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### **Part I Vocabulary (30%)**

**Direction: Choose the word that best completes the sentence**

1. Every \_\_\_\_\_ has a new set of problems to deal with.  
(A) generation (B) satisfaction (C) insulation (D) edition
2. Traveling on business is sometimes very hectic, so it is very important to consider the \_\_\_\_\_ of the hotel where you will be staying.  
(A) accordance (B) location (C) attraction (D) entertainment
3. Several seats are still \_\_\_\_\_ for the late show.  
(A) recent (B) partial (C) huge (D) available
4. The waiter spent an excessive amount of time trying to \_\_\_\_\_ the customer to have the most expensive item on the menu.  
(A) launch (B) prevent (C) respond (D) persuade
5. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ illness is a burden on a family.  
(A) abrupt (B) accurate (C) chronic (D) wise
6. Media \_\_\_\_\_ concerning politicians are commonplace in almost every country today.  
(A) elements (B) ingredients (C) handbooks (D) scandals
7. The residents plan to \_\_\_\_\_ with the local police about setting up a security system around the community.  
(A) compensate (B) negotiate (C) consider (D) locate
8. The federal government has announced plans to help fight the upcoming \_\_\_\_\_ and restore the economy to its former state.  
(A) session (B) procession (C) succession (D) recession



9. If you need a \_\_\_\_\_, then you must fill out the necessary paperwork.  
(A) foundation (B) refund (C) fundamental (D) profound
10. \_\_\_\_\_ is not an option when dealing with student loans.  
(A) Prejudice (B) Cooperation (C) Bankruptcy (D) Campaign
11. Individuals are advised that it is best to keep retirement savings \_\_\_\_\_ from other personal accounts.  
(A) separate (B) combine (C) link (D) change
12. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ the benefits of the new system.  
(A) neglect (B) forbid (C) highlight (D) attend
13. Many employees think that one of the major \_\_\_\_\_ of working for a large corporation is job security.  
(A) benefits (B) distributions (C) permissions (D) indications
14. His father was sick, so he had to take \_\_\_\_\_ in order to take care for him.  
(A) situation (B) stage (C) leaves (D) contribution
15. It never \_\_\_\_\_ to Peter that he should have turned off his cell phone before going into the movie theater.  
(A) finalized (B) insisted (C) occurred (D) competed

## **Part II Grammar (40%)**

### **Direction: Choose the word that best completes the sentence**

1. Many companies use the possessive apostrophe in the name of their company, such as Macy's, while others don't, such as \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) Starbuck's (B) Starbucks (C) Starbuck (D) Starbucks'
2. Shirley's presentation was \_\_\_\_\_ difficult \_\_\_\_\_ understand. It was so complicated.  
(A) so; too (B) to; too (C) too; to (D) so; so
3. I'd like to work at that company, but there \_\_\_\_\_ job openings right now.  
(A) isn't any (B) is no (C) aren't any (D) are none
4. The Barstow Company performed \_\_\_\_\_ better than we did in the fourth quarter.  
(A) more (B) many (C) much (D) very



5. \_\_\_\_\_ you do me a favor? Make 20 copies of this document for me.  
(A) Couldn't (B) Could (C) Please (D) Pardon
6. It \_\_\_\_\_ like our client will not renew his contract with us next year.  
(A) hears (B) listens (C) sees (D) looks
7. The position at that company will be filled quickly. If I were you, I'd \_\_\_\_\_ for it right away.  
(A) announce (B) campaign (C) fill (D) apply
8. The entire shipment was damaged. I really \_\_\_\_\_ we'd had it insured.  
(A) want (B) said (C) wish (D) think
9. Kim has been voted "Employee of the Month" for \_\_\_\_\_ everyone in the company to do their best.  
(A) encourage (B) encouraged (C) encouraging (D) encourages
10. Yvonne's Boutique is having a going-out-of-business sale. \_\_\_\_\_ item in the store \_\_\_\_\_ on sale.  
(A) All; are (B) All; was (C) Some; is (D) Every; is
11. Your idea for increasing sales isn't going to work, Peter. \_\_\_\_\_ the price reduction \_\_\_\_\_ the repackaging will be enough to convince consumers to buy our product.  
(A) Either; or (B) Neither; nor (C) Both; and (D) Never; sometimes
12. It's not a good idea to set up a factory in that area because labor and resources are \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) scarce (B) scarcely (C) seldom (D) shortage
13. Year-end bonuses for employees have been \_\_\_\_\_ reduced because of huge losses in sales. You should feel lucky that you still have a job.  
(A) greatly (B) wonderfully (C) mutually (D) lively
14. John \_\_\_\_\_ on the phone for an hour already.  
(A) talks (B) is talking (C) has been talking (D) talking
15. I don't want you to make any conclusions without \_\_\_\_\_ some market research first.  
(A) you're conducting (B) conducting (C) conduct (D) to conduct

