I. Fill in the blanks with the best answer: 30%

(A) adapted  (B) toting  (C) anxiety  (D) tremendous  (E) little
(F) compensation  (G) turmoil  (H) credibility  (I) excitement  (J) much
(K) reverence  (L) deprivation  (M) imposed  (N) resentment  (O) creative

After decades of famine and political _1_ in China, parents who grew up in troubled and often violent times under Mao, suffering long periods of _2_ in the countryside and interrupted schooling, are now rearing, in many cases _3_ on- a generation of only children.

And these new parents are filled with _4_ about whether they are doing it right.

"This is a fixation," said James L. Watson, an anthropologist at Harvard University who has studied the Chinese family. "I would call it kind of a _5_ complex. The generation of parents that we are dealing with now, many of them are Cultural Revolution veterans who themselves did not have _6_ of a childhood, and I think many of them are trying hard to make sure that their own children get all the benefits and more that they missed out on."

But they are doing it with _7_ cultural guidance. The current generation of parents has been cut adrift from both the traditional Confucian values emphasizing _8_ for elders that were once the foundation of China’s extended families and from the Communist values _9_ for three decades under Mao.

Neither had much _10_ in China today.

II. Reading comprehension: 6%

Successful managers are the ones who anticipate and adjust to changing circumstances rather than being passively swept along or caught unprepared. Employers today are hiring managers who can take unfamiliar situations in stride. Successful managers doing business in the twenty-first century will need to be able to adjust to five overarching sources of change: globalization, the evolution of product quality, environmentalism, an ethical reawakening, and the internet revolution.

11. Successful managers will do all of the following except

A. be always ready for a changing world.
B. be ready to adjust to globalization.
C. follow current management methods.
D. respond to environmental challenges.

The alarm stage is the body’s first stage of response to a stressor, during which its defenses prepare for action. Suppose a car ahead of you on the road suddenly veers out of control. This is an immediate stressful event. Your heart starts pounding faster, speeding the flow of blood to your extremities and providing muscles with the oxygen and fuel they need to take swift action, such as performing an emergency maneuver to avoid a collision. The body’s response during the alarm stage is called fight-or-flight response because it is characterized by biological changes that prepare the body to deal with a threat by either fighting it off or fleeing from it.

12. According to this paragraph, which of the following is an example of a response during the alarm stage?

A. Adjusting to the pressures of work
B. Running away from a wild animal
C. Developing heart disease
D. Feeling calm and relaxed

III. Vocabulary: 24%
13. You can try the new product out in the comfort of your home with absolutely no _____ to buy.
   (1) attempt (b) intention (3) commitment (4) resolution
14. I don’t see how that information _____ this case.
   (1) caters to (2) bears on (3) identifies (4) rages
15. The latest release of statistics by the Government _____ the shaky state of the economic recovery.
   (1) underscores (2) differentiates (3) undergoes (4) frames
16. The Ministry of Education is going to do something _____ about education policy.
   (1) terrifying (2) fertile (3) drastic (4) economical
17. It’s a great movie and it _____ a Spanish actor who is going to be a world star within a year.
   (1) features (2) assures (3) dominates (4) launches
18. We thought he would _____ the discussion then and there.
   (1) affect (2) generate (3) originate (4) terminate
19. Women tend to _____ their success to external causes such as luck.
   (1) suit (2) respond (3) attribute (4) refer
20. The political instability in this country has scared away _____ investors.
   (1) negative (2) forthcoming (3) converging (4) potential
21. You have to figure out what feeling _____ your anger.
   (1) analyzes (2) extends (3) reacts (4) underlies
22. The local government has not _____ any attempt to rescue victims in the earthquake.
   (1) uncovered (2) abandoned (3) imagined (4) accelerated
23. The whole speech might well be _____ as a coded message to Americans.
   (1) available (2) indigenous (3) interpreted (4) unprecedented
24. Rhymes and songs help parents _____ with their babies.
   (1) interact (2) contact (3) maneuver (4) blend

IV. Composition: 40%
Recently people have been discussing whether to allow Mainland Chinese college students to study in Taiwan or not. What is your opinion about this issue? What are the advantages and disadvantages of allowing those students to study in Taiwan? Please compose an essay (no more than 200 words) about this issue.