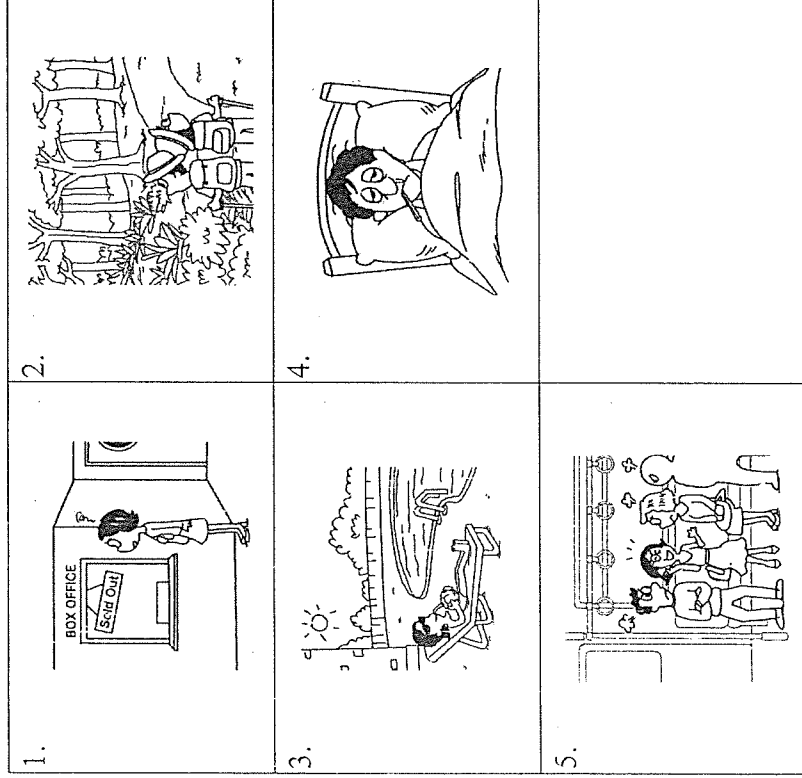


Part 1: Picture Questions (15%)

Look at each picture and answer the question.



Part 2: Best Response Questions (20%)

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

- () 6. (A) No! I swear it was only an accident.
(B) But I didn't mean to hurt her.
(C) Because I didn't find her joke funny.
(D) I really want her to like me.
- () 7. (A) I know. So don't eat what he makes.
(B) Right. He hired someone to do it.
(C) True. His cakes are the best.
(D) It's OK. He is only a beginner.
- () 8. (A) Yes. You can park it wherever you want.
(B) No. Someone else already bought it.
(C) Yes. It will not break down easily.
(D) No. I won't let you borrow it.
- () 9. (A) Sure. I have an extra pair of sunglasses you can use.
(B) No. I only believe what I've seen myself.
(C) Yes. You will be able to see well again.
(D) OK. You look great in your new glasses.
- () 10. (A) Yes. She can't remember anything about it.
(B) No wonder she rarely mentions it.
(C) Really? Did anything bad happen?
(D) I know. She was happy while living there.
- () 11. (A) Good! She should get a new car.
(B) Right. She wants a bigger apartment.
(C) Really? What kind of job does she want?
(D) Why? Does she not like her current teacher?
- () 12. (A) I know. He works hard at school.
(B) Yeah. He doesn't care about money.
(C) That's right. I never see him exercise.
(D) Yes. He has many interesting hobbies.

Part 3: Conversation Questions (15%)

Listen to each conversation and answer the question.

- () 13. (A) What the landlord is like.
(B) Where the apartment is.
(C) How many rooms it has.
(D) If it has big windows.

- () 14. (A) He will play tomorrow's game.
(B) The team doesn't need him to win a game.
(C) His leg injury has fully recovered.
(D) He might not be able to play the game tomorrow.
- () 15. (A) He lost his hat after it happened.
(B) He didn't have his seat belt on.
(C) He was lucky and didn't get hurt.
(D) His head wasn't protected.
- () 16. (A) It doesn't hurt at all.
(B) It is good for her body.
(C) It only hurts for a short time.
(D) It is really painful.
- () 17. (A) He is not being treated.
(B) He is hard to deal with.
(C) He is falling apart.
(D) He is staying positive.
- () 18. (A) It really affected him.
(B) It wasn't very interesting.
(C) It was written by him.
(D) It took him a lot of time to read it.
- () 19. (A) The winner has not been chosen yet.
(B) He did not get the first prize.
(C) He did not participate in the contest.
(D) He thinks the woman's art is good.

