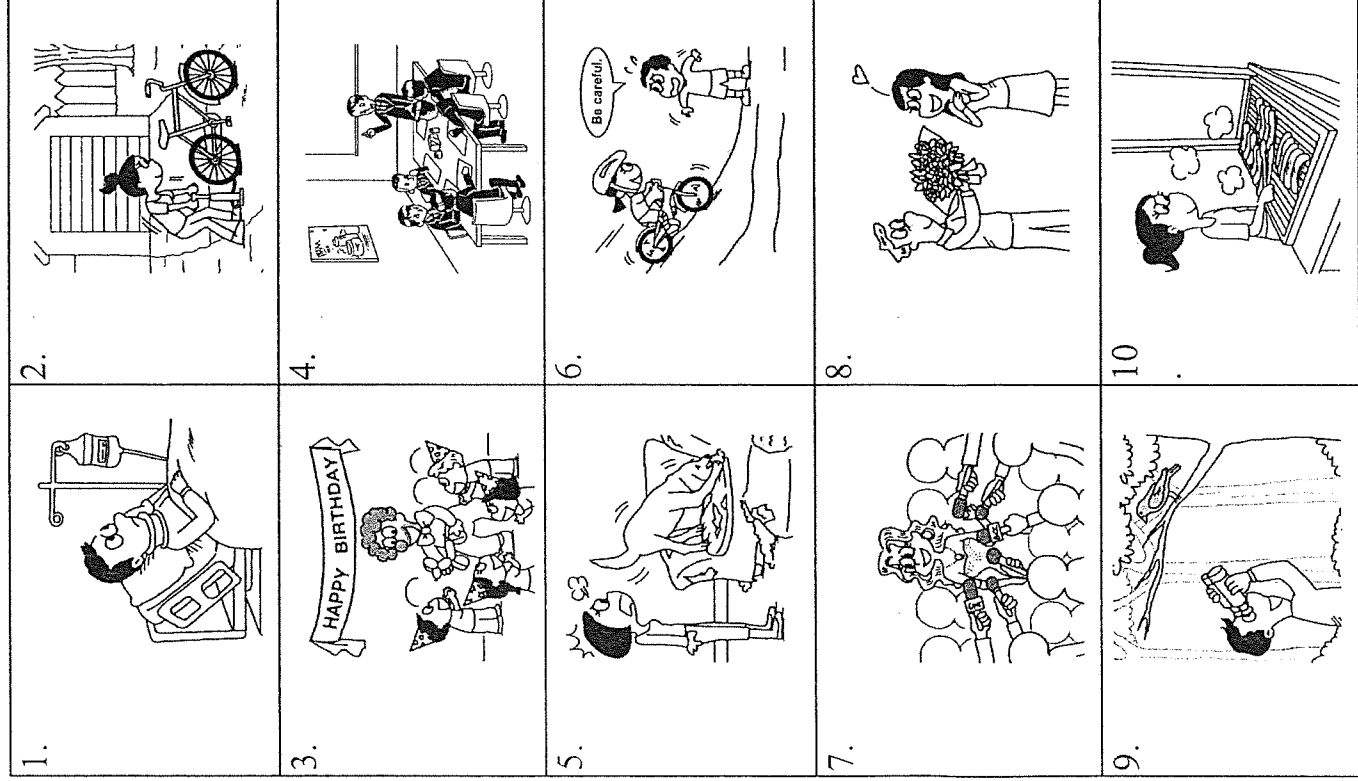


Part 1: Picture Questions (10%)

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.

- () 11. (A) Yeah. I didn't see him all day.
 (B) I know. He just suddenly ran in.
 (C) Yes. He went home early today.
 (D) Really? Why is he so sad?

- () 12. (A) I bought it from my trip to Hong Kong.
 (B) I think it's a very dark gray.
 (C) Oh, it's made of 100% silk.
 (D) It cost around NT\$1,000.

- () 13. (A) I'm here for vacation.
 (B) I've booked a hotel room.
 (C) I'll stay about five days.
 (D) I'd like to pay by credit card.

- () 14. (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.

