

作答說明：

本試卷共二部份，每部份二十題，合計四十題，請將答案紙橫式書寫，每五題一組(如下格式)在答案紙上作答。

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II. (格式同上)

Part I. Sentence Completion:

Select the one answer that best completes the sentence (40%).

- Our company believes it is the best _____ to handle the account.
A. organizing B. organization C. organizational D. organize
- No one is at fault, according to the company _____.
A. speaker B. man C. teller D. spokesperson
- The doctor will not give the patient the test results _____ tomorrow.
A. on B. until C. from D. at
- You can look at the clothes in the shop windows, _____ you can't go in and buy them.
A. but B. or C. after D. while
- Our boss gives all of the management team bonuses _____.
A. never B. always C. still D. ever year
- Before the prime minister arrives, the police ordered the area _____.
A. clear B. cleared C. clearing D. be clear
- If I _____ you, I would take the job and then ask for more money.
A. had been B. am C. were D. will be
- My supervisor promises that I _____ a raise next year.
A. would B. should get C. will get D. get
- Research and development funds are being reduced _____ because of budget cutback.
A. every year B. never C. still D. always
- _____ he arrives, our representatives will present the new plan to the public.
A. When B. While C. So D. Since
- _____ terms of quality and service, our company surpasses the competition.
A. In B. By C. From D. With
- The contract only runs for one year; _____, there are options to renew for two more years.
A. meanwhile B. besides C. however D. moreover
- Personnel has had all the references _____.
A. checking B. checked C. check D. checks
- She had Ms. Lin _____ the clerk around yesterday.
A. show B. showed C. showing D. repainted
- Their monetary unit _____ stronger if they did something about their deficit.
A. will be B. would be C. can be D. should be
- The stock market will flourish if the news _____ out.
A. will get B. gets C. could get D. would get.

17. She _____ only five years ago today.
A. is being promoted B. promoted C. was promoted D. has been promoted.
18. By this time next year, our environment _____ greatly improved.
A. has been B. is going to be C. is D. is being
19. The _____ system will be explained.
A. operatic B. operation C. operating D. operator
20. It is risky to _____ for huge profits.
A. speculators B. speculative C. speculate D. speculation

Part II. Reading comprehension: Answer the questions based on the reading selection preceding the questions. Please choose the one best answer to each question. (60%)

Questions 21-23 are based on the following reading selection.

The East-West Center recently published a report on language study in Hawaii. The center found that 95 percent of the students in Hawaii had studied two or more languages; 35 percent of the students were equally fluent in English and one other language. English was the most common first language. The most common second language was Japanese. Chinese was studied by 10 percent of the student son the island.

21. According to the passage, what does 35 percent represent?
A. Students who had studied only English
B. Students who had studied Japanese.
C. Students who spoke more than three languages
D. Students who spoke two languages equally well.
22. According to the passage, what was the most common first language?
A. Chinese B. Japanese C. English D. Korean
23. According to the passage, what percentage of students study Chinese?
A. 5 percent B. 10 percent C. 35 percent D. 95 percent

Questions 24-25 are based on the following reading selection.

In 1994 there was a rapid rise in consumer spending. Consumption increased by 16 percent, but disposable income went up by only 13 percent, so the savings rate fell. The standard of living improved: outlay for food decreased, while more money was spent on furniture, health, education, and recreation. The most important evidence of a new standard of living was the sudden increase in expenditures for transport, especially in private automobiles.

24. What was the result of the disproportionate rise in disposable income?
A. People saved less. B. The standard of living dropped.
B. People postponed purchases. D. People bought used furniture.
25. What is outstanding proof of the emergence of a new life-style in 1994?
A. People were healthier. B. People saved more money.
C. People bought more cars. D. People spent more for food.

Questions 26-28 are based on the following reading selection.

A recent study conducted by the East-West Center has shown the attrition rate for Ph.D. candidates at 24 colleges to be 31 percent—a much lower rate than was previously thought. Reasons for dropping out are varied: lack of motivation, uncompleted research, financial pressure, and inability to pass qualifying exams. However, an interesting sidelight of the study revealed that dropouts earn higher salaries than those who completed their Ph.D.'s. Of the latter, 90 percent are employed in the academic world, and the figures suggest that university and college salaries lag behind those in nonacademic fields.

