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科目：外國文（英文）

考試時間：1 小時

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※注意：(一)本試題為單一選擇題，請選出一個正確或最適當答案。

(二)本科目共 50 題，每題 2 分，須用 2B 鉛筆在試卡上依題號清楚劃記，於本試題上作答者，不予計分。

(三)禁止使用電子計算器。

- 1 My uncle gave a _____ and detailed description of his travels to many countries in Africa.
(A) vivid (B) timid (C) rusty (D) shabby
- 2 Drivers should stay _____ while on the road, keeping an eye out for bikes or other vehicles.
(A) fierce (B) alert (C) anxious (D) initial
- 3 The mayoral candidate won the election after _____ a statement claiming that he never took any bribes.
(A) entitling (B) instructing (C) releasing (D) confusing
- 4 Engineers built a canal and implemented irrigation systems to transform deserts into _____ and productive land.
(A) greasy (B) fertile (C) magnetic (D) precise
- 5 The thick forest used to be _____ filled with tall trees that reached up to the sky.
(A) densely (B) hollowly (C) nakedly (D) racially
- 6 She shared five key lessons defining her approach for _____ businesses that go through challenging times.
(A) reviving (B) residing (C) reciting (D) retreating
- 7 During summer I always have a strong _____ for shaved ice to help me feel cool.
(A) rating (B) crashing (C) craving (D) bashing
- 8 George and Angelia are not getting along, so there has been little _____ between them.
(A) allocation (B) conscience (C) interaction (D) generation
- 9 After we transformed our paper files to _____ records, we found it much easier to search them.
(A) capital (B) digital (C) mental (D) vital
- 10 The _____ of life is full of ups and downs, we can enjoy the highs and learn from the lows.
(A) apology (B) capital (C) journey (D) tobacco
- 11 To _____ better health in the community, the local council introduced free exercise classes in the park.
(A) consist (B) deflect (C) induce (D) merge
- 12 If tickets are still _____, I plan to attend the concert next weekend.
(A) agreeable (B) available (C) capable (D) compatible
- 13 If you can _____ me with the cooking, we can have dinner ready by the time our guests arrive.
(A) accept (B) assist (C) criticize (D) judge
- 14 The new policies were designed to fund small businesses to _____ in a competitive market.
(A) thrive (B) mimic (C) recline (D) dwindle
- 15 As our VIP, you can enjoy certain _____, such as a 25% discount and free delivery service.
(A) preventions (B) percentages (C) permissions (D) privileges
- 16 She felt sad as she watched the stray dog _____ on the street.
(A) elevated (B) lessened (C) measured (D) abandoned

- 17 The sound of the vacuum cleaner echoed through the house as my father did his _____ chores.
(A) fatal (B) automatic (C) democratic (D) domestic
- 18 After the cruise _____ at the port, we set out on an 8-day journey through Europe.
(A) departed (B) expanded (C) circulated (D) approved
- 19 The teacher encourages her students to _____ through picture books at the school library to find their favorite stories.
(A) browse (B) cement (C) offend (D) splash
- 20 Unsaturated fats help our bodies absorb vitamins, support cell growth, and _____ our immune system.
(A) assert (B) boost (C) cater (D) flick
- 21 It's a simple act of _____ to always hold the door for the person behind you.
(A) courtesy (B) frequency (C) harvest (D) impulse
- 22 The government has announced new health guidelines to effectively _____ the spread of the infectious disease.
(A) attend (B) contain (C) discharge (D) prescribe
- 23 The boy tried to eat a grape whole but began to _____ on it and have difficulty breathing.
(A) decide (B) choke (C) perish (D) drown
- 24 The police _____ the man's possessions to find out if he had hidden anything illegal or dangerous.
(A) respected (B) inspected (C) prospected (D) proposed
- 25 Dead fish starting to _____ have been found floating in the polluted river, smelling terrible.
(A) decay (B) drill (C) stake (D) spray
- 26 Social media can be used to bring attention to the _____ of natural resources to secure support for protecting the environment.
(A) abuse (B) flush (C) spike (D) weave
- 27 Furniture retailers are among those reporting the sharpest annual decline in sales during the _____.
(A) succession (B) perception (C) recession (D) possession
- 28 With the typhoon _____, people in the coastal town stored some supplies in advance.
(A) appointing (B) approaching (C) appreciating (D) reproaching
- 29 Tall buildings were a new _____ on the skyline when this city just expanded in size in the 60s.
(A) contest (B) height (C) feature (D) delivery
- 30 To become globally known, the pianist has been _____ to serious daily practices.
(A) demoted (B) delivered (C) devoted (D) distracted

請依下文回答第 31 題至 35 題

Imagine if you could look into the future and see yourself 50 years from now. You could see the wrinkles on your face, how your hair would gray, and how the shape of your face would change 31 decades of life. It sounds 32 something out of a fairytale. But a viral “Aged” filter on TikTok is allowing users to look into the face of their 33 selves. The new filter uses AI to estimate 34 your face will look like as you age. In a 35 of months, the filter got 11 billion views. Young people using the filter reveal a deep fear of getting, and more importantly, looking old.

