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20. _____ the best of your knowledge, which of the six boys is a math talent.  
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21. All of Tom's friends agree that the way he laughs _____ them crazy.  
(A) driven   (B) to drive   (C) drives   (D) driving

22. It's not surprising to see the dog _____ at a stranger.  
(A) barked   (B) to bark   (C) barks    (D) bark

23. II. Part 2. Cloze (@2pt x 10 = 20%)
   Choose the best answer to fill in each blank.

Percy Jackson and the Olympians is a series of books about twelve-year-old Percy. He is an ordinary boy who has always had trouble 24 school. Then, he 25 that he is really the son of Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea. He has more serious problems than school to 26 with now. Since Poseidon is so powerful, Percy has a lot of enemies. He and his mother 27 by monsters. He meets other demigods at a special summer camp. When trouble 28 among the gods, it is up to Percy to save the day!

5. If you want to go jogging this weekend, I _____ with you.  
(A) would have gone   (B) have gone    (C) will go   (D) went

7. _____ skirt you are wearing! It goes with your blouse well.  
(A) What a nice   (B) How nice   (C) What nice   (D) How a nice

9. It _____ me around $60,000 to buy this motorcycle.  
(A) spent   (B) took    (C) cost     (D) made

11. She created her own _____ of clothes and sold them online.  
(A) brand   (B) attention   (C) suggestion   (D) solution

13. To annoy me, my brother _____ turned up the radio while I was studying.  
(A) deliberately   (B) considerably   (C) precisely   (D) thankfully

15. When you cut onions, some chemicals will be _____ and make you cry.  
(A) brand   (B) attention   (C) suggestion   (D) solution

17. I found _____ extremely difficult to tell Mom the truth, but I still did in the end.  
(A) that   (B) it    (C) is   (D) that is

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23. After _____ over his history paper, David handed it to the teacher.  
(A) he checks   (B) checking   (C) checked   (D) had checked

24. (A) for   (B) over   (C) with   (D) behind

25. (A) breaks out   (B) finds out   (C) listens up   (D) lives through

26. (A) struggle   (B) handle   (C) stress   (D) support

27. (A) attack   (B) are attacking   (C) have attacked   (D) are attacked

28. (A) turns over   (B) makes up   (C) breaks out   (D) becomes of

Schaefer and Aristotle held different opinions about the shape of Earth. Schaefer argued that Earth is a circular flat disk. However, armed with nothing but reason and vision, the Greek philosopher Aristotle looked into the cause of eclipses and discovered otherwise. He argued that If we 29 among the gods, it is up to Percy to save the day!

Reasoning that the only object whose shadow always looks like a circle from any angle is a sphere, Aristotle used observations to argue his case. For example, if you travel north you see the stars in different positions in the sky, the northern ones move higher and southern ones disappear over the horizon.

Eclipses themselves, used to bust a myth, also inspired dozens more. A popular myth in medieval times was that a dragon devoured the moon during an eclipse. Many people around the world, thought of, as (B) regarded on, some 33-1 those mysterious natural phenomena 33-2 omens pointing to the collapse of empires or the end of the world.

30. (A) established   (B) grounded   (C) resided   (D) demonstrated

31. (A) no other   (B) one another   (C) a few other   (D) the other

32. (A) which   (B) therefore   (C) however   (D) while

33. (A) thought of, as (B) regarded on, some (C) considered about, for (D) viewed in, toward
Part 3. Reading (@2pt x 17= 34%)

Read the passage and answer the questions.

It is important for movie studios to get more people to watch their films. Yet how can you capture everyone’s attention? One way is through viral marketing. This is where ads are created to stir up interest, such as through e-mail, text messaging, and the Internet. A good example is the monster film *Cloverfield*. A mysterious scene from the film was shown with the film, *Transformers*. At the time, *Cloverfield* did not even have a title. People rushed to the Internet to find any information they could. The studio created fake Web sites with hints about the movie’s plot. These got people talking and trying to guess the film’s story. The release of the film was a success, because everyone wanted to see it.

34. What is viral marketing all about?
(A) Producing viruses to make people interested in products.
(B) Marketing poisonous products by means of the Internet.
(C) Using networks to increase people’s awareness of a product.
(D) Setting up fake Web sites to attract people to a product.

35. How did the film *Cloverfield* attract audiences’ attention?
(A) Many of their ads were placed on the Internet.
(B) A scene of it was played in another film.
(C) There were Web sites set up that gave away its story.
(D) It was shown right after another hit movie.

36. Which of the following may be a means of viral marketing?
(A) E-mail.
(B) The Internet.
(C) Text messages.
(D) All of the above.

BigBelly trash cans are changing the way garbage is processed. BigBelly trash cans use solar power to compress trash into a smaller mass. In fact, they can reduce the size of the trash by up to eighty percent. They offer a bigger benefit than just keeping the streets tidy. BigBelly cans hold more trash, so garbage trucks don’t have to collect them as frequently. Since the garbage trucks are driven less, this cuts down on carbon emissions, which is good for the environment.

