

一、字彙題

說明：第 1~8 題，每題均有一個劃底線的字或片語，請在四個選項中，選擇一個與劃底線的字或片語意義最接近的答案。第 9~15 題，請選擇一個最適當的答案，以完成該句。

1. To pursue the perfection of her outer beauty, the actress had plastic surgery, which resulted in a noticeable change in her appearance.
(A) translation (B) tradition
(C) transportation (D) transformation
2. The magician was so proud that he took all the criticism as praise and persisted in his way of performing.
(A) communication (B) compliment
(C) complication (D) comment
3. Being affected by his opponent, the contestant lost control and made a wrong decision that resulted in the failure in the end.
(A) discouraged (B) persuaded (C) influenced (D) negotiated
4. Although he failed to win any award in the competition, the humble director said that being nominated was already a prize to him.
(A) volunteer (B) entertainment (C) contest (D) achievement
5. Proven to be advantageous to increasing concentration, meditation is highly adopted to help students focus on their studies.
(A) superficial (B) memorable (C) optimistic (D) beneficial
6. Most students remain silent when facing bullying on campus. This is a fact that is taken as a sign of approval and in turn encourages bullying.
(A) consent (B) continent
(C) convenience (D) content
7. With the hope that a new ruling party would spur economic growth, people in this country are involved in the coming election actively.
(A) participate in (B) take after
(C) are proud of (D) look into
8. It would be difficult to grasp the main idea of the passage unless you successfully gather the hints hidden behind it.
(A) perfect (B) primary
(C) ideal (D) lively
9. In order to be environmentally-friendly, many countries pay attention to waste _____ and recycle the usable materials.
(A) survival (B) arrival
(C) neutral (D) disposal
10. The repeated _____ of arguments and fighting was the main cause of the separation of the two business partners.
(A) coincidence (B) occurrence
(C) cooperation (D) comparison

11. _____ and supported by the board, the CEO fearlessly carried out his plan and laid off 30 percent of redundant staff.
 (A) Authorized (B) Analyzed (C) Socialized (D) Publicized
12. Being _____ to gambling all his life, the father failed to set a good example for his children.
 (A) expected (B) improved
 (C) addicted (D) predicted
13. With her popularity increasing rapidly, hundreds of fans lined up for hours and _____ into the club to hear the girl's angelic voice.
 (A) suffered (B) flooded (C) surrendered (D) bumped
14. Due to his _____ performance on the basketball court, the Asian basketball player rose to fame overnight and gained the worldwide attention.
 (A) superb (B) sympathetic (C) sensitive (D) systematic
15. The government was in a state of alert after being warned that the _____ virus had already been spread.
 (A) infectious (B) prosperous (C) fabulous (D) adventurous

二、對話題

說明：第 16~25 題，請依對話內容，選出一個最適當的答案，使其成為有意義的對話。

16. Mark: What's wrong? You look frustrated.
 Bill: I tried to assemble the computer I just bought, but I know nothing about it. I don't even know where to start.
 Mark: I see. Don't get mad! Just ask Jason. _____ He will be willing to help you.
 (A) He always talks as if he knew everything.
 (B) He knows nothing about computers.
 (C) He doesn't like to get involved in anything.
 (D) He knows the ins and outs of the stuff.
17. Waiter: May I take your order?
 Lily: Sorry, I haven't decided on the main course. They all look delicious. _____
 Waiter: I recommend the roast chicken. It's crispy with soft, juicy meat inside, and the sauce is fantastic.
 Lily: Okay, I'll have that.
 (A) Have you tasted them all?
 (B) How do you think of them?
 (C) Do you agree with me?
 (D) Any suggestion?
18. Jack: Is there anything on your mind?
 Rose: Yeah, I am so worried about David. He's going to study abroad and this will be the first time he lives alone in a foreign country.
 Jack: Honey, David is old enough and he can take care of himself. Just trust him. _____
 Everything will turn out to be just fine.
 (A) Don't worry too much.
 (B) Don't make a scene.
 (C) He deserves it.
 (D) He will surely get into trouble.

