

**Notice : For Part I ~Part IV (No. 1~60), please write down the most appropriate answer in the blanks given in the answer sheet; for Part V and VI, please write down your answers according to the sequence and instructions.**

**I. Vocabulary: choose the most appropriate answer to the question 15%**

1. Despite the initial \_\_\_\_\_, the two political heavyweights, after a long negotiation, still shook hands and agreed to work in alliance for the party.  
(A) requisite (B) reluctance (C) reference (D) rejuvenation
2. Major automobile \_\_\_\_\_, including Honda and Toyota, suspended production at plants in Japan after the catastrophic earthquake. It was estimated that Japanese cars would be soon out of stock in the market.  
(A) subordinations (B) subscribers (C) millineries (D) manufacturers
3. The death of Osama bin Laden, the mastermind of 9/11 terrorist attacks, may act as a \_\_\_\_\_ for retaliation from al-Qaida. Terrorism experts warned that Osama's followers were likely to take revenge over his death and launch retaliatory attacks on the U.S.  
(A) catalyst (B) casualty (C) circumference (D) commemoration
4. The theory of cosmic evolution proposes that the universe, with the beginning in a state of simplicity and \_\_\_\_\_, has differentiated into great variety.  
(A) equilibrium (B) homogeneity (C) proportion (D) dogmatism
5. Scholars and specialists were deeply concerned that some media would spread false news to \_\_\_\_\_ or even mislead people's thoughts.  
(A) manipulate (B) reconcile (C) collaborate (D) enumerate
6. Individual liberty is \_\_\_\_\_ in totalitarian countries, such as the former Russia and Iraq. Freedom is highly restricted in those countries.  
(A) transcribed (B) subscribed (C) inscribed (D) circumscribed
7. The CEO's mismanagement of the company \_\_\_\_\_ the loss of thousands of jobs. Many employees lost their jobs due to his wrong decision on expanding the business too fast.  
(A) assimilated (B) advocated (C) occasioned (D) overwhelmed
8. In the so-called "Jasmine Revolution," or "Twitter Revolution," people in Tunisia \_\_\_\_\_ a protest against the government's oppressive rule in order to voice their fury over the regime's corruption and the poor economic conditions.  
(A) launched (B) impugned (C) discredited (D) pertained
9. Everyone of us should try hard to create a more caring and \_\_\_\_\_ society. In other words, we should be more sympathetic towards minority groups, such as the poor and the disadvantaged.  
(A) apathetic (B) pernicious (C) benevolent (D) incongruous

10. \_\_\_\_\_ animals, such as lions, tigers and bears, often have well-developed canine teeth.  
(A) Compulsive (B) Cognitive (C) Herbivorous (D) Carnivorous
11. Investors have become more \_\_\_\_\_ after the recent stock-market crash; they tend to be more cautious of their investment.  
(A) circumspect (B) compulsory (C) colloquial (D) casual
12. Osama bin Laden, the al-Qaida chief, was found and killed by an elite U.S. force in a luxury compound in Pakistan, rather than in the \_\_\_\_\_ regions of the country where he was thought to be hiding.  
(A) presumptuous (B) inquisitive (C) explosive (D) secluded
13. About one million spectators flocked to London and gathered along the wedding processional route to see how \_\_\_\_\_ and splendid Prince William and Kate Middleton were at the royal wedding.  
(A) lackluster (B) diminutive (C) glamorous (D) plausible
14. In some Native American cultures, an article used in religious ritual is composed with extraordinary attention to and richness of detail: it is decorated more \_\_\_\_\_ than a similar article intended for daily use.  
(A) alternately (B) lavishly (C) intuitively (D) equivocally
15. The government dare not crack down on the demonstration in fear that an all-out revolution might \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) ensue (B) evict (C) edict (D) expel

## II. Passage Completion: choose the most appropriate answer to the question 30%

### 【A】

Jean Wagner has dedicated himself to evaluating major poets from 1890s to 1940s with a superior critical discernment. Jean Wagner's most distinguished attainment in the study of Afro-American poetry is his insistence that it \_\_\_16.\_\_\_ analyzed in a religious, as well as secular, frame of reference. The appropriateness of \_\_\_17.\_\_\_ an approach may seem self-evident for a tradition commencing with spirituals and \_\_\_18.\_\_\_ its early forms, rhythms, vocabulary, and \_\_\_19.\_\_\_ fervor to Wesleyan hymnals. However, before Wagner a secular outlook that analyzed Black poetry solely within the context of political and social protest was \_\_\_20.\_\_\_ in the field.