Part 5: Vocabulary (20%)

- () 20. In the art class, students were asked to think _____ and come up with cool designs.
(A) economically (B) creatively
(C) dramatically (D) moreover
- () 21. This country needs a leader who has a clear _____ for the future.
(A) revolution (B) pursuit
(C) sightseeing (D) vision
- () 22. Parents play a(n) _____ role in shaping their children's personality.
(A) vital (B) fatal
(C) humorous (D) disappointed
- () 23. These chairs are broken and need to be _____ with new ones.
(A) consulted (B) replaced
(C) equipped (D) restored
- () 24. The children were fascinated by the interactive displays at the _____, as they love touching the starfish in the touch tank.
(A) aquarium (B) opera
(C) tourism (D) website
- () 25. While living in a city _____ people in many ways, there are also problems they face.
(A) exhibits (B) alerts
(C) collapses (D) benefits
- () 26. After the shocking earthquake I have been through at school, I ran into Mom's arms for a big _____.
(A) rage (B) terror
(C) threat (D) hug
- () 27. Math is my favorite _____ because I love solving problems and learning new concepts.
(A) frequency (B) swelling
(C) motor (D) discipline
- () 28. To make his point clearer, the teacher _____ it with a personal experience.
(A) digested (B) illustrated
(C) benefited (D) exhibited

- () 29. Some kids have fewer things because they come from disadvantaged families.

(A) fairly (B) economically
(C) immediately (D) dramatically

Part 6: Cloze (20%)

Choose the best answer to fill in each blank.

Paragraph A

Owning a pet can not only bring you joy, but it can also benefit your health. For example, dogs can help you stay fit. Since dogs require daily (30) exercise to maintain their health, they make great personal trainers. That means that even when you're feeling (31) lazy (31) go out for a walk, your dog will motivate you to get off the couch. Additionally, having a pet can help lower your stress level. Simply watching fish swim in an aquarium can let you (32) forget about your worries. (33) , some studies have shown that pet owners tend to have lower blood pressure than people without pets. So, if you're ready to (34) the responsibility of being a pet owner, why not consider getting a pet for both your joy and health?

- () 30. (A) outdoor (B) academic
(C) mysterious (D) humorous

- () 31. (A) so / that (B) too / to
(C) not / but (D) as / as

- () 32. (A) creatively (B) economically
(C) fairly (D) temporarily

- () 33. (A) In fact (B) After all
(C) For example (D) In contrast

- () 34. (A) blow up (B) put together
(C) take on (D) figure out

Paragraph B

Sam Altman is changing the world through AI. At just 39 years old, he has the world (35) his fingertips. As the CEO of OpenAI, the company behind ChatGpt, Altman plays a big role in some of the most important (36) developments. How did Altman achieve his success at such a young age? At 19, Altman (37) college and created Loopt, an app that allowed users to share their location with friends. Though the app failed, it drew Paul Graham's attention. The cofounder of a start-up was so (38) by Altman's drive that he made him his company's next president. Altman was only 28 when that happened. (39) , Altman had joined with Elon Musk to create the AI lab that would go on to become Open AI.

- () 35. (A) from (B) by
(C) at (D) under

- () 36. (A) reliable (B) mysterious
(C) artistic (D) technological

- () 37. (A) looked out for (B) dropped out of
(C) figured out (D) took over

- () 38. (A) impressed (B) consulted
(C) detected (D) equipped

- () 39. (A) As a result (B) In fact
(C) Before long (D) After all

Part 7: Short Passage Questions (10%)

Read the paragraph and answer the questions.

Due to a drop in student numbers, over 100 elementary schools were closed across Taiwan between 1999 and 2005. This posed challenges for children, especially those from low-income families or economically disadvantaged backgrounds. These children now faced longer distances traveling to and from school. As a result, some started staying out after school instead of going home, leading to the development of harmful behaviors and habits.

