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英文科試題 (共 5 頁)

1. 本科目之選擇題請在答案卡上作答。
2. 本試題分字彙、文法、閱讀與作文四大題。前三大題為單選題，只要將正確答案代表字母 (A, B, C, D) 畫在答案卡上即可。若用其他方法作答 (用文字) 不予計分。

I. Vocabulary: 24%

In each of the following 12 sentences there is a blank where a word is left out. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence and write its corresponding letter on the answer card.

1. Examples used in writing can help to make general statements more specific and abstract ideas more _____.
(A) scrupulous (B) sacred (C) concentrate (D) concrete
2. Underhill, a scientist studying consumers, tells his clients they can increase sales by placing _____ within easy reach and encouraging customers to touch it.
(A) shoppers (B) reasons (C) merchandise (D) profits
3. Their research results _____ the hypothesis that "self is special."
(A) pampered (B) bolstered (C) clutched (D) balked
4. The increase in the _____ of the country was due to the discovery of oil.
(A) hybridity (B) prosperity (C) intelligence (D) contingencies
5. _____ writing tells a story; it reports "what happened."
(A) Narrative (B) Expository (C) Argumentative (D) Descriptive
6. As the disease begins to _____ the brain, people may undergo changes in personality.
(A) extol (B) drawl (C) attain (D) ravage
7. The culture of _____ peoples is transmitted through its native language.
(A) assertive (B) huffy (C) concerted (D) indigenous
8. The forests of northern Alaska consisted of a mixed _____ that included deciduous conifers.
(A) canopy (B) sham (C) abode (D) peril
9. Here is a _____ list of Shakespeare's plays; namely, the plays are arranged in the order in which they were written.
(A) geographical (B) theoretical (C) chronological (D) biographical
10. They possess astonishing islands of brilliance that stand in jarring _____ to their overall mental problems.
(A) recitation (B) juxtaposition (C) recession (D) sanction
11. _____ savants are those very uncommon people whose abilities are very advanced.
(A) Exorbitant (B) Frisky (C) Prodigious (D) Gullible

備 考 試 題 隨 卷 繳 交

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12. Mosquitoes should be _____.
 (A) exterminated (B) abolished (C) extinguished (D) perpetuated

II. Grammar: 26%

In each of the following 13 sentences there is a blank where a word, a phrase, or a clause is left out. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence and write its corresponding letter on the answer card.

13. Nature, not content with _____ him the ability to think, has endowed him with the ability to write.
 (A) to have denied (B) to deny (C) deny (D) denying
14. At the age of 14, he could play, _____, Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No 1.
 (A) flawless and without hesitation (B) flawlessness and by hesitation
 (C) flawlessly and without hesitation (D) without flaw and by hesitation
15. I saw a man at your front door last night. The man was apparently trying to open the door, _____ he didn't seem to have the right key.
 (A) when (B) but (C) who (D) and
16. If you tell him your date of birth, he can tell you _____ it fell on.
 (A) what day of the week (B) which date of a week
 (C) what date of some week (D) which day of a week
17. The secret of popular writing is never to put more on a given page _____ the common reader can lap off it with no strain whatsoever on his habitually slack attention.
 (A) which (B) what (C) than (D) that
18. _____ most definitions of race are based are dictated by a handful of genes.
 (A) Those outward signs with which (B) Outward signs from which
 (C) The outward sign by which (D) The outward signs on which
19. The problem is who will feed the dog _____ you are out.
 (A) when (B) so (C) that (D) then
20. These behavioral variations occur throughout the brain, in regions _____, memory, emotion and vision.
 (A) have involved in languages (B) could involve in language
 (C) involved in language (D) involved in languages
21. _____, boys tend to gravitate toward balls whereas girls more typically reach for a doll.
 (A) When selecting toys (B) After selecting toys
 (C) As to select toys (D) How toys are selected

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22. But on this particular day I found myself _____ not about the movies or about writing but instead pouring out my feelings about the loss of my father.
 (A) to talk (B) talking (C) talked (D) talk
23. The sight of someone _____ made her feel as if someone were touching her in the same place on her own body.
 (A) touched (B) having touched
 (C) being touched (D) having been touched
24. _____ you like it or not, you'll have to learn English.
 (A) Even if (B) Although (C) If (D) Whether
25. I've never known anyone to enjoy a carnival _____.
 (A) as more as them (B) as much as they
 (C) as much as them (D) as more as they

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III. Reading Comprehension: 20%

Each reading passage is followed by five questions. Choose the best answer to each question, and write its corresponding letter on the answer card.