It is Wagner \_\_\_21.\_\_\_ first demonstrated the essential fusion of racial and religious feeling in Afro-American poetry. The two, he argued, form a symbiotic union in \_\_\_22.\_\_\_ religious feelings are often applied to racial issues and racial problems are often projected onto a metaphysical plane. Wagner found this most eloquently illustrated in the Black spiritual, \_\_\_23.\_\_\_ the desire for freedom in this world and the hope for salvation in the next are \_\_\_24.\_\_\_ intertwined.

<b>A. owing</b>	<b>B. inextricably</b>	<b>C. evangelical</b>	<b>D. who</b>	<b>E. which</b>
<b>F. whom</b>	<b>G. overwhelming</b>	<b>H. dominant</b>	<b>I. where</b>	<b>J. such</b>
<b>K. not</b>	<b>L. be</b>			

## 【B】

Simple kindness, simply given, without any expectation of recognition or reward, has a magical power to turn a glum day into something special. When you do something nice for someone, you will notice a beautiful feeling of ease and peace. Acts of loving kindness release the emotional \_\_\_25.\_\_\_\_ of endorphins, the feel-good chemicals that flood your senses after you exercise. Stephen Sinatra, a psychotherapist, author of *Heartbreak and Heart Disease*, says that love heals the heart. Sinatra says that rage and anger – the \_\_\_26.\_\_\_\_ of kindness – have been linked to surges in both adrenalin and cortisol, two of the main \_\_\_27.\_\_\_\_ that contribute to heart disease. Kindness, along with feelings of love and tenderness, \_\_\_28.\_\_\_\_ the parasympathetic nervous system and increases calmness, yielding \_\_\_29.\_\_\_\_ levels of cortisol in the body, explains Sinatra.

Whether kindness is a caring word or grand gesture, \_\_\_30.\_\_\_\_ acts can add to your health and happiness. Cultivating kindness doesn't require heroics or \_\_\_31.\_\_\_\_ planning. Simple daily gestures are easy to do. Set a goal for yourself of doing one \_\_\_32.\_\_\_\_ act every day for a month, and see how good you feel. You may not change the world \_\_\_33.\_\_\_\_, but you can make it a better place, one good deed at a time. Little by little, you'll find the small act of kindness has changed your life enormously.

<b>A. realm</b>	<b>B. by and large</b>	<b>C. lower</b>	<b>D. deteriorates</b>	<b>E. heartfelt</b>
<b>F. flip side</b>	<b>G. on a grand scale</b>	<b>H. random</b>	<b>I. equivalent</b>	<b>J. stimulates</b>
<b>K. ulcer</b>	<b>L. strategic</b>	<b>M. higher</b>	<b>N. hormones</b>	<b>O. nutrients</b>

## 【C】

Chiropractors are best known for treating back and neck pain. But can their \_\_\_34.\_\_\_\_ manipulations of the spine also help with colic, asthma, ear infections, allergies and digestive issues?

Though it's a(n) \_\_\_35.\_\_\_\_ notion, some chiropractors are aggressively marketing themselves as \_\_\_36.\_\_\_\_, primary-care healers who can treat a broad scope of \_\_\_37.\_\_\_\_ ranging from acid reflux to infertility. Others in the field say chiropractors should focus on musculoskeletal disorders such as back pain, where evidence for \_\_\_38.\_\_\_\_ is the strongest.

Though \_\_\_39.\_\_\_\_ practitioners have often scorned them for making unfounded claims, chiropractors are now \_\_\_40.\_\_\_\_ as mainstream health-care providers. Many health plan and Medicaid now cover their services, and they regularly care for clients ranging from the \_\_\_41.\_\_\_\_ ill to professional and Olympic athletes. A(n) \_\_\_42.\_\_\_\_ 8.6 percent of adults in the U.S. use chiropractic or osteopathic manipulation, according to the National Center for Complementary and

Alternative Medicine.

Chiropractors \_\_\_\_43.\_\_\_\_ apply a sudden force to a region of the spine to help loosen a stiff joint, which they say allows the body's natural healing process to take over. During a(n) \_\_\_\_44.\_\_\_\_ visit, the chiropractor usually takes a health history and performs a physical exam, focusing on the spine. X-ray may be taken, and spinal “\_\_\_\_45.\_\_\_\_” may be applied with a patient lying facedown or sideways on a table.

Experts say there is evidence the treatments can lessen lower back pain, even if researchers have yet to figure out exactly why.

A. Adjustments	B. controversial	C. souped-up	D. chronically
E. leery	F. conventional	G. efficacy	H. inadequacy
I. typically	J. hands-on	K. initial	L. estimated
M. aliments	N. holistic	O. epiphany	P. established
Q. previously	R. coincidentally	S. spick-and-span	T. accreditation

### III. Discourse Structure: choose the most appropriate answer to the question 10%

**【A】**

Traditionally, museums are considered large buildings where precious treasures are gathered, preserved, studied and displayed. \_\_\_\_46.\_\_\_\_ They may or may not be very valuable, but they are definitely interesting. Here are some of the quirky museums around the world.

