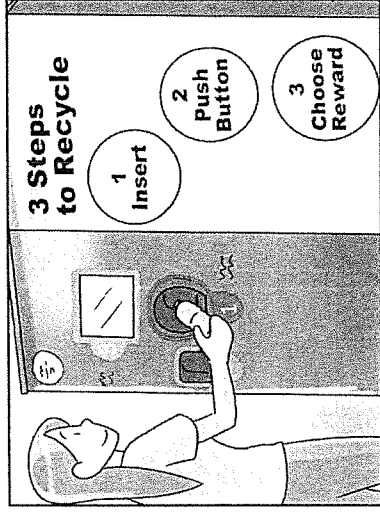


Listening Section – 60%

I. Pictures 看圖辨義 – 20%

Listen to the questions. Then choose the best answer according to each picture.

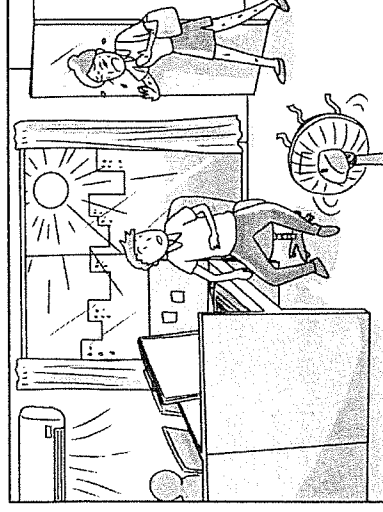
A.



B.



C.



II. Best Response 最佳回應句 – 10%

Choose the best response to each question or statement.

6. A. I see. They all look similar.
B. I see. People are often in a hurry.
C. I think so. They are the same thing.
D. I think it will. The prices are really cheap now.
7. A. It's fine that I offer my seat to older people.
B. We should improve homeland security.
C. It's difficult to pass all these exams.
D. We all have the right to be treated equally.
8. A. Yes. I think these colors are too dark.
B. Yes. I'd like to use these colors in my new design.
C. Yes. I'd like to buy more watercolor pencils.
D. Yes. I think green is my favorite color.
- III. Short Conversations 簡短會話 – 20%
- Listen to the conversations. Then answer the questions.
9. A. The huge size of the flowerpots.
B. The number of flowerpots.
C. The location of the flowerpots.
D. The contents of the flowerpots.
10. A. Would the rain make a difference?
B. Would he like to copy this design at home?
C. Can he make a pond garden in the middle?
D. Can he make the water fall on plants?

11. A. She wants to do some exercise.
B. She wants to thank her father.
C. She doesn't know who does all the work.
D. She wants him to thank her.

12. A. Impossible things are his specialty.
B. He has built hundreds of houses.
C. It's too early to worry about it.
D. He will provide tools for the woman.

IV. Short Talk 短文聽解 – 10%

Listen to the talk. Then choose the best answer to each question.

13. A. That you can start any business you'd like.
B. That there's not enough demand for this.
C. That you can make money from garbage.
D. That there are so many new businesses.

