A. Vocabulary: choose the best answer   30%

1. What is the word that refers to a sum of money which a person agrees to pay to an insurance company?
   (1. commission   2. compensation   3. premium   4. mortage)

2. AIDS has been described as the _______ of the modern world.
   (1. scourge   2. affinity   3. camouflage   4. elation)

3. Taipei city government has been adopting the most stringent possible measures to ______ SARS
   (1. combat   2. contain   3. escape   4. afflict)

4. Doctor Chou of the Ho Ping hospital became a “_______” when he failed to return to the sealed hospital after a SARS outbreak was reported on April 27.
   (1. criminal   2. expatriate   3. convict   4. fugitive)

5. Mr. Liu was offered the ______ job of heading the KMT’s business management committee during the 90s
   (1. luxurious   2. lucrative   3. gross   4. beneficial)

6. The failure of the novel might be ______ to a lack of creativity.
   (1. attributed   2. contributed   3. distributed   4. beneficial)

7. The critics were generous in their praise of Crane’s first book but were only ______ about his second one.
   (1. listless   2. foul   3. lukewarm   4. lavish)

8. Frequent hand washing has been a common ______ practice to fight SARS.
   (1. healthy   2. hygiene   3. nutritious   4. acquired)

9. Lt. Gen. Yang Kuo-chiang, commandant of the Military Academy, said yesterday the order to expel five cadets would never be ______.
   (1. resumed   2. recommended   3. rescinded   4. rebelled)

10. The village was ______ because of flood.
    (1. evacuated   2. relieved   3. released   4. rebelled)

11. Sensational media reporting thrives on people’s ______ curiosity.
    (1. intimate   2. immediate   3. intensive   4. instinctive)

12. The ______ of the quake was located 35.5 kilometers east of Hualien
    (1. climax   2. apex   3. summit   4. epicenter)

13. It took John several months to ______ that wild horse.
14. Charles is too _______; he never takes a stand on any important matters.
(1. naive  2. humble  3. vague  4. wishy-wishy)

15. When we walked down the street, we were _______ by the bright lights in Las Vegas.
(1. dazzled  2. confused  3. perplexed  4. relished)

B: Cloze test: 30%

(1) Water and Venice have always had a ____16____ relationship. The world’s most famously wet city is also one of its most famously endangered ones, forever ______17______ by its signature canals. Ever since the 14th century, Italian engineers ______18______ of ways to control the water. Now a solution may be at hand. Prime Minster Silvio Berlusconi and Venice mayor Paola Costa attended a ____19______ ceremony in May to begin work ____20______ the long-delayed Moses project, a vast series of sea gates that may finally keep the sodden city ____21______.

The need for Venetian water _____22____ has never greater. _____23____ high tides have caused major floods 10 times in the past 67 years alone, most disastrously in 1966, when the water in parts of the city climbed to more than 1.83 meters. Compression of sediment under the city, ____24____ rising sea levels, often causes smaller floods, shutting down businesses and making sidewalks and squares

16. (1. common  2. compromised  3. complicated  4. confirmed)
17. (1. being flooded  2. floods  3. flooding  4. to flood)
18. (1. dreamed  2. had dreamed  3. have dreamed  4. are dreaming)
19. (1. store-laid  2. stoned-laying  3. stoned-lying  4. stone--lain)
20. (1. at  2. with  3. on  4. to)
21. (1. wet  2. clean  3. dangerous  4. dry)
22. (1. supply  2. control  3. saving  4. rationing)
23. (1. relatively  2. consequently  3. therefore  4. especially)
24. (1. along with  2. without  3. because  4. in spite of)
25. (1. impossible  2. impassible  3. incredible  4. impeccable)

(2) It is a truth universally ____26____ that a man ____27____ a good fortune must be in want of a wife. ____28____ little known the feelings or views of such a man may be ____29____ his first entering a neighborhood, this ____30____ is so well fixed in the minds of surrounding families, that he is considered as the rightful property of some one or other of their daughters.

26. (1. commented  2. received  3. acknowledged  4. applauded)
27. (1.in need of  2.in possession of   3.lack of  4.in search of)
29. (1.at   2.in   3.when   4.on)
30. (1.belief   2.comment   3.truth   4.acknowledgement)

