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※一律作答於答案卷上(題上作答不予計分)。

## I Verbal Ability (80%)

Select the best or most suitable answer and make an X over the letter on your answer sheet.

Example: A ~~X~~ C D (if B is the best answer)

### A. Structure and Written Expression: 50% (2% each)

1. 7-11 is currently \_\_\_\_\_ experienced, motivated and team-oriented managers for many new branch stores across the southern part of the province.  
(A) looking (B) seeking (C) inquiring (D) entering
2. This meeting should be concluded \_\_\_\_\_ a promise not to reveal what was debated here.  
(A) around (B) above (C) with (D) until
3. \_\_\_\_\_ located at the highway exit, the new gas station will be opened by CPC Corporation, Taiwan.  
(A) Widely (B) Conveniently (C) Correctly (D) Greatly
4. Due to the plentiful rainfall the farmers had this year, they are anticipating that the harvest season will continue \_\_\_\_\_ at least another week.  
(A) before (B) for (C) which (D) than
5. The people of the region were surprisingly positive and calm \_\_\_\_\_ the recent tsunami.  
(A) however (B) prior to (C) yet (D) in spite of
6. With crucial industries such as mining and farming located in the region, the Department of Commerce wanted high-speed internet access \_\_\_\_\_ the province.  
(A) everywhere (B) moreover (C) throughout (D) somewhat
7. Our baseball team, \_\_\_\_\_ an advance to the final round, unfortunately failed in the competition.  
(A) nevertheless (B) let alone (C) in the event of (D) contrary to
8. He worked as a sales manager \_\_\_\_\_ becoming a CEO of the famous company.  
(A) according to (B) next to (C) along with (D) prior to
9. When providing your puppy with adequate nutrition, it's important not to overfeed it, as this can put it \_\_\_\_\_ of becoming obese.  
(A) beyond reach (B) for fear (C) in memory (D) at risk
10. In Taiwan \_\_\_\_\_ is very much concentrated is Beitou.  
(A) Japanese influence the place (B) the place where Japanese influence  
(C) where the place influences Japanese (D) where Japanese influence place
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ a great deal \_\_\_\_\_ my grandfather for the insight into body language he gave me in communicating with people.  
(A) indebted...to (B) contribute...to (C) owe...to (D) connect...with

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12. The revised toll places Mexico with \_\_\_\_\_ Covid-related deaths in the world, after US (BBC News, 03/29/2021).  
 (A) the highest number of    (B) second to the highest number  
 (C) the second highest number of    (D) the second place of
13. The former President Obama wrote on his Instagram that he grieved with the families of the people killed in Atlanta and everyone else who has \_\_\_\_\_ a loved one \_\_\_\_\_ gun violence.  
 (A) owed...to    (B) lost...to    (C) saved...because    (D) lost...under
14. By decreasing the aircraft's seating \_\_\_\_\_ in favor of more high-class accommodations, Orchid Airlines enhanced its profitability and its level of customer satisfaction.  
 (A) preparation    (B) intensity    (C) capacity    (D) aptitude
15. The increase of online shopping during the time of COVID-19 pandemic makes the value of Amazon stocks go up \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) expressively    (B) accidentally    (C) eagerly    (D) dramatically
16. Legalizing drugs as a way to reduce drug-related crime is considered a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ idea by many people.  
 (A) vocal    (B) emphatic    (C) radical    (D) stuffy
17. The movie was so obviously meant to \_\_\_\_\_ an emotional response from the audience that it seemed ridiculously sentimental.  
 (A) proclaim    (B) cite    (C) heckle    (D) trigger
18. The store will ship them to you at half the \_\_\_\_\_ rate if you purchase over 100 dollars' worth of goods.  
 (A) duplicate    (B) numerous    (C) divided    (D) standard
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ crying of the baby on the airplane ruined the flight for most of the other passengers.  
 (A) incessant    (B) socioeconomic    (C) digestive    (D) hushed
20. My grandmother has many health problems and must take a lot of vitamins and other supplements for her \_\_\_\_\_ as a result.  
 (A) advantage    (B) drawbacks    (C) dividend    (D) well-being
21. Although much has changed for working women in recent years, they still face \_\_\_\_\_ in certain jobs.  
 (A) discrimination    (B) flaw    (C) gender    (D) tournament
22. We'd love for Janet to visit us, but she has a terrible \_\_\_\_\_ to cats and we have three of them.  
 (A) freak    (B) ritual    (C) havoc    (D) allergy
23. Many of the foods eaten during Chinese New Year have a special meaning. For example, dumplings \_\_\_\_\_ wealth.  
 (A) personalize    (B) symbolize    (C) suffice    (D) prevail
24. There's a weird guy \_\_\_\_\_ around outside. Do you think we should call the police?  
 (A) traumatizing    (B) exceeding    (C) lurking    (D) issuing

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25. The shelter takes in \_\_\_\_\_ dogs and cats and tries to find homes for them with loving owners.  
 (A) crystal      (B) alternative      (C) cross-cultural      (D) stray

**B. Reading Comprehension: 30% (3% each)**

**Directions:** Read the two passages and answer the questions based on the texts.

**Reading 1: All Apologies**

Having lived in the East Asian countries over the past 26 years, I consider myself pretty familiar with the region’s cultures. Two things I still find occasionally surprising, however, are the manner in which Asians apologize and the frequency with which they do so. What exactly is the engine driving the Far East’s “apology culture”?