14. A. Build a new place.
B. Get rid of some junk.
C. Hire more employees.
D. Find people to give him money.

15. A. An army soldier.
C. A parent.
B. A tour guide.
D. A pilot.

Reading Section – 40%

I. Vocabulary 詞彙 – 20%

Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

16. The sincere words of _____ from his students warmed the teacher's heart.
A. database
C. appreciation
B. access
D. potential
17. The _____ food from the event was donated to a local shelter to prevent wastage and help those in need.
A. excess
C. discrete
B. notorious
D. distinct
18. Unfortunately, the message John _____ to me was garbled and I couldn't decipher it in time to remedy the situation.
A. transmitted
C. reflected
B. crisscrossed
D. purposed
19. A _____ done by the school shows that 75% of the students want to have a singing contest.
A. cupboard
C. debt
B. poll
D. kettle
20. It is _____ to wear jeans to an interview for a job at a bank.
A. atomic
C. desperate
B. fertile
D. inappropriate
21. After the accident, Adam's perspective on life completely _____. He learned to treasure each day with gratitude.
A. forged
C. aspired
B. blended
D. altered
22. I get half of any _____ you make off of selling the boat.
A. profit
C. access
B. kettle
D. potential
23. Due to the traffic jam, it took us more than five hours to drive to our vacation _____.
A. aspect
C. privacy
B. destination
D. province
24. Luke was _____ to prove himself at the new job, going to great lengths to show his skills and devotion.
A. desperate
C. atomic
B. appealing
D. sheer
25. A mug has a(n) _____ of about 250-350 cc.
A. broadcast
C. advantage
B. capacity
D. database
26. The floating city of Venice is _____ by more than 150 canals.
A. pursued
C. translated
B. established
D. crisscrossed

27. Environmental groups try their best to _____ corporations from using chemicals that may harm the ecosystem.
A. dissuade B. authorize
C. leverage D. compound

II. Cloze Test 綜合測驗 – 10%

Read the passage and fill in each blank with the correct word or phrase.

A. Are you happy with your appearance? While many people wish they could change certain physical characteristics, like a facial feature or body shape, they can comfortably live with them. Some people, however, find their negative body image so overwhelming that their daily lives are significantly impacted. These people are said to have body dysmorphic disorder (BDD).

People with BDD obsess over _____ 28 _____ in their appearance that can't be seen by others or appear minor to others. With an eye to changing these features, they try everything from exercising to resorting to surgery. They may constantly check mirrors and ask for _____ 29 _____ that they look OK but struggle to believe it. At its worst, BDD can lead to severe distress and, in some cases, thoughts of suicide.

Individuals with BDD might or might not recognize their feelings aren't logical. Some acknowledge that their perceptions are wrong but struggle to shake off negative thoughts. On the other hand, others firmly believe their looks are flawed and might even experience delusions supporting this belief.

BDD is often not _____ 30 _____ until 10 to 15 years after it begins because it takes time for individuals to realize that their feelings aren't normal. However, detecting it early significantly improves quality of life as it allows people to _____ 31 _____ to stop BDD from getting worse. The earlier the problem is addressed, the better.

28. A. polls B. flaws
C. dumps D. statuses
29. A. reassurance B. aspiration
C. vulnerability D. penetration
30. A. committed B. resolved
C. associated D. diagnosed
31. A. make reservations B. escape realities
C. take measures D. track expenses

B. When you go out, are you in the habit of carrying a reusable water bottle? Or do you just _____ 32 _____ a convenience store and grab a drink? Sadly, many people fall into the latter category and collectively, they leave behind over 1.4 trillion drink containers each year after easing their thirst. If not handled properly, your plastic bottle will become one of billions _____ 33 _____ rivers and oceans.

Even if plastic bottles are carefully put in trash bins and end up in landfills, it takes up to 1,000 years for them to decompose while leaking pollutants into the soil and water along the way. To help solve the problem, reverse vending machines (RVMs) are showing up. RVMs take used plastic containers and in return give the user some _____ 34 _____, such as cash refunds, subway tickets or phone cards. The machines work by reading the Universal Product Code on received items, tracking their numbers, and then crushing the items flat. Though RVMs are not big, by crushing the containers flat they can hold a lot. Once an RVM is full, the processed containers will be taken to recycling companies. Thus, _____ 35 _____ needed to make new containers are reduced. Carrying a reusable water bottle out and about is the best thing to do, but if you really need to buy a bottled drink, make sure to recycle the container and get something back at an RVM near you.

32. A. pop into B. count out
C. pass down D. come across
33. A. drop by B. touch down
C. reach out D. spread across
34. A. displays B. cassettes
C. platforms D. incentives
35. A. lost causes B. raw materials
C. silver linings D. traffic jams

III. Reading Comprehension 閱讀理解-10%

Read the paragraph. Then answer the questions.