- 31 (A) after (B) against (C) with (D) under
- 32 (A) if (B) like (C) of (D) to
- 33 (A) future (B) historic (C) past (D) present
- 34 (A) what (B) when (C) where (D) why
- 35 (A) use (B) matter (C) few (D) little

請依下文回答第 36 題至 40 題

Tough yet malleable and easy to bend and work with, lead became the chosen metal for water pipes long, long ago—a use that dates back to the ancient Romans. However, lead is notoriously dangerous, with medical and public health experts agreeing that there is no safe level of lead in the human body. Then, how does lead get into our tap water? It enters drinking water when a chemical reaction occurs in plumbing materials that contain lead. This is known as corrosion—dissolving or wearing-away of metal from the pipes and fixtures. This reaction is more severe when water has high acidity or low mineral content. Because we cannot see, taste, or smell lead in drinking water, the best way to know the risk of exposure to lead in drinking water is to identify the potential sources of lead in the service line and household plumbing. The local water authority is always the first source for testing and identifying lead contamination in the tap water. Here are a few suggestions for homeowners to cope with the problem:

- First and foremost, ask your water provider if you have a lead service line providing water to your home. If you have a lead service line, ask if there are any programs to assist with removal of the lead service line going to your home.
- You should be aware that any work, such as water main or service line replacement, could increase exposure to lead while the work is ongoing and for up to six months after the work is completed.
- You should ask to have your water tested. Many public water systems will test drinking water for residents upon request. There are also laboratories that are certified to test for lead in water.
- You need to understand that water sampling results can vary depending on the time of day, season, method of sampling, flow of water and other factors.

36 According to the passage, which of the following is associated with plumbing materials?

- (A) Pipes and fixtures
- (B) Mineral content
- (C) Certified laboratories
- (D) Removal of acidity

37 According to the passage, how does lead get into our tap water?

- (A) Water pipes containing lead corrode, and the metal dissolves into the water.
- (B) The water authority does not monitor and treat source water that contains lead.
- (C) Lead gets into drinking water when the service line replacement is in process.
- (D) Drinking water is contaminated when it is tested and sampled by laboratories.

38 According to the passage, why did lead become a chosen material for water pipes?

- (A) It is strong and pliable.
- (B) It is solid and dense.
- (C) It is heavy and compact.
- (D) It is resistant to corrosion.

39 According to the passage, what will cause a more severe corrosion in plumbing materials that contain lead?

- (A) High mineral content.
- (B) High acidity in water.
- (C) High temperatures.
- (D) Highly toxic chemicals.

40 According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true?

- (A) Water service line replacement could increase the exposure to lead while the work is proceeding.
- (B) Medical and public health experts agree that there is no safe level of lead in the human body.
- (C) Water sampling results can be different depending on the time of day, season, and method of sampling.
- (D) The most important thing is to look for a certified laboratory to identify lead contamination.

請依下文回答第 41 題至 45 題

Early risers are people who naturally wake up early in the morning. Their body clock causes them to get up while most of us are still in deep sleep. Researchers said early risers could have some shared DNA from Neanderthals – our 41 who lived over 40,000 years ago. Neanderthals lived in northern parts of Europe and Asia. They woke up earlier to hunt for or gather food as the sun 42. Scientists have spent a long time looking at why some people are early birds, while others are night owls. They looked at a medical database with 43 information for hundreds of thousands of people. They compared the DNA of people who said they were early risers with the Neanderthal DNA. Their research found more examples of Neanderthal DNA 44 in the early risers. However, it is likely that the Neanderthal DNA is not so strong in many people. The effect of the Neanderthal DNA may be 45 as the centuries pass. Our modern lifestyles mean many of us prefer sleeping in to leaving the comfort of our bed. Nevertheless, it may still be true that the early bird catches the worm.

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| 41 | (A) ancestors | (B) endorsers | (C) ministers | (D) violators |
| 42 | (A) rose | (B) rises | (C) arise | (D) risen |
| 43 | (A) genetic | (B) absurd | (C) balding | (D) tactful |
| 44 | (A) existed | (B) hunched | (C) tokened | (D) wielded |
| 45 | (A) weakening | (B) inducting | (C) hovering | (D) lavishing |

請依下文回答第 46 題至 50 題

Is stray animal protection as urgent as it seems? As a matter of fact, I would like to change the movement's name to "de-privileged animal protection." Stray animals can neither speak for their own rights nor register as voters. They are the most unprivileged among the underprivileged. Suppose the whole society sees them not as life but as trash. In that case, we would treat foreign laborers, old citizens who live alone, people with disabilities, and all other minority groups similarly, as if a domino effect starts to implement itself. However, if we secure the first domino piece, that is, if we can rescue a stray cat out of kindness, shall we fail to treat other species (including humans) in suffering kindly?

I recalled a reader from a university abroad saying in his letter to me, "I envy neither democracy nor wealth in Taiwan. But I do envy the kindness and tolerance of Taiwanese people as shown in their kind treatment of non-human species described in your cat book."

Therefore, it is not a matter of cat caring or not (to use the rhetoric of relativism permeating throughout this society, as in "Just as you have the freedom to love cats, so I have the freedom to hate them"). We care for aboriginal kids or starving kids in Africa, not because we love or do not love them. It is an act of generosity, rightly making us a civilized being.

- 46 According to the passage, what do foreign laborers, old citizens who live alone, and people with disabilities have in common?
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| (A) They are in large numbers. | (B) They do not enjoy social benefits. |
| (C) They suffer from discrimination. | (D) They are often in the news. |
- 47 According to the passage, what can the author's job be?
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| (A) A book writer. | (B) A shop owner. |
| (C) A game developer. | (D) An environment official. |
- 48 Which of the following is the best title for this passage?
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| (A) Love All People in Suffering | (B) Be Kind to Stray Animals |
| (C) Live a Life in a Safe Way | (D) Build a Cat-caring Shelter |
- 49 Which of the following is closest in meaning to "permeating" in the context of this passage?
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| (A) spreading | (B) claiming | (C) inhabiting | (D) outstanding |
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- 50 According to the passage, why do people care for stray animals?
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| (A) It is a volunteer work. | (B) It is a humanitarian act. |
| (C) It showcases love for the old. | (D) It promotes animals' positive image. |