注意事項：
一、本試題共有 50 項，每題均須作答，總分 100 分。
二、請於答案卷中作答，否則不予計分。
三、答案卷上請用藍色或黑色筆繕寫。
四、作答時請先標明題號後式書寫。

I. 字義代換：第1至15題，每題均有一個劃底線的字，請在四個選項中，選出一個與劃底線的字意義最接近的答案。

1. Do we have another option besides going to granny’s house for New Year’s Eve dinner?
   (A) plan (B) choice (C) itinerary (D) change

2. You have a highly gifted son. I believe he’ll be a great pianist if he can learn from the best.
   (A) presented (B) earned (C) talented (D) required

3. My laptop is designed in Taiwan and manufactured in China.
   (A) handed (B) sold (C) processed (D) made

4. I wish there were a way I could better my English without making efforts.
   (A) consider (B) improve (C) dream (D) predict

5. I’ve been studying Spanish for years. Finally I feel I’m making some progress.
   (A) achievement (B) profit (C) advance (D) decision

6. We need to reduce our living expenses. From now on we only eat out on weekends.
   (A) raise (B) cut down on (C) control (D) manage

7. This year’s baseball championship was cancelled because of a major earthquake.
   (A) called off (B) put off (C) put away (D) called forth

8. You have been working all day. Why don’t you take a rest? It will do you good.
   (A) drink (B) nap (C) break (D) shower

9. Oh, forgetful me! I need someone to remind me to submit my science paper on Monday.
   (A) hand in (B) finish (C) bring (D) write

10. Opportunity is for those who are prepared. And preparation takes time. Be patient.
    (A) fortune (B) glory (C) success (D) chance

11. I’ve never expected that I would experience cultural shock in my own country.
    (A) consider (B) guess (C) dream (D) predict
12. The entire plan is a mistake. It’s simply impractical.
   (A) new (B) whole (C) bad (D) big

13. After 5 years of service, employees at this company are eligible for a 2-week paid vacation.
   (A) firm (B) institute (C) organization (D) group

14. People in this area will experience the worst snowstorm in 10 years.
   (A) city (B) state (C) country (D) region

15. Don’t try to fix it. You are not a mechanic. Better leave it to the expert.
   (A) professional (B) worker (C) body shop (D) plumber

II. 字彙填空: 第16至35題, 請選擇一個最適合填入劃線處的答案。

16. In my opinion, your article needs a little ______ to be more precise.
   (A) polish (B) insist (C) punch (D) reprise

17. By using this ______ we can get a discount of 200 NT dollars at this store.
   (A) attachment (B) schedule (C) coupon (D) bulletin

18. I have a desktop computer all I need is a keyboard, a mouse and some other ______.
   (A) utilities (B) merchandise (C) inventions (D) accessories

19. We have five pieces of ______, including a briefcase and a backpack.
   (A) baggage (B) suitcase (C) luggages (D) trunk

20. If you try their early ______ special, you will receive 50% off your food bill.
   (A) worm (B) rooster (C) bird (D) dog

21. The author has vividly ______ the natural beauty of tropical rainforest in his novel.
   (A) explain (B) depicted (C) wondered (D) predicted

22. Jay and Kay may disagree with each other sometimes, but that doesn’t ______ their friendship.
   (A) effect (B) affect (C) respect (D) suspect

23. This bus is ______ service now, please take the next bus. It’s coming in 5 minutes.
   (A) out of (B) up to (C) off on (D) in for

24. Don’t worry. It’s only 10:15. I’ll ______ you to the airport in 30 minutes.
   (A) bring (B) carry (C) send (D) take

25. I’ve never done it before, but I will give it my best ______.
   (A) work (B) wish (C) choice (D) shot

26. You can take bus 203 or 614 to Central Railway Station. ______ one will do.
   (A) both (B) other (C) every (D) neither
27. This is ______ excuse for being late. Do you expect me to believe it?
(A) most strange  (B) the strangest  (C) most strangest  (D) the most strangest

28. ______ her brother, who is tall and strong, Lily is a short and thin girl.
(A) Dislike  (B) Like  (C) Unlike  (D) Alike

29. My mother always tells me not to ______ people by their appearance.
(A) judge  (B) decide  (C) make  (D) know

30. It is ______ hot day ______ a lot of people go to the beach to cool off.
(A) so; that  (B) such; so  (C) such a; that  (D) so a; and

31. There are too many ______, some of which are useful, some are not.
(A) data  (B) news  (C) information  (D) rumor

32. You can find everything you need to know in the technical ______. Nevertheless, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.
(A) illustration  (B) manual  (C) program  (D) analysis

33. Owing to the ______ failure, we had to spend a night without TV or video game.
(A) electrified  (B) generate  (C) power  (D) drive

34. This yearbook is ______ property owned by the library. You can use it here, but you cannot take it home.
(A) private  (B) personal  (C) real  (D) public

35. Boss said we will have half a day off if we finish painting ahead of ______.
(A) monthly  (B) program  (C) final  (D) schedule

III. 對話測驗：第36至45題，請依照對話前後內容選出一個最適當的答案，使其成為有意義的對話。

Waiter: Are you ready to order, sir?
Man: Yes. I’d like to have a steak, please?
Waiter: ______
Man: Medium rare, please.

36. (A) How do you like your steak?   (B) What steak would you like?
    (C) What size of steak would you like?   (D) Which steak would you like?

