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I. Vocabulary: 20%

Choose the word that best completes the sentence, and then mark the corresponding letter A, B, C, or D on your answer card.

- Being an _____ of a society – coming from a wealthy family and having a degree from UCLA, he is the Mr. Right that every girl dreams of.
A. elite B. exile C. emporium D. exigency
- I have learned that being a good teacher is as much about _____ and relationships as it is about curriculum and assessment.
A. impulse B. malaise C. rapport D. subversion
- Before traveling to other countries, you need to find out what diseases are _____ to the region and take the necessary medications in advance.
A. decent B. endemic C. exhilarating D. incredulous
- Everyone doubts whether her motives for donating the money to the charity are really _____ -- she's probably looking for favorable attention from the media.
A. altruistic B. diagnostic C. immaculate D. mandatory
- Using a lot of _____ in her speech, the speaker made her lecture difficult for the audience to follow.
A. circumstances B. circumlocutions C. coalition D. consensus
- Our company needs _____ to lead the employees and plan the future with great intelligence.
A. visionaries B. voracity C. villains D. versification
- One of the most luxurious hotels in the city, certainly, it charges _____ prices.
A. consecutive B. exorbitant C. incidental D. ingrained
- The welcoming party gave Tommy a good opportunity to _____ with the company's president and leading executives.
A. adjourn B. hobnob C. intersperse D. disembark

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9. On her 20th birthday, she seemed rather _____ when she received a small bunch of flowers from her boyfriend.
A. congenital B. compatible C. disgruntled D. discrete

10. The economic recession has brought _____ changes that influence every one of us.
A. circumstantial B. immobile C. momentous D. tentative

II. Grammar and Structure: 20%
Choose the answer that best completes the sentence, and then mark the corresponding letter A, B, C, or D on your answer card.

11. Marison was a scientist of unusual insight and imagination who had startling success _____ discerning new and fundamental principles well in advance of their general recognition.
A. about B. of C. in D. at

12. In part of the Arctic, the land grades into some ice _____ you can walk off the coast and not know you are over the hidden sea.
A. imperceptibly so that B. so imperceptibly that
C. perceptibly so that D. so perceptibly that

13. Unfortunately, his _____ attacks on the ramifications of the economic policy have been undermined by his wholehearted acceptance of that policy's underlying assumptions.
A. damageful B. damagible C. damaged D. damaging

14. The spellings of many Old English words have been preserved in the living language, _____ their pronunciations have changed.
A. although B. and C. so D. so that

15. Her frugality should not be confused with miserliness; _____ I have known her, she has always been willing to assist those who are in need.
A. the minute B. since C. as long as D. by the time

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16. A computer program can provide information _____ ways that force students to participate in learning instead of being merely recipients of knowledge.
A. in B. of C. for D. with
17. While impulsive in her personal life, Edna St. Vincent Millay was nonetheless disciplined about her work, _____ several pages of complicated rhyme in a day.
A. but often produced B. thus having produced
C. generally being producing D. usually producing
18. She writes across generational lines, and thus makes the past so vivid that our belief _____ the present is the true locus of experience is undermined.
A. regarding B. whether C. that D. in
19. Though _____ to some degree, telling a small lie sometimes enables one to avoid harming another's feelings.
A. regretted B. regrettable C. regretting D. regretful
20. The President reached a decision only _____ lengthy deliberation, painstakingly weighing the divergent opinions expressed by cabinet members.
A. if B. via C. but D. after

III. Passage Completion: 10%

Read the passage and choose for each blank the most appropriate answer from the five sentences given below. Then mark the corresponding letter A, B, C, or D on your answer card.

Studying in a different country is something that sounds very exciting to most people. Many young people who leave their home to go study in another country think that they are going to have a lot of fun. Certainly, it is a new experience, which brings us the opportunity of discovering new things and a feeling of freedom.

21. Because of the different beliefs, norms, values, and traditions that exist among different countries, we may have difficulty adjusting to a new culture and to all of the parts of the culture that are not familiar to us. This is culture shock. 22.

The first stage is called "the honeymoon." 23. We like everything, and everybody seems to be so nice to us. Also, the amusement of life in a new culture seems as though it will never end.

Eventually, however, the second stage of culture shock appears. 24. We begin to notice that not

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everything is as good as we had originally thought it was. We become tired of many things about the new culture. Moreover, people don't treat us like a guest anymore. Everything that seemed to be so wonderful at first is now awful.

After we deal with our hostility, we begin to know that the shock of the new culture is only temporary. Then we come to the third stage, called "recovery." In this stage, we start to feel better and we try to find an answer to everything that we don't understand. 25.

The last stage of culture shock is called "adjustment." In this stage, we have reached a point where we actually feel good because we have learned enough to understand the new culture. This understanding alleviates much of the stress. We have adjusted to the new culture.