In response to the issue, the Eden Social Welfare Foundation launched the Elephant Circle Project in 2006. The project was named after the way in which adult elephants form a circle around their young to protect them. Likewise, the project aimed to help children in need through various services. One such program is the Diverse Learning program, which teaches children practical courses such as music and sports and helps them develop skills that could be

useful in a future career. For more than a decade, the project has significantly impacted the lives of numerous children.

- () 40. Why were schools closed across Taiwan from 1999 to 2005?

(A) An education reform happened during the period.
(B) There were not enough students.
(C) Classrooms were destroyed by an earthquake.
(D) There was a shortage of teachers.

- () 41. How did the shutdown of schools affect some children, as mentioned in the passage?

(A) It took them longer to get to school.
(B) They spent more time studying at home.
(C) They didn't have enough time for sleeping.
(D) They had to arrive at school earlier than before.

- () 42. Based on the passage, what do adult elephants do to protect their young?

(A) They build shelters for them.
(B) They form a protective circle around them.
(C) They teach them survival skills.
(D) They cover them with mud to blend in with the forests.

- () 43. How does the Diverse Learning program help students?

(A) It provides them with free books and supplies.
(B) It gives money to their families.
(C) It teaches them useful skills.
(D) It prepares meals for them.

- () 44. What is the passage mainly about?

(A) A special school for elephants.
(B) A school in a remote area in Taiwan.
(C) A project to save endangered animals.
(D) A project to improve children's well-being.

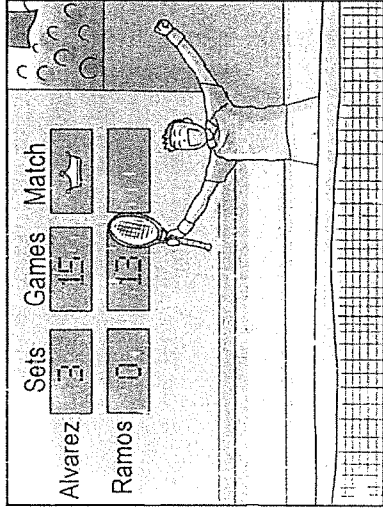
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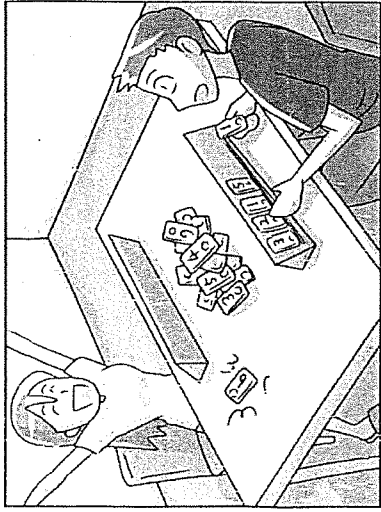
I. Pictures 看圖辨義 – 20%

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

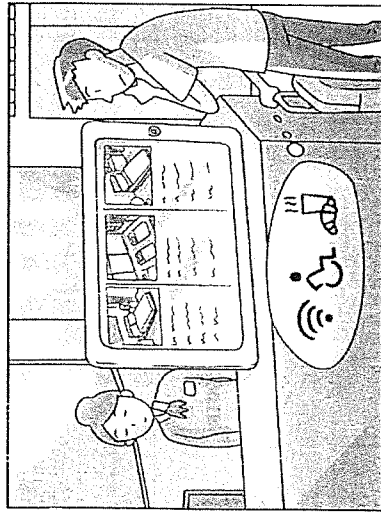
A.



B.



C.



II. Best Response 最佳回應句 – 9%

Choose the best response to each question or statement.

6. A. I like mountains and rivers.
B. Puli, in the center of Taiwan.
C. I like small towns better than cities.
D. Eastern Europe is the eastern region of Europe.
7. A. Yes, I kind of keep my distance from him.
B. Yes, I'm the one who needs help now.
C. Yes, that's all I can think about.
D. Yes, he hasn't talked to me in a year.
8. A. No, I want them all in one place.
B. No, the guy who handles them died.
C. Yes, this is the best place to be.
D. Yes, I don't understand any of it.

III. Short Conversations 簡短會話 – 12%

Listen to the conversations. Then answer the questions.

