I. Vocabulary: choose the best word to complete each sentence. (30%)

1. The rising tensions between North Korea and South Korea caused all of the embassies and business offices to _____ personnel.
   (A) evacuate   (B) depart   (C) break   (D) repudiate

2. Twenty-nine people were killed and 130 were _____ Saturday night when 10 men armed with long knives stormed the station in the southwest Chinese city of Kunming.
   (A) rehabilitated   (B) crushed   (C) injured   (D) denuded

3. The belief that power ultimately rests with the people is the very _____ of democracy.
   (A) escort   (B) essence   (C) estimation   (D) escape

4. The results were quite _____ -- a 77% increase in six month!
   (A) unsurprising   (B) pale   (C) vague   (D) startling

5. Distributing food among the homeless was an act of ______.
   (A) harm   (B) mercy   (C) inhumanity   (D) pitilessness

6. The bomb threat is probably a _____, but we should still remove everyone from this building.
   (A) hoax   (B) hobby   (C) herb   (D) helmet

7. If you are rude to your boss, it may _____ your chances of success in your career.
   (A) assist   (B) promote   (C) restore   (D) jeopardize

8. Facing the _____ crisis caused by anti-government activists, Ukraine was on the brink of the civil war.
   (A) dwindling   (B) waning   (C) escalating   (D) lessening

9. It has rained for five _____ days.
   (A) retroactive   (B) consecutive   (C) submissive   (D) radioactive

10. Mary has been the family’s foremost _____ in times of trouble many times.
    (A) reliance   (B) substance   (C) tenet   (D) variation

11. That movie centers on a _____ story of a love affair that ends in tragedy and it is very touching.
    (A) unaffection   (B) versatile   (C) toxic   (D) poignant
12. According to scientists, the only way to protect an endangered species is to _____ the ecosystem it is part of.
   (A) integrate  (B) sever  (C) conserve  (D) obliterate

13. The central character of the story is the great warrior Roland, who _____ in a pure form the spirit of feudal loyalty to one’s overlord.
   (A) accuses  (B) discolors  (C) transpires  (D) embodies

14. I believe that the house was _____ set fire to.
   (A) critically  (B) deliberately  (C) fantastically  (D) extremely

15. In the wild, the giant panda is a _____ animal and primarily spends its life roaming and feeding in the bamboo forests.
   (A) canine  (B) terrestrial  (C) feline  (D) aquatic

II. Cloze (20%)

Behind the Curtain: The Life of Vivienne Labeau

Women have been wearing her designs for decades, but not much is known about the private life of Vivienne Labeau. The renowned fashion designer left a huge void in the fashion world (16) two months ago.

Vivienne Labeau was born in the United States, although most people have always assumed she was born in France. Her second husband, Jaque Cardin, (17) to Reuters. Labeau was actually born in Los Angeles, California, Cardin said. Her parents spent three years living in the states when they were first married. The family moved to Paris when Labeau was three-and-a-half years old. “Her parents were French and (18) lifestyle was extremely European,” Cardin said. According to a friend who would only speak (19), Labeau always wanted to be a designer. She never aspired to be anything else, although her lawyer father and writer mother thought fashion was frivolous.

16. (A) where she died
   (B) when she died
   (C) for she died
   (D) as she was dying

17. (A) was interviewed by
   (B) recently gave an interview
   (C) during and interview
   (D) interviewed recently

18. (A) her
   (B) his
   (C) their
   (D) they’re
19. (A) unknowingly  
    (B) privately  
    (C) secretly  
    (D) anonymously  

Bales Jewelers are Having a Big Year-End Sale!  
On May 20, Bales will be celebrating its 15th anniversary—a big sale on all jewelry in the store. Everything, including watches, rings and pendants, will be 40 percent off! We will have a classical trio perform in the store from noon until 5:00 and we will be serving champagne to all our customers. That’s not all! Some expert jewelers will be to answer your questions about precious gems and appraise your jewelry. Don’t miss this big celebration at Bales Jewelers! We’ll be opening our doors at 10:00 a.m. and extend our closing time by one hour to 10:00 p.m. For information about the sale, please visit our website at www.balesjewelers.com.

20. (A) on  
    (B) with  
    (C) for  
    (D) to  

21. (A) on hand  
    (B) by hand  
    (C) hand over  
    (D) hand in  

22. (A) biggest  
    (B) further  
    (C) farther  
    (D) best  

Since many Apple product names begin with “i”, consumers believe that Apple’s organization functions seamlessly. But the opposite is true; Apple’s internal teams operate in when developing new products. Only at the highest levels of management is there corporate of the disparate efforts. The leader of Apple’s design program is Jony Ive, whose job is to oversee the entire line of products, and then bring them together into a cohesive branding strategy.