A. Live streaming lets you broadcast live videos online. It's like having your own TV show! Unlike recorded videos, there's no editing or cutting required because everything is happening in real-time. You can interact with your audience directly, just like chatting with friends. Platforms like Facebook, TikTok, YouTube and Twitch all offer live streaming features.

While it's fun and exciting, live streaming takes effort and dedication to succeed. On Twitch, for example, you need to meet certain requirements to earn money. It's a tough goal, but all big streamers started from scratch!

Just like in any online space, there are potential risks. Some viewers might be rude or try to trick you into sharing personal information. Be careful and be sure to report any inappropriate behavior. Set clear rules for your chatroom and kick out anyone who breaks them. You can also limit comments to subscribers or followers for added safety.

Planning is key to a successful live stream. Choose an interesting topic and keep things engaging with pictures, videos and even polls. Good audio and lighting are important for a clear viewing experience. Promote your stream beforehand to build anticipation. And when it's time to go live, talk to your audience, answer their questions and keep them entertained. With these tips, your live streaming journey will be a blast!

36. What is the main point of this text?
A. To teach people about this form of video.
B. To teach people how to get famous.
C. To teach readers about different websites.
D. To teach readers how to stay safe on the Internet.
37. What can you do live streaming that you can't do making a TV show?
A. You can find people who are just like you and make friends with them.
B. You can get a lot more viewers and earn more money.
C. You can wear clothes and jewelry that are not allowed on TV.
D. You can talk to people who are watching while you are making the show.
38. What is one danger to live streaming?
A. People can pretend to be your sibling.
B. People will start to email you all the time.
C. People can hurt you with what they write.
D. People will easily steal all of your money.

B. As soon as Emma woke up, she knew it was going to be a dreadful day. She didn't feel well – she had a cold that wouldn't go away. But she needed to deal with a lot of responsibilities at work. So Emma, with a lot of effort, got out of bed and got ready for work. Then she put on her raincoat and went out into the pouring rain.

She walked slowly through the wet streets. She couldn't help but feel like she was always battling against the elements. Her umbrella was almost useless, and she got totally wet.

At the office, so many tasks were waiting for her. She dealt with never-ending emails and phone calls. It wasn't long before she really needed to take a break.

All of a sudden, her coworker Alex came by. With a warm smile, he offered to help Emma. Having Alex help her was like a ray of sunshine on a rainy day. Their laughter and cheer as they worked on each task made the hours pass quickly.

On her way home, she thought about the day, which had turned out to be surprisingly pleasant.

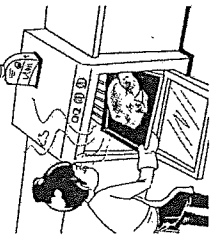
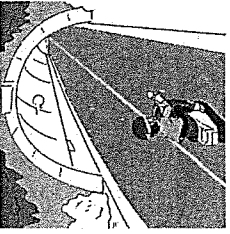
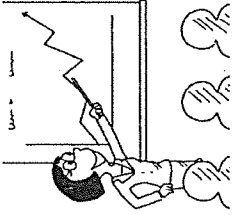
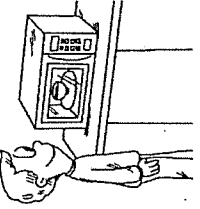
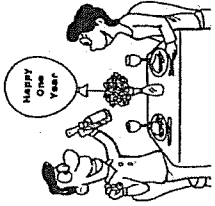
Once home, Emma decided to send Alex a warm message of thanks.

39. What would make a good title for this text?
A. How to make the most of a busy day.
B. How to look at a world that is full of worries.
C. How a frown was turned upside down.
D. How a bad start can lead to a difficult day.
40. Why did the author say that Emma knew it was going to be a dreadful day?
A. Emma got some news that made her ill.
B. Emma was feeling sick from the start.
C. Emma did not want to go home.
D. Emma already knew she would have to meet Alex.