19. Lydia: Hey, I heard that you were in the hospital last month. What happened to you?
Ben: Yeah, it was my stomach. I've suffered from stomachache for years. I was asked to stay in the hospital for a couple of days for a closer examination. The good news is that I just need some medication and lots of rest. The bad news is that I am far behind my schedule at work; _____ Time is everything to me.
Lydia: Anyway, it's good to know that you are okay.
(A) I can't afford it.
(B) I need to catch up on it.
(C) I'm through.
(D) I'm green on this job.
20. George: Thank you for helping me with the brief presentation about the computer science. _____
Bryan : It's no sweat. If you need any more help, let me know.
(A) These technical terms are all Greek to me.
(B) We are even now.
(C) Let's call it a day.
(D) Mind your own business.
21. Makiyo: Let's go to the night club and have fun tonight, shall we?
Yogi: But we're only sixteen years old.
Makiyo: _____ They won't know our real age.
Yogi: Yeah, until they ask us to show our ID cards.
(A) It's a deal. (B) I can't agree with you more.
(C) It's not fair. (D) Just fake it.
22. Ada: Jam, why did you stand me up in the theater last night? Any excuses?
Jam: Oh, no. I was tied to my work and I totally forgot our date. _____
Ada: Forget it. Just remember to call me first if you can't make it.
(A) Is this a good excuse? (B) Let's get it straight.
(C) I owe you an apology, honey. (D) I'm only teasing you.
23. Shirley: Sam, you'd better study harder. You failed two subjects in the mid-term exam. The final exam is approaching.
Sam: What? _____ Who is the one always fooling around all day and never studying?
Shirley: That doesn't count. At least I passed all the exams with flying colors.
(A) Look who's talking.
(B) You can say that again.
(C) You are telling me.
(D) Thank you for your encouragement.
24. Tina: Watch out! Why didn't you stop? You could have gotten killed. It was really a close call.
John: Why should I stop? It was he, not me, who ran through the traffic light. I was the one who obeyed the law.
Tina: I know, but sometimes obeying traffic laws doesn't guarantee that you will be safe. _____
After all, not all road-users obey traffic laws.
(A) You can't be serious!
(B) You have my blessing.
(C) You can't be too careful when driving.
(D) You'll be sorry for this.

25. Christy: Milk, sugar, flour..., oh my! I have so many things to do. I need somebody to help me out and run an errand for me.
 Jennifer: It's okay. I can do you a favor. Actually, I am on my way to the supermarket. Give me your shopping list and let me see what I can get for you.
 Christy: Thank you so much. _____ Finally I can take a break after a day's working.
 (A) Anything you say!
 (B) Don't pull my leg.
 (C) Let's get down to business.
 (D) Your help means a lot to me.

三、綜合測驗

說明：下面兩篇短文，共有十五格空格，為第 26~40 題，每題有四個選項，請依各篇短文文意，選出一個最適合該空格的答案。

▲ 下篇短文共有 7 個空格，為第 26 至 32 題，請依短文文意，選出一個最適合該空格的答案。

If you like chocolate, here is good news for you. A small bar of chocolate every day can be good to your heart and cardiovascular system. People with high blood pressure can 26 their blood pressure with a little bit of chocolate every day. Chocolate can also reduce low-density lipoproteins (LDL) cholesterol, lift your spirits and make you feel more upbeat. 27, chocolate can also stimulate the production of endorphin, which gives a feeling of pleasure and joy---perhaps this is why chocolate 28 romance.

Before you head down to the store for more chocolate, however, you should make sure that the chocolate you chow down is dark chocolate, generally 29 as chocolate having 65% or more cocoa solids, in which all the chocolate goodness described above is found. The rest of the chocolate 30 cocoa butter, sugar, and milk, all of 31 could provide all the extra calories and fat that you don't want. Therefore, next time when you are 32 chocolate, pick up that bar of dark chocolate next to the milk chocolate.