If you are looking for something creepy to view, check out the Meguro Parasite Museum. \_\_\_\_47.\_\_\_\_ You will even find a 28-foot-long tapeworm on display in the exhibit hall. \_\_\_\_48.\_\_\_\_

Medieval Crime Museum focuses on the history of law in Europe and the punishments for violation of laws. The collection of torture devices is intriguing. The finger screws, for instance, were used to scare people into telling the truth. \_\_\_\_49.\_\_\_\_

Today, nearly every city has a public museum of its own. \_\_\_\_50.\_\_\_\_ Step into a museum devoted to the subject that you are interested in, and you are bound to set out for a great adventure.

- (A) There are jars and jars full of parasites removed from animals and humans.
- (B) However, hundreds of other, smaller museums showcase “treasure” of another variety.
- (C) After looking at this interesting collection, you will think twice before breaking any laws.
- (D) Oddly enough, it has become a popular ritual for people to take photos next to this worm.
- (E) There are a wide variety of subjects—art, science, history, space, music, sports and many more.

**【B】**

Steve Fossett is one of the world's most accomplished and inspiring adventurers. After all, not too many people could endure spending 22 hours in freezing water or 14 days alone in a hot air balloon. \_\_\_\_51.\_\_\_\_ Altogether, he has 115 world records and world firsts to his name.

\_\_\_\_52.\_\_\_\_ His persistence and determination enabled him to complete the first non-stop, solo, round-the world, hot-air balloon ride show. \_\_\_\_53.\_\_\_\_

Fossett was originally a stock trader, spending his leisure time on endurance sports. \_\_\_\_54.\_\_\_\_ Then, he took one step further by setting new world records instead of simply finishing races. \_\_\_\_55.\_\_\_\_

**(A) Fossett has set a great many world records in both aviation and sailing.**

**(B) Soon he was hungry for more, so he decided to become a full-time adventurer.**

**(C) Surprisingly, 62-year-old Fossett is neither robust nor athletic; rather, he is very persistent.**

**(D) For him, it is his eagerness for thrills and accomplishment that drives him to do the unthinkable.**

**(E) In fact, he made six grueling attempts over five years and finally accomplished this great task in 2002.**

**IV. Reading Comprehension: choose the most appropriate answer to the question 5%**

Light from a living plant or animal is called bioluminescence, or cold light, to distinguish it from incandescence, or heat-generating light. Life forms could not produce incandescent light without being burned. Their light is produced by chemicals combining in such a way that little or no measureable heat is produced, and the life forms generating it are unharmed. Although bioluminescence is a relatively complicated process, it can be reduced to simple terms. Living light occurs when luciferin and oxygen combine in the presence of luciferase. In a few cases, compound called ATP is required.

The earliest recorded experiments with bioluminescence in the late 1800s are attributed to Raphael Dubois, who extracted luminous fluid from a clam, observing that it continued to glow in the test tube for several minutes. He named the substance *luciferin*, which means “the bearer of light.” In further research, Dubois discovered that several chemicals were required for bioluminescence to occur. In his notes, it was recorded that a second important substance, which he called *luciferase*, was always present. In later studies of small, luminous sea creatures, Newton Harvey concluded that luciferin was composed of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen, which are the building blocks of all living cells. He also proved that there are a variety of luciferins and luciferases, specific to the plants and animals that produce them.

Much remains unknown, but many scientists who are studying bioluminescence now believe

that the origin of the phenomenon may be traced to a time when there was no oxygen in the Earth's atmosphere. When oxygen was gradually introduced into the atmosphere, it was actually poisonous to life forms. Plants and animals produced light to use up the oxygen in a gradual but necessary adaptation. It is speculated that millions of years ago, all life may have produced light to survive. As the millennia passed, life forms on Earth became tolerant of, and finally dependent on oxygen, and the adaptation that produced bioluminescence was no longer necessary, but some primitive plants and animals continued to use the light for new functions such as mating or attracting prey.

56. What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. The evolution of bioluminescence and its traits.
- B. The complicated process of producing cold light.
- C. The interaction between oxygen and bioluminescence.
- D. Experiments about the components of bioluminescence.

57. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. Heat and light are measured by chemicals.
- B. Chemicals combine to produce light without heat.
- C. The combination of chemicals produces more heat than light.
- D. The chemicals that produce heat and light cannot be measured.

