I. Abbreviation: What does each of the following abbreviations stand for? (10%)
1. CNN  2. CEO  3. GOP  4. WTO  5. HBO
6. helmet

II. Translation: Translate into Chinese. (10%)
9. Take it or leave it!  10. Don’t bug me!
III. Vocabulary: Choose the answer that best describes the meaning of the underlined word. (20%)

1. Weight lifting does in fact improve cardiovascular health and is strongly recommended for cardiovascular disease-prevention programs.
   a. the heart       b. the muscle, biceps       c. the lungs
2. Piracy is so ingrained in Russia that it is extremely difficult to get licensed copies of computer programs, audio CDs or foreign videos.
   a. enforcement of the intellectual property laws.       b. the e-commerce       c. unauthorized reproduction of patented invention
3. Emerging after four years in development, Windows 2000 represents the first step in Bill Gates’ latest strategy to woo the technology world in the next century.
   a. to seek to win       b. to seek to drag       c. to seek to fight
4. Mr. Harold Moya from Yokohama complained that “… the psychological harassment from peers and superiors, the unpaid overtime work, the little time for family …, the overall stress… all make Japan’s technological advances absolutely worthless.”
   a. entrepreneurs       b. foes       c. co-workers
5. The plethora of gadgets and gizmos that are being designed into vehicles may be the much bigger threat of highway safety of tomorrow. Drivers are warned not to talk on cell phones, read E-mail … while driving.
   a. over-abundant amount       b. hands-free, risk-free equipments       c. quality
6. Virenque, kicked out of the Tour de France in 1998 on doping charges and reluctantly admitted to the cycling race last year, attacked in the last climb.
   a. racism       b. drug abuse       c. under-qualify
7. A group of 57 parliamentarians called for the sacking of Vice President Annette Lu, saying her comments on China endangered the interests of the island.
   a. promotion       b. suspension       c. dismissal
8. Fear of kidnapping and blackmail, billionaire Johnna Quandt and her family abhor publicity. They are keen to stay out of the public eye.
   a. show disgust       b. cope easily with       c. interact properly
9. Global winds of change are forcing companies that are national icons to merge, sell key assets, or move abroad.
   a. joint venture enterprises       b. companies that go bankrupt       c. well-known and admired companies
10. Chocolate was hardly a novel product. Mr. Milton Hershey eschewed European formulas for milk chocolate which drove Kisses to $2 million in sales in 1907, their debut year.
   a. a first public appearance  b. tenth anniversary  c. auction

IV. Choose the best answer to fill into the blank. (60%)
11. As one of the world’s leading life sciences companies, Aventis ___ the development of new preventive vaccines against numerous infectious diseases.
   a. is ridding the world of   b. is fully committed to   c. is threatening
12. Canon believes that advanced digital technology is meaningless unless it brings tangible benefits to those ___ to serve.
   a. it is meant   b. who mean   c. whom they mean
13. The issue of global warming has given rise to heated debate. Is the burning of fossil fuels and increased ___ in the air a serious threat or just a lot of hot air?
   a. amount of lower-carbon emission  b. concentration of carbon dioxide  c. provision of cleaner burning gas.
14. ___, second in line to the British throne, who can no legally but himself a pint in a pub, missed his 18-year-old birthday bash because he was cramming for final exam.
15. For decades, millions of Koreans have wished for something like this ___ between Kim Jong II and Kim Dae Jung in June, but did not believe it would ever happen.
   a. troops withdrawal  b. hostile encounter  c. ground-breaking summit
16. The tragedy of the damage in India caused by the Orissa cyclone was indeed terrible, but what is worse is the ongoing ___ of India’s so-called elite. They should do volunteer work in the slums in order to understand something about helping the needy.
   a. concern   b. indifference   c. compassion
17. Every year, thousands of Chinese pay huge sums to cram into ramshackle ships and sealed containers in the hope of ___ into America.
   a. emigrating   b. sneaking   c. commuting
18. More than half of all Finns own a mobile phone – the 58% penetration is the highest in the world. But that doesn’t mean this market is ___. Phone
companies expect to top 100% market penetration by the middle of the next decade.

19. Finns are racing into ___, sending millions of short missives to each other’s phones. But this function of the cell phone will soon be viewed as primitive.

    a. chattering   b. data transmission   c. videoconferencing

20. The new technology of the so-called Third Generation of mobile telephony will lift data speeds from today’s ___ 9.5 kilobits per second to one megabit or two per second.

    a. innovative   b. equivalent   c. sluggish

21. High school students of Finland speed-type on their cell-phony, zapping out messages with such ease that teachers, worried about cheating, ___ the devices before tests.

    a. confiscate   b. decode   c. browse

22. Strolling down the Champs Elysees in Paris and you’ll see hordes of teens gathered outside music shops and ice cream parlors, most of them ___ colorful cell phones.

    a. packaging   b. trading   c. sporting

23. In India, the no-contract cell phone prepaid cards – which leave no paper trail for police or tax inspectors – grew so popular among smugglers and thieves that the government has ___.

    a. cracked down   b. pumped up   c. covered up

24. Nokia claims that its intelligent WAP software and smart hyperlinks enable user for ___ information both easier and faster.

    a. recess   b. access   c. merge

25. Taiwan officially entered a new political era on May 20 with the ___ of Chen Shui-bian as President.

    a. declaration   b. negotiation   c. inauguration

26. In filming Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, director Lee Ang drove actress Michelle Yeoh nearly to tears with his ___ on precise Mandarin speech. “Every single words needs the right intonation.”

    a. persistence   b. consistence   c. insistence

27. AOLTY from America Online lets American viewers ___ the Net, read e-mail, send instant messages to friends right from the TV screen. Best of all, you don’t need a computer.

    a. web   b. surf   c. launch

28. Labor markets are tight and finding ___, especially for tough-to-fill technical job, is expensive. That makes the World Wide Web look like a dream
recruiting tool.
   a. candidates   b. corporates   c. websites
29. DaimlerChrysler’s Smart car, a tiny two-seater powered by a three-cylinder ___ is designed to test new technology, generate publicity and make the company appear environmentally responsible.
   a. brake system  b. stereo   c. engine
30. On Sept. 8, the Canadian Auto Workers selected Ford Motor Co. to negotiate its next pattern-setting contract. If there’s no agreement by Sept. 21, Ford will face a ___ at its nine Canadian plants.
   a. strike  b. guarantee   c. turnover

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