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I. Each of the following sentences is given four choices of words or expressions. Choose the right one to complete the sentence and write the corresponding letter on your Answer Sheet. (15 points, 1 point for each)

1. I was bored to death as I had to sit through several _____ speeches the whole afternoon.
A. pretentious
B. courageous
C. tedious
D. precarious
2. Somehow the small but _____ woman fought her way through the crowd to reach her son after the earthquake.
A. notorious
B. formidable
C. sinister
D. strenuous
3. He strode on stage, and then proceeded to _____ the sweetest possible sounds out of his violin.
A. coax
B. coerce
C. solicit
D. summon
4. The young man threw himself in front of a train in a _____ effort to save the girl.
A. valid
B. vicious
C. valiant
D. vibrant



5. To the people taking the evening air on the boulevards, the patrol is a _____ source of delight.
A. never-setting B. never-failing
C. non-competitive D. non-attributable
6. Traders on the New York Stock Exchange monitored their screens and took a wait-and-see approach as prices _____.
A. slipped B. differed
C. fossilized D. fluctuated
7. Any doubts about his leadership were _____ by his extraordinary performance.
A. purged B. scraped
C. purified D. scrubbed
8. The _____ benefits of this job include a car and free health insurance.
A. bond B. mortgage
C. fringe D. pension
9. The store earned 20 percent more this month than it did in the _____ month last year.
A. analogous B. correlative
C. equivalent D. corresponding
10. He _____ in front of the girls, head up and chest out, trying to get their attention.
A. sneaked B. strutted
C. staggered D. stomped
11. She resigned for fear that her initiative would be _____ by the cumbersome bureaucracy in the organization.
A. strangled B. strained
C. straightened D. strapped
12. The project was so difficult that all the other teams thought we would give it up. But we _____ it and eventually it was done.
A. came at B. jumped at
C. kept at D. picked at
13. The current status of robot evolution will _____ technophiles, sci-fi fans and those with an interest in the social sciences.
A. manipulate B. disenchant
C. contrive D. intrigue
14. Being a narcotics agent, Lucy's husband often has to work for over twenty hours _____.
A. up to date B. at a stroke
C. up to scratch D. at a stretch



15. The artist issued an apology right after the scandal. But his _____ was short-lived, as he deleted the post a couple of days later.

- A. conspiracy
B. contrition
C. condemnation
D. contingency

Read the following passage carefully and complete the succeeding three items II, III, IV.

- (1) Nazca (纳斯卡) is one of South America's most perplexing archaeological riddles and one of the world's most beautiful works of art. **Etched** upon Peru's vast, barren Nazca Plains are hundreds of long, ruler-straight lines, immense geometric symbols and giant drawings of curious birds and animals, the work of pre-Inca Peruvians 1,500 years ago.
- (2) Nazca was first revealed to modern eyes in 1926 when three explorers looked down on the desert from a hillside at dusk and briefly saw a Nazca line highlighted by the low slanting rays of the sun. But it was not until the Peruvian air force took aerial photographs in the 1940s that the full magnificence of the panorama was apparent. It was as if a dozen deserted airports were spread out across the plains. Hundreds of what looked like "landing strips" for aircraft were revealed. There were eighteen condor (秃鹰)-like bird drawings, up to 400 feet long; four-sided figures with two lines parallel; and long needle-like triangles which ran for miles. Often the long lines met, like star-clusters. Among the many abstract patterns were a giant spider, a monkey, a shark, reptiles and flowers, all drawn on the ground on a huge scale.
- (3) The scale is monumental, but from the ground almost invisible and totally incomprehensible. The amazing fact about Nazca, created more than 1,500 years ago, is that it can only be appreciated if seen from the air. Many, therefore, regarded it as a prehistoric landing ground for visitors from outer space, but Jim Woodman, an American explorer, who was long fascinated by the mystery of Nazca, was convinced that the **ingenious** ancient people of the area had learned to fly. He believed that Nazca only made sense if the people who had designed and made these vast drawings on the ground could actually see them, and that led him to the theory that the ancient Peruvians had somehow learned to fly, as only from above could they really see the extent of their handiwork. With this theory in mind, he researched into ancient Peruvian legends about flight and came to the conclusion that the only



feasible answer was a hot-air balloon. To make such a balloon in the way the ancients must have done, Woodman learned that he would require four things: textiles, to make the bag to trap and hold the hot air; a power source like fire to heat the air; calm weather to allow the inflation of the balloon; and the intelligence to devise such a craft.