- () 15. (A) Really? Do you want me to help?
 (B) Wow! It sounds like a simple task.
 (C) Well, I think you'd better start it soon.
 (D) I'm surprised that you finished it so quickly.

- () 16. (A) Right. She moved into a new house.
 (B) I know. She went on vacation.
 (C) Yes. She stayed at the hospital.
 (D) Really? When is the wedding?

- () 17. (A) I do. The smell is awful.
 (B) Yes. The sound is quite low.
 (C) Oh no! Can you kill it?
 (D) Yeah, the photo looks nice.

- () 18. (A) I grew up in a big city in the US.
 (B) My favorite place to travel is Ireland.
 (C) I moved far away from home for work.
 (D) I would love to visit Paris one day.

- () 19. (A) Right. It was painted last month.
 (B) Wow! I can't believe it is 100 years old.
 (C) So when will you finish painting it?
 (D) I'm not surprised, as it looks pretty new.

- () 20. (A) Yeah. I must have left my phone there.
 (B) No. There's no one knocking on the door.
 (C) Yes. The kids are chatting and laughing.
 (D) Yes. I wonder what animal made the sound.

Part 3: Conversation Questions (20%)

Listen to each conversation and answer the question.

- () 21. (A) The singer is a big success in New York.
 (B) A serious storm just hit New York.
 (C) Newspapers are full of news of the storm.
 (D) A singer got hurt during a storm.

- () 22. (A) He can paint better.
 (B) He admires them a lot.
 (C) He hasn't seen them all.
 (D) He can give some advice.

- () 23. (A) An animal.
 (B) A house.
 (C) A path.
 (D) A lake.

- () 24. (A) Two words that mean the same thing.
(B) Two things that look similar.
(C) A word that neither of them understands.
(D) Something they both enjoy.

- () 25. (A) It is too cold.
(B) It is dark outside.
(C) She is feeling tired.
(D) There are too many people.

- () 26. (A) He can't prove that Jack took it.
(B) He borrowed it from Jack.
(C) He remembered where he put it.
(D) He dropped and broke it.

- () 27. (A) Her dress looks special.
(B) He bought her a dress.
(C) He wants to take a picture with her.
(D) Her party was really fun.

- () 28. (A) At his mother's house.
(B) In Northern Taiwan.
(C) By a train station.
(D) In Southern Taiwan.

- () 29. (A) He is still coming.
(B) He went home late last night.
(C) He is really sick.
(D) He didn't go home last night.

- () 30. (A) He doesn't like the toy car anymore.
(B) The toy car is now his favorite.
(C) He doesn't have many toys.
(D) He has an interest in cars.

Part 4: Short Talk Questions (20%)

Listen to the following paragraphs and answer the questions.

Paragraph A

- () 31. (A) Their excellent hunting skills.
(B) Their ability to live in cold water.
(C) Their close family connection.
(D) Their special ways to communicate.

- () 32. (A) A substance that forms a shark's skin.
(B) A material found in human ears.
(C) A substance that covers a shark's bones.
(D) A material in a shark's diet.

- () 33. (A) It is lined with scales.
(B) It is covered with tiny hairs.
(C) It feels rough to the touch.
(D) It feels like the skin of other fish.

- () 34. (A) Keep sharks warm in cold water.
(B) Help decrease drag while swimming.
(C) Change color to confuse enemies.
(D) Aid in communication with other sharks.

- () 35. (A) To encourage efforts to protect sharks.
(B) To teach about the dangers sharks pose.

- (C) To compare different types of sharks.
(D) To share some interesting facts about sharks.

Paragraph B

- () 36. (A) It's a symptom of the common cold.
(B) It's a decrease in the body's temperature.
(C) It's the reason we feel cold when sick.
(D) It rarely happens when we have a cold.

- () 37. (A) To kill viruses in the body.
(B) To help the body absorb medicine faster.
(C) To increase appetite when ill.
(D) To prevent the cold virus from spreading.

- () 38. (A) They thrive at higher body temperatures.
(B) They multiply less effectively at higher temperatures.
(C) They are easily killed with cold medicine.
(D) They have little effect on body temperature.

