一、 Vocabulary：For each sentence below, choose the word that best maintains the meaning of the underlined word. (20%)

1. Clumps of daisies grow wild in the field.
2. I have never seen such a gorgeous mink coat in all my life!
   a. tawdry   b. plain   c. beautiful   d. cheap
3. The will entitles the heirs to live in the family mansion.
   a. permits   b. inspires   c. persuades   d. unfetters
4. Wearing evening gowns all day is just part of her eccentric behavior.
   a. customary   b. stunning   c. peculiar   d. typical
5. Heredity played a role in his temperament.
   a. Inheritance   b. Diligence   c. Acquisition   d. Endurance
6. Border raiding resulted in even more contention.
   a. confusion   b. confrontation   c. accord   d. allegation
7. Memorial Day marks the inception of summer for most people.
   a. adjournment   b. duration   c. tantrum   d. commencement
8. The quick arrival of fire fighter averted a major forest fire.
   a. availed   b. avoided   c. avouched   d. avowed
9. Housing developments are burgeoning in recent years.
   a. decreasing   b. forming   c. plummeting   d. thriving
10. Malaria is still rampant in some swamppy regions.
    a. elaborate   b. prevalent   c. restrained   d. tenuous

二、Sentence Structure：The following are incomplete sentences. Choose the word or period in which phrase that best complete the sentence. (30%)

1. __________ as a masterpiece, a work of art generally must surpass the ideas of the period in which it was created.
   a. To be ranked
   b. For the ranking
2. Advanced technology has significantly changed _________ photographic lenses are made.
   a. of way
   b. that of way
   c. the way
   d. that the way

3. Computer plays a major role in _________ future lifestyles.
   a. shaping
   b. to shape
   c. to shaping
   d. shape of

4. Of all the factors affecting Taiwan’s economy, political instability is the one _________ the most.
   a. why the economy affects
   b. the economy that is affects
   c. that affects the economy
   d. it affects the economy

5. Much of _________ about the behavior of porpoises is based on observation made at Sea World in Florida.
   a. what was reported
   b. it reported what
   c. report what was
   d. what was it reported

6. Considered one of the leading novelists in the U.S. today, _________.
   a. a number of poems have also been written by him
   b. he has also written a number of poems
   c. a number of his poems haven been written
   d. there have been a number of poems written by him

7. Gorillas are quiet animals, ________ they can make around twenty different sounds.
   a. in spite of
   b. due to
   c. because
8. In the animal kingdom, __________ bigger than elephant.
   a. only is whale
   b. only whale is
   c. whale is only
   d. is whale only

9. Nearly all paper contains cellulose, a constituent __________ in all plants.
   a. is found
   b. has found
   c. which found
   d. found

10. __________ on water depends on the density of the object.
    a. An object floats
    b. Whether an object floats
    c. If an object floats
    d. That an object floats

三、Close Test: Read the passage below and choose the best one to fill in each blank.

(20%)

Circus has been around since ancient Greece. However, ____1____ an Englishman, Philip, Astley, who was credited ____2____ the creation of modern circus. ____3____, Astley built the first circular track for horses after noting that it was easier for a performer to stand on horseback when they were galloping in a small circle. His arena was 42 ____4____ diameter, ____5____ is the standard measurement of a modern circus ring.

Demand for performing horses has declined in recent years ____6____ the growth of animal welfare movement and the Strong objections to the use of animals in circuses. ____7____, some circuses still have horses, which are trained to respond to their names, walk on command, reverse and skip. Most horses have been with the circus since the age of two, ____8____
it is much easier to train a young horse.

Horse trainers believe that ___9___ today, a circus cannot be a circus without horses. ___10___ the strong objections, they insist that circus horses have a better quality of life, as compared to some horses which are locked up in stables most of the time.

1. a. there was  b. there had  c. it was  d. he was
2. a. at  b. in  c. for  d. of
3. a. As a result  b. In addition  c. After all  d. However
4. a. at  b. in  c. with  d. of
5. a. in which  b. which  c. of which  d. it
6. a. in spite of  b. due of  c. despite  d. because
7. a. Moreover  b. However  c. Only if  d. As a matter of fact
8. a. but  b. as  c. that  d. so
9. a. for  b. even  c. by  d. to
10. a. Because of  b. Despite  c. In case  d. On account of

四、Reading Comprehension：Read the following passages. Each passage is followed by several questions. Choose the best answer for each question. (30%)

Passage A:

The Anasazi Indians were an ingenious, vigorous, adaptable whose well developed society prospered in spite of a highly inhospitable surroundings. They are best known for their elaborately built stone towns. The most noted Pueblo Bonito, northeast of Gallup, New Mexico, is probably the largest prehistoric architectural complex in the United States. It housed about 1000 people in a vast structure of 800 spacious rooms stretching more than 3 acres. Shaped like an amphitheater, this large mansion was about five stories high, with rooms arranged in a terraced semicircle around a central plaza.