58. According to the passage, bioluminescence is **not** described as \_\_\_\_\_

- A. a form of cold light
- B. a poisonous substance
- C. a complex chemical process
- D. a gradual adaption to the environment

59. In the author's opinion, why has bioluminescence still continued in some plants and animals?

- A. For adaptation to the new environment.
- B. For preserving themselves from extinction.
- C. For the new function of mating or attracting prey.
- D. For burning the poisonous substance from the atmosphere.

60. What will be most likely to be discussed in the following paragraph?

- A. Incandescence in modern society.
- B. Incandescence in prehistoric creatures.
- C. Bioluminescence in prehistoric creatures
- D. Bioluminescence in modern plants and animals

**V. Assessment: please design the questions according to the instructions**  
**20%**

**【A】**

Based on the passage below, please design **four** comprehension questions, each with **four** choices testing a different aspect of reading (**global, local, inferential, etc.**) Please provide the correct answer to each question and specify which aspect of reading is being tested.

One of the more important things that the Internet has fostered or strengthened has been freedom of speech and freedom of expression. The Internet is an enormous common public area that is shared by people around the globe. Due to the diversity of the Net's users, no one standard can be applied to govern speech on the Net. Furthermore, the Internet technology itself prevents complete blocking of access to information.

The Internet has helped to promote political freedom in many cases and allowed protesters a way to express their discontent. In 1990, the Internet allowed Chinese dissidents to bypass government censorship and inform the world Chinese community of the rebellion in Tiananmen Square and its tragic outcome. Similarly in 1991, people both in the Soviet Union and around the world were able to access eyewitness accounts of the attempted coup against Mikhail Gorbachev in spite of an information blackout. During Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, Internet users got up-to-date information through Internet connections with Kuwait even though radio and television broadcasts had been cut off.

In the late 1990s, many countries became alarmed at the freedom of speech accessible on the Internet and tried to restrict it. Singapore mandated that political and religious sites must register with the government. China ordered that all Internet users had to register with the police. And, Saudi Arabia restricted Internet use to only universities and hospitals. However, due to the nature of the Internet, none of these efforts has had much lasting effect.

**【B】**

Based on the passage below, please design a **cloze test** of **five** questions, each with **four** choices. Please provide the correct answers to each question.

We like to think of ourselves as rational creatures. We watch our backs, weigh the odds, pack an umbrella. But both neuroscience and social science suggest that we are more optimistic than realistic. On average, we expect things to turn out better than they wind up being. People hugely underestimate their chances of getting divorced, losing their job or being diagnosed with cancer, expect their children to be extraordinarily gifted; envision themselves achieving more than their peers; and overestimate their likely life span (sometimes by 20 years or more).

The belief that the future will be much better than the past and present is known as the optimism bias. It abides in every race, region and socioeconomic bracket. Schoolchildren playing when-I-grow-up are rampant optimists, but so are grownups: a 2005 study found that adults over 60 are just as likely to see the glass half full as young adults.

You might expect optimism to erode under the tide of news about violent conflicts, high unemployment, tornadoes and floods and all the threats and failures that shape human life. Collectively we can grow pessimistic —about the direction of our country or the ability of our leaders to improve education and reduce crime. But private optimism, about our personal future, remains incredibly resilient. A survey conducted in 2007 found that while 70% thought families in general were less successful than in their parents' day, 76% of respondents were optimistic about the future of their own family.



## **【C】**

Please design **one** discussion question based on the article below. The question is meant to elicit high-school students to respond to the article with their critical thought.

Desiree's Baby was one of Kate Chopin's(1851-1904) first and most famous, short stories. In this story, Chopin explores the theme of race more strongly than in any of her other works. Desiree is married to Armand, who owns a plantation and many African-American slaves that work on it. This was typical in the southern United States at that time. Black people were brought to America, primarily from Africa, as slaves and consequently bought and sold like property. White people viewed African-Americans as an inferior race, and it was shameful for a white person to have "mixed blood," as would result from having parents of unequal races.

This explains Desiree's concern after realizing that her son had black characteristics. When Armand told Desiree that "the child is not white" and that "you are not white," he was referring to more than skin color. He meant that his wife and child were inferior and were no longer acceptable to him.

This rejection was more than Desiree could bear, and she felt it was better to die than to live in such disgrace. When she walked away, the bushes tore her white gown, symbolizing that she was no longer a white person.

When Armand discovers the baby's mixed blood came not through Desiree but through his own mother, he has already lost his wife and son, and his life was destroyed.

One critic noted that Armand was as much as a slave to his racial views as the real slaves that he controlled. "No real distinction based on color can be made between slave and master."

## **VI Writing: please write down a complete essay to state your points 20%**

If you were granted a chance to go back to your senior high school years and do one thing to improve your high school life, what would you do to improve it?

( 120-150 words)

~The end of the test.~