- () 39. (A) Running outside in the heat.
(B) Drinking lots of ice water.
(C) Soaking in a hot bath.
(D) Taking a cold shower.

- () 40. (A) To discuss the causes of the common cold.
(B) To give tips on fighting off a cold.
(C) To explain a fact about the common cold.
(D) To list common symptoms of a cold.

Part 5: Vocabulary (10%)

- () 41. The new product helped the company _____ a stronger position in the market.
(A) pump (B) gain
(C) spread (D) burst

- () 42. The yoga instructor asked her students to _____ in slowly and focus on their poses.
(A) struggle (B) engage
(C) breathe (D) link

- () 43. The new software includes _____ features that make organizing tasks easier and smoother.
(A) opposite (B) fashionable
(C) personal (D) practical

- () 44. The mountain cabin served as a(n) _____ for all the hikers passing through this area to rest.

- (A) purpose (B) effort
(C) branch (D) base

- () 45. They chose a simpler design to avoid any _____ charges that could increase their overall budget.
(A) lively (B) costly
(C) bitter (D) huge

- () 46. His spending _____ after he decided to move to a more expensive area.
 (A) represented (B) multiplied
 (C) spread (D) achieved
- () 47. As soon as Kyle noticed he was late for the school bus, he _____ his backpack and rushed out the door.
 (A) burst (B) grabbed
 (C) printed (D) pumped
- () 48. They bought a _____ house outside of downtown, with plenty of open space around it.
 (A) freezing (B) specific
 (C) huge (D) horrible
- () 49. The Mississippi River _____ several smaller towns together before reaching the Gulf of Mexico.
 (A) links (B) serves
 (C) engages (D) spreads
- () 50. The teacher provided _____ open resources for students who wanted to study further.
 (A) private (B) personal
 (C) additional (D) regional

Part 6: Short Passage Questions (20%)

Read the paragraph and answer the questions.
Paragraph A

A Christmas Carol is a story by English writer Charles Dickens, first published in 1843. It tells the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, a man who is cold-hearted and selfish. One Christmas Eve, he is visited by three ghosts who show him scenes from the past, present, and future. Through these visits, Scrooge learns the true meaning of Christmas.

In the story, Ebenezer Scrooge is a bitter old man who only cares about money. He loves it so much that on Christmas Eve, he complains that his employee, Bob, won't be working the next day. Scrooge also refused to donate money to two men who are collecting for charity. That night, Scrooge received a surprise visitor: the ghost of his former business partner, Marley. Marley's ghost is a horrible sight, covering in chains. He tells Scrooge that he must wander the earth as punishment for his greed. Marley also warns Scrooge that he will be visited by three more ghosts that night.

At midnight, the Ghost of Christmas Past appears. This ghost shows Scrooge joyful Christmases from his childhood. Scrooge sees how much fun he once had and how many people cared for him. But instead of feeling happy, he becomes angry and demands to be taken home.

- () 51. What does Scrooge do on Christmas Eve?
 (A) He gives money to charity.

- (B) He complains about his employee's day off.
 (C) He helps people in need.
 (D) He celebrates Christmas with his friends.
- () 52. What is Marley's punishment?
 (A) To haunt his former business partners.
 (B) To wander the earth in chains.
 (C) To forever listen to the complaints of people.
 (D) To bring joy to those still living.
- () 53. Who visits Scrooge on Christmas Eve?
 (A) The ghost of his former business partner.
 (B) His current business partner, Marley.
 (C) The ghost of a childhood friend.
 (D) An employee who needs help.
- () 54. How does Scrooge react when he sees images from his childhood?
 (A) He feels happy and excited.
 (B) He feels sad and regrets his actions.
 (C) He feels bored and gradually falls asleep.
 (D) He gets angry and asks to be taken home.
- () 55. What is Charles Dickens' main goal in writing A Christmas Carol?
 (A) To teach about the Christmas spirit.
 (B) To reveal life in England in the 1800s.
 (C) To argue whether ghosts really exist.
 (D) To share his unique Christmas experience.

