I. Vocabulary:

1. __ is a glass or plastic container in which fish and other water animals are kept.
   A. Unique  B. Aquarium  C. Dolphin  D. Poverty
2. I went to Hong Kong for __, not on business.
   A. sightseeing  B. vehicle  C. seatbelt  D. thriller
3. I'm a tourism major. I plan to work for a travel agency this winter to get some __ experience.
   A. hourly-paid  B. round-trip  C. hands-on  D. self-employed
4. I like to go to __ parks to have some fun with my classmates.
   A. commercial  B. amusement  C. literature  D. distracting
5. She is crazy about learning English. She has a lot of __ to learn.
   A. adventures  B. tutors  C. motivation  D. enthusiast
6. He became an __ because his parents died in a car accident last year.
   A. editor  B. orphan  C. impact  D. anchor
7. I'm a poor student. So when I travel abroad, I can only afford __ class, not business class.
   A. regular  B. common  C. economy  D. typical
8. Many people cannot __ what Ben is saying because of his accent.
   A. communicate  B. correspond  C. comprehend  D. correlate
9. The school will __ students who cheat on tests or fight with other students.
   A. reform  B. filter  C. harass  D. expel
10. Because of global warming, more and more people died in natural __.
    A. disasters  B. resources  C. sciences  D. instincts
11. He was __ to know that he didn’t pass the entrance exam.
    A. neglected  B. admitted  C. polluted  D. stunned
12. If you have any questions, don’t __ to tell me. I’m willing to help you.
    A. hesitate  B. overlook  C. forbid  D. layout
13. In China, sales of __ increased a lot because more and more people want to look attractive.
    A. cosmetics  B. measures  C. ointments  D. shiploads

II. Grammar

14. The ceremonies __ winners began at the 1896 Olympics.
    A. honor  B. honored  C. honoring  D. to honor
15. The world of work is changing, due in part to __ and technology.
    A. globe  B. global  C. globalize  D. globalization
16. When some people think of travel, __ think of expensive hotels or tours to famous places.
    A. you  B. he  C. we  D. they
17. Enron Corporation was __ in 1985 and quickly grew to become the world's largest energy trader.
    A. found  B. founded  C. founden  D. finden
18. The __ you practice, the faster you can run.
    A. more hardly  B. more harder  C. harder  D. harder
19. You __ him yesterday. Now it is too late for him to make any changes.
    A. will tell  B. should tell  C. should have told  D. hadn’t told
20. Please __ any more. It is not good for your health.
    A. don’t smoke  B. not smoking  C. not to smoke  D. to not smoking
21. Bad habits usually result __ bad health. Thus if you want to be in a good shape, you need to get rid of some habits.
    A. By  B. from  C. in  D. to
22. A recent student survey showed that just one-fifth of __ who looked for jobs before graduation have one by now.
    A. this  B. those  C. they  D. that
23. The headquarters of President Corporation __ in Tainan.
    A. is  B. are  C. be  D. being
24. Though he tried his best, he did not __.
    A. success  B. successful  C. successfully  D. succeed
25. His death was a great __ to this society.
    A. lose  B. loss  C. lost  D. loose
III. Reading comprehension

A. The process for employing foreign workers in the United States is long. It involves different government agencies. It also involves a hot political issue. For example, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that President Obama signed into law in February dealt with this issue. It included conditions against foreign workers displacing qualified Americans at companies that receive federal stimulus money. Job cuts have slowed in some industries. But the economic downturn has cost millions of jobs and recovery will take some time.

Foreign graduates need a job offer to get an H-1B visa. This is a non-immigrant visa for work in the person’s area of specialty. The employer is the one who applies for it. The visa is good for three years and may be extended for another three years. Sixty-five thousand H-1Bs are awarded each year to graduates with a bachelor’s degree. Bill Wright at the Department of Homeland Security says fewer than forty-five thousand applications for these visas had been received as of this week. There was more demand for twenty thousand other H-1Bs for those with advanced degrees. In addition, thousands of the visas are awarded to other groups, such as university researchers.