Passage 1

Acculturation, which begins at birth, is the process of teaching new generations of children the customs and values of the parents' culture. How people treat newborns, for example, can be indicative of cultural values. In the United States it is not uncommon for parents to put a newborn in a separate room that belongs only to the child. This helps to preserve parents' privacy and allows the child to get used to having his or her own room, which is seen as a first step toward personal independence. Americans traditionally have held independence and a closely related value, individualism, in high esteem. Parents try to instill these prevailing values in their children. American English expresses these value preferences: children should "cut the (umbilical) cord" and are encouraged not to be "tied to their mothers' apron strings." In the process of their socialization children learn to "look out for number one" and to "stand on their own two feet."

26. The expression "to cut the cord" in line 7 is used to show that _____.
 (A) Children don't like their parents
 (B) Parents don't feel close to their children
 (C) Independence from one's family is an important personal goal in the United States
 (D) Electricians cut pieces of string

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27. Children who are “tied to the apron strings” in line 8 _____.
- (A) are caught in their mothers’ aprons.
 (B) must always wear an apron when they eat
 (C) like to play in the kitchen
 (D) are very dependent on their mothers
28. According to the above passage, that a newborn sleeps in a separate room is _____.
- (A) common (B) uncommon (C) seldom (D) quite unusual
29. To “stand on their own two feet” in the last line is synonymous with _____.
- (A) be strong (B) be bold (C) be tall (D) be independent
30. The most important concept in the passage is _____.
- (A) acculturation (B) independence (C) individualism (D) values

Passage 2

We have been making music since the dawn of culture. More than 30,000 years ago early humans were already playing bone flutes, percussive instruments and jaw harps. Infants as young as two months will turn toward consonant, or pleasant, sounds and away from dissonant ones. Therein lies an intriguing biological mystery: Why is music universally beloved and important to us? In recent years we have begun to gain a firmer understanding of where and how music is processed in the brain, which should lay a foundation for answering evolutionary questions. The experience of a composer additionally suggested that music and speech were processed independently. After suffering a stroke in 1953, Vissarion Shebalin, a Russian composer, could no longer talk or understand speech, yet he retained the ability to write music until his death 10 years later. The studies of musicians confirm the brain’s ability to revise its wiring in support of musical activities. The prolonged learning and training increase the number of cells. Musicians also must develop greater ability to use both hands. This increased coordination between the motor regions of the two hemispheres has an anatomical substrate. Overall, findings to date indicate that music has a biological basis and that the brain has a functional organization for music.

31. According to the passage, which of the following is false about musicians?
- (A) They have more neurons to process music.
 (B) They can play more musical tones.
 (C) They can control their fingers better.
 (D) The motor regions of the two hemispheres are better coordinated.

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32. The study of processing music in the brain can help understand ____.
- (A) the dawn of music (B) human evolution
(C) musical training (D) reasons for music's power
33. What is the main concern of the author?
- (A) Musicians are different.
(B) Early humans played different kinds of instruments.
(C) Evolution is related to music.
(D) Why music is universal should be studied.
34. In line 3, the word "intriguing" means ____.
- (A) open (B) interesting (C) unsolved (D) vague
35. According to the passage, music and speech should be processed separately, because ____.
- (A) they do not have the same set of rules
(B) the brain's responses to both are different
(C) their reasons for existence are different
(D) the sensory systems are complicated

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IV. Composition: 30%

Paparazzi follow famous people everywhere they go in order to take photographs of them for newspapers and magazines. Write an essay of about 300 words to discuss "Paparazzi in Taiwan."

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