on the MRT at 10:00 a.m. It was very busy so there were no free seats. Two high school students took the priority seats, talking loudly and laughing with another student standing near them. It was difficult to read the newspaper with all the noise. A pregnant woman holding a two-year-old little boy got on at the next stop, with a heavy big bag on her shoulder. I expected that the teenagers would stand up and let them sit down. However, they saw the woman and did nothing. I asked them to give her the priority seat. They reluctantly did so but gave me a hard stare. I got off at the next stop and was afraid that they might follow me. I was glad that they didn’t do it, but I wondered why our youth were not as polite and considerate as the older generation.

3. What did the teenagers do on the MRT?
   (A) They were reading the newspaper loudly.
   (B) They were talking and laughing loudly, without noticing the others.
   (C) They were holding a two-year-old little boy.
   (D) They were happy to give the woman and the little boy a seat.

4. What did the writer expect?
   (A) The teenagers would give their seats to the pregnant woman holding a little boy.
   (B) The teenagers would stare at him angrily.
   (C) The teenagers stopped talking and laughing on the train.
   (D) The teenagers followed him home.

Questions 5-6 refer to the following passage.

The Jade Emperor is believed to be the highest authority in heaven. According to legend, Heaven wanted to select a virtuous and talented man to rule heaven, earth and hell. The Great White Star, a celestial immortal, was sent to earth, disguised as a beggar. He came to Zhang Bairen’s home and cried out, “I haven’t eaten in three days! Could you please give some food to a poor old beggar?” Zhang Bairen ushered the beggar in. The beggar stayed on at Zhang’s house for half a month, and no matter how unreasonable he was, Zhang always treated him amicably and tried to cater to his every need. The beggar finally decided to reveal his true self and invited Zhang Bairen to go to heaven and become the Emperor. Thus, Zhang Bairen was put in charge of the tree realms—heaven, earth and hell—and was well loved by all. As he was as pure as white jade, he was appropriately named the Jade Emperor.

5. According to the passage, which statement is TRUE?
   (A) Zhang Bairen became the emperor who ruled heaven, earth and hell.
   (B) The beggar finally became the Jade Emperor.
   (C) The Great White Star treated Zhang Bairen friendly and tried to satisfy his every need.
   (D) Zhang Bairen was such a virtuous man that he hadn’t eaten in three days.

6. Why was Zhang Bairen named the Jade Emperor?
   (A) Because he was as quiet as a mouse.
   (B) Because he was as pure as a white jade.
   (C) Because he looks as white as a sheet.
   (D) Because he can sing as well as a white bird.

Question 7 refers to the following dialogue.

M: Where should we go for lunch—to that new health food restaurant, or to Max’s Diner, or just across the street to Two for One?

W: It’s easy. I have a coupon for two dollars off on any two lunches. That’s at that health food place.

M: Sounds good. I like bargains.

7. Where are they most likely to have lunch?
   (A) Bargains Restaurant
   (B) Max’s Diner
   (C) The new health food restaurant
   (D) Two for One
**Question 8** refers to the following passage.

A new study shows that people who eat less live longer. In the past few decades, we have seen food portions at restaurants grow increasingly large. Along with this trend, we have seen a decrease in the health of the general public. Previous studies showed that regular exercise plays an important role in extending one’s lifespan, but we now know that limiting one’s caloric intake plays just as important a role. A study on humans and animals with varying caloric intake has found that limiting caloric intake not only extends lifespan, but also helps keep the body’s immune system strong. To maximize health benefits, it’s important to maintain a balanced diet and practice portion control. Next time when you go out to eat, remember: Eat less, live longer.

8. What is the article mainly about?
   (A) How to eat less in general  
   (B) How to exercise regularly  
   (C) How to stay healthy  
   (D) How to vary caloric intake

**Questions 9-12** refer to the following two memos.

**MEMO**

To: All Staff  
From: Rosa Li, product-development team  
Date: April 2  
RE: Request for new product ideas

I would like to announce that a product-development team has been formed to review new product ideas for personal-care products. We strongly encourage you to submit any ideas you have for new products. One advantage of submitting your ideas through the team is that we make your participation in the development of the product possible, giving you valuable insights into the development process as a whole.

The team has created an idea submission guide, which outlines the kind of information necessary for the team to review your new product idea, offer you feedback, and move your idea forward toward implementation. Please contact me if you would like me to send you a copy of the guide.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or any member of the team, if you have questions about the new product-submission procedures. We look forward to your participation!

**MEMO**

To: Rosa Li  
From: Tommy Huang  
Date: April 7  
RE: Request for new product ideas

I have little experience in the area of developing personal-care products, but I have been thinking about the potential of a hair-care product line for men that might interest the product-development team. Please forward me a copy of the idea submission guide. In addition, I would like to talk with you to make sure this is the type of product your team is interested in developing. Please contact me at extension 1903 at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

9. What is the purpose of Rosa Li’s memo?
   (A) To announce a new line of personal-care products  
   (B) To tell staff about a new product-development team  
   (C) To encourage staff to buy personal-care products  
   (D) To ask staff to review competitors’ products
10. What is a stated advantage of contacting the product-development team?
   (A) Employees can receive a bonus for developing a successful product.
   (B) Employees can participate in developing the products they have proposed.
   (C) Employees can meet regularly to come up with new product ideas.
   (D) Employees can get discounts on new products.

11. Who is Tommy Huang?
   (A) An applicant for a job
   (B) A member of the product-development team
   (C) An employee with an idea
   (D) A hair-care specialist

12. What will Rosa Li probably do when she receives the memo from Tommy Huang?
   (A) Send him the idea submission guide
   (B) Contact him for a job interview
   (C) Ask him to submit a cost analysis of his idea
   (D) Ask him about his experience working on personal-care products

Question 13-15 refer to the following passage.

North America has some pretty unique lakes. For example, five of the world’s largest lakes are here. They are the Great Lakes. Put them together. They form the world’s biggest body of fresh water.

Superior is the largest Great Lake. It is also the biggest freshwater lake in the world. Superior’s area is almost 32,000 square miles. At its deepest point this huge lake is over 1,300 feet deep. Superior is on the border between Northern Michigan and Ontario. Its water never gets very warm. This is because it is so far north. Even in summer, it may be only 45 to 50 degrees.

The next Great Lake is Huron. It is about 200 miles long. It covers about 23,000 square miles. Like Superior, it straddles the United States-Canadian border. Also like Superior, few cities of any size dot its banks.

Lake Michigan is directly connected to Lake Huron. This is the third Great Lake. It is the only one completely inside the United States. It is farther south than the other two. So its waters warm up a bit in the summer. For example, near its southern tip it may reach over 70 degrees. Chicago and Milwaukee are two big cities on Lake Michigan.

The final Great Lakes are Ontario and Erie. These lakes are quite a bit smaller than the others. Lake Erie borders on three states and Ontario. Lake Ontario borders on only one state. These two lakes lie close to each other. They have many cities built along them. These include Cleveland, Buffalo, and Toronto. One difference between them is this. Lake Erie is very shallow. But parts of Lake Ontario are very deep. At one point this lake is 800 feet deep.

13. What is the main idea of this passage?
   (A) Physical characteristics of the Great Lakes
   (B) Large lakes in the world
   (C) Lake Superior
   (D) Shipping on the Great Lakes

14. Which lake is the only Great Lake completely inside the United States?
   (A) Erie
   (B) Superior
   (C) Huron
   (D) Michigan

15. The word straddles, as used in the passage on line 6, means
   (A) rides over
   (B) fights with
   (C) lies on both sides of
   (D) gets water from