Ive has been dubbed “designer of the decade” for his role in Apple’s unprecedented success of product launches, it was Ive’s biggest failure that led to Apple’s phenomenal success. He was intimately involved in the design of the Cube computer in 2000. While the Cube was revolutionary, it flopped. Consumers weren’t ready for its radical design and features, but the shape and contours of the Cube became the basis of iPhones and iPads.
23. (A) intricacy  
   (B) transparency  
   (C) secrecy  
   (D) complacency  

24. (A) degradation  
   (B) integration  
   (C) segregation  
   (D) mitigation  

25. (A) Ostensibly  
   (B) Anonymously  
   (C) Ironically  
   (D) Empirically  

III. Grammar (30%)  

26. Most of the city’s new shopping malls are ____ the waterfront.  
   (A) on  
   (B) in  
   (C) at  
   (D) from  

27. The aquarium is also a world-class ocean _____ institute.  
   (A) reach  
   (B) research  
   (C) researching  
   (D) researched  

28. Gatwick Airport is 45 km south ____ London.  
   (A) center  
   (B) central  
   (C) of central  
   (D) away from central  

29. ____ sending our personnel abroad, it might be cheaper to hire foreign staff there.  
   (A) Instead  
   (B) Rather than  
   (C) In the case  
   (D) Despite  

30. Janet ____ one of her co-workers last June.  
   (A) married  
   (B) married to  
   (C) got married with  
   (D) married with  

31. Sam ____ the documents on the supervisor’s desk.  
   (A) lay  
   (B) laid  
   (C) lies  
   (D) lie  

32. In this company all projects must be a team effort even if an employee feels that it ____ individualism.  
   (A) limit  
   (B) limits  
   (C) limiting  
   (D) has been limited  

33. The engineer decided to ____ the company’s internet problems on the network server.  
   (A) blaming  
   (B) blame  
   (C) blamed  
   (D) blames  

34. The icon on her desktop looks like little buttons ____ in a giant sea.  
   (A) are floating  
   (B) as floating  
   (C) floating  
   (D) float  

35. You can use a large plastic bottle, with its top ____ , as a pencil holder for your desk.  
   (A) is cut off  
   (B) is cutting off  
   (C) cutting off  
   (D) cut off  

36. The training seminar for the new software was so long that I felt ____.
37. This new deal, according to the manager, is ____ the project.
   (A) connect  (B) connect with  (C) connected with  (D) connecting

38. The employees ____ should read the company handbook carefully.
   (A) concerned  (B) concern  (C) concerning  (D) to concern

39. If I ____ my name tag, no one would have known what company I work for.
   (A) did not wear  (B) haven’t been wearing  (C) wouldn’t have worn  (D) hadn’t been wearing

40. It is essential that every employee ____ the same chance for promotion.
   (A) have  (B) has had  (C) is having  (D) to have

IV. Reading Comprehension (20 %)

Although speech is generally accepted as the most advanced form of communication, there
are many ways of communicating without using words. In every known culture, signals, signs,
symbols, and gestures are commonly utilized as instruments of communication. There is a great
deal of agreement among communication scientists as to what each of these methods is and how
each differs from the others. For instance, the basic function of any signal is to impinge upon the
environment in such a way that it attracts attention, as, for example, the dots and dashes that can
be applied in a telegraph circuit. Coded to refer to speech, the potential for communication
through these dots and dashes—short and long intervals as the circuit is broken—is very great.
Less adaptable to the codification of words, signs also contain agreed upon meaning; that is, they
convey information in and of themselves. Two examples are the hexagonal red sign that conveys
the meaning of “stop,” and the red and white swirled pole outside a shop that communicates the
meaning of “barber.”

Symbols are more difficult to describe than either signals or signs because of their intricate
relationship with the receiver’s cultural perceptions. In some cultures, applauding in a theater
provides performers with an auditory symbol of approval. In other cultures, if done in unison,
applauding can be a symbol of the audience’s discontent with the performance. Gestures such as
waving and handshaking also communicate certain cultural messages.

Although signals, signs, symbols, and gestures are very useful, they also have a major
disadvantage in communication. They usually do not allow ideas to be shared without the sender
being directly adjacent to the receiver. Without an exchange of ideas, interaction comes to a halt.
As a result, means of communication intended to be used across long distances and extended
periods must be based upon speech. To radio, television, and the telephone, one must add fax,
electronic mail, and the Internet, and no one doubts but that there are more means of
communication on the horizon.
41. Which of the following would be the best title for the passage?
   (A) Signs and Signals  (B) Gestures  (C) Communication  (D) Speech

42. The phrase **impinge upon** in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____
   (A) intrude  (B) improve  (C) vary  (D) prohibit

43. What does the author say about speech?
   (A) It is the only true form of communication.
   (B) It is dependent upon the advances made by inventors.
   (C) It is necessary for communication to occur.
   (D) It is the most advanced form of communication.

44. The word **it** in paragraph 1 refers to _____.
   (A) function  (B) signal  (C) environment  (D) way

45. The word **potential** in paragraph 1 could best be replaced by which of the following?
   (A) range  (B) advantage  (C) organization  (D) possibility

46. The word **intricate** in paragraph 2 could best be replaced by which of the following?
   (A) inefficient  (B) complicated  (C) historical  (D) uncertain

47. The red and white swirled pole was cited as an example of _____.
   (A) a signal  (B) a sign  (C) a symbol  (D) a gesture

48. Applauding was cited as an example of _____.
   (A) a signal  (B) a sign  (C) a symbol  (D) a gesture

49. The word **adjacent** in paragraph 3 could best be replaced by which of the following?
   (A) nearby  (B) distant  (C) faraway  (D) visible

50. Why were the telephone, radio, and TV invented?
   (A) People were unable to understand signs, symbols, and signals.
   (B) People wanted to communicate across long distances.
   (C) People believed that signs, signals, and symbols were obsolete.
   (D) People wanted new forms of entertainment.