Paragraph B

While Christmas traditions vary across cultures, some holiday symbols are common worldwide. Many of these symbols have interesting origins that date back centuries. Take the Christmas tree, for example. Despite being the best-known Christmas symbol today, people had been decorating their homes with evergreen trees long before Christmas was celebrated. This tradition reminded them that warmer weather would eventually return. In the sixteenth century, Germans began bringing trees into their homes for Christmas.

Another symbol is the poinsettia. Originally from Central America, these flowers were long used to produce medicines. When Europeans arrived in the area, they added poinsettias to Christmas displays due to their bright red color. In the 1820s, Joel Poinsett, the first US ambassador to Mexico, introduced the flowers to his home country. From there, the plant became popular in other parts of the world. The poinsettia's English name honors Poinsett's contributions.

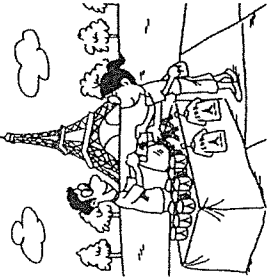
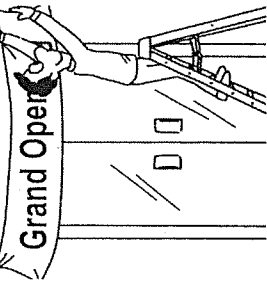
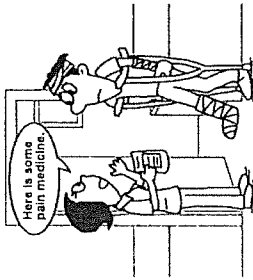
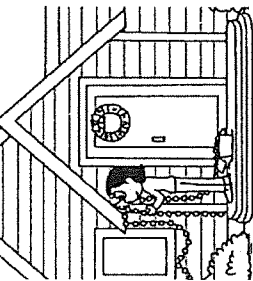
- () 56. What is the passage mainly about?
 (A) Some strange Christmas traditions.
 (B) Some old Christmas symbols.
 (C) Some common Christmas food traditions.
 (D) Some new Christmas symbols.

- () 57. Why did people originally decorate their homes with evergreen trees?
- (A) To mark the arrival of winter.
 - (B) To celebrate Christmas on a budget.
 - (C) To wish for warmer weather.
 - (D) To honor a god associated with plants.
- () 58. What happened in the sixteenth century?
- (A) Germans began bringing trees into their homes for Christmas.
 - (B) People started decorating homes with trees.
 - (C) Germans began growing trees at homes for Christmas.
 - (D) People started celebrating Christmas.
- () 59. What was the original use of poinsettias in Central America?
- (A) For Christmas displays.
 - (B) To add flavor to food.
 - (C) To produce medicines.
 - (D) To decorate homes.
- () 60. How did poinsettias get their English name?
- (A) From their bright red color.
 - (B) From the person who first grew them.
 - (C) From their role as a Christmas symbol.
 - (D) From the person who introduced them to the US.

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Part 1: Picture Questions (12%)

Look at each picture and answer the question.

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Part 2: Best Response Questions (20%)

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

- () 5. (A) It may take about a week to deliver it.
(B) The total is one dollar and forty cents.
(C) I don't think you need an envelope for it.
(D) You can use the green mailbox over there.
- () 6. (A) Yes. It started well, but the end was boring.
(B) I agree. I really enjoyed the ending, too.
(C) I agree. The whole story was easy to forget.
(D) I don't think so. The end was the best part.
- () 7. (A) That's too bad. Maybe you can go in the future.
(B) Really? I thought everyone wanted to go to Europe.
(C) That's great! Spring would be a fantastic time to go.
(D) Yes, it's too expensive, but you can travel locally.
- () 8. (A) Yes. She doesn't want too much attention.
(B) Are you sure? I think she is pretty enough.
(C) True. All she wants is to become wealthy.
(D) I know. Having fans means she is successful.
- () 9. (A) No. You have to pay a fee to take the classes.
(B) Yes. Students can take classes online.
(C) No. The classes are only for kids under 5 years old.
(D) Yes, and the classroom is down the hall.
- () 10. (A) No, they don't want to serve food.
(B) Yes, it will begin and end at a set time.
(C) No. The party won't start until 9 pm.
(D) Yes, it's all about the beach and summer.
- () 11. (A) Right. He's finally graduating.
(B) Yeah. All his old classmates will be there.
(C) Yes. It's the first game of the year.
(D) I know. They're taking a trip to New York.
- () 12. (A) Once I saw a giant spider and I fainted.
(B) I could go on a road trip if I had a car.
(C) I am really afraid of speaking in front of people.
(D) After an accident, I had to learn to walk again.
- () 13. (A) Yeah. Being a stepmother came naturally to her.
(B) Yes. She struggled to find a way to explain it.
(C) I know, but she eventually got used to it.
(D) Of course. You can't just stop being a mother.