26. What is one reason cited for discontinuing Ph.D. work?
- A. Low salaries
B. Too great a course load
C. Absence of interest
D. Lack of adequate tests
27. What does the study suggest?
- A. Ninety percent of Ph.D. candidates lack motivation.
B. Earnings are higher in nonacademic professions.
C. Twenty-four percent of Ph.D. candidates discontinue their studies.
D. More students are dropping out than expected.
28. Which statement best describes people who have received Ph.D.'s?
- A. They are poor.
B. They work at universities.
C. They are not motivated.
D. They fail qualifying exams.

Questions 29-33 are based on the following reading selection.

Prominent among American artists are those numerous painters who seem truly indigenous, whose manner and subject matter seem to emanate from some special vitality of the new land. This is particularly the case with those early practitioners of various skills who were self-taught as painters, and who painted tavern signs, houses and wagons, as well as filling portrait commissions on the side.

Some of these can now be identified only as "Anonymous," and one is the unknown painter of the oldest work in the show, the portrait of the child of Robert Gibbs, who became a wealthy Boston merchant. The artist is presumed to have been an immigrant provincial English house painter, who did his subject in an elaborate dress, such as were worn by little boys of that time, holding a pair of gloves and standing on a floor of square tiles.

29. If the author of this passage had written another paragraph, which of the following would have been his most logical choice for a topic?
- A. Other examples of anonymous work.
B. The definition of American painting.
C. The introduction of the City Art Museum.
D. The museum which had the special art exhibitions.
30. The term "Anonymous" most likely means
- A. known. B. identified. C. nameless. D. authorship.
31. According to the passage, prominent artists most likely refers to
- A. Those who were self-taught. B. Those who copied someone's originals.
C. Those who influenced artists in Europe. D. Those who came back from abroad.
32. According to the passage, one of the artists who is identified as "Anonymous" was
- A. a little boy. B. a wagon painter. C. a house painter. D. a tavern sign painter.
33. According to the passage, who is Robert Gibbs?
- A. a famous painter B. an Englishman C. an immigrant D. a rich businessman

Questions 34-36 are based on the following reading selection.

Most European financial institutions agree that an ATM is not just a purchase, it is an investment. That is why more than 50 percent of banks that have ATMs have invested in ours.

At DynaBold we have always built our ATMs to last. But since we are continually developing new technologies, we have made them adaptable, too. Years ago we created the industry's first modular ATM that could be upgraded without changing the housing. Today these ATMs are still yielding dividends for their original investors.

However, we do much more than protect your investment. With more than 100 years of security expertise, we make sure your ATM is secure, too. Our service organization responds 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Also, all of our service engineers are trained to maintain everything from electronic components to security features.

It is no wonder that the majority of European financial institutions use our ATMs. They know their money is securely invested.

34. What kind of company is DynaBold?
- A. An ATM manufacturer B. An investment firm
C. A bank D. A security service
35. What did DynaBold develop?
- A. Modular homes B. New investment methods
C. A chain of banks D. Upgradable ATMs
36. How does the company maintain its ATMs?
- A. By upgrading them often B. Through a 24-hour service program
C. By making them secure D. By developing new technologies.

Questions 37-40 are based on the following reading selection.

If moisture is to be lacking at any season of the year in the Southwest, this is the time when the shortage does the least harm. But there is a limit and wheat farmers were beginning to frown a little over wintering conditions. In some areas, January was the driest on record. That held true in a few states. Oklahoma was dry but a big snowstorm kept rainfall averages for the entire period at or above normal.

37. What is the main idea of this passage?
- A. Oklahoma had a big snowstorm. B. The shortage of the snow.
C. The weather conditions in summer. D. Snow helps wheat.
38. According to the passage, what do the farmers grow in this area?
- A. Rice. B. Wheat. C. Corn. D. Flowers.
39. Which statement is true?
- A. Farmers worry about wheat if the moisture isn't enough.
B. Farmers are optimistic because no large scale damage had been reported.
C. The grain trade watched weather over the plains.
D. The damage from wind erosion was light.
40. The term "frown" means _____
- A. look displeased. B. approve. C. support. D. show pleasure.