- (4) Peruvian mythology was full of ideas about flying. Ample evidence of this was found in the designs on Nazca pottery and tapestries and the art of ballooning survives today among primitive South American peoples. One of the theories about the balloons was that it was the way in which some Incas returned their dead to the gods—by hot-air balloons that soared out of sight towards the sun before prevailing winds a mile or more up wafted them out over the Pacific Ocean to sink unseen into the water as the air cooled at sunset.
- (5) Woodman built a balloon-type airship of the same fabrics and fibers that would have been available to the men of Nazca at the time. It was high adventure and culminated in the spectacular flight of a balloon which Woodman called “Condor I”. There was no doubt about it, only from the air could the full glory of Nazca be appreciated. “Flying between 300 and 1,000 feet, the sheer size, scope and beauty of Nazca is electrifying. Soaring above it all, I knew that ancient eyes had seen the immense creation below. Ancient man could never have built and devised all this and never seen it,” said Woodman. “If we, as ‘modern men’, could fashion a flying craft by using only cotton, hemp and fire, surely those who were there in Peru centuries before could have done the same. Everything necessary to fly was there.” Jim Woodman’s flight was a modern demonstration of an ancient possibility.
- (6) His practical demonstration may have been spectacular, but Woodman had failed to impress the historic and scientific community. While not as outlandish as Erich von Däniken’s extraterrestrial orientated Nazca theories, Woodman’s hot air balloon concept is largely discredited. A large number of holes in Woodman’s theory have been pointed out, many of which center upon his inconsistent and inexact supporting evidence. However, what Woodman accomplished with the Nazca hot air balloon was not without lasting **merit**. The successful though short-lived flight of Condor I raised some interesting questions about aviation history and the history of technological development as a whole.



II. In this section, there are ten incomplete statements or questions, followed by four choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the best answer and write the corresponding letter on your Answer Sheet. (20 points, 2 points for each)

16. The word “Etched” in Paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.
A. Situated
B. Spread
C. Covered
D. Carved
17. The significance of the aerial photographs mentioned in Paragraph 2 lies in their _____.
A. outlining all the details of Nazca
B. showing the whole view of Nazca
C. revealing a dozen deserted airports
D. solving the mystery of the handicraft
18. According to Paragraph 2, the spectacle at Nazca is unique in presenting abstract images of _____.
A. hillsides and mountains
B. landing strips for aircraft
C. birds, animals and flowers
D. parallel lines and triangles
19. The word “ingenious” in Paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.
A. genuine
B. generous
C. creative
D. industrious
20. Woodman’s research led him to believe that the ancient Peruvians _____.
A. worshipped balloon-gods
B. were not capable of flying
C. were the first to make balloons
D. could fly by means of balloons
21. Under what circumstances could the magnificence of the handiwork become comprehensible based on Woodman’s belief?
A. If the designers could catch sight of it from the sky.
B. If the creators’ desire to complete it could be evoked.
C. After the local people had mastered the flying theories.
D. After the craftsmen had acquired the skill of vast drawing.



22. According to Paragraph 4, the major function of the prevailing winds was to make the balloons _____.
A. cool down at sunset
B. fly higher over the Plains
C. drift towards the Pacific Ocean
D. soar out of sight towards the sun
23. The word “merit” in Paragraph 6 is closest in meaning to _____.
A. legacy B. value C. solution D. effect
24. The author of the passage intends to _____.
A. reveal ancient South Americans’ religious beliefs
B. showcase ancient people’s unparalleled creative power
C. guide the reader to explore the picturesque landscape in Peru
D. introduce the complicated process of making hot-air balloons
25. It can be inferred from the passage that Nazca remains a mysterious archaeological riddle because _____.
A. its miraculous design is beyond the reach of archaeologists
B. its abstract images bear incomprehensible symbolic meanings
C. its underlying religious beliefs are mysterious to modern people
D. its exquisite craftsmanship seems to be a secret to archaeologists

非选择题部分

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III. Translate the following sentences into Chinese and write the translation on your Answer Sheet. (10 points, 2 points for each)

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27. The scale is monumental, but from the ground almost invisible and totally incomprehensible.
28. It was high adventure and culminated in the spectacular flight of a balloon which Woodman called “Condor I”.
29. Jim Woodman’s flight was a modern demonstration of an ancient possibility.
30. A large number of holes in Woodman’s theory have been pointed out, many of which center upon his inconsistent and inexact supporting evidence.