- () 14. (A) My mother. She showed me that I could accomplish my dreams.
(B) Some kids at school that bullied me for many years.
(C) My neighbor is the most annoying person I know.
(D) My dad is the busiest person I have ever met.

Part 3: Conversation Questions (18%)

Listen to each conversation and answer the question.

- () 15. (A) A dish that has no meat.
(B) A dish that is low in calories.
(C) A dish that should be served cold.
(D) A dish that may take hours to cook.
- () 16. (A) They met once after high school.
(B) They don't keep in touch anymore.
(C) They still meet up sometimes.
(D) They see each other on a regular basis.
- () 17. (A) He can't be of much help.
(B) He isn't new anymore.
(C) They can rely on him.
(D) They don't need him.
- () 18. (A) Soaps with a pleasant smell.
(B) Soaps that magically remove stains.
(C) A store where they shop for groceries.
(D) An online store owned by the man's sister.
- () 19. (A) The woman's mother baked it.
(B) The woman bought it from a famous store.
(C) The woman is not satisfied with it.
(D) The woman followed instructions to make it.
- () 20. (A) Mental and emotional strength.
(B) Bodily fitness and strength.
(C) Planning and problem-solving abilities.
(D) Cooperation and team work skills.

Part 4: Vocabulary Questions (20%)

- () 21. The city's rich _____ offers foreign tourists a glimpse into Indian culture.
(A) pursuit (B) version
(C) heritage (D) postage
- () 22. The view from the top of Mt. Jade is absolutely _____. In fact, I almost cried when I saw the majestic mountains under my feet.
(A) harsh (B) virtual
(C) multiple (D) incredible
- () 23. Cheating on the exam is _____ not a good idea, so please promise you won't do it.
(A) annually (B) continuously
(C) definitely (D) occasionally
- () 24. The government found it difficult to _____ the new policy because most of the citizens are against it and refuse to cooperate.
(A) implement (B) emerge
(C) depict (D) blend
- () 25. After Sue watched the video, she decided that its _____ was unsuitable for her child.
(A) reunion (B) content
(C) mischief (D) immigrant
- () 26. The actress wore a(n) _____ dress to the award ceremony and received lots of praise. All the critics said that she looked like a princess.
(A) vital (B) elegant
(C) seasonal (D) accessible

- () 27. Maggie's unique taste in fashion always left a lasting impression, and her choice of that ____ gown at the party was no exception.
(A) fabulous (B) primitive
(C) vegetarian (D) vast
- () 28. Immediately after Thanksgiving, shops start to sell Christmas gifts and _____.
(A) fossils (B) ingredients
(C) decorations (D) rituals
- () 29. The famous writer is known for his use of ____ in his writings.
(A) metaphors (B) tournaments
(C) beverages (D) predictions
- () 30. My sister felt a great sense of ____ after completing the difficult job.
(A) immigrant (B) reunion
(C) resident (D) accomplishment

Part 5: Cloze (20%)

Paragraph A

Cookies are small packets of data exchanged between communicating programs. On the Internet, cookies are primarily used to track and manage visitor behavior and data on websites. ____ (31) ____, not all cookies serve the same purpose. Significant differences exist between first-party cookies and the third-party cookies, with the latter raising notable privacy concerns. First-party cookies are created directly by the websites you visit. If the website is ____ (32) ____, its first-party cookies are generally considered safe. In contrast, third-party cookies are generated by external sites, often through embedded ____ (33) ____ like ads. For example, if a website displays an advertising banner, that banner may create third-party cookies to track your activity across ____ (34) ____ sites. While this tracking helps advertisers ____ (35) ____ their ads more effectively, it has raised significant concerns about data privacy.