- A. This is the "hostility stage."
 B. We begin to see that even though the culture is different from our own, it has things that we can learn to appreciate.
 C. In this stage, we are excited about living in a different place, and everything seems to be marvelous.
 D. In spite of these advantages, however, there are also some difficulties we will face.
 E. There are at least four essential stages of culture shock adjustment.

IV. Reading Comprehension: 20%

Read the following passages and choose the best answer to each question. Then mark the corresponding letter A, B, C, or D on your answer card.

Passage 1

Severe punishment may generate such anxiety in children that they do not learn the lesson the punishment was designed to teach. Moreover, as a reaction to punishment that they regard as unfair, children may avoid punitive parents, who therefore will have fewer opportunities to teach and guide the child. In addition, parents who use physical punishment provide aggressive models. A child who is regularly slapped, spanked, shaken, or shouted at may learn to use these forms of aggression in interaction with peers.

26. What is the main idea of this passage?
 A. Punitive parents are usually unfair.
 B. Physical punishment has negative effects.
 C. Severe punishment can usually teach children a good lesson.
 D. Aggressive children may come from families with punitive parents.

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Passage 2

In today's world the strides taken to build our civilization are rarely the result of a single gifted talent. The lonely inventor working in his basement and the scientific genius isolated in the ivory tower have vanished – they are replaced by corps of skilled research teams in modern air-conditioned buildings.

27. According to the passage, which statement is true?

- A. Scientific geniuses have to be isolated to concentrate on their work.
- B. The ivory tower has taken the place of air-conditioned buildings in creating modern civilization.
- C. Team work is an important factor in building our modern civilization.
- D. A gifted talent is the least helpful to our modern civilization.

Passage 3

When gardeners have a knack for making plants grow, we say they have a green thumb. Similarly, some husbands and wives have a green thumb for marriage – a skill that makes their partnership bloom and flourish.

“The analogy is not far-fetched” says Selma Miller, a New York City marital therapist. “An intimate relationship faces the same challenge nature puts to all things – grow or perish.”

Fortunately, the ability to make a marriage thrive is not an arcane art, known only to a lucky few. “Almost any couple can cultivate a green thumb for marriage,” Miller claims. “What you have to do is adapt some of the basic rules for successful gardening.” ...

28. What does Selma Miller do?

- A. a gardener
- B. a professor of psychology
- C. a marriage counselor
- D. a wedding consultant

29. What is the passage likely to continue to talk about?

- A. How to grow plants
- B. How to maintain a happy marriage
- C. How to understand analogy
- D. How to cultivate artistic abilities

Passage 4

International interest in the therapeutic qualities of the Mediterranean diet began back in the late 1950s, when medical researchers started to link the occurrence of heart disease with diet. Dr. Ancel Keys performed an epidemiological analysis of diets around the world (epidemiology being the branch of public health that studies patterns of diseases and their potential causes among populations). Entitled the *Seven Countries Study*, it is considered one of the greatest studies of its kind ever performed. In it, Keys gathered data on heart

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disease and its potential causes from nearly 13,000 men in Greece, Italy, Croatia, Serbia, Japan, Finland, the Netherlands, and the United States. The study was conducted over a period of decades. It concluded that the Mediterranean people in the study enjoyed some significant health advantages. The Mediterranean groups had lower mortality rates in all age brackets and from all causes, particularly from heart disease. The study also showed that the Mediterranean diet is as high or higher in fat than other diets, obtaining up to 40 percent of all its calories from fat. It has, however, different patterns of fat intake. Mediterranean cooking uses smaller amounts of saturated fat and higher amounts of unsaturated fat, mostly in the form of olive oil.

Several other studies have validated Keys' findings regarding the good health of people in Mediterranean countries. The World Health Organization (WHO) showed in a 1990 analysis that four major Mediterranean countries (Spain, Greece, Greece, and Italy) have longer life expectancies and lower rates of heart disease and cancer than other European countries and America. The data are significant because the same Mediterraneans frequently smoke and don't have regular exercise programs like many Americans, which means that other variables may be responsible. Scientists have also ruled out genetic differences, because Mediterraneans who move to other countries tend to lose their health advantages.

30. What is the most appropriate title of this reading passage?

- A. Mortality Rates and Heart Diseases
- B. Seven Countries Study
- C. Mediterranean Diet
- D. Alternative Medicine in Europe

31. Which of the following factors may be the most crucial one that affects heart disease and cancer, according to the passage?

- A. Genes.
- B. Smoking.
- C. Diet.
- D. Exercise.

32. According to the passage, which statement is true?

- A. Mediterranean people are born to have health advantages.
- B. Several studies reported similar findings about the good health of Mediterranean people.
- C. Mediterranean people smoke less frequently than people from other regions.
- D. Because Mediterranean people enjoy regular exercise, there's a lower rate of heart disease.