Section One: Listening Comprehension

Part 1: Picture Questions (15%)

Look at each picture and answer the question.

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Part 2: Best Response Questions (14%)

Listen to the question or statement and choose the best response.

- () 6. (A) Yeah, so I had to let her borrow some.
(B) Wow! Where did she get all her money?
(C) I know, because she lost her credit card.
(D) Right, so she had to stay in a cheap hotel.
- () 7. (A) OK. I guess some fresh air would do me some good.
(B) No, I can't eat or drink anything right now.
(C) Maybe. Who is coming over for a visit?
(D) Yes, I will take a short nap in my room.
- () 8. (A) True. The crime rate is terribly high there.
(B) Right. The land is too dry to grow anything.
(C) Yes. It gets more serious during the rainy season.
(D) I know. The festival takes place every May.
- () 9. (A) Yeah. He knew it would happen.
(B) That's right. He had no idea at all.
(C) Yes. He was told a month ahead.
(D) Right. He was not surprised about it.
- () 10. (A) No. Actually, I don't eat meat.
(B) You can have a bite of mine.
(C) No problem. I like it well done.
(D) Sure. Let me buy you dinner.
- () 11. (A) We'll need a new tent and a cooler.
(B) Let's stop and get some soda and snacks.
(C) I'd like to bring a fancy dress and high heels.
(D) We'll have to get new passports before we leave.
- () 12. (A) Why would he do such a rude thing?
(B) Yeah. He helped her carry them.
(C) Really? I hope the old lady's OK.
(D) Wow! Did the police catch him?
- Part 3: Conversation Questions (21%)
Listen to each conversation and answer the question.
- () 13. (A) The price may change during the year.
(B) She was able to pay less for one.
(C) The price is fixed throughout the year.
(D) They are sold out very quickly.

- () 14. (A) He thinks jogging is a lot of fun.
(B) Jogging is good for his body.
(C) He almost never goes jogging.
(D) Jogging can cause harm if done wrong.
- () 15. (A) She forgot her phone earlier.
(B) She will call him back soon.
(C) She hears his phone ringing.
(D) She called him many times.
- () 16. (A) Many people go there to see bears.
(B) The bears there can be dangerous.
(C) Bears can't be found in that area.
(D) The bears are very friendly there.
- () 17. (A) He needs to stop working so hard.
(B) He should believe in his ability.
(C) He must start his project soon.
(D) He should take a rest from work.
- () 18. (A) He believes it'll go away by itself.
(B) It doesn't bother him at all.
(C) He doesn't think the doctor can help.
(D) It has affected his daily life.
- () 19. (A) He's helping the woman.
(B) He's buying a cake.
(C) He's cleaning up his room.
(D) He's in the kitchen.

Section Two: Reading Comprehension

Part 4: Vocabulary (20%)

- () 20. To mix the salad evenly, it's best to ____ it together in a large bowl.
(A) fetch (B) consume
(C) roast (D) toss
- () 21. After years of hard work, she finally ____ her goal of becoming a doctor.
(A) communicated (B) harvested
(C) accomplished (D) revealed
- () 22. She kept all the receipts as ____ of her expenses during the business trip.
(A) protection (B) mob
(C) proof (D) threat
- () 23. In the forest, we observed a rare ____ that we had never seen before.
(A) stadium (B) response
(C) equipment (D) beetle
- () 24. She expressed her deep ____ for the support she received during difficult times.
(A) gratitude (B) confidence
(C) impression (D) presentation
- () 25. The new CEO introduced herself to the ____ during her first day at the office.
(A) burrow (B) garage
(C) staff (D) tunnel
- () 26. While doing the science project, I carefully ____ my topic and learned a lot.
(A) arose (B) explored
(C) varied (D) impacted
- () 27. A flashlight is a(n) ____ item if you go hiking in the mountains.
(A) original (B) solar
(C) essential (D) harmful
- () 28. The athlete wore special gear to ____ his body during the challenging game.
(A) cushion (B) spit
(C) apologize (D) assist

- () 29. The hotel offers the option to ___ a room with a view of the ocean.
 (A) vary (B) collapse
 (C) shift (D) reserve

Part 5: Cloze (20%)

Choose the best answer to fill in each blank.