Checkout clerk: Hi, what can I get for you today?
Customer: I’d like a decaf coffee and a turkey burger, please.
Checkout: ______
Customer: No. To have here today.

37. (A) Anything else?      (B) Take away, as usual?
    (C) Here you are.       (D) There you go.
Check-in Person: Can I see your ticket and your passport, please?
Passenger: Sure. Here’s my ticket. And here’s my passport.
Check-in Person: Thank you. Would you like a window seat or an aisle seat?
Passenger: ______________ I always enjoy the view.

38. (A) An aisle seat, please.  (B) Any seat will do.
   (C) A window seat, please.  (D) A priority seat, please.

Secretary: Hello, Mr. Pollock’s office.
Caller: This is Lech Szymanowski calling. I’m Mr. Pollock’s college classmate.
Secretary: Sorry, Mr. Kong is at a meeting now. ______________
Caller: Sure. Please tell him that I’ll call again tomorrow. My name is Lech Szymanowski.
Secretary: I’m sorry, ______________

39. (A) You’re calling at the wrong time.  (B) Better luck next time.
   (C) Do you want him to call you?  (D) Would you like to leave a message?

40. (A) you sure have a rare name.  (B) could you spell that for me, please?
   (C) is that a Polish name?  (D) do you have an appointment?

Man: Hey, you look awful. ______________
Woman: My dog was killed in a hit-and-run accident yesterday.
Man: I’m sorry to hear that.

41. (A) When did it happen?  (B) Would you like a bite of something?
   (C) Do you have a surprise for me?  (D) What’s the matter?

Abe: Oh, no. It’s raining outside. And we have a rock concert to go.
Ed: Never mind. I would rather go to the concert in the rain than sit here watching it on TV.
Abe: Well said! Orange in Trance is a band to die for.
Ed: Yeah. ______________ Let’s hit the road.

42. (A) Don’t count me in.  (B) We’d better stay out of the rain.
   (C) You can say that again.  (D) You must be out of your mind.

Customer: I don’t think I look good in red. Maybe I should try something else.
Salesclerk: No way. In my professional opinion, you are the prettiest lady in red.
Customer: ______________ But do you really think so?
Salesclerk: Of course I do. Well then, can I wrap it up for you?

43. (A) I bet you say that to everyone.  (B) How dare you!
   (C) Look who is talking?  (D) I want a word with your boss.
Guest: Hello, my name is John Smith. I'd like to reserve a room for the first of May, please.
Receptionist: The first of May. ____________
Guest: A single room, non-smoking if possible.
Receptionist: We can give you a non-smoking single room at $125. Would that be all right with you, sir?
Guest: Yeah. That sounds fine. ____________
Receptionist: Very well then, Mr. Smith. You are all set. Thanks for calling.

44. (A) For how many nights, sir?   (B) Will you be traveling alone, Mr. Smith?
    (C) Is that right, Mr. Smith?   (D) What kind of room would you like, sir?
45. (A) Is breakfast included?   (B) I’ll see what I can do.
    (C) It’s in my price range.   (D) It’s very useful information.

IV. 閱讀測驗：第 46 至 50 題，請閱讀下面的短文，並選出最適當的答案。

In 2003, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) conducted a survey to find out what are Britons’ all-time favorite novels. The scale of the year-long reading taste survey was unprecedented. The BBC started the Big Read survey by asking viewers to vote via the Web, SMS and telephone.

To achieve its goal of finding the "Nation’s Best-loved Book," the BBC also produced several programs hosted by celebrities. The programs and the project itself aroused controversy and were attached by some literary elites for aiming to reflect vulgar popular taste. However, not everyone hated the Big Read. Supporters praised it for raising the public awareness of reading. According to Amazon.co.uk, the project boosted sales of some books by nearly 500% after the 100-novel shortlist was announced on 18 October, 2003. The upsurge was led by A.A. Milne’s Winnie the Pooh, with sales up 474% while demand for J.R.R. Tolkien’s The Lord of the Rings went up 400%.

As it turned out, the top 5 books of the Big Read are The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien (the biggest-selling novel of all time—more than 100 million copies sold), Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen, His Dark Materials by Philip Pullman, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams and Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J. K. Rowling. 30 of the top 100 titles were written for children, including Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne (No. 7) and Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll (No.30). Only 8 of the top 100 books were written in French (1), German (1), Portuguese (1), Russian (3) and Spanish (2).

At most, the final list of the Big Read reflects the novels best loved in the U.K. alone. Maybe people in Taiwan can vote for their own all-time favorites as well. The result of the vote does not matter so much as long as it can kindle people’s passion in reading good books.

The Big Read was a literary survey in which of the following country?
46. (A) The UK.   (B) The United States   (C) Taiwan   (D) Amazon
The Big Read was not voted for via which of the following?
47. (A) SMS  (B) postcard  (C) telephone  (D) the Web

Which is the all-time biggest-selling novel?
48. (A) Winnie the Pooh  (B) Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
       (C) The Lord of the Rings  (D) Pride and Prejudice

Which statement is NOT true?
49. (A) Winnie the Pooh was the biggest climber in sales.
       (B) 30 of the 100-novel shortlist are children books.
       (C) Some top 100 novels were written in languages other than English.
       (D) The Big Read was supported by everyone.

According to the article, which is the main purpose of a literary survey like The Big Read?
50. (A) To boost the sales of novels.
       (B) To kindle people’s passion in reading.
       (C) To learn about popular taste in a country.
       (D) To tell people what books to buy.