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Passage 5

Schools expect textbooks to be a valuable source of information for students. My research suggests, however, that textbooks that address the place of Native Americans within the history of the United States distort history to suit a particular cultural value system. In some textbooks, for example, settlers are pictured as more humane, complex, skillful, and wise than Native American. In essence, textbooks stereotype and deprecate the numerous Native American cultures while reinforcing the attitude that the European conquest of the New World denotes the superiority of European cultures. Although textbooks evaluate Native American architecture, political systems, and homemaking, I contend that they do it from an ethnocentric, European perspective without recognizing that other perspectives are possible.

One argument against my contention asserts that, by nature, textbooks are culturally biased and that I am simply underestimating children's ability to see through these biases. Some researchers even claim that by the time students are in high school, they know they cannot take textbooks literally. Yet substantial evidence exists to the contrary. Two researchers, for example, have conducted studies that suggest that children's attitudes about particular culture are strongly influenced by the textbooks used in schools. Given this, an ongoing, careful review of how school textbooks depict Native American is certainly warranted.

33. The primary purpose of the passage is to

- A. describe in detail one research study regarding the impact of history textbooks on children's attitudes and beliefs about certain cultures.
- B. describe revisions that should be made to the United States history textbooks.
- C. discuss the difficulty of presenting an accurate history of the United States.
- D. argue that textbooks used in schools stereotype Native Americans and influence children's attitudes.

34. The author mentions two researchers' studies most likely in order to

- A. suggest that children's political attitudes are formed primarily through textbooks.
- B. counter the claim that children are able to see through stereotypes in textbooks.
- C. suggest that younger children tend to interpret the messages in textbooks more literally than do older children.
- D. demonstrate that textbooks carry political messages meant to influence their readers.

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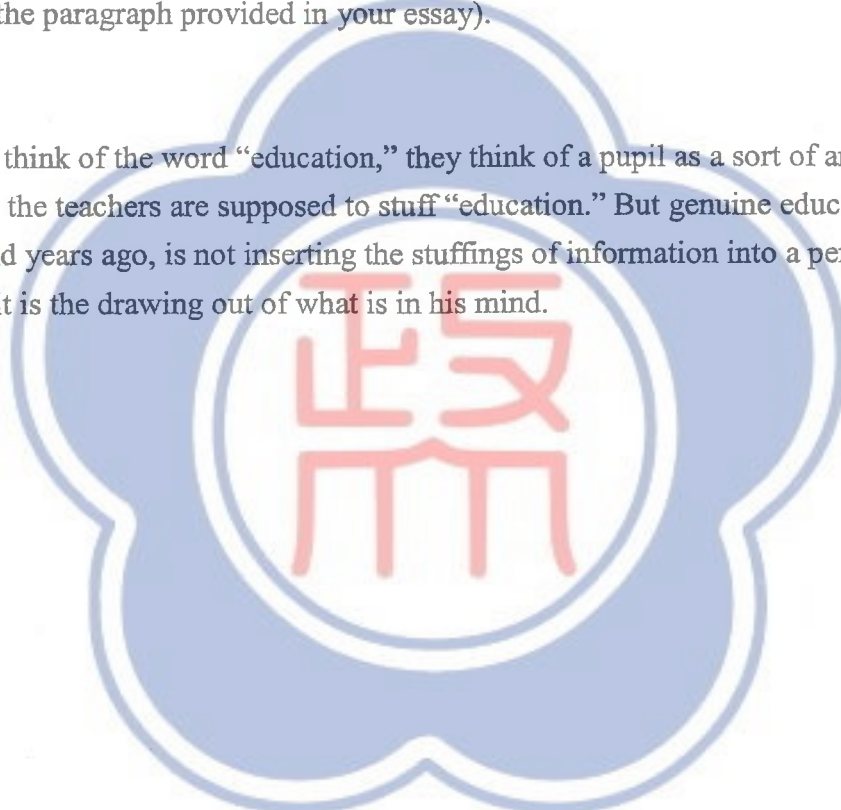
35. According to the author, which of the following will occur if textbooks are not carefully reviewed?

- A. Children will remain ignorant of the European settlers' conquest of the New World.
- B. Children will lose their ability to recognize biases in textbooks.
- C. Children will form negative stereotypes of Native Americans.
- D. Children will develop an understanding of ethnocentrism.

IV. Composition: 30%

By using the paragraph below as the first paragraph, develop a complete essay of approximately 400 words (i.e., please include the paragraph provided in your essay).

When most people think of the word "education," they think of a pupil as a sort of animate sausage casing. Into this empty casing, the teachers are supposed to stuff "education." But genuine education, as Socrates knew more than two thousand years ago, is not inserting the stuffings of information into a person, but rather eliciting knowledge from him; it is the drawing out of what is in his mind.



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