9. A. He doesn't worry about it.
B. He talks about it with his doctor.
C. He works harder so he won't think about it.
D. He suffers and complains a little.
10. A. A flowing river.
B. A mosaic table.
C. A soft chair for the garden.
D. A nice shirt for her to wear.
11. A. It feels just like home.
B. It's better than his home.
C. It looks quite expensive.
D. It's the nicest apartment he's seen.
12. A. He thinks he does a lot with his free time.
B. He wishes he had free time to help.
C. He doesn't compare well with Annie.
D. He doesn't think Annie likes him.

IV. Short Talk 短文聽解 – 9%

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

13. A. Why she chose her career.
B. What she was like as a child.
C. What advice she has for young people.
D. Why teens shouldn't be left alone.
14. A. She made one good choice after the other.
B. She thought she could turn her life around.
C. She had a rough life at the time.
D. She wanted desperately to succeed.
15. A. They don't know how to respond to questions.
B. They have a hard time sitting still.
C. They would rather play than do work.
D. They can't handle too many sounds.

Reading Section – 50%

I. Vocabulary 詞彙 – 24%

Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

16. Completing the challenging project ahead of schedule was a significant _____ for the team.
A. accomplishment B. software
C. glimpse D. gear

17. I set up the lazy Susan all right, but something is wrong with it because I can't get it to _____ properly.
A. rotate B. conceal
C. acquaint D. compel
18. Her smile is _____ of her happiness.
A. stem B. mail
C. proof D. recipe
19. Nowadays, societies have become increasingly _____ on technology for communication, transportation, and daily conveniences.
A. radiant B. luxurious
C. massive D. reliant
20. Besides spreading religious teachings, _____ often engage in social work and humanitarian aid.
A. astronomers B. postures
C. missionaries D. instincts
21. The company's financial losses _____ the investors, causing a rapid plunge in the stock price.
A. misinterpreted B. staggered
C. concealed D. collapsed
22. Social media posts by celebrities often _____ up images of luxurious lifestyles, exotic vacations, and high-end fashion.
A. conquer B. conjure
C. rotate D. astound
23. Running in a marathon is tough, but I am _____ prepared for it.
A. prematurely B. individually
C. mentally D. normally
24. Due to ongoing construction, certain parts of the building are temporarily _____ for safety reasons.
A. overwhelming B. structural
C. inaccessible D. courteous
25. The astronaut's historic spacewalk was a _____, a significant milestone in human exploration beyond Earth.
A. glimpse B. cluster
C. hemisphere D. triumph
26. Passion for scientific discovery has been _____ behind Jack's tireless efforts in the laboratory.
A. the driving force B. a thing of the past
C. the dark horse D. a silver lining
27. Fact-checking websites help individuals distinguish between _____ and misleading information on the internet.
A. radiant B. courteous
C. reliant D. credible
- II. Cloze Test 綜合測驗 - 16%**
Read the passage and fill in each blank with the correct word or phrase.

A.
In spite of sufficient global food production, the issue of many people going hungry still persists. According to statistics, as many as 828 million people, accounting for 10 percent of the global population, are _____ 28 _____ food insecurity. The UN's

"Zero Hunger" program aims to _____ 29 _____ hunger by 2030. The major causes for the problem include armed conflicts that displace people and ruin economies and extreme weather events. Moreover, nearly 30% of the world's food is lost or wasted annually, which is worsening the crisis.

On a positive note, World Hunger Day, founded by The Hunger Project in 2011, not only raises awareness but also seeks solutions. In Africa, efforts focus on promoting sustainable farming practices by teaching farmers about _____ 30 _____ their crops and ensuring that farmers have access to clean water. Also, the UN World Food Programme helps farmers to connect to local economies and improve production methods.

We can do our bit to combat world hunger by minimizing food waste, staying informed about the issue and engaging in organizations like SALT Collectiv, which regularly _____ 31 _____ events to support orphans and address hunger.

28. A. suffering from B. contributing to
C. resulting from D. making up

29. A. compel B. abuse
C. eliminate D. stumble

30. A. shimmering B. concealing
C. acquainting D. diversifying

31. A. tolerate B. coordinate
C. guarantee D. permit

B.
How can you travel the world when time and money are lacking? The answer lies in virtual reality (VR). This innovative technology is _____ 32 _____ how people enjoy different destinations. A VR tour is affordable and lets you explore the world without leaving the comfort of your living room.