IV. Answer the following essay question in English within 80-100 words. Write your answer on your Answer Sheet. (10 points)

31. The Great Wall is one of the ancient wonders of the world. What do you think are its historical and contemporary significance?

V. The following paragraphs are taken from the textbooks, followed by a list of words or expressions marked A to Y. Choose the one that best completes each of the sentences and write the corresponding letter on your Answer Sheet. One word or expression for each blank only. (25 points, 1 point for each)

This is one of the oldest expedients, and it can be practiced anywhere, at any age, 32 with or without the use of hallucinogens. It always has been the strategy of choice for people who find the world too brutal or too complex to be endured. By definition, this way of life is 33. In one way or another, its practitioners 34 on the society which they 35 and in which they refuse to take any responsibility. Some of us find this distasteful—an undignified kind of life. But for the poor in spirit, with low levels of both energy and pride, it may be the least 36 choice available.

The old people sat on the bench, still as statues. Never mind, there was always the 37 to watch. To and 38, in front of the flower-beds and the band rotunda, the couples and groups paraded, stopped to talk, to greet, to buy a 39 of flowers from the old beggar who had his tray 40 to the railings. Little children ran among them, 41 and laughing; little boys with big white silk bows under their chins; little girls, little French dolls, dressed up in velvet and lace.

There is the popularly accepted opinion that Social Security and pensions provide a comfortable and reliable 42 of funds so the elderly have few financial worries. Medicare has lulled the population 43 reassuring itself that the once terrible financial burdens of late-life illnesses are now 44. Advertisements and travel folders show relaxed, happy, well-dressed older people 45 recreation, travel and their grandchildren. If they are no longer living in the old family home, they are 46 as delighted residents of retirement communities with names like Leisure World and Sun City, with lots of grass, clean air and fun.

I wonder if this 47 of our diet doesn't explain why so many of us are overweight and even 48 so. When things had flavor, we knew what we were eating all the while—and it satisfied us. A teaspoonful of my



mother-in-law's wild strawberry jam will 49 satisfy your jam desire. But, 50 the average tinned or glass packed strawberry jam, you need 51 a cupful to get the idea of what you're eating.

Jerry swam out to the big 52 rock, adjusted the goggles, and dived. The 53 of the water broke the runner-enclosed vacuum, and the goggles came loose. He understood that he must swim down to the base of the rock 54 the surface of the water. He fixed the goggles tight and 55, filled his lungs, and floated, face down, on the water. Now, he could see. It was as if he had eyes of a different kind—fish-eyes that showed everything clear and delicate and 56 in the bright water.

A. wavering	B. pictured	C. into	D. crowd	E. fixed
F. and	G. handful	H. blandness	I. firm	J. swooping
K. enjoying	L. from	M. dangerously	N. eradicated	O. parasitic
P. impact	Q. barrier	R. intolerable	S. of	T. fro
U. flow	V. scorn	W. half	X. batten	Y. entirely

VI. Translate the following sentences into English and write the translation on your Answer Sheet. (20 points, 2 points each for 57-60, 4 points for 61, 8 points for 62)

57. 自从文明开始以来，有些人就试图逃离它，希望找到一种更简单、更田园、更平静的生活。
58. 他的发际线每天都在升高。他曾观察到身边金发的男人总是先秃顶。不过他记得在什么地方读到过，秃顶彰显男子气。
59. 如果你以某个合理的理由向上司请假离开办公室，拒绝你比答应你更能够使他的权力欲得到满足。
60. 他像一直以来那样倔，还有点慢，但已经准备要转身了。不，她确定他已经转过来了。
61. 他们无法去比较，认定这就是他那个阶层的特点，就好像一个在异国港口下船吃午餐的游客始终是从一个碰巧与他同桌的狡猾商人身上总结出该国的特点一样。
62. 这意味着他们已经到了在面试中应聘者问一两个机智问题的时候了。米奇翘起二郎腿。钱，就是那个大问题，尤其是与他所得到的其他工作提供的薪酬相比。但是，他很清楚，像所有其他公司一样，他们必须避免直接谈及这个问题，直到事态变得尴尬，显然除了钱他们已经再没有其他任何可谈的了。