- () 31. (A) Therefore (B) However
(C) Meanwhile (D) Moreover
- () 32. (A) alternative (B) indigenous
(C) accessible (D) trustworthy
- () 33. (A) concept (B) decoration
(C) content (D) preference
- () 34. (A) multiple (B) vast
(C) striking (D) dense
- () 35. (A) predict (B) target
(C) reach (D) connect

Paragraph B

Ian and Mary are chatting with their Taiwanese friend, Lynn. They want to know ____ (36) ____ it's like to celebrate Christmas in Taiwan. She says it's ____ (37) ____ in the US because it's not a holiday where the whole family gets together. ____ (38) ____, it's still a joyful time where young people gather to celebrate with friends. It's Ian and Mary's first Christmas in Taiwan, so they feel a little bit homesick. Christmas doesn't ____ (39) ____ to be as big a holiday here. Back in the US, the Christmas vibe is everywhere, but it doesn't feel the same in Taiwan. Lynn thinks what really matters is celebrating with people you love. She agrees with Ian and Mary, and then asks if they have any plans ____ (40) ____ New Year's Eve. She invites them to a potluck dinner at her place and would love to welcome the new year together. Ian and Mary both agree that it sounds like a wonderful idea.

- () 36. (A) what (B) which
(C) that (D) where
- () 37. (A) aware of (B) similar to
(C) different from (D) same as
- () 38. (A) Finally (B) Thus
(C) Additionally (D) However
- () 39. (A) use (B) seen
(C) take (D) look
- () 40. (A) as (B) for
(C) like (D) with

Part 6: Short Passage Questions (10%)

Read each paragraph and answer the questions.

Paragraph A

Ryan is on vacation in Greece. At a gift shop, he selects some souvenirs for his family and friends. He asks the clerk about a box of baklava, wanting to know if it contains any meat. If it does, he won't be able to bring it home. The clerk checks the label and assures Ryan that the baklava is completely vegetarian. Along with the pastry, Ryan picks out a postcard. The clerk reminds him that although the card comes with postage, it might require extra postage for international mailing. He suggests Ryan confirm this at a nearby post office, just a short walk away. After paying for his purchase, Ryan thanks the clerk for his help and leaves.

- () 41. What does the clerk say about the baklava?
(A) It might contain meat.
(B) It is completely vegetarian.
(C) It makes a great souvenir.
(D) It is not suitable for vegetarians.
- () 42. What does the clerk suggest Ryan do at the post office?
(A) Find out the exact postage the postcard needs.
(B) Check out more postcard options.
(C) Mail the baklava home quickly and safely.
(D) Get free postcards to send home.
- () 43. Based on the passage, which following is true?
(A) Ryan will send a postcard to the clerk.
(B) Ryan doesn't want to buy anything for his friends.
(C) Ryan travels to other country.
(D) Ryan can't eat vegetable.

Paragraph B

For the past few years, I have welcomed the New Year by watching the sunrise. I find it deeply rewarding because it gives me a sense of accomplishment and inspiration. After a challenging hike, reaching the summit and watching the sun rise fills me with freedom and hope. The sight of light breaking through the clouds reminds me that each day brings new opportunities to grow, learn, and succeed. The struggles of the hike reflect the ups and downs we face in life, making this tradition the perfect way to start the year with a clear mind and a positive outlook.

- () 44. How has the speaker greeted New Year in recent years?
(A) He has thrown a party to celebrate it.
(B) He has looked at the stars in the night sky.
(C) He has stayed up late with his family.
(D) He has watched the sunrise from a mountaintop.
- () 45. What does the speaker say about the hike to the summit?
(A) It's long and boring.
(B) It reflects ups and downs in life.
(C) It's the perfect way to get some exercise.
(D) It can be dangerous without proper preparation.