Anasazi society appears to have been complex and well organized. The master builders who designed Pueblo Bonito built 12 other huge, walled-in complex in the Chaco area. In addition, Anasazi “engineers” surveyed and then constructed over
250 miles of wide, straight roads to link their communities to each other and to the outside world.

Well established by A.D. 500, the Anasazi built dams and irrigation canals to water the corn, squash, and beans they were able to grow in this desert-like land, and they providently stored their crops against drought years. They hunted rabbit, deer, antelope, and bighorn sheep for food. In addition, Artisans wove yucca plant fibers into sturdy sandals and baskets, made cotton into clothing, and fashioned feathers and fur into winter ponchos.

1. What is the main topic of the passage?
   a. The society of Anasazi Indians
   b. The architecture of Anasazi Indians
   c. The farming of Anasazi Indians
   d. The fashion of Anasazi Indians

2. What of the following is NOT the characteristic of Pueblo Bonito?
   a. It was made of wood.
   b. It was arranged in a semicircle.
   c. It was located northeast of Gallup.
   d. It was a five-story building.

3. Which of the following was NOT mentioned by the author?
   a. The Anasazi knew how to irrigate for farming.
   b. The Anasazi used yucca fiber to make footwear.
   c. Part of their food supply was from hunting.
   d. The Anasazi constructed underground dwellings.

4. According to the passage, which of the following word may be INAPPROPRIATE to be used when describing the personality of the Anasazi?
   a. Energetic
   b. Inventive
   c. Flexible
   d. Unoriginal

5. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the word “inhospitable” in line 2?
   a. healthy
   b. sick
c. society
d. unfriendly

6. What can be inferred from the passage?
   a. The weather condition for Anasazi society was dry.
   b. Anasazi society seemed to be very isolated from outside regions.
   c. The Anasazi were best known for their fashion.
   d. The buildings built by the Anasazi were quite simple but pretty.

7. Which word is closest in meaning to the word “providently” in paragraph 3?
   a. foresightedly
   b. unwarily
   c. injudiciously
   d. intelligently

Passage B:

Why birds migrate is not easy to explain. According to some scientific studies, migratory birds are able to withstand cold weather. The feather of birds serves as an insulator protecting them from the cold. Since birds are warm-blooded, their body temperature always remains constant, even if the temperature of their environment may change. The migratory behavior in birds appears to be instinctive, not learned. For example, many species of birds from the north leave their summer shelter while the weather is still warm and there is no shortage of food. Young arctic terns born at the Arctic will migrate with the flock for distant places they have never been before. Scientists believe that bird migrations are probably regulated by their glandular system. Some studies found that the changing length of the day is an important determinant causing migratory behavior. In an experiment, scientists put migratory birds in artificially lighted rooms. They found that if they lengthened the period of darkness, the glands of the birds would become active. These glands give out hormones, which are chemicals that control many body functions. In addition, shorter period of daylight seem to alter the hormone balance of birds, so that they can keep more fat inside their bodies. This stored fat is the material that generates the energy necessary for long-distance flight. The experiment also
revealed that the birds become more excited as the artificial night was lengthened. This may be the reason why most flocks begin their migratory flights during the night.

8. What is the main topic of the passage?
   a. The lifestyle of birds.
   b. Common migratory paths for birds.
   c. Bird migration in cold weather.
   d. The reason for bird migration.

9. According to the passage, which of the following keeps birds from cold weather?
   a. artificial light
   b. glands
   c. hormones
   d. feather

10. In paragraph 2, the author mentions young arctic terms as an example of birds that __________.
    a. adapt to cold weather
    b. leave home in summer
    c. acquire to migrate
    d. migrate innately

11. In the experiment mentioned in the passage, the scientists mainly adjusted
    a. exposure to light
    b. temperature in weather
    c. body temperature
    d. amount of food supply

12. Which of the following did **NOT** occur when the birds were subject to longer period of darkness?
    a. decreased body temperature
    b. activated glands
    c. excited behavior
    d. retention of more fat

13. Which word is closest in meaning to the word “constant” in the first paragraph?
    a. Invariable
    b. Persistent
c. Predictable
d. Reliable

14. Based on the passage, which of the following is correct?
   a. The longer the daylight is, the less fat the birds can store.
   b. The longer the daylight is, the higher the birds’ temperature becomes.
   c. The shorter the daylight is, the less agitated the birds become.
   d. The shorter the darkness is, the more hormones the birds produce.

15. What of the following is closest in meaning to the word “regulated” in paragraph 3?
   a. controlled
   b. triggered
   c. reset
   d. refined