*Please arrange your answers in 10 per row manner and clearly separate every category. Thank you for your consideration. (e.g. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15.)

I. Vocabulary: 40%
A. Choose the most suitable definition of the underlined words: 20%
1. There should always be a pilot project conducted before executing any influential and impotent policies of an organization.
   (a. a plan to train pilots  b. a critical plan  c. a trial activity  d. an activity to train students).
2. Some scholars believe that learning is a process of trial and error.
   (a. acing repeatedly for success  b. trial for the errors  c. sink or swim  d. identifying errors).
3. With the gloomy economy, every company is looking for ways to a much leaner organization.
   (a. fat  b. effective  c. thinner  d. well organized).
4. We all wish that we play in the major leagues, and not in a second rate league.
   (a. the most important team  b. the most important section of a group c. the baseball games d. the basketball games).
5. Downsizing personnel is one way to a cutback of expanses.
   (a. a reduction  b. cuing the back of a company  c. save  d. shortage).
6. Teachers who have charismatic personality will have a better chance in winning their students’ attention.
   (a. peaceful  b. competitive  c. assertive  d. qualities that attractive to others).
7. Teachers should stand behind their students when their students try to fulfill their potentiality.
   (a. support  b. stand in the back  c. stand next to the students  d. help).
8. Many students wish that their high schools would keep their snack time as in the kindergarten.
   (a. lunch  b. light meal  c. desserts  d. dinner).
9. There are many people prefer taking a radical approach by killing themselves in facing their problems.
   (a. surprising  b. radiation  c. drastic  d. violent).
10. In making resolution every New Year, more than often, we wind up not getting the goal we set up to achieve.
    (a. rotate  b. run up  c. come up  d. end up).

B. Choose the most suitable words from the list provided for the following sentences: 20%(please use the
   a. curfew    b. backfire   c. d. risky    e. f. mentors
   incentive    user-friendly
   g. kidding  h. i. j. feel at home  k. by-product  l. brainstorm head-start
   m. scam   n. soak up  o. squeeze  p. q. wholesaler r. preoccupation nightmare
   s. t. access
   additions

1. Students’ _____ of the internet games usually interferes with their desire to study.
2. _____ has been a popular strategies in teaching. It can generate various ideas from the participants.
3. A _____ type of programs offers those underprivileged children a fair chance to compete in the academic world.
4. The first-born of a family usually has many _____ to witness his/her growth. The second or third child may not have that luxurious photo memory.
5. This is a ____. Please don't be fool by it. The man is trying to cheat your money out of you.
6. I _____ in this project because it is within my expertise.
7. Teaching is a kind of work that needs a lot of _____ because it is not a high-paid job and it consumes teachers’ mind and time so much.
8. Many of the new software emphasize that their products are _____.
9. Many students do their homework at the last moment. Of course, it is quite _____ because there may be unexpected situations occurred, such as computer or printer is not working, etc and delays the progress.
10. Students usually consider teachers as their _____. They seek advice on academic planning, career planning, and many other things from their teachers.

11. American parents usually set _____ for their children according to the ages of their children. The older the children are, the later they can stay out on weekends.

12. Fame and power has been one of the popular _____ of modern people.

13. Children are like a sponge who eagerly _____ any knowledge that they can get their hands on.

14. The Internet has provided us with an _____ to all the formation in the world and free us from our geographic restriction.

15. Even a well-planned lesson plan may _____ sometimes if students do not have the motive to learn.

II. Reading Comprehension : 20%
"Deaf Babies Use Their Hands to Babble, Researcher Finds" by Natalie Angier

The gestures of the deaf children do not have real meaning, any more than babble noises have meaning, but they are far more systematic and deliberate than are the random finger flutters and fist clenches of hearing babies. The motions seem to be the deaf babies' fledgling attempts to master language, said Dr. Laura Ann Petitto, a psychologist at McGill University in Montreal. She is the principal author of the new report, which is appearing today in the journal Science.

The new research strongly suggests that the brain has an innate capacity to learn language in a particular, stepwise fashion, by stringing together units into what eventually become meaningful words, Dr. Petitto said. The brain will progress from one stage to another regardless of whether language is conveyed through speaking, hand signing or presumably any other method of communication, she added.

The results contradict a widespread assumption among linguists that the maturation of the vocal cords affects language development among infants.

"For centuries, people thought that speech is language and language is speech," she said. "There's been a whole complicated notion that the structure of the motor apparatus and the unfolding of the mouth muscles actually influenced the structure and development of language."
But in showing that deaf babies babble with their hands in a manner that has all the basic elements of vocal babbling, she said: "We've decoupled language from speech. We've torn them apart."

