I. Vocabulary: choose the best word or phrase to complete each sentence. (26%)

1. When the evening closes in, we can see a lot of couples walking _____ along the river bank.
   (A) arm with arm    (B) arm in arm     (C) arm by arm     (D) arm on arm

2. A _____ between the two systems reveals that one is far more democratic than the other.
   (A) comparable      (B) comparison    (C) comparative    (D) compare

3. The rising tensions between India and Pakistan caused all of the embassies and business offices to _____ personnel.
   (A) evacuate         (B) enlarge         (C) employ         (D) endanger

4. _____ drought conditions, the government decided to carry out a 36-hour water rationing scheme in both Taipei and Taoyuan.
   (A) With a view to   (B) In view of     (C) In case of      (D) Provided that

5. The soccer player was kicked in the leg, and the audience saw him limp off the field in _____.
   (A) vigor           (B) sequence     (C) penetration     (D) agony

6. Learning is a never-ending process of _____ that seems to become more valuable and meaningful the older we get.
   (A) brilliance       (B) replacement   (C) enrichment     (D) application

7. The _____ rain caused the river to overflow its banks.
   (A) abstract        (B) indigenous     (C) hollow        (D) incessant

8. Over the sounds of the storm, she could not hear the _____ sound of footsteps outside her bedroom door.
   (A) glamorous      (B) eternal        (C) fainter       (D) condemned

9. Through his _____, the billionaire will be remembered for many centuries.
   (A) legacy          (B) binary         (C) ordeal         (D) taboo

10. Due to the downturn of the economy, many families stand on the _____ of poverty.
    (A) battlefield     (B) brink        (C) paddle        (D) platform

11. From a single faucet to a complete bath, the company provides expert _____ services.
    (A) painting       (B) computing      (C) installation   (D) paving

12. He was _____ toward her bad manners, but he couldn’t accept her constant swearing.
    (A) unsure          (B) tolerant       (C) contradictory  (D) literary

13. The company’s sales have increased significantly after their _____ advertising campaign.
    (A) instrumental    (B) buoyant       (C) preeminent     (D) innovative

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II. Grammar: choose the best answer to complete the sentence. (24%)  

14. _____ a blend of the actual note sounded and related tones called overtones.  
   (A) Musical tones consist of every  (B) All musical tones consisting of  
   (C) It consists of all musical tones  (D) Every musical tone consists of  

15. _____, all animals need oxygen, water, food, and the proper range of temperatures.  
   (A) To survive  (B) Their survival  (C) Surviving  (D) They survive  

16. Completed in 1756, Nassau Hall is the oldest building now _____ on the campus of Princeton University.  
   (A) standing   (B) it stands   (C) has stood   (D) stood  

17. _____ bacterial infection is present in the body, the bone marrow produces more white blood cells than usual.  
   (A) A   (B) That a   (C) If a   (D) During a  

18. Anyone who has ever pulled weeds from a garden _____ roots firmly anchor plants to the soil.  
   (A) is well aware that   (B) well aware   (C) is well aware of   (D) well aware that  

19. Indian summer is a period of mild weather _____ during the autumn.  
   (A) occurs   (B) occurring   (C) it occurs   (D) is occurring  

20. _____ many improvements made to highways during the nineteenth century, but Americans continued to depend on water routes for transportation.  
   (A) Despite the   (B) There were   (C) However   (D) Though there were  

21. _____ is the ancestor of most types of domestic ducks is well documented.  
   (A) That the mallard   (B) The mallard   (C) Because the mallard   (D) The mallard that  

22. By the late 1990’s, Baxian had sold 500 homes _____ spacious weekend retreats priced in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.  
   (A) many of them   (B), many of them   (C) many of which   (D), many of which  

23. In an authoritarian regime judges do _____ they think is expected of them. They are considered to be no more than stooges of the dictator.  
   (A) which   (B) that   (C) what   (D) when  

24. _____ play Alison's House, the author Susan Glaspell won a Pulitzer Prize in 1931.  
   (A)Her   (B) By her   (C) It was her   (D) For her  

25. _____ type of insects that pollinate plants.  
   (A) Not only are the bees   (B) Bees are not the only  
   (C) Not the only bees are   (D) Bees are not only the
III. Cloze A (16%)

On November 22, 1999, a boat carrying 14 passengers left Cuba heading toward the United States. On the boat was five-year-old Elian Gonzales. The little boy, along with his mother, was __26__ a new life in the United States. On November 23, the boat capsized, killing __27__ but three of the people on board, including young Elian’s mother. The boy was __28__ two days later after clinging to an inner tube for dear life. After the boy’s rescue, his story became a drama __29__ by the entire world. Since the early 1960s, the United States and Cuba __30__ an unfriendly relationship. This poor relationship is __31__ to the communist government in Cuba and the US views against it. After Elian arrived in the United States, he was whisked away to relatives in Florida. The relatives wanted Elian to stay in the States, __32__ Elian’s father wanted him to return home to Cuba. For seven long months the world watched as the United States and Cuba battled over where the young boy should live. __33__ the end, Elian was returned to his father in Cuba.