Paragraph A

Wouldn't it be great to live in a world where everyone was kind to each other? Some people may think that being kind requires a lot of time and effort. (30) __, it is easy. Paying someone a compliment is an example of a kind act. By saying something like "You've got this!" you can build a classmate's (31) __. Another way to be kind is to show (32) __. You could write a thank-you message to a school staff member for their hard work. There are also acts of kindness (33) __ for strangers, like giving up your seat on the MRT. Remember that no act is too small (34) __ kindness.

- () 30. (A) After all (B) As a result
 (C) In reality (D) What's more
- () 31. (A) grocery (B) confidence
 (C) contrast (D) consequence
- () 32. (A) surgery (B) reduction
 (C) gratitude (D) frustration
- () 33. (A) performed (B) to perform
 (C) performing (D) that performed
- () 34. (A) rather than (B) in memory of
 (C) according to (D) when it comes to

Paragraph B

Colors matter because of something called phytochemicals. These groups of chemicals give fruits and vegetables their different colors and different health benefits. (35) __, the phytochemicals in carrots give them an orange color and help make them good for your joints. The main color groups that should be eaten are yellow, white or brown, red, orange, purple, and green. Each of these (36) __ unique health benefits. To make the most of these benefits, nutrition experts recommend (37) __ one or two fruits or vegetables of each color every day. In short, simply (38) __ the colors. Mother Nature has given us a clear formula to follow to (39) __ good health.

- () 35. (A) Even so (B) In addition
 (C) Ever since (D) For instance
- () 36. (A) offers (B) is offered
 (C) had offered (D) has to offer
- () 37. (A) reminding (B) apologizing
 (C) consuming (D) disappointing
- () 38. (A) focus on (B) get rid of
 (C) interfere with (D) miss out on
- () 39. (A) toss (B) achieve
 (C) roast (D) confuse

Part 6: Short Passage Questions (10%)

Read the paragraph and answer the questions.

For meerkats, daily survival in dry deserts can be challenging. As a result, they work together to stay safe. Meerkats live in groups known as mobs, which typically consist of two or three families. The largest mobs may have as many as 50 meerkats living together. Meerkats live in burrows that they dig underground. These burrows keep meerkats safe from predators and provide protection from the desert heat. When meerkats hunt for food, they usually go in groups. Their big eyes can spot tiny movements from very far away. To protect those that are looking for food, one or two meerkats watch out for predators. They let out barks if they see enemies. Meerkats usually run for safety when they hear this warning. When it isn't possible to get away from enemies, meerkats stand close to each other and hiss at any animals that pose a threat. Therefore, meerkats are living proof that life is easier when we work together.

- () 40. What is meerkats' strategy for survival?
 (A) They hunt only at night.
 (B) They stay close together.
 (C) They play dead when threatened.
 (D) They keep awake most of the day.

- () 41. What is a mob?
 (A) A family of meerkats.
 (B) An enemy of meerkats.
 (C) A group of baby meerkats.
 (D) A group of two or three meerkat families.

- () 42. What is a function of burrows?
 (A) They offer places for meerkats to spend cold winters.
 (B) They serve as traps to hunt small animals.
 (C) They help meerkats stay cool on hot days.
 (D) They are where meerkats look for food.

- () 43. What do meerkats do when they see a predator?
 (A) They attack the predator as a group.
 (B) They form a circle to protect their young.
 (C) They bark to scare off the predator.
 (D) They make a sound to warn other meerkats.

- () 44. Which general idea can be shown by the habits of meerkats?
 (A) Life is easier when we work together.
 (B) Life is hard when there isn't enough food.
 (C) Animals have creative ways to survive.
 (D) Humans share some habits with animals.