C : Grammar: choose the best answer to complete the following sentences   20%
31. Whatever the causes, English is currently more widely spoken and written
   than any other language _______.
   (1.ever was  2.has ever been   3.has ever been   4.would ever be)
32. _______ her proposals are worth considering, the board of directors finds it
   unwise to place too much importance on them.
   (1.Since   2.Provided   3.While   4.As)
33. Before I knew it, I had more food than I could eat in a week set in front of me,
   the men crowing around me shaking my hands and slapping my shoulders
   with joy, the women asking me questions all at the same time, and the children
   _______ to get in line to touch me.
   (1.had been fighting  2.fighting  3.to fight  4.had fought)
34. Written in a hurry, _______.
   (1) I made lots of grammatical errors in my English composition
   (2) there were lots of mistakes in my proposal
   (3) my letter was full of spelling mistakes.
   (4) my teacher asked me to rewrite my paper.
35. The teacher finally realized _______
   (1) that during the class how inattentive his students had been.
   (2) that during the class his students had been inattentive.
   (3) that how inattentive his students had been during the class.
   (4) during the class that how inattentive his students has been
36. Business _______ slow, the computer store offered generous discounts on
   laptop.
   (1.having been  2.was  3.had been  4.has been)
37. The polite time to comment _______.
   (1) was when he finished his entire speech.
   (2) was when he had finished his speech
   (3) came after he had finished his speech
   (4) was while he was finishing his speech
38.________ have to work on weekends?
   (1.Don’t you ever   2.Don’t you never   3.Haven’t you never   4.Didn’t
   you never)
39. Because _______ another argument I accepted Bill’s apology.
   (1. I was anxious to avoid    2. was eager to avoid    3. was anxious
    avoiding    4. I was eager avoiding)
40. ________, “Yes, Sir.”
   (1) I found myself continuously saying
   (2) I found myself continually saying
   (3) I continuously found myself saying
   (4) I found me continually saying

D: Reading Comprehension: 20%

SUVA Thurs August 15 (Reuters)- Pacific Island nations, most at risk of sinking
beneath rising sea levels, chided the United States on Thursday for not signing the
Kyoto Protocol and urged big aid donor Australia to do more to cut greenhouse gas
emissions.

Six island states met at the start of the annual Pacific Islands Forum and expressed
their grave concern about climate change. The former leader of one of the islands,
Tuvalu, predicted the Pacific would submerge his country in 50 years.

The leaders of the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, the Marshall Islands and
Tuvalu released a statement saying they “expressed profound disappointment at the
decision of the U.S. to reject the Kyoto Protocol.”

The statement stopped short of also naming Australia, the region’s biggest
greenhouse emitter and one of its largest aid donors. Canberra is expected to give
more than $278.9 million in aid to the region in the next fiscal year. Australia also is
not a signatory to the 1997 treaty on global warming that limits greenhouse gas
emissions.

“We are very sad, “ Tuvalu Prime Minister Saufatu Sopoanga told a news
conference. “Australia is one of our traditional donors.”

“We were actually expecting they would do something concrete about…making a
marked contribution to ensuring that industrialized countries respect and
implement the Kyoto protocol, “he said.

Sopoanga’s nation of about 11,000 people measures just 10 square miles. A string
of nine coral atolls, Tuvalu is just 16 feet above sea level at its highest point. Tuvalu
fears its last palm tree could sink under the Pacific within 50 years. (continued)

41. Which countries have not signed the Kyoto Protocol?
   (1) Japan and Nauru    (2) Tuvalu and Cook Islands    (3) the United States
   and Australia    (4) Kiribati and Canberra

42. How many countries released a statement?
   (1. two    2. four    3. six    4. eight)
43. What many countries released a statement?
   (1) They are worried about their poor economy.
   (2) They are concerned that rising sea levels will submerge their nations.
   (3) They are afraid of the end of the world
   (4) They are worried that Australia won’t give them money.

44. What was the name of the meeting being held?
   (1) Pacific Islands Forum  (2) Kyoto Protocol Meeting  (3) WTO
   (4) WHO

45. How high above sea level is Tuvalu?
   (1) fifty feet  (2) nine feet  (3) ten miles  (4) sixteen feet

In March, Sopoanga’s predecessor Koloa Talake said Tuvalu might sue the United States and its climate policy sidekick Australia over their failure to ratify the Kyoto protocol.

The Bush administration abandoned the Kyoto protocol in 2001, arguing that it would hurt the US economy. But Bush has put forward a plan aimed at encouraging industries to trim emissions.

Australia released data on Thursday showing its greenhouse emissions would rise by about 11 percent by 2010 from 1990 levels, slightly more than its Kyoto target of eight percent. Without the government’s actions, however, the emissions would have increased by 22 percent, officials said.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard, who is attending the Pacific Islands Forum, described the battle against climate change as a great challenge and did not think Australia’s concern varied greatly from that of the small island states.

However, he repeated his conservative government’s position that Australia would not sign up to Kyoto because the absence of the United States makes it a flawed treaty.

Mark the following statements ‘T’ if they are true, ‘F’ if they are false

46. Tuvalu has sued the U.S. and Australia over their failure to ratify the Kyoto Protocol.

47. The United States is interested in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

48. Australia has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions.

49. Australia will meet its Kyoto Protocol targets.

50. The Australian Prime Minister thinks Australia has similar views to Pacific Island states about climate change.