26. (A) seeking (B) looking (C) searching (D) leading
27. (A) some (B) many (C) all (D) none
28. (A) drowned (B) buried (C) rescued (D) mugged
29. (A) witnessed (B) witnessing (C) witness (D) was witnessed
30. (A) have (B) had (C) had had (D) have had
31. (A) owing (B) due (C) because (D) added
32. (A) while (B) when (C) before (D) after
33. (A) To (B) By (C) In (D) At
IV. Cloze B (10%)

Eskimos need efficient and adequate means to travel across ____34____ in that the areas where they live are surrounded by oceans, bays, and inlets and dotted with lakes and seas. Two different types of boats have been developed by the Eskimos, each ____35____ to meet specific needs. The kayak is something like a canoe that has been covered by a deck. A kayak is generally constructed ____36____ one opening in the deck for one rider; however, some kayaks are made for two. ____37____ the deck of a kayak is covered over except for the hole for its rider, a kayak can tip over in the water and roll back up without filling with water and sinking. One of the primary ____38____ of the kayak is for hunting.

34. (A) water (B) land (C) the air (D) space
35. (A) is constructed (B) construction (C) constructed (D) constructing
36. (A) for (B) on (C) in (D) with
37. (A) Though (B) Because (C) If (D) When
38. (A) uses (B) processes (C) systems (D) routes

V. Reading Comprehension A (9 %)

The jingle dress dance is a traditional dance of the Ojibwa people that originated in Minnesota. The dresses are adorned with metal cones or jingles that are not only decorative, but jingle during the dance. One particular legend recounts how a medicine man helped his very sick daughter. One night, a spirit wearing the jingle dress appeared to him in a dream. She told him that he could cure his daughter by making one of these jingle dresses for her. When he woke up, he and his wife crafted a jingle dress according to the spirit’s instruction, and their daughter was cured.

39. What does “that” in line 1 refer to?
   (A) The jingle dress     (B) The jingle dress dance
   (C) The Ojibwa people   (D) Minnesota
40. It can be inferred from the passage that _____.
   (A) the jingle dress dance can cure diseases
   (B) the jingle dress is no longer used
   (C) the Ojibwa people believed in the supernatural
   (D) the Ojibwa people suffered an epidemic
VI. Reading Comprehension B (15 %)

William Shakespeare was born in Stratford-Upon-Avon in Warwickshire, England on April 23, 1564. His mother, Mary Arden, had come from a fairly wealthy family. His father, John, was a glove maker and a leather merchant by trade. He also held the prestigious position of town bailiff in their community. In all, the Shakespeares had eight children, William being the third of these children and the first son. Three of William’s brothers and sisters died during childhood.

Reportedly, Shakespeare did not have an extensive education. He did attend Stratford Grammar School, a school for the sons of prominent citizens, although it appears his family may not have paid for his education due to his father’s status as a high-ranking town official. While it is not certain, it is believed that Shakespeare attended this school from age 7 to 14. The time he spent at this grammar school is assumed to be the only education he received, yet the literary quality of his works suggests a more advanced education. This matter has contributed to the debate concerning the authorship of his works.

On November 28, 1582, Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway, a farmer’s daughter. Anne was twenty-six years old when they married and was pregnant at the time. William was only eighteen. Their marriage produced three children. Shakespeare apparently abandoned his family and disappeared from 1585 to 1592. No records of Shakespeare exist from this period of his life, and they are usually referred to as “the lost years.” Some have speculated that he either became a school teacher, a butcher’s apprentice, or was running from law.

Shakespeare reappeared in London where he arrived with the goal of becoming an actor and playwright. Evidently, Shakespeare garnered envy for his talent early on. He even found a sponsor to help pay for his services. Shakespeare became famous after his acting company worked and performed for royalty. Consequently, he became quite well-to-do as director, writer, actor and stockholder.

42. As used in paragraph 2, what is the meaning of the word “prominent”?
   (A) Feared   (B) Powerful   (C) Studious   (D) Hardworking

43. Which of the following could best replace the word “garnered” as used in paragraph 4?
   (A) Discouraged   (B) Found   (C) Attracted   (D) Prevented
44. Why does the author mention that Shakespeare’s father held the prestigious position of town bailiff in their community?
   (A) To illustrate that his father was also quite talented and accomplished.
   (B) To show Shakespeare was not worried about the getting in trouble with the law.
   (C) To explain how his father could have married his mother, who was wealthy.
   (D) To explain why, although not wealthy, Shakespeare did enjoy some privilege.

45. According to the passage, why were the years 1585-1592 called “the lost years”?
   (A) No records of Shakespeare’s life exist from this time.
   (B) Shakespeare was unable to write during this time due to an illness.
   (C) Shakespeare’s plays from this period were burned in the Great Fire.
   (D) Shakespeare refused to speak with his wife during these years.

46. What can be inferred from paragraph 2 about Shakespeare’s works?
   (A) Shakespeare must have gone to university at some point to write them.
   (B) Some scholars today doubt that Shakespeare actually wrote them.
   (C) They are viewed as the best example of what one person can accomplish.
   (D) They have never been considered as having been written by just one person.