I. Vocabulary (30%)

1. Your **income** is how much money you __________.
   A. receive  
   B. spend  
   C. borrow  
   D. owe

2. An **experience** is __________.
   A. something you have expressed  
   B. something that happens to you  
   C. something that you eat on special days  
   D. something you know about

3. If you **miss** your friends, it means __________.
   A. You say hello to them in a special way  
   B. you call them by a special title  
   C. you hit them with something  
   D. you would really like to see them

4. What are **employees**?
   A. jobs  
   B. workers  
   C. bosses  
   D. people who don’t have jobs

5. Something that is **familiar** to you is something __________.
   A. related to your family  
   B. that you know well and feel comfortable with  
   C. very formal  
   D. that happens every five days

6. What generally happens when you are **embarrassed**?
   A. you feel ashamed  
   B. you feel sick to your stomach every morning  
   C. you feel tired  
   D. you feel very happy

7. If you **prefer** one thing to another, you __________.
   A. like it better or best  
   B. don’t want it  
   C. pick it out of a bag  
   D. place it next to something

8. Our economic situation is **improving**. This means __________.
   A. The situation is getting worse  
   B. the situation is expanding  
   C. everyone is acting spontaneously  
   D. the situation is getting better

9. Which one is not an **invention**?
   A. the light bulb  
   B. electricity  
   C. paper  
   D. the internet

10. If you want to **keep in touch** with someone, you should __________.
    A. make sure you have his or her phone number and e-mail address
B. touch his or her arm
C. play music for him or her
D. hold something for him or her

11. What is the most important part of a good **diet**?
A. a great library
B. well-balanced meals
C. lots of homework
D. time to digest

12. Which is the most **fattening**?
A. celery
B. cucumbers
C. carrots
D. cream

13. When we went out to lunch, we **split** the bill four ways. This means ____________.
A. We folded the paper in four
B. We ripped the paper for four people
C. each of the four of us paid an equal amount
D. We drew a chart on it

14. Why did they think he was a **decent** person?
A. because he was a good person
B. because he was moody
C. because he was always happy
D. because he was cruel

15. Who would most likely do the job of **tutoring**?
A. a doctor
B. a nurse
C. a lawyer
D. a teacher

II. Grammar (30%)

(A)
John: Which one is your sister Amy?
Lynn: The one ___16___ a striped T-shirt and blue jeans.
John: Does she have long hair?
Lynn: No, Her hair is medium length. She _____17_____ grow her hair long, but now she wears short curly blonde hair.
John: Does she wear glasses?
Lynn: No, she wears contact lenses.
John: Is the one sitting next to Mike your sister?
Lynn: There she is. I don’t know Mike is here.
John: They are a beautiful couple. ______18____
Lynn: For two years.
John: ______19____
Lynn: Oh, they were co-workers in the hospital. They both are dentists.
John: Are they going to get married soon?
Lynn: I don’t think so. My parents don’t like him. ______20______

16. A. have      B. wears       C. in      D. with
17. A. use to     B. used to      C. was used to     D. did use to
18. A. How long have they known each other?
   B. How long did they know each other?
   C. How many years did they know each other?
   D. How often did they meet each other?
19. A. Where did they work?  B. Where did they meet?  C. What did they do?
   D. Why were they in the hospital?

(B)
Amy: I can’t decide __21___ on my vacation.
Laura: You should come to Taipei. I think it will be your favorite place __22___.
Amy: When do you think I should go?
Laura: You can come anytime. The weather is nice all year.
Amy: Should I rent a car when I ___23___ there? What do you recommend?
Laura: No, you should definitely use the subway. It’s fast and efficient. You can take the MRT to wherever you want. And you ___24___ Taipei 101. It’s the best place for seeing all of Taipei.

Amy: Is Taipei 101 a tall building? And how high is it?
Laura: It’s 509 meters high—the highest building in the world. It has five floors underground and there’s an observatory on floors 89 and 91. It takes only 37 seconds traveling to the 89th floor.

Amy: Well maybe I should visit you in the near future!
Laura: Welcome! I’m looking forward to ____25____ you soon.

21 A. where go   B. where to go   C. where I go   D. where should I go
22 A. to visit    B. visited    C. visiting   D. you visit
23 A. arrive at   B. arrive    C. will arrive   D. arriving
24 A. may visit   B. won’t visit   C. must pass   D. shouldn’t miss
25 A. be seen    B. see    C. seeing   D. saw

(C)

26. Mary and John __________ for forty years. They have six grandchildren.
   A. married   B. have married   C. have been married   D. got married

27. Amy and I have been co-workers ________ we both were in our early twenties.
   A. for   B. since   C. because   D. when

28. Would you please turn down the stereo? The music is distracting me.
   Sure, I will ____________.
   A. turn it down   B. turn down it   C. turn it up   D. turn up it

29. My book is as expensive as ____________.
   A. you    B. you’re    C. your   D. yours

30. Taipei is the place __________ I was born.
   A. when    B. that    C. where   D. what

III. Reading Comprehension (30%)

(A) People trade millions of different things on eBay’s Web site: from cars to electronics to musical instruments. Here’s how it works: A member puts an advertisement for an item on the Web site. Other members bid, or offer money, for the item. The person who bids the most money gets to buy the item. Then the seller sends the item to the buyer.

