1. Mark the choice that best completes the sentence. (60%)

1. Tom: What ______ the red envelopes have inside?
   Maggie: Money!
   (A) does (B) is (C) do (D) are

2. Chinese New Year is coming. Jenny is putting up ______ in the living room.
   (A) decorations (B) books (C) candles (D) cards

3. Linda ______ violin lessons for a long time. That’s why she can play so well.
   (A) takes (B) taking (C) had taken (D) has taken

4. Today is my grandpa’s 80-th birthday. It’s a big ______.
   (A) feat (B) occasion (C) opinion (D) meeting

5. We were given a lot of information, ______ was useless. We’d better try another way now.
   (A) part of them (B) what (C) most of which (D) none of them

6. Sue ______ the crying baby and hugged her.
   (A) picked up (B) took off (C) put on (D) picked out

7. Tom: How many cookies do you want, Lily?
   Lily: Sorry. I don’t want ______.
   (A) some (B) any (C) little (D) much

8. Cindy: What does the card ______ on the inside?
   Judy: “You’re one in a million!”
   (A) say (B) read (C) speak (D) write

9. My aunt is going to a party. She is wearing a very nice ______.
   (A) treat (B) lace (C) outfit (D) custom

10. Can I ask you a question in ______? I don’t want others to know.
    (A) private (B) public (C) general (D) fact

11. I overslept this morning because my alarm clock didn’t ______.
    (A) give me a ring (B) call up (C) set out (D) go off

12. The teacher told the students to ______ their assignments on Friday.
    (A) turn on (B) turn off (C) turn in (D) turn into

13. My father ______ for work at 7:00 every morning.
    (A) left (B) went (C) go (D) leaves

14. We don’t have enough flour, sugar and salt. We need to buy some ______.
    (A) applies (B) supplies (C) demands (D) requires

15. This morning John just stormed into the house and ran upstairs without even saying a word.
    What a ______ boy!
    (A) witty (B) cruel (C) cheerful (D) moody

16. Some young people are dancing to the ______.
    (A) music (B) musical (C) dinner (D) games

17. Tony decided to ______ to his girlfriend on her birthday. Isn’t it romantic?
    (A) engage (B) celebrate (C) dance (D) propose

18. Lisa: What are you doing? Why are there so many clothes in front of you?
    Daisy: I’m ______ the clothes. Then I will wash them.
    (A) cleaning (B) sorting (C) wrapping (D) ironing

19. It was very ______ of the boss to buy us those nice gifts.
    (A) thoughtless (B) thought (C) thoughtful (D) thoughtfully

20. She would like a ______ raise, not just a few dollars.
    (A) really (B) real (C) realist (D) reality

21. ______ they were tired, they worked overtime.
    (A) Because (B) Since (C) In spite (D) Although

22. ______ Mr. Park worked for us, he had received training abroad.
    (A) Before (B) While (C) After (D) When

23. ______ profits have improved, we’re all getting bonuses.
    (A) Since (B) Although (C) Before (D) During
24. The hotel will accept no guests ______ it’s being renovated.
   (A) and  (B) because of  (C) while  (D) after
25. The personnel officer believes that we can ______ with our present staff.
   (A) get on  (B) get off  (C) get up  (D) get by
26. The chairwoman decided to ______ sending the letter until Monday.
   (A) take on  (B) put off  (C) keep up  (D) pick up
27. The management is meeting to determine who ______ promoted.
   (A) must be  (B) will be  (C) could have been  (D) might have been
28. This year tourism is growing ______ last year’s predictions.
   (A) before  (B) more  (C) less  (D) beyond
29. Mr. Logan’s instructions were ______ clear that no one had any questions.
   (A) such  (B) ever  (C) so  (D) too
30. Looking at the splendid villa situated on the hilltop, how I wished I ______ a millionaire.
   (A) were  (B) am  (C) was  (D) would be

II. Cloze Test: (36%)

In our daily life, we are bound to be helped by others. Sometimes, just saying thank you is enough. ______, it is thoughtful to say thank you in a special way. ______, this is helpful to know the person’s likes and dislikes. For example, if your friend likes to go shopping, ______ to babysit her kids so she can enjoy an afternoon away. You can ______ a party in that person’s name to show how grateful you are. Or you can treat that person ______ a movie, a meal, snack or coffee. If you really don’t have the time to do the above, at least write a handwritten card, which shows you ______ the time to tell someone you appreciate him or her. Another idea is to send a thank-you e-mail card. This is not quite as ______, but it still shows your appreciation. As you can see, there are many ways to say thank you. Think of some ways ______. You will find that when saying thank you, ______.

31. (A) Other times  (B) Always  (C) Another time  (D) Next time
32. (A) To say  (B) Say  (C) To do  (D) Do
33. (A) supply  (B) offer  (C) give  (D) afford
34. (A) do  (B) make  (C) behold  (D) throw
35. (A) with  (B) of  (C) to  (D) on
36. (A) took  (B) borrow  (C) cost  (D) needed
37. (A) thoughtless  (B) personal  (C) general  (D) careful
38. (A) to yourself  (B) for your own  (C) with your own  (D) of your own
39. (A) actions speak louder than words  (B) it’s useless to cry over spilt milk  (C) rolling stones gather no moss  (D) time and tide wait for no men

III. Reading Comprehension: (4%)

Watergate was a 1970’s political scandal in which members of U.S. President Nixon’s administration were caught organizing, carrying out and covering up a plot to spy on political opponents. The name “Watergate” comes from the Watergate Hotel, where the Democratic Party’s National Committee offices were broken into on June 17, 1972. Chuck Colson became involved in 1971, in an attempt to discredit Daniel Ellsberg. Colson and others came up with a scheme to steal information from the office of Ellsberg’s psychiatrist. Ellsberg had been responsible for releasing military documents which had a major influence on the American public and helped increase opposition to the Vietnam War. For that reason, President Nixon considered Ellsberg an enemy. Colson later pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice in the matter of the Ellsberg break-in.

49. What did President Nixon’s administration do in the Watergate scandal?
   (A) They were bribed to cover some scandals.
   (B) They spied on political opponents.
   (C) They kidnapped Ellsberg’s psychiatrist.
   (D) They privately took possession of the chest.
50. Why did President Nixon consider Ellsberg an enemy? Because Ellsberg ______.
   (A) criticized the government’s economic policy
   (B) spread false information about the government
   (C) increased opposition to the Vietnam War
   (D) advocated the dismissal of the military committee