I. Vocabulary: Questions 1-16. Choose the BEST ANSWER to complete the sentence.

1. There is a statue in this park that ______ Confucius, a remarkable educator in ancient China.
   A appeals  B commands  C commemorates  D attracts

2. We have ______ in Jenny, so we are sure that she will win the game.
   A suspect  B insurance  C doubt  D confidence

3. Dr. Sun Yat-Sen is regarded as the ______ of the Republic of China.
   A origin  B founder  C ancestor  D offspring

4. The doctor prescribed six different kinds of medicine for John, but none of them were ______.
   A directional  B effective  C affective  D affectionate

5. To be honest, I ______ your sister’s cynical statement.
   A breathe  B protect  C abhor  D expand

6. Anyone in Army could purchase necessities in a ______.
   A commission  B category  C commissary  D compass

7. More and more people are shopping online because it’s so easy to find ______ on the Internet.
   A cheap  B inexpensive  C deal  D bargains

8. Cautiousness is one of his major ______ as a successful manager.
   A strength  B weakness  C shortcoming  D weight

9. Endangered animals are so ______ that many scientists are attempting to save and protect them.
   A plentiful  B rare  C extreme  D frequent

10. Basic training is ______ in the military. No one can get out of it.
    A conscious  B confidential  C concealed  D compulsory

11. The nurse puts some ______ cream on my wound or it will get infected.
    A antiseptic  B bacteria  C germ  D insect

12. Jerold recommended David for the job, but he doesn’t seem ______.
    A qualification  B qualified  C qualify  D qualifying

13. NPO (non-profit organization) is totally ______ of the government. It only depends on private donation.
    A independent  B indigenous  C commercial  D economical

14. Jack has changed a lot since primary school, so ______ no one recognized him at the class reunion.
    A mentally  B drastically  C virtually  D especially

15. There is filled with ______ in the air today.
    A pollen  B vacancy  C buddy  D solid

16. The nurse’s loving ______ to her patients was a good example to the rest of the hospital colleagues.
    A precision  B carelessness  C phenomenon  D attentiveness

II. Grammar: Questions 17-28. Choose the CORRECT ANSWER to each question.

17. London will host the 2012 Olympic Game because it got ______ in 2008.
    A as much support as any city  B less support than any city  C least support  D more support than any other city

18. ______ wages keep going down, so do costs keep going up.
    A Just as  B Just so  C Just in  D Just with

19. Many actors never ______ act in big parts on television shows or movies.
    A get to  B get in  C get around  D get through

20. The restaurant is ______ or less the only decent place to eat in the town.
    A better  B more  C worse  D bad

21. The resort did not ______ up to the tourist’s expectation.
    A make  B take  C live  D have

22. ______ doubt, Miss Princeton will be interested in discussing the joint venture with your firm.
    A Until  B Beside  C In  D Without

23. We may need a third person to help us ______ a solution.
    A work out  B take up  C take off  D fall out

24. Do you want to know how I ______ the pressure? I tell myself that everything will turn out okay in the end.
    A mix up  B cope with  C give up  D bring up

25. The survey indicates that one ______ four children ______ bullied at that suburb.
    A by.... are  B with.... is  C at....are  D in....is

26. This software package published by our company is widely employed ______ viruses inside computers.
    A detects  B detected  C to detect  D detecting
Questions 33-36

Some lawmakers propose that casinos be opened in a remote city because it would provide extra tax for the local government. However, many local people voice some serious concerns. The most serious problem is crime. With gambling comes organized crime, and it is not uncommon for gangs to try to control casinos. Gang violence will ensue. Besides, the sex industry will thrive. To meet the demand, gang members might abduct innocent women and force them to work as prostitutes. Then, AIDS might be rampant.

Questions 39-40

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Questions 29-32

The English language dates back around 1,500 years. Since then, the language has undergone many changes. The English from 1,000 years ago would sound foreign in a modern English speaker. Modern English pronunciation also differs between people from places like India and the USA, which are separated by great distance.

Another area of change is spelling, which people didn’t try to standardize until the 18th century. There are still differences between British English and American English spelling, for example with “colour” vs. “color.” Vocabulary has also transformed quickly, such as with slang terms like “groovy,” which is now outdated. New words from other language are also borrowed for things like food. Since English changes so quickly, even native speakers are constantly learning the language.

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