She believes that the deaf parents notices the nascent efforts of their children to communicate through signs and began reinforcing the gestures, just as normal parents talk the back to an reinforce their babbling infants by turning the babble into words, for examples, by saying "dadadada... Daddy."

But there was idiosyncratic taste at work as well. Just as one hearing baby may prefer to say "babababa" while another fastens upon "gagaga," so one of the deaf infants tended to make her gestures in front of her torso, while the other deaf by performed his hand signs around his head and face.

1. According to the article, the hand signing of deaf babies in comparing to hearing babies is more
   (a. meaningful    b. Systematic    c. meaningless    d. random occurred).
2. What does these gesture motions of deaf babies mean?
   (a. Attempting to stimulate brain cells    b. attempting to master motor apparatus    c. attempting to master language    d. attempting to master social system).
3. What does the new research strongly suggests about our brain?
   (a. It has an innate capacity to learn language    b. learning language needs special skill    c. learning language is not part of its abilities    d. it and language are not compatible).
4. How does our brain learn language?
   (a. By randomly adding affix to stems    b. by randomly stringing units into alphabets    c. by stringing abets into meaningful words    d. by colorfully placing alphabet into sentences).
5. Which instrument will affect the brain to progress from one stage to another?
   (a. Speaking    b. hand signing    c. any other method of communication    d. all of the above).
6. What is the widespread assumption of most linguists that affects the language develop among infants?
   (a. The maturation of the Cognition Domain    b. the maturation of the...
Affective Domain c. the maturation of the vocal cords d. the maturation of the pulmonic area).

7. What did the new research do to this widespread assumption of the linguists?
   (a. It concurs with the old assumption b. it overthrows the old assumption c. it confirms the old assumption d. it promotes the old assumption).

8. What do parents of deaf babies do when their babies are communicated through hand signing?
   (a. They reinforce the behaviors b. they deny the behaviors c. they forbid the behaviors d. they ignore the behaviors).

9. Is hand signing of deaf babies idiosyncratic as the verbal language of hearing babies?
   (a. Hand signing of deaf babies is more idiosyncratic b. verbal language of hearing babies is more idiosyncratic c. both are idiosyncratic d. none of them is).

10. What is the topic of this article?
    (a. Language leading b. parents of deaf babies c. idiosyncratic taste of language d. hand signing of deaf babies).

III. Choose the appropriate grammatical forms of the sentence. : 30%
1. The lunch that I had with Mr. Robinson went very well. We _____ with each other.
   (a. enjoy chatted b. enjoy chats c. enjoying chat d. enjoy chatting).

2. Managing people is a quite challenging task because people _____ the biggest, most unpredictable variable.
   (a. are b. is c. has been d. will be).

3. Life is usually filled with surprises. Every minute, there _____ something different _____.
   (a. might have.. happened b. might be.. happening c. might be.. happened d. might have been.. happening).

4. Lee An is one of the world famous directors. His "Crouching Tiger" _____ many Oscar Awards this year.
   (a. wins b. has won c. won d. had won).

5. Marketing _____ a popular instrument in identifying the potentiality of a product in the modern days.
   (a. becomes b. has become c. is become d. became).
6. Everybody is using credit cards yet not everyone avows how to use plastic _____.
   (a. appropriate  b. appropriateness  c. appropriately  d. appropriately).

7. Going to the train station is not a difficult task. It is _____.
   (a. fun and healthy  b. funny and healthy  c. fun and health  d. funny and health).

8. The weather here has been weird this week, there (a. have  b. were c. have been d. are) sudden thunderstorms.

9. Living in the present world is a challenging task. The present and the past _____ so different that it _____ our value judgment.
   (a. is...confuses  b. are...confuses  c. has been...confused  d. are...confused).

10. _____ is extremely exhaustive.
    (a. Taking exaltation  b. To take examination  c. Taking examinations  
    d. The taking examinations).

11. I don't know where _____.

12. _____ man who I met teaches Science.
    (a. A  b. An  c. The  d. nothing)

13. The creditability of a company will help a consumer making decisions _____.
    (a. to purchase b. purchasing c. purchases  d. in purchasing).

14. Peggy is a diligent student. She _____ three hours _____ every evening.
    (a. uses...studying  b. uses...to sandy  c. spends...studying  d. spends...to study).

15. A big forest fire _____ yesterday in the Central Taiwan.
    (a. happened b. broke out c. occurred d. took place).