37. What is the point of this passage?
(A) To show how BigBelly trash cans help the environment.
(B) To explain how BigBelly trash cans work.
(C) To provide an example of a solar-powered product.
(D) To introduce the subject of garbage processing.

38. In what way do these trash cans help the environment?
(A) They are made from reused materials.
(B) They also produce fresh air.
(C) They reduce car pollution.
(D) They clean up dirt around them.

39. What is TRUE about these trash cans?
(A) They use plants as energy.
(B) They can store a lot of trash.
(C) Special trucks collect them.
(D) They get rid of trash.

Lions are on the brink of disappearance. One reason for their decreasing numbers is the huge demand of lion bones for traditional Chinese medicines. As the Chinese grow richer, one of the ways they spend their new wealth is by buying expensive traditional remedies. The Chinese prefer to use tiger bones, but poachers are starting to sell lion and leopard bones as substitutes. The Asiatic lion, a subspecies of the African lion, is most at risk. Only about 350 are left. The problem is most serious in India. It is close to China, and its borders are poorly monitored by authorities. There is no real demand in India for big cat parts, so all illegal poaching is driven by customers in China.

40. According to this passage, why is the number of lions decreasing greatly?
(A) They are caught and sold for their bones.
(B) Their habitat is decreasing quickly.
(C) They can’t find enough food to eat.
(D) It is too hot for them in India.

41. Why is the problem of illegal Asiatic lion poaching most serious in India?
(A) Indian people enjoy buying expensive traditional remedies.
(B) There are too many lions there.
(C) It borders China, where the need for lions is pretty huge.
(D) People are afraid of lions and want them out of India.

42. What does the phrase on the brink of most likely mean?
(A) Due to.
(B) Close to.
(C) Based on.
(D) True of.

Spain has tried for much of this decade to resolve its water worries. The conservative government proposed transferring water from the Ebro, but that plan was dropped when it lost the 2004 parliamentary elections. The socialist government that took over focused on building desalination plants. However, this effort has foundered because farmers have refused to use desalinated water for irrigation, saying it is too expensive.

In Catalonia, authorities spent $95 million to restore old wells. This allowed Barcelona to capture millions more gallons daily. It seems that digging deeply — intellectually and otherwise — is perhaps the only way to bring an equitable end to “The Water War.” Ironically, the drought has been helpful, because it has forced people to realize that they can’t look to just one source or solution anymore.

43. What did the socialist government do?
(A) Built factories to remove salt from water.
(B) Lost many seats in the 2004 election.
(C) Proposed transferring water from the Ebro.
(D) Invested in restoring many old wells.

44. Farmers have refused desalinated water for which of the following uses?
(A) Drinking and bathing.
(B) Supplying water to crops.
(C) Washing their machinery.
(D) Swimming and recreation.
What does the author say “digging deeply” might accomplish?
(A) Quick end to the water war.
(B) An inexpensive end to the water war.
(C) A popular end to the water war.
(D) A fair end to the water war.

A recent survey brings both good news and bad news to educators in Taiwan. Taiwanese fourth and eighth graders ranked among the world’s best in science and mathematics and achieved on average significantly better grades last year than in 2003, but at the same time generally had a negative view of the subjects or did not feel confident in them. This is no doubt music to the ears of MOE (Ministry of Education), since, at least, these statistics seemed to lift some of the blame that has been put on the Education Reform. MOE’s Grade 1-9 Curriculum has been under severe attack even before it was introduced. For many years, students, parents, and teachers alike have gotten used to pinning every academic failure on this Curriculum. Now, finally and luckily, it seems the problem lies somewhere else.

But why the low confidence and negative view? Experts believe that we are teaching certain materials to our students at younger ages compared with other countries. But the schools and teachers are not entirely to blame. Most Taiwanese parents want their children to “win at the starting point”, hoping that their kids can start learning earlier — most of the time too early. Besides, schooling has always been test-oriented, forcing teachers and children to teach/learn for the sake of taking exams. Predictably, not many would enjoy that.

What is the best title for this passage?
(A) Achievement Equals Sense of Achievement.
(B) Another Education Reform on the Horizon.
(C) High Achievement, Low Interest.
(D) How to Make Your Kid a Math Lover.

What can we infer from the article?
(A) Parents in Taiwan take a liberal attitude toward education.
(B) Grades do not necessarily reflect a student’s interest.
(C) Exams, if carefully designed, can benefit students a lot.
(D) Learning math through playing games is very effective.

Which of the following statements is true about Grade 1-9 Curriculum?
(A) It was not introduced until 2003.
(B) It has not been generally well-received.
(C) It led to the low achievement in math and science.
(D) It is now the object of all teachers’ praise.

If you pin something on someone, you _________ for something.
(A) blame him
(B) thank him
(C) wait for him
(D) need him

What is most likely the writer’s attitude toward test-based schooling?
(A) He feels strange why it fails to boost students’ interest.
(B) He thinks it’s necessary for Taiwanese students to learn more efficiently.
(C) He encourages parents to know more about this
(D) He believes this is why students are not interested in learning.