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Choose the best answer: (each 5%; 每題五分)

I. Elizabeth Bennet had been obliged, by the scarcity of gentlemen, to sit down for two dances; and during part of that time, Mr. Darcy had been standing near enough for her to overhear a conversation between him and Mr. Bingley, who came from the dance for a few minutes, to press his friend to join it.

“Come, Darcy,” said he, “I must have you dance. I hate to see you standing about by yourself in this stupid manner. You had much better dance.”

“I certainly shall not. You know how I detest it, unless I am particularly acquainted with my partner. At such an assembly as this, it would be insupportable. Your sisters are engaged, and there is not another woman in the room, whom it would not be a punishment to me to stand up with.”

“I would not be so fastidious as you are,” cried Bingley, “for a kingdom! Upon my honour, I never met with so many pleasant girls in my life, as I have this evening; and there are several of them you see uncommonly pretty.”

“You are dancing with the only handsome girl in the room,” said Mr. Darcy, looking at the eldest Miss Bennet.

“Oh! She is the most beautiful creature I ever beheld! But there is one of her sisters sitting down just behind you, who is very pretty, and I dare say, very agreeable. Do let me ask my partner to introduce you.”

“Which do you mean?” and turning round, he looked for a moment at Elizabeth, till catching her eye, he withdrew his own and coldly said, “She is tolerable; but not handsome enough to tempt *me*; and I am in no humour at present to give consequence to young ladies who are slighted by other men. You had better return to your partner and enjoy her smiles, for you are wasting your time with me.”

Mr. Bingley followed his advice. Mr. Darcy walked off; and Elizabeth remained with no very cordial feelings towards him. She told the story however with great spirit among her friends; for she had a lively, playful disposition, which delighted in any thing ridiculous.

1. In this story, Elizabeth sat down for two dances because _____.

- (A) she was too ugly (B) she was slighted by all men (C) she was tolerable but not handsome enough
(D) there were not enough men in the room

2. Mr. Bingley came to talk to Mr. Darcy because _____.

- (A) he was bored of dancing (B) he wanted to introduce Elizabeth to Mr. Darcy (C) he wanted Mr. Darcy to dance
(D) he was fastidious

3. From the conversation, we know that Mr. Darcy was a very _____ person.

- (A) amiable (B) proud (C) cruel (D) stupid

4. From the conversation, we know that Mr. Bingley was a _____ person.

- (A) complaisant (B) difficult (C) honorable (D) sensitive

5. Elizabeth told the story with great spirit among her friends because she thought that it was very _____.

- (A) spiritual (B) amusing (C) ironic (D) inspiring

II. The headlines around the world echo with the tragic death of Jessica Dubroff, a 7-year-old aspiring pilot from Pescadero, California. This 4-foot-2-inch, 55-pound child who required cushions and aluminum extensions for her feet to reach the rudder pedals, was on the second leg of her attempt to be the youngest individual to complete a flight across the United States. While other little girls might have been playing with their Barbies and **preoccupied** with school and homework, Jessica, supported by her parents and flight instructor, was bent on setting a flying record. A significant controversy will likely ensue for months to come. Questions concerning the flight instructor's decision to take off in such poor weather and her parents' willingness to allow this expedition will continue. This tragedy underscores a more important issue concerning our child-rearing practices. While it is likely safe to assume that most parents would not let their 7-year-old take control of their automobile on a cross-country trip, let alone an aircraft, we as a society appear to be removing the childhood in our children's development. We want our children to walk and talk earlier, we enter them into preschool programs at 2 years of age, sometimes even earlier. We want them to dress like adults, behave like adults and think like adults. Unfortunately, or fortunately, children are not miniature adults. Their thinking processes

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remain remarkably different from those of adults. As parents, we painstakingly try to impart our ideas, values, and expectations to our children often with disregard for their ability to understand, empathize or care about our concerns. Why are we rushing our children to become adults? Why do we expect them to think like adults? They have a whole life-time ahead of them to deal with the multitude of joys, problems, adventures, goals and records to break. We need to allow them to be children, because they're only young once.

6. According to this passage, Jessica died from a(n) _____.
- (A) plane crash (B) automobile accident (C) boating accident (D) head-on collision
7. Jessica went on an expedition because _____.
- (A) the weather was poor (B) her flight instructor made the decision (C) she wanted to set a new record
(D) her parents wanted her to be the youngest pilot
8. The word "preoccupied" in this passage means _____.
- (A) ventured (B) prepared (C) preferred (D) absorbed
9. Jessica's death calls people's attention to _____.
- (A) children's development (B) children's education (C) children's welfare (D) children's thinking processes
10. The best title to describe Jessica's tragedy could be "A _____."
- (A) Premature Life (B) Flight Expedition (C) Miniature Adult (D) Stolen Childhood