There are two ways to travel in VR: monoscopic and stereoscopic. Monoscopic VR videos can be easily accessed on a mobile phone or computer. By clicking on or dragging _____ 33 _____ the screen to rotate the field of view, you are able to explore an entire area. As for stereoscopic VR videos, through the use of specialized VR headsets, you will feel as if you were truly present at a destination.

Besides checking out a place you'd like to visit but can't, you can virtually _____ 34 _____ a place and make better decisions. You can clearly see the _____ 35 _____ of a hotel and how far it is from nearby attractions. Travel agencies, hotels, and destination marketing organizations are using this tool to their advantage. They create virtual experiences to impress people and get them interested in specific destinations or places to stay.

With VR, whether you're unable to travel or don't have enough money, you can still explore the world. It's time to embark on a VR adventure!

32. A. reshaping B. embracing
C. inspecting D. fostering

33. A. away B. through
C. across D. beyond

34. A. misinterpret B. preview
C. render D. eradicate

35. A. fine dining B. good service
C. busy traffic D. exact location

III. Reading Comprehension 閱讀理解-10%

Read the paragraph. Then answer the questions.

- A. Every child needs a loving home, but sadly, not every child has one. That's where Bethany Children's Home steps in. Their mission is to give at-risk and abused children a home and help them grow into well-rounded, successful adults. Currently, 19 children from ages 7 to 18 make their home at Bethany. A pioneer among orphanages in Taiwan, Bethany offers parent-style care. Each child belongs to a "family" with parents who watch over them. This way, children not only experience a homey atmosphere, but also have someone to call Mom or Dad. The loving care these parents provide goes a long way toward easing the fears and heartaches of abused children. The parents do their best to help the children under their care flourish.
- Bethany Children's Home was called the Gladys Aylward Children's Home until 1959. It was originally named for a dynamic woman just 148 centimeters tall who traveled to China in 1932 as a missionary. She loved children and began to save unwanted kids off the streets, eventually having about 100 in her home. Forced to leave mainland China after World War II, Aylward moved to Taiwan and continued her work with orphaned, abandoned and abused children. The current staff of Bethany Children's Home continue Aylward's original mission to provide shelter, loving care and counseling to needy children.

36. What is implied about other orphanages?

- A. The kids are all cared for as one big group.
B. The kids don't grow up to do as well.
C. The kids have to share very tight quarters.
D. The kids don't go to school to learn.

37. What do we learn about Gladys Aylward?

- A. She loved children because she couldn't have any of her own.
B. She was sent from China to start the orphanage in Taiwan.
C. She wanted to make a name for herself.
D. She was tiny but energetic.

38. What is one way Bethany Children's Home looks after orphans?

- A. They teach them how to sew and cook.
B. They find forever homes for them.
C. They help them overcome past trauma.
D. They give them money to start businesses.

B.

Carlos Alcaez is, without a doubt, one of the world's most exciting tennis players. The young man is currently ranked number two in the world. He has good genes--Carlos' father also played tennis and was nationally ranked in Spain when he was a teen.

Carlos started playing tennis at age 4 and made his professional debut at 16 in 2020. He quickly rose in the ranks, entering the top 100 in 2021 and winning his first ATP title. In 2022, he had numerous achievements, including beating Rafael

Nadal and Novak Djokovic back-to-back in the Madrid Open, then winning the U.S. Open. In 2023, he won Wimbledon, outlasting Djokovic in a thrilling five-set match.

"Nobody gifts you anything, I believe," he said in 2022. "You don't click your fingers and have the world at your feet. You have to work at things. I think what I have achieved, winning a Grand Slam, is because of the work I've been doing with my team for a very long time. It hasn't been a bed of roses. I've had to suffer and go through bad times to get here. I'm not special, and nobody said I was going to be the best. I've worked for it."

Since Wimbledon, Carlos has stumbled a bit, failing to defend his US Open title. But he continues to pursue his dream of being one of the best tennis players in history.

39. From Carlos' speech, what might be implied about how some people think of him?

- A. They think Carlos is the best because he is always on the courts.
B. They think Carlos deserves to win every game.
C. They think it is harder for Carlos to prove himself.
D. They think it is easy for him to be a champion because his father was good.

40. What do we learn about Carlos' history?

- A. He tried to avoid playing tennis but his father made him.
B. He was playing incredibly well by the time he was a teenager.
C. He thought he would always be good at tennis.
D. He originally wanted to play professional soccer.