26. What is the proper subject of this passage?
   A. Foreign graduates and jobs  B. Economic downturn  C. The process of visa application  D. Jobs and economic recovery

27. According to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, companies that receive government stimulus money should ___.
   A. hire foreign workers  B. fire American workers  C. displace qualified Americans  D. displace foreign workers

28. How many people in the U.S. lost their jobs because of recession?
   A. Millions  B. Billions  C. Trillions  D. Hundreds of thousands

29. Which of the following statements about H-1B visa is true?
   A. The applicants must not be immigrants.  B. Students have to apply for it by themselves.  C. Foreigners must have a visa first to get a job.  D. The visa holders need to apply for a new visa every three years.

30. How many people apply for H-1B visa yearly?
   A. 65,000  B. 45,000  C. 20,000  D. not known

B. Japanese twin sisters yesterday celebrated their 100th birthdays together, says that their secrets for living long included eating healthy food and not worrying too much.
Saki Takamiya and Tsuki Takashima, both living in Fukushima north of Tokyo, received bouquets of flowers and other gifts, surrounded by some 100 people including dozens of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

“Although they are now both in wheelchairs, they looked very happy being celebrated by many family members,” said local city official Takashi Watanabe, who participated in the celebration.

Takamiya and Takashima were born on September 23, 1907. They both married in their 20s and raised seven and five children respectively. The centenarian sisters both enjoy watching sumo and are fond of eating sweets like bean buns and chocolates.
Takamiya says the secret of her long life is not to worry about things, while Takashima says she likes to eat healthy foods like grated radish and pickled plums, according to city hall.

31. How many children do the twin sisters have in total?
   A. 7  B. 10  C. 12  D. 13

32. According to the twin sisters, what makes them live long?
   A. Family life  B. Carefree spirits  C. No sweets  D. Exercise regularly

33. Who did NOT show up at the celebration of the twin sisters’ 100th birthday?
   A. Their husbands  B. Government officials  C. The twin sisters’ children  D. The twin sisters’ children’s grandchildren

34. What do the twin sisters talk about in the birthday celebration?
   A. Childhood stories  B. Methods of teaching the children  C. Early marriage life  D. Secrets of long lives

35. What can be inferred from the twins from this passage?
   A. They have good teeth.  B. Their health is not in a good condition.  C. They live with their children happily.  D. They eat vegetables only, no meat.
Cuts in government spending have forced colleges to look elsewhere for money. Overseas recruits have thus become an increasingly critical source of 36; in Britain the average university now looks to 37 students to provide at least 10 percent of its income. 38, a good name and a British campus are no longer enough to pull in high-paying overseas recruits. The competition 39, the world of English-language higher education is growing intense. And today’s international students don’t 40 head to the United States or the United Kingdom; they consider a lot of factors, from cost to climate, before making their pick.

36. A. cash  B. chorus  C. competition  D. conflict
37. A. foreign  B. general  C. public  D. smart
38. A. However  B. Furthermore  C. In addition  D. What is more
39. A. between  B. outside  C. round  D. within
40. A. automatically  B. occasionally  C. reluctantly  D. stubbornly

Business people in Denmark will often invite you to join them for dinner. This 41, called middag, is served from 6 to 8 P.M. It is the 42 meal of the day. Danish executives may invite you to join them at a restaurant; in Copenhagen, the city’s many basement 43 are popular spots for business meals. 44, it is also quite common for Danes to invite you to dine in their homes. If you spouse is traveling with you, he or she will probably 45 as well. If you are invited into a Danish home, it is customary to bring a gift.

41. A. meal  B. business  C. tradition  D. occasion
42. A. only  B. casual  C. main  D. real
43. A. parkings  B. cafes  C. spas  D. recreations
44. A. What’s worse  B. Nonetheless  C. As a result  D. However
45. A. invite  B. be invited  C. not invite  D. not be invited

Coffee is a popular beverage, one of the most popular in the world today. East and West, there are people who cannot start their day without their morning 46. Where did this 47 come from? How long have people 48 it? The 49 may surprise you. Coffee dates back at least 50 the sixth century. It comes from the country of Ethiopia.

46. A. exercise  B. stretch  C. cup  D. learning
47. A. food  B. drink  C. popularity  D. joke
48. A. imagined  B. practiced  C. worshipped  D. drunk
49. A. benefits  B. disadvantages  C. qualities  D. answers
50. A. to  B. in  C. by  D. on