26. (A) increase (B) add
 (C) lower (D) protect
27. (A) In addition (B) As a result
 (C) On the contrary (D) In brief
28. (A) is often relating with (B) is often associated with
 (C) have little to do with (D) is often referred as
29. (A) defining (B) defined
 (C) define (D) is defined
30. (A) composed (B) contains with
 (C) consist of (D) is made up of
31. (A) that (B) which
 (C) them (D) what
32. (A) craving (B) looking
 (C) seeing (D) eating

▲ 下篇短文共有 8 個空格，為第 33 至 40 題，請依短文文意，選出一個最適合該空格的答案。

With the improvement of technology, cloud computing is what modern people cannot live without. Some even argue that cloud computing 33 take over the world. The concept is simple: it provides a way for you to access your data and applications from anywhere 34 the Internet (or “the cloud”). The application, however, is controversial: it can be 35 storing and sharing documents on Google Docs or as complicated as entrusting a third party with all your sensitive information and running your entire company operations using the remote, third-party data center.

The main idea of cloud computing is to abstract the hardware from the server. Therefore, cloud computing users can avoid capital expenditure on hardware, software, and servers as they pay a provider only for 36. The shared infrastructure and cost, low overhead, and immediate access to a wide range of applications would 37 a low barrier to entry, which enables more businesses 38 at a lower cost. 39, some are not as optimistic about cloud computing. The framework is still in an early phase of development. There are issues of privacy, network bandwidth, and even political difficulties to 40 before cloud computing can take off.

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| 33. (A) is bound for
(C) is set to | (B) is ready for
(D) is prepared for |
| 34. (A) to
(C) for | (B) via
(D) against |
| 35. (A) as simple as
(C) too simple to | (B) simpler as
(D) as simply as |
| 36. (A) what they use
(C) that they use | (B) which they use
(D) what used by them |
| 37. (A) result in
(C) take place | (B) result from
(D) figure out |
| 38. (A) compete
(C) competing | (B) to compete
(D) competed |
| 39. (A) Consequently
(C) Besides | (B) Therefore
(D) However |
| 40. (A) make fun of
(C) look into | (B) get over
(D) look after |

四、閱讀測驗

說明：下面兩篇短文，每篇各有 5 題，為第 41~50 題，請閱讀短文後，選出最適當的答案。

▲閱讀下文，回答第 41-45 題。

Breastfeeding is mutually beneficial for both the mother and the infant. Generally, breast milk is the healthiest form of milk for human babies because of its proportion of fat, sugar, water, and protein that is necessary for the baby's growth and development. Breast milk helps develop the baby's immunity as antibodies are passed from the mother to the baby. Therefore, the baby is less likely to become infected with diseases. Breastfeeding also lowers the percentage of sudden infant death syndrome, and is associated with higher intelligence later in life.

Aside from the advantages for the baby, the mother also benefits from breastfeeding as it will help the mother have a closer connection with the newborn. The hormones released from the act of breastfeeding relax the mother and make her feel more nurturing toward the baby. Other benefits include lower risks of breast cancer, ovarian cancer, and endometrial cancer; lower risk of coronary heart disease; and perhaps even weight loss—although this is likely to be ignored and definitely not a substitute for good diet and exercise.

Given all the benefits of breastfeeding, expectant mothers should choose to breast feed their newborns. Fortunately, because the benefits of breastfeeding have been increasingly acknowledged, the act of breastfeeding in public has become more and more acceptable. However, before expectant mothers breastfeed their newborns, it is important to remind them that smoking, alcoholic beverages, caffeinated drinks, and drugs may affect the quality of the mothers' breast milk.

41. What is the main idea of the passage?
 - (A) Babies need breast milk.
 - (B) Mothers love to breastfeed newborns.
 - (C) There are laws governing breastfeeding babies.
 - (D) Breastfeeding is good for mothers and babies.