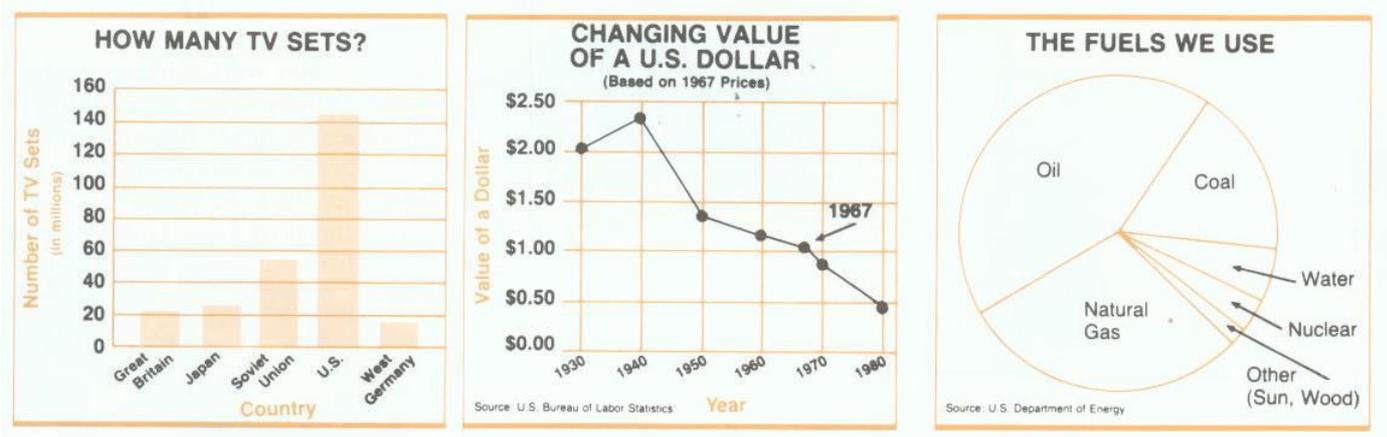


16. You seem like a nice person and your academic record is outstanding. But you don't seem to have \_\_\_\_\_ work experience.  
(A) a (B) many (C) one (D) any
17. I'm sorry. Ms. Chang is \_\_\_\_\_ of the office right now. May I take a message?  
(A) away (B) out (C) outside (D) inside
18. To expand our facilities, we need to \_\_\_\_\_ several thousand dollars from the bank.  
(A) lend (B) borrow (C) give (D) donate
19. Several employees have accused you of selling company secrets to our competitors. Do you have \_\_\_\_\_ to say in your defense?  
(A) what (B) any (C) anything (D) some
20. Marty is going to \_\_\_\_\_ the annual budget tomorrow.  
(A) prepares (B) finish preparing (C) preparing (D) got prepared

### **Part III Reading Comprehension (30%)**

Direction: Read each passage and choose the best answer to each question

#### **Passage 1**



1. If the U.S. is number one in TV sets, what is the rank of the Soviet Union?  
(A) first (B) second (C) third (D) fourth
2. The line graph shows that since 1940, the value of a dollar has gone \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) steadily up (B) down, then up (C) steadily down (D) up, then down
3. How much less could a dollar buy in 1980 than in 1967?  
(A) about 25 ¢ (B) about 90 ¢ (C) about 5 ¢ (D) about 50 ¢
4. The pie chart shows that more energy comes from water than from \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) oil (B) coal (C) natural gas (D) sun



## Passage 2

*“They told me I could never walk again. But when I listened to music, I forgot all about the pain. I found a strength I didn’t know I had.”* Ninety-two-year-old Tina Goodman, who regained her ability to walk, thanks to the music.

### **The Healing Power of Music**

**By John Fettero 120 pages + CD \$ 19.95**

This is just one of the many stories in Fettero’s book “The Healing Power of Music.” Fettero tries to show just how important music is in our lives and how it can help us be healthy and happy.

According to Fettero, music can make sick people well again. In fact, his book comes with a CD of ten recordings, each one especially designed to help with a number of health problems.

Fettero, a well-known music therapist, promises that by reading his book, you will be able to develop the healing power of music in your life. He says this will help fight headaches and back pain, as well as reduce stress, high blood pressure, and many other common illnesses.

