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I. Vocabulary (28%):

A. Select the one word that best keeps the meaning of the original sentence if its substituted for the underlined word.

- Growing number of companies think the domestic market is profitable.
A. foreign B. native C. property D. stock
- Bankers are expected to be able to converse in English.
A. talk B. sing C. write D. understand
- After a long time of preparation, he launched a new enterprise.
A. destroyed B. started C. registered D. bought
- She was so cold that she felt no sensation in her hands or feet. She didn't feel anything.
A. warmth B. tiredness C. feeling D. sweat
- Since the elevator was out of order, everybody had to ascend to the 11th floor by stairs.
A. climb up B. walk slowly C. run quietly D. turn around
- As Tom approached the classroom, he could see that it was full of people.
A. cleaned up B. changed secretly C. came nearer D. crossed quickly
- I'm skeptical about the weather reports.
A. doubtful B. enthusiastic C. curious D. tolerant

B. Choose the best word to complete the sentences

- It is believed that milk can boost our ___ system, so we won't get sick easily.
A. crucial B. immune C. graphic D. explicit
- ___ shopping is getting more and more popular because it is more convenient than traditional shopping.
A. Spacious B. Thrifty C. Upward D. Virtual
- Due to his effort, he was admitted to a ___ school after the competitive joint entrance exam.
A. radical B. prestigious C. miserable D. symbolic
- Prices can ___ a lot, even for the same product. For example, you can pay 42 cents for a soda in the supermarket and as much as \$1.5 in a restaurant.
A. litter B. halt C. freeze D. vary
- My father is ___. He doesn't worry about what happened in the past and what might happen in the future.
A. suspicious B. commercial C. expressive D. optimistic
- More and more teenagers are thinking of undergoing ___ surgery to have a better look.
A. plastic B. radical C. nanny D. operator
- ___ wealth doesn't guarantee happiness. After all, being rich may not make you feel good about yourself.
A. Material B. Spiritual C. Harness D. Discipline

II. Grammar (28%)

A. Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence

- John didn't think I'd really done the work, but in fact I ___.
A. did B. had C. have D. would
- Mary is seventeen years old, so she is still ___ vote. She has to wait until next year.
A. young enough to B. too young to C. too old to D. not too old to
- When customers cannot have everything they want, they have to choose ___ most.
A. they want what B. what they want C. they want it D. that they want it

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18. The cost of medical insurance ___ steadily over the current decade.
A. has risen B. has arisen C. had arose D. has been arisen
19. The analyst predicted that the company would not go bankrupt ___ might even show a profit.
A. either B. or C. so D. and
20. His company is expected to make 15 million this year, ___ from 3.5 million last year.
A. below B. over C. down D. up
21. There are two umbrellas. This is definitely mine, so ___ must be yours.
A. the other B. another C. each other D. one another
22. Shanghai B-shares closed 2.1 percent higher yesterday with shares reversing morning ___ amid late bargain-hunting.
A. losses B. losing C. lost D. loose

B. Identify the one underlined part that would NOT be considered correct

23. In order to avoid to make mistakes, have your colleagues check the statistics.
A B C D
24. Ireland tops the list of the world's most global nations, ahead of such giants as the United States, Germany and Britain.
A B C D
25. Americans spent more money in 2006 watching rented videos at home than go to the theaters to see movies.
A B C D
26. Microsoft, the company for what Alex works, tend to employ people who are self-starters and who have ten years of experience in the field.
A B C D
27. In countries depend on their citizens' obedience, government encourage compliance.
A B C D
28. With too many firms enter competitive markets, their share of profits will fell.
A B C D

III. Dialogue: Choose the best answer based on the context (12%)

29. A: May I speak to John Smith?
B: ____
A: This is Lily Lin of the First Commercial Bank.
B: Yes?
A. Speaking. B. Who are you? C. Who do you work for? D. Why me?
30. A: Gosh, Judy. That's a pretty heavy schedule you've signed up for.
B: ____ compared with the classes I had last semester.
A. It's a piece of cake B. You can say that again. C. I'm not alone D. Easier said than done
31. A: I'm thinking seriously of buying a new computer this month.
B: ____ . I just read that some new high-powered models will be on the market by September.
A. I'll wait a while if I were you. B. Sounds good. That's a smart decision. C. Get it done as soon as possible. D. You sure are a rich and smart guy.
32. A: How are you doing?
B: ____ .
A. I'm thinking B. Don't bother me. C. Fine. D. By bus.

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33. A: You're not going to believe this! I spent \$12,000 on lottery, but won a thousand only.
B: _____. I spent double but didn't win a penny.
A: Oh, you poor thing.
A. You are telling me! B. In your next life. C. God helps those who help themselves. D. Don't change the subject.

34. A: Microsoft. How may I help you?
B: Is Mr. Smith there?
A: Hold on. _____.
B: Thank you.
A. Would you leave a message? B. I'll put you through. C. Who is calling, please? D. You've got the wrong number.

IV. Cloze: Choose the best answer based on the context (32%)

Both men and women are living longer these days in the industrialized countries. 35, women, on the average, live longer. 36 they can expect to live six or seven years more than men. One of the factors for this is biological.

The 37 in hormones between men and women that helps women live longer. 38 the ages of about 12 and 50, women produce hormones that are involved in fertility. These hormones also have a 39 effect on the heart and the blood flow. In fact, women are less likely to have high blood pressure or to die from heart attacks.

35. A. Whatsoever B. Instead C. However D. In addition to
36. A. Speak of the devil B. In general C. On top of that D. No matter what
37. A. chemistry B. function C. difference D. effect
38. A. From B. Ranging C. Among D. Between
39. A. positive B. permanent C. negative D. temporary

Most homes are full of dangers for small children. Many of these dangers are obvious. Stairs, for example, can be dangerous, and 40 can the sharp corners of a table. Another well-known 41 is fire and parents usually are careful about matches and candles. But other dangers may be 42 obvious to a parent. Many children die from poisoning in their homes. In fact, all kinds of things in the house could be poison to a child. Medicine, for example, may not be harmful for 43, but may make a child seriously ill. The 44 is true of alcohol and cigarettes. Finally, soaps and chemicals used for cleaning are often extremely poisonous. All these things should be kept far out of the reach of young children.

40. A. also B. that C. so D. it
41. A. event B. danger C. discovery D. experience
42. A. more B. less C. much D. very
43. A. an adult B. a patient C. an employee D. a doctor
44. A. fact B. guess C. same D. idea

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On July 8th 1947, the U.S. Air Force told the public that a flying disk had crashed in Roswell, New Mexico and that they had found bodies of aliens. Later that day, the U.S. Air Force 45 its story and told reporters that the disk was in fact a weather balloon.

The story became famous when people said that the government had 46 the truth. Thirty years later, witnesses told newspapers that they had seen the 47. They 48 the aliens in detail, and models were made according to their descriptions.

In 1994, the U. S. Air Force changed the 49 again. Now they said that the crash at Roswell in 1947 had been a top secret radar balloon 50 for spying on the U.S.S.R. When Government officials investigated, they found that all documents recorded at Roswell from 1945 to 1949 had been destroyed more than forty years ago.

45. A. told B. repeated C. printed D. changed
46. A. made public B. let to C. covered up D. talked into
47. A. disk B. aliens C. balloon D. reports
48. A. disliked B. depressed C. demanded D. described
49. A. story B. place C. official D. model
50. A. use B. to use C. using D. used

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