I. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence. (40%)

1. You need to work hard to ____ success, which never comes easy.
   A. apply  B. achieve  C. arrive  D. argue

2. The accused was released for ____ of evidence.
   A. lack  B. shot  C. soft  D. acid

3. Air and water are ____ to human life.
   A. resistant  B. possible  C. essential  D. monetary

4. The afternoon sun was warm. In the lake, the white swans ____ leisurely.
   A. glided  B. sliced  C. jumped  D. leaped

5. I withdrew from high school when I was 17. In ____ it was a big mistake.
   A. spectacle  B. respect  C. inspect  D. retrospect

6. Pu Yi is the last ____ of Ching Dynasty, China.
   A. empress  B. emperor  C. concubine  D. princess

7. It is said that Taiwan will have a ____ of eight million in the year 2105 as a result of low birth rate.
   A. reputation  B. program  C. population  D. family

8. I ____ the road less traveled by, and it has made all the difference.
   A. did  B. had  C. took  D. got

9. LCD is the ____ of Liquid Crystal Display.
   A. homonym  B. synonym  C. acronym  D. heteronym

10. Please don’t tell me that life is but a(n) ____ dream when I am twenty years old.
    A. empty  B. fulfilled  C. available  D. original

11. An education is a basic human right—every child is ____ to an education.
    A. titled  B. entitled  C. un entitled  D. tilted

12. ____ is an antonym of rural.
    A. rustic  B. urban  C. pastoral  D. aural

13. Jane Austen is the ____ of the novel "Pride and Prejudice".
    A. reporter  B. director  C. actor  D. author

14. In Taiwan, it is ____ to ride a motorcycle without wearing a helmet.
    A. immortal  B. illegal  C. impossible  D. irresponsible

15. Our store carried synthetic buffalo ____.
    A. hides  B. hiding  C. hide  D. hidden

16. My heart leaps up when I ____ a rainbow in the sky.
    A. behold  B. hold  C. beware  D. aware

17. The English word alphabet is ____ from two Greek letters α and β.
    A. deriving  B. derived  C. to derive  D. derive

18. Inconstancy’s the greatest of sins: it ____ ends well, nor begins.
    A. neither  B. either  C. or  D. so

19. I once dreamed of becoming a writer. But it was a ____ dream.
    A. rather faded  B. very fading  C. much faded  D. faded

20. Without you, I ____ the problem two years ago. Thank you very much.
    A. could not solve  B. could solve  C. could be solved  D. could not have solved
II. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words. (40%)  

Many Chinese believe in Fengshui. They believe it mysterious. Actually, Fengshui is a way to observe and judge if the living is good and human beings. The early so-called Fengshui is a science. Gradually, it became complicated, and mysterious. According to Fengshui masters, if the residence is good, the community will be safe and prosperous. If the residence is bad, it will become disorderly. Everything will go wrong and bad luck will fall on the offspring. Fengshui refers to the residence for the living as well as the location for the dead. If ancestors are buried in a site of good Fengshui, the offspring will become prosperous. Therefore, when choosing the burial site for parents, Chinese will invite Fengshui masters to double check the burial site has good Fengshui. Chinese people would rather believe in Fengshui than ignore it.

21. A. while B. when C. what D. where
22. A. value B. evaluate C. valuable D. evaluation
23. A. circus B. circle C. environment D. environmental
24. A. with B. within C. for D. forward
25. A. super B. superstar C. superior D. superstitious
26. A. household B. house C. home D. landlord
27. A. chased B. laughed C. perverted D. haunted
28. A. deceased B. living C. dedicated D. accessed
29. A. when B. if C. until D. yet
30. A. to B. then C. than D. after

To some degree, TV is a collection of photos. The difference is that these photos are in motion. The images show on TV, and we know what is going on. The images are this world actually. We do not realize what this world really is, so we depend on those images to explain it. Can they explain everything essentially?

31. A. who B. what C. that D. which
32. A. motion B. move C. moving D. mobile
33. A. upon B. around C. off D. on
34. A. depend B. extend C. expend D. intend
35. A. Since B. As C. But D. Except

Not a month goes by without me not planning at least one shopping day. On average, I look forward to shopping at least twice a month, and that doesn’t include window shopping. I wouldn’t say that I am a “shopaholic,” but my friends say that I am a super shopper. In fact, I do set a monthly budget, and shopping is one of the items in it. I seldom go over the budget because I never buy anything that is not on sale. I usually charge purchases to my credit card, I pay the full balance every month to avoid high interest.

36. A. what B. then C. that D. but
37. A. around B. beyond C. forward D. backward
38. A. not B. do C. did D. nor
39. A. For B. Though C. Because D. Since
40. A. balance B. deposit C. debt D. loan

III. In the sentences below, identify the one underlined phrase that is incorrect. (10%)

41. He believed in making inspired speeches and he made a great many. He believed in
   A being seen near the front lines and he was there.
   B
   C
   D

42. Unleaded petrol is the likely fuel to replace diesel. Liquefied petroleum gas, another
   A
   B alternative, is considering too unsafe to store.
   C
   D

43. According to the report, they consistently advocated the use of peaceful means for
   A
   B achieving greater democrat and human rights in the country.
   C
   D

44. Jack Mok was doing the rounds of Rotterdam, accompanied by his wife Helen, as the
   B
   C
   D

45. Once the grains are ground, vitamin E begins to deteriorate immediately and half of it is
   A lost by oxidation and exposed to the air within one week.
   B
   C
   D

IV. Reading Comprehension. (10%)

Football is one of the most popular sports in the world. Now it is more popular in Europe than in other
areas, but the origin of football is from China.

The earliest form of football 2000 years ago in China was called “cuju”. In the beginning, it was a
military training, and gradually, it was transformed into a spectacle of amusement for the general public.
According to a Chinese military manual written during the Han Dynasty, “cuju” involved skillful techniques
of kicking a ball, resembling football nowadays. When and how it was exported from China was unknown.
In the Tang Dynasty (618-907 A.D.) and the Sung Dynasty (960-1276 A.D.), “cuju” was a popular game. After
the Sung Dynasty, it was gradually transformed into an acrobatic feat for entertaining people instead of a sport.
As time goes by, football game in Europe, America, Australia, and Africa is more popular than in Asia.
Nevertheless, in recent years, Asian countries have devoted great effort to promote football. Hopefully,
football will become equally popular all over the world.

46. Which is the best title for the article?
   A. Football is popular B. Origin of Football C. Sports in the world D. Introduction to football
47. When was “cuju” exported from China to Western countries?
   A. Han Dynasty   B. Tang Dynasty   C. Sung Dynasty   D. unknown

48. The word fast in the article means:
   A. meal       B. fast       C. skill       D. reader

49. In the 21st century, football is most popular in
   A. Europe  B. America  C. Africa  D. Asia

50. According to the article, which of the following is not true?
   A. “Cuju” was recorded in a military book in the Han Dynasty.
   B. “Cuju” was a popular game in the Tang Dynasty.
   C. The earliest form of “cuju” was a spectacle in China.
   D. The Han Dynasty “cuju” was similar to football nowadays.