Certainly, I accept that listening to certain types of music can help with particular problems, such as stress. I am also comfortable with Fettero’s claim that by reading his book, you’ll be able to create a peaceful environment to help you relax in your home. I found the relaxation and breathing techniques very useful. Similarly, his claim that music will help you sleep better seems reasonable. Yet when he goes on to promise his music therapies will help cure depression and even cancer, he begins to sound a little bit unbelievable.

Nevertheless, for those of you who are interested in the power of music to heal, this is a great book to buy. It’s a thorough introduction to the history and practice of music therapy. Fettero writes in a simple, easy-to-understand way and shows clearly how music can affect us all positively. His basic message – that music can improve our lives – is well presented and clear. It may even be true that certain techniques covered here can help some people recover from some unpleasant health problems. However, his promises of “amazing results” seem impossible to justify.

**Robert Lee, Director, Institute of  
Music Therapy, Beijing, China**

5. What is the most appropriate main idea?

- (A) Music can have the power to heal people who are sick.
- (B) Everyone should learn how to enjoy music.
- (C) Music can affect our mood.
- (D) Music is essential to our lives.



6. Which one of the health problems below does **NOT** seem to be a reasonable healing power of music to Robert Lee, the reviewer?  
(A) stress (B) depression (C) back pain (D) high blood pressure
7. Which one of the following statements is true?  
(A) The reviewer does not like this book.  
(B) The reviewer likes this book a lot and recommends it to everyone.  
(C) The reviewer likes the book but is not so happy about some of the promises it makes.  
(D) The reviewer does not like the writing style of the book.
8. Which one of the following statements is true?  
(A) John Fattaro is a psychologist, and he helps lots of patients to cope with their health problems.  
(B) The reviewer finds relaxation and breathing techniques useless.  
(C) The reviewer likes the book because all of its claims are believable.  
(D) The basic message of the book is that music can improve our health.
9. Which one of the adjectives below **DOES NOT** describe Fattaro's writing style?  
(A) simple (B) easy-to-understand (C) clear (D) complicated

### Passage 3

Whales are marine mammals— air-breathing animals that live in the sea. Sometimes a whale gets onto a beach or in shallow water and is struck there. Nobody knows for sure why marine animals get stranded. Scientists have found that most stranded animals are ill. One theory is that when a whale is sick, it might swim into shallow water. Then it could stay near the surface to breathe.

Most stranded whales die shortly after stranding. It is almost impossible to move a large whale safely. Also, a very large amount of food and medicine is needed to try to save a whale.

10. How can air-breathing animals live in the sea?  
(A) They get air at the bottom of the sea.  
(B) They breathe through their mouths.  
(C) They breathe only once an hour.  
(D) They come up to the surface to breathe.
11. Whales probably get stranded on a beach or shallow water after they \_\_\_\_  
(A) look for food  
(B) swim too close to shore  
(C) follow a boat  
(D) save a swimmer
12. One reason large whales cannot be moved safely after becoming stranded is because of their \_\_\_\_  
(A) sharp tails (B) illness (C) size and weight (D) slippery skin



#### Passage 4

European retailers are busy preparing the supermarkets of the future for shoppers from the past. The average age of European shoppers has already started its spectacular rise: from 38 today to 52 by 2050. This demographic shift is the direct result of the combination of increased longevity and lower birthrates. In some European Union countries, as much as one third of the population will be over 50 by the year 2015. So how will supermarkets cater to their aging clientele? In Vienna, the German company Adeg Aktiv thinks it may have found the answer. Their new superstores, like the one the company is currently piloting, will feature some intriguing innovations; products will be labeled in larger print, shelves will be lower to provide easy access and shopping carts will have fold down seats to give tired shoppers an instant break.

The employees will also be selected from an older age group, the over-fifties. That fits nicely with the store's new 50+ trademark. Just how successful the new concept will be remains to be seen but there are some very positive signs; more than half of the customers in the pilot store are actually under the age of fifty. They were simply attracted by the shopper-friendly design of the stores and by the standard of customer service.

13. Why is Adeg introducing a new supermarket concept?
  - (A) to target older shoppers
  - (B) to compete with rival stores
  - (C) to lower recruitment costs
  - (D) to attract a younger clientele
14. How old are the majority of customers in the pilot store?
  - (A) between fifty and sixty years old
  - (B) at least fifty years old
  - (C) less than fifty years old
  - (D) under thirty years old
15. Which of the following is **NOT** a feature of the new stores?
  - (A) specially designed shopping carts
  - (B) personal shopping assistants
  - (C) easy to read labels
  - (D) easy to reach products