

I. Please choose the most appropriate answer (18%)

1. Linda ____ her old textbooks and gave some away.
A. went into B. went through C. went by D. went past
2. John doesn't spend his money. He is saving it for a ____ day.
A. cloudy B. shiny C. windy D. rainy
3. I still haven't ____ my luggage from our vacation.
A. unfolded B. updated C. unpacked D. upgraded
4. You must wash your hands before you eat. They are ____
A. sturdy B. filthy C. grumpy D. tidy
5. I hope the leader's speech will make a(n) ____ in people's actions.
A. promise B. difference C. laugh D. sense
6. I am not going to ____ that excuse.
A. shake B. buy C. keep D. mean

II Cloze test (18%)

A hunter once caught a nightingale in his net. He was astonished when the bird spoke to him, asking for freedom. "See, how small I am", she said. "If you kill and eat me, you will not have ____7__. But if you ____8__ me free, I will teach you three rules of wisdom that can be ____9__ great help". The man said, "Teach me, ____10__ I will let you go. So the bird said, 'Never try to obtain what you cannot. Never lament the loss of a thing which you cannot recover. Never believe what cannot be true'. And the man let the nightingale go. The bird then decided to make a test. ____11__ on a high branch, she call out, "Poor man, why did you let me go? I have in my body a pearl larger than the egg of an ostrich. At ____12__ the man was sorry that he had freed the bird and tried in vain to her. Then he heard the nightingale speak once more, "Oh, foolish man, you have learned nothing from my teaching. You try to catch me when you cannot follow my flight. You grieve at the loss of something you cannot recover. And you believe that there is in me a pearl of great size. Can you not see my whole body is not so large as an ostrich egg?"

7. (a) some (b) many (c) much (d) no more
8. (a) give (b) let (c) leave (d) set
9. (a) of (b) in (c) to (d) from
10. (a) or (b) and (c) if (d) as
11. (a) Save (b) Safe (c) Safety (d) Safely
12. (a) last (b) length (c) least (d) once

III. Reading comprehension (20%)

Popular panda Hua Mei gave birth to twins in Sichuan, China after learning how to mate by viewing sex-education films. Hua Mei, who used to live in California at the San Diego Zoo, was brought back to China last year. She had always lived in captivity, and vegetarians were concerned that she would not know how to mate with other pandas. It seems that the educational videos did the trick. Now, Hua Mei is learning how to take care of her young. According to a recent survey completed in China, Hua Mei and her babies are now part of a panda population of more than 1600.

13. Where does Hua Mei live now?

- A. at the San Diego Zoo
- B. in Taiwan
- C. in China
- D. In the world

14. How many pandas did Hua Mei give birth to?

- A. two
- B. three
- C. one
- D. not mentioned

15. Why were vegetarians worried that Hua Mei wouldn't know how to mate?

- A. She had never lived in the wild.
- B. Hua Mei had never seen another panda in her life.
- C. She had never seen a male panda
- D. There were no male pandas in San Diego.

Animal Asia is an organization that wants to end bear farming in Asia and help as many caged and suffering bears as possible. Many bears are captured and kept in small, dirty cages for their bile. Bear bile is a traditional ingredient found in many Chinese medicines. The message put out by this organization is that bear farming has no place in civilized society. Not only is it cruel, it is also unnecessary because there are many different medicines that can be used instead of bear bile. Since 1998, the charity has worked with the Chinese government and arranged the rescue of approximately five hundred bears.

16. What is the best title for the passage?

- A. Giving hope to bears
- B. The importance of Chinese medicine
- C. The year of 1988
- D. Bear bile

17. Which statement is NOT true about the passage?

- A. Many bears are kept in terrible conditions.
- B. The Chinese government is involved with the charity.
- C. Animal Asia has rescued nearly five hundred bears.
- D. Bear bile is served in many Chinese restaurants.

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IV. Composition (44%)

The world's wealth continues to be unevenly distributed. Some countries such as the USA, Japan and UK are very rich, while others, like some countries in Africa, are very poor. Recently the famous singer A-Mei, as a messenger for the World Vision, came back from Sudan and described how terrible the condition is over there. Please compose an essay (no more than 200 words) about a hypothetical situation. "If you were given an opportunity to be a messenger to provide humanitarian rescue in the place you choose, where you will choose to visit, what you will see there and what you will like to do there". The essay should have an opening, body and concluding paragraph respectively.

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