42. Which of the following is **NOT** an advantage of breastfeeding for babies?
 - (A) To help develop the baby's immunity.
 - (B) To lower the risk of getting heart disease and cancer.
 - (C) To provide everything necessary for growth and development.
 - (D) To lower the percentage of sudden infant death syndrome.

43. Mothers choose to breastfeed their babies mainly because _____.
 - (A) breastfeeding makes them closer to their babies
 - (B) it is acknowledged to breastfeed in public
 - (C) breast milk only contains fat, sugar, and water
 - (D) they don't need to exercise to lose weight

44. To breastfeed babies, what should mothers avoid?

(A) Medicine prescribed by doctors.	(B) Vitamins.
(C) Balanced diets.	(D) Alcoholic beverages.

45. What can be inferred from the passage?
 - (A) Breastfeeding will make newborns fat.
 - (B) Beverages will improve the quality of breast milk.
 - (C) It is acceptable in some public places to breastfeed babies.
 - (D) Mothers who breastfeed babies had better drink coffee.

▲ 閱讀下文，回答第 46-50 題。

Black Friday is the Friday following Thanksgiving Day in the United States. Although it is not an official holiday, it marks the beginning of the Christmas shopping season. As many people have the day off as part of the Thanksgiving holiday, this increases potential shoppers and therefore potential sales for retailers. In terms of actual sales volume, although Black Friday is usually ranked as the fifth to tenth busiest day, it has been climbing up the ranks—it reached second place in 2002 and 2004, and first place in 2003 and 2005.

The origin of the term “Black Friday” dates back to the nineteenth century. It was linked with the financial crisis of 1869. However, the earliest known reference to “Black Friday” having to do with the shopping season associated with Christmas was in 1966, when the Philadelphia Police Department named the Friday following Thanksgiving Day as “Black Friday” because of the massive traffic jams and over-crowded sidewalks in downtown stores. Yet, in 1981, after a financial loss for much of the year, many retailers made profits on the Friday after Thanksgiving Day. So Black Friday is the day retailers would go from being in the red (at a loss) to being in the black (profitable).

Due to the **advent** of the Internet, the popularity of Black Friday has spread to online shopping. Thus, Black Friday is also known as Cyber Black Friday, which is simply the online retail equivalent to Black Friday. However, retailers have noticed that many consumers shopped online the Monday after Thanksgiving from home or from work. Retailers speculated that these consumers were too busy to shop over the Thanksgiving weekend or did not find what they desired. Thus, in 2005, the National Retail Federation’s website referred to the Monday as *Cyber Monday*.

46. Which of the following is a suitable title for the article?
 (A) Online Shopping.
 (B) Shopping for Christmas.
 (C) Superstitions on Thanksgiving.
 (D) Black Friday and Cyber Monday.
47. According to the article, Black Friday _____.
 (A) is an unfortunate day and has made retailers at a loss
 (B) implies potential shoppers and sales for retailers
 (C) is an official holiday and people have the day off
 (D) is not the beginning of Christmas shopping season
48. According to the article, which of the following is **NOT** true about Black Friday?
 (A) Black Friday is the busiest day in 2002 and 2004.
 (B) In 1869, the term “Black Friday” was used to depict financial crisis.
 (C) In 1981, retailers made profit on Black Friday.
 (D) In 1966, there were traffic jams and crowded sidewalks in downtown stores in Philadelphia.
49. In the article, the meaning of the word “**advent**” is close to _____.
 (A) disadvantage (B) protection
 (C) coming (D) rumor
50. Which of the following is true about Cyber Monday?
 (A) People like Cyber Monday more than Black Friday.
 (B) The term “Cyber Monday” doesn’t appear until 2005.
 (C) Cyber Monday is equivalent to Black Friday.
 (D) People do nothing but online shopping on Cyber Monday.