III. The Presidential Office expressed concern yesterday over a story run by the Associated Press (AP) that described Vice President Annette Lu as "the scum of the nation." With the headline "Taiwan's 'scum of the nation' runs for president," the story said Lu was an outspoken vice president that "China has called 'insane' and the 'scum of the nation.'" The headline was later changed to a more moderate tone that read "Lu seeks to be first Taiwan woman president" after the Presidential Office expressed concern. Lu said last night that she would send a letter of protest to CNN and demand an apology or an interview in order to safeguard the country's dignity. Lu yesterday formally announced her bid for next year's presidential election, becoming the first Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) candidate to officially register for the party's primary. Saying she needed a "higher position to accomplish the historic mission left off by President Chen Shui-bian," Lu vowed to complete the normalization and globalization of the nation if elected. Because of the nation's unique political situation, Lu said someone with a "correct sense of history" and a "complete sense of what is going on" was needed to lead the country. Lu remained evasive, however, about whether she would continue Chen's "four noes and one without" pledge if elected. "Taiwan and China are distant relatives and close neighbors. There should not be any hatred or war between the two countries," she said. Lu proposed adopting a "three Cs" principle to develop "constructive engagement" with China. The "three Cs" refer to promoting coexistence, cooperation and mutual prosperity. Lu said she would not seek re-election as vice president and would drop out of the race if she did not place first in the primary.

11. According to this report, it is _____ who called Annette Lu names.
- (A) President Chen Shui-bian (B) a Chinese official (C) a reporter from the AP (D) a journalist from the CNN
12. Annette Lu felt very _____ about the news headline.
- (A) offended (B) elated (C) satisfactory (D) complimented
13. According to this report, Annette Lu _____.
- (A) vows to continue President Chen's "four noes and one without" pledge (B) is seeking after the presidency of Taiwan
(C) will declare the independence of Taiwan if elected (D) will negotiate with China through the "three Cs" principle
14. To win the race in the primary means _____.
- (A) to be nominated as the presidential candidate by the DPP (B) to win the presidential election
(C) to be able to complete the normalization of the nation (D) to be re-elected as the vice president
15. The statements she makes in this report show that Annette Lu is _____.
- (A) an arrogant person (B) an eloquent politician (C) an experienced candidate for presidency (D) very confident in her own ability

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IV. The messenger got off his bicycle in front of the house of Mrs. Rosa Sandoval. He went to the door and knocked gently. He knew almost immediately that someone was inside the house. He could not hear anything, but he was sure the knock was bringing someone to the door and he was most eager to see who this person would be—this woman named Rosa Sandoval who was now to hear of murder in the world and to feel it in herself. The door was not a long time opening, but there was no hurry in the way it moved on its hinges. The movement of the door was as if, whoever she was, she had nothing in the world to fear. Then the door was open, and there she was. To Homer the Mexican woman was beautiful. He could see that she had been patient all her life, so that now, after years of it, her lips were set in a gentle and saintly smile. But like all people who never receive telegrams the appearance of a messenger at the front door is full of terrible implications. Homer knew that Mrs. Rosa Sandoval was shocked to see him. Her first word was the first word of all surprise. She said “Oh,” as if instead of a messenger she had thought of opening the door to someone she had known a long time and would be pleased to sit down with. Before she spoke again she studied Homer’s eyes and Homer knew that she knew the message was not a welcome one. “You have a telegram?” she said. It wasn’t Homer’s fault. His work was to deliver telegrams. Even so, it seemed to him that he was part of the whole mistake. He felt awkward and almost as if he *alone* were responsible for what had happened. At the same time he wanted to come right out and say, “I’m very sorry I must bring you a telegram like this, but it is only because it is my work to do so.” “Who is it for?” the Mexican woman said. “Mrs. Rosa Sandoval, 1129 G. Street,” Homer said. He extended the telegram to the Mexican woman, but she would not touch it. “Are you Mrs. Sandoval?” Homer said. “Please,” the woman said. “Please come in. I cannot read English. I am Mexican. What does the telegram say?” she said. “Mrs. Sandoval,” the messenger said, “the telegram says—” But now the woman interrupted him. “But you must *open* the telegram and *read* it to me,” she said. “You have not opened it.” He opened the telegram with nervous fingers. The Mexican woman stooped to pick up the torn envelope, and tried to smooth it out. As she did so she said, “Who sent the telegram—my son Juan Domingo?” “No, ma’am,” Homer said. “The telegram is from the War Department.” “War Department?” the Mexican woman said.

16. The implication of Homer being at the front door is _____.

- (A) a blessing in disguise (B) a murder (C) a bad news (D) a surprise encounter

17. Homer felt awkward because _____.

- (A) he thought he was the cause of what had happened (B) he was mistaken for her son (C) he had a crush on Mrs. Sandoval
(D) he had to bring her the telegram

18. Mrs. Sandoval would not take the telegram and asked Homer to read it to her because _____.

- (A) she cannot read English (B) she was reluctant to face the fact (C) it was sent by her son (D) he was just a messenger

19. Homer felt _____ Mrs. Sandoval.

- (A) compassion for (B) indifferent to (C) indignant at (D) cordial to

20. The telegram is about _____.

- (A) the War Department (B) the death of Juan Domingo (C) a woman patient all her life (D) a welcome party