1. Which one of the following questions can you NOT find the answer in this passage?
   A. Where does the seller put an advertisement for the item he wants to sell?
   B. What can you buy and sell on eBay?
   C. How do you sell items on eBay?
   D. What do people think about eBay?

   (B) It’s not surprising that Astoria, a neighborhood in Queens, is becoming a very popular place to live. The rents are reasonable, the neighborhood is safe, and it has very good public transportation. There are inexpensive stores, many nice restaurants, and good fresh fruit and vegetable markets. And Astoria is a comfortable place to live. Apartments are usually big and roomy. As one long-time resident says, “Why live anywhere else? Astoria has it all.”

2. What’s the main idea of the paragraph?
   A. People from all over the world are moving to Astoria.
   B. The new residents make Astoria a multicultural neighborhood.
   C. The neighborhood has many good characteristics.
   D. Astoria is a good place for visiting.
Finding Nemo
**** (G, 101 minutes). A little clown fish gets lost, and his dad and another fish team up to find him. Visually beautiful, an adventure for kids plus a humorous level adults will appreciate.

Spellbound
*** (Unrated, suitable for all, 95 minutes). This Oscar-nominated U.S. documentary visits the homes of eight finalists for the National Spelling Bee, and then follows them to the finals in Washington. We get to know the kids and their families.

3. Read the two passages. Where do you think they are from?
A. a textbook
B. an encyclopedia
C. a dictionary
D. a newspaper

4. What do you think they are?
A. movie reviews
B. stories for children
C. advertisements for jobs
D. the results of the National Spelling Bee

(D)Imagine there is a bank that credits your account each morning with $86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening it deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every cent, of course!

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME. Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day’s deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against the “tomorrow.” You must live in the present on today’s deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success! The clock is running. Make the most of today.

5. Choose the main idea of the article.
A. Time is a gift. We should treasure it.
B. We should deposit some money in our account everyday.
C. Let bygones be bygones.
D. We should make the best of our time to earn money.

6. If you fail to use up the deposits at the end of the day, the balance will be
A. carried over to the following day
B. deleted by the bank
C. drawn out by someone else
D. stolen by someone you don’t know

7. When will there be a new account opened for you?
A. Every month.
B. When nothing is left in the account.
C. When you have a great loss.
D. Every day.

(E) Science plays a big role in everything we do in the kitchen. It is the magic that turns a pile of ingredients like flour, sugar and eggs into something new, like a chocolate cake.

Have you ever sliced an onion? Did it make you cry? When you cut up an onion you are allowing a reaction to occur. Onions contain sulphur compounds. When you cut the onion, these compounds are released into the air and irritate your eyes.

The next time you need to chop an onion, remember this short science lesson: reactions happen slower at lower temperatures. Put the onion in the refrigerator first; it will then release fewer irritating compounds when you cut it.

8. Choose the main idea of the article.
A. The first step to cutting an onion is to understand the science behind them.
B. Understanding science will help you to understand more about the food you cook and eat.
C. All of the science we learn in school is useful in the kitchen.
D. Science plays an important role in what we eat in the restaurant.

9. To avoid crying while cutting an onion, you need to __________.
A. get rid of sulphur compounds by boiling it first.
B. crack it in boiling water first.
C. slice it in cold water first.
D. put it in the refrigerator before chopping it.

(F) Dr. Paul Brand, a medical missionary in India, observed an unusual phenomenon with several of his patients. When they were recovering from surgery in his hospital, some family members would bring hot meals to them. At night a relative would sleep on the floor under the bed of the recovering patient. When patients awoke in pain, their loved ones would gently massage them until they went back to sleep.

At first Dr. Brand thought this was inappropriate and unsanitary. Over time, however, he began to notice that the patients receiving this loving care from family needed less pain medication. They were being soothed by people who loved them. This “family therapy” brought the warmth and care of home into an unfamiliar place.

10. According to Dr. Paul Brand, who recover from surgery more quickly?
A. the patients receiving love and care from family
B. the patients given massage by nurses
C. the patients taking as much pain medication as possible
D. the patients who have three meals

IV. Complete the sentence (10%)
1. ____________________________________________ was the greatest experience of my life. (4%)

2. When I need to relax, I close my eyes and imagine ___________________________________________. (3%)

3. It took me a lot of time to get used to ___________________________________________. (3%)