Japan is perhaps the country most associated with excessive apologizing, so it seems like a good place to start. With at least 20 different verbal apologies and many apologetic gestures, the Japanese are ready to say sorry for almost anything and they do. Or at least, they *seem* to. By far the most common “apology” heard in Japan is *sumimasen*, a word which translates not as “I am sorry” but rather “excuse me.” This humble statement can be used in all sorts of situations, from moving past someone on a bus to showing up five minutes late. It’s also a more common way of saying “thank you” than *arigato*, as it recognizes that someone has gone to some sort of trouble for you. So the next time you’re in Japan and someone holds a door for you, don’t thank him; excuse yourself!

It’s not surprising that Japan’s apology culture was brought to Taiwan during the colonial period. Buhaoyisi (bad feeling) is the island’s equivalent of *sumimasen*, with an even wider range of uses. In addition to an apology, a thank-you, a request to be excused and so on, this flexible term can even start a conversation.

Taiwan’s culture, like Japan’s, values politeness, modesty, and harmony. The group is considered more important than the individual, and people are expected to put society’s interests first. The extremely crowded and stressful conditions in which Taiwanese and Japanese live make this especially important. Almost any interaction is viewed as an intrusion on another person’s space and must be acknowledged as such.

Nevertheless, all this apparent apologizing may have the effect of taking any actual sense of regret out of the real thing. Like many other foreigners in Asia, I’ve heard countless automatic, meaningless “I’m sorry” over the years, for everything from undone homework to stepping on my foot. It could just be that the more people say it, the less they mean it.

26. What is the main idea of this article?
- A. Japanese people are too polite.
  - B. Foreigners in Asia have a hard time.
  - C. Taiwanese people don’t apologize enough.
  - D. Apologies are not always what they seem.

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27. Which of the following is NOT a reason why the Japanese use the word *sumimasen* so much?

- A. Their culture values politeness, modesty, and harmony.
- B. They have no other words for “thank you” or “I am sorry.”
- C. It shows appreciation for other people’s time and trouble.
- D. They live in a crowded, stressful society.

28. How does the author finish the article?

- A. With a personal observation.
- B. With some historical information.
- C. With a funny story that he heard.
- D. With a question for the reader.

29. How would you describe the author’s tone in this passage?

- A. Apologetic.
- B. Humorous.
- C. Skeptical.
- D. Sentimental.

30. Which of the following is TRUE about Taiwanese people’s use of *Buhaoyisi* (bad feeling)?

- A. It affected Japanese use of *sumimasen*.
- B. It is originated from the Confucian’s teaching.
- C. It is equivalent to Japanese’s *arigato*.
- D. It can also be used to start a conversation.

## **Reading 2: Stress**

Stress is one of the most common health problems in our high-pressure, constantly changing society. Bad enough in itself, stress also causes such illnesses as anxiety, depression, high blood pressure, and diabetes. Therapy, anti-anxiety drugs, and sleeping pills have all proven effective in treating stress. However, there are also natural remedies which anyone can try in place of clinical treatment. Here are a few of them. Get at least 30 minutes of exercise a day. Physical activity burns off nervous energy and can help you cope with stressful circumstances. Express your stress through writing. Journal-keeping is considered beneficial for stress sufferers, while creative writing can help children and teens cope with anxiety.

Since stress is often caused by multitasking, focus on one commitment at a time. Break major projects down into small, manageable parts and use a daily planner or calendar to help you manage your time. Try aromatherapy. Certain scents are especially effective in treating stress. Lavender, for example, has been shown to reduce heart rates and improve sleep. Spend time with animals. Pets can alleviate many mental health issues and are particularly helpful in cases of post-traumatic stress. Drink herbal teas. Herbs such as chamomile, which can adjust levels of the stress hormone cortisol, have a direct effect on the brain.

While any or all of these remedies might help you to control stress, consult a doctor if they seem ineffective. Different treatments work for different people, and other medical conditions (such as an

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overactive thyroid gland) can sometimes cause stress. Knowing which substances and/or lifestyle changes suit you best will allow you to live a happier, healthier life.

31. What is the main idea of this article?

- A. Everyone who feels stressed should go out and adopt a pet.
- B. Anti-anxiety drugs and sleeping pills are wastes of time and money.
- C. Certain natural substances and behaviors can help reduce stress.
- D. If you feel stressed, you should start looking for a new job.

32. What is TRUE about this article?

- A. You'd better go for clinical treatment immediately if you find yourself stressed out.
- B. Anti-anxiety drugs and sleeping pills are wastes of time and money.
- C. Take a creative writing course when you feel bored and stressed.
- D. Keeping a pet benefits a stressed-out person in many ways.

33. What is the main point expressed in the first paragraph?

- A. Stress is just a part of modern life, so we have to learn to live with it.
- B. If you have high blood pressure, you must also suffer from stress.
- C. People need to go back to a low-pressure, slow-paced way of life.
- D. Stress is a widespread health issue and also leads to other problems.

34. What is the main idea of the last paragraph?

- A. You should visit a doctor immediately if you feel stressed.
- B. Not all stress can be relieved by natural remedies alone.
- C. There is no way to know what causes a person's stress.
- D. You have to try all natural remedies before seeing a doctor.

35. Which of the following is NOT listed as a possible stress-reliever?

- A. Inhaling relaxing scents.
- B. Being more active physically.
- C. Doing lots of jobs at once.
- D. Writing about your feelings.

## II. Writing Ability : 20%

Please write a short essay on the topic: "What is the most important skill that a person should learn at this moment in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?" Tell us why you think this skill is important and use specific examples to support your opinions.

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