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## I. Vocabulary and Grammar (30%) :

Please choose the correct answer that best completes each question.

- Luckily, we managed to find a \_\_\_\_\_ spot in the crowded park to enjoy our picnic.  
(A) significant (B) secluded (C) segregated (D) segmented
- She knocked the bottle off the desk and it \_\_\_\_\_ when it hit the floor.  
(A) had shattered (B) shattering (C) had been shattering (D) shattered
- Excessive parental concern can \_\_\_\_\_ affect the growth of children.  
(A) adversely (B) abnormally (C) actively (D) acutely
- Tom, with many others, died in a \_\_\_\_\_ earthquake.  
(A) catalytic (B) cautious (C) catastrophic (D) conclusive
- Cynthia regrets missing the opportunity of entering that company; \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ early for the interview!  
(A) if ... arrives (B) if only ... arrives (C) if ... arrived (D) if only ... arrived
- A large number of Irish people emigrating to America in the \_\_\_\_\_ century was due to the famine in Ireland.  
(A) mid nineteenth (B) mid-nineteenth (C) mid nineteen (D) mid-nineteen
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial to the constant water supply of this city.  
(A) reservation (B) preserve (C) reservoir (D) priority
- Taichung is adjacent \_\_\_\_\_ Changhua.  
(A) for (B) to (C) with (D) in
- The bicycle has won \_\_\_\_\_ UK national survey of \_\_\_\_\_ favorite inventions.  
(A) the ... people's (B) a ... the people's (C) the ... the people's (D) an ... people's
- The gossip \_\_\_\_\_ quickly through the small town.  
(A) circumstanced (B) cultivated (C) culminated (D) circulated
- Researchers announced a \_\_\_\_\_ discovery that would benefit thousands of people.  
(A) senseless (B) sentimental (C) sensitive (D) sensational
- \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that Matt hurt his foot, he still strove to reach the finishing line.  
(A) Even though (B) Owing to (C) Despite (D) Whereas
- The high level of precipitation last week had resulted \_\_\_\_\_ serious floods.  
(A) in (B) from (C) to (D) with

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14. The United States is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ diverse \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.  
(A) racially ... countries (B) racial ... country (C) racially ... country (D) racial ... countries
15. The Virgin Queen Elizabeth I said, “\_\_\_\_\_ any dishonour shall grow by me, I myself will take up arms, I myself will be your general, judge, and rewarder of every one of your virtues in the field.”  
(A) Although (B) Because of (C) In spite of (D) Rather than

## II. Reading comprehension (30%):

Read the following passages, and then choose the best answer for each question.

### Passage A. Questions 1-5.

There is nothing to prepare you for the experience of growing old. Living is a process, an irreversible progression toward old age and eventual death. You see men of eighty still vital and straight as oaks; you see men of fifty reduced to gray shadows in the human landscape. The cellular clock differs for each one of us, and is profoundly affected by our own life experiences, our heredity, and perhaps most important, by the concepts of aging encountered in society and in oneself.

The aged live with enforced leisure, on fixed incomes, subject to many chronic illnesses, and most of their money goes to keep a roof over their heads. They also live in a culture that worships youth.

A kind of cultural attitude makes me bigoted against old people; it makes me think young is best; it makes me treat old people like outcasts.

I am afraid to grow old—we're all afraid. In fact, the fear of growing old is so great that every aged person is an insult and a threat to the society. They remind us of our own death, that our body won't always remain smooth and responsive, but will someday betray us by aging, wrinkling, faltering, failing. The ideal way to age would be to grow slowly invisible, gradually disappearing, without causing worry or discomfort to the young. In some ways, that does happen. Sitting in a small park across from a nursing home one day, I noticed that the young mothers and their children gathered on one side, and the old people from the home on the other. Whenever a youngster would run over to the “wrong” side, chasing a ball, the old people would lean forward and smile. But before any communication could be established, the mother would come over, murmuring embarrassed apologies, and take her child back to the “young” side.

1. According to the description in the essay, who do you suppose is more likely to draw the division of space in the park?  
(A) children (B) mother (C) old people (D) ball players
2. Which of the following details is Not listed by the author as the constraints the aged people are enforced to encounter in life?  
(A) Facing fixed incomes. (B) facing chronic illnesses.  
(C) buying houses for young people. (D) doing leisure activities not so much enjoyed.

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3. According to the passage, which statement about why people age differently is not true?
- (A) Our cellular clock functions differently.  
(B) The progression toward old age is not possible to change.  
(C) Cultural concepts of aging affect the functioning of cellular clock.  
(D) Our heredity counts.
4. What does “A kind of cultural attitude makes me bigoted against old people in paragraph 3 suggest?
- (A) People’s intolerance of old people.  
(B) People’s protest against old people.  
(C) People’s favor for old people.  
(D) People’s understanding about old people.
5. What is the most possible title for this essay?
- (A) Aging in the land of the young.                      (B) Fear of meeting old people.  
(C) Causes of growing old.                                (D) The ideal way to age.

## **Passage B.** Questions 6-10.

Today is such a time, when the project of interpretation is largely reactionary, stifling. Like the fumes of the automobile and of heavy industry which befoul the urban atmosphere, the effusion of interpretations of art today poisons our sensibilities. In a culture whose already classical dilemma is the hypertrophy of the intellect at the expense of energy and sensual capability, interpretation is the revenge of the intellect upon art. Even more. It is the revenge of the intellect upon the world. To interpret is to impoverish, to deplete the world—in order to set up a shadow world of “meanings.” It is to turn the world into this world. (“This world”! As if there were any other.) The world, our world, is depleted, impoverished enough. Away with all duplicates of it, until we again experience more immediately what we have.

In most modern instances, interpretation amounts to the philistine refusal to leave the work of art alone. Real art has the capacity to make us nervous. By reducing the work of art to its content and then interpreting that, one tames the work of art.

6. What rhetoric the writer uses to argue against interpretation?
- (A) definition                      (B) analogy                      (C) analysis                      (D) classification
7. What does “hypertrophy” might suggest?
- (A) overdevelopment              (B) reactionary                      (C) evolution                      (D) oversensitive
8. Which argument against interpretation is Not presented in the passage?
- (A) Interpretation kills our capacity to feel.  
(B) Interpretation limits our real experience.  
(C) Interpreters lack knowledge about aesthetic values.  
(D) Interpretation is duplicative and reductive.

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9. In the sentence, "Interpretation amounts to the philistine refusal to leave the work of art alone." What does "philistine" refer to?
- (A) People who are indifferent to cultural values.  
(B) People who show high taste for arts.  
(C) People who have profound knowledge about the work of art.  
(D) People who refuse to sell the collection of arts.
10. What is the tone of the piece of writing?
- (A) persuasive                      (B) humorous                      (C) enthusiastic                      (D) critical

### III. Translation (20%) :

**Translate the following English passages into Chinese (You do not have to translate personal name, just keep it there.)**

Last month, AlphaGo, a computer program specially designed to play the game Go, caused shockwaves among aficionados when it defeated Lee Sidol, one of the world's top-ranked professional players, winning a five-game tournament by a score of 4-1.

Why, you may ask, is that news? Twenty years have passed since the IBM computer Deep Blue defeated world chess champion Garry Kasparov, and we all know computers have improved since then. But Deep Blue won through sheer computing power, using its ability to calculate the outcomes of more moves to a deeper level than even a world champion can. Go is played on a far larger board (19 by 19 squares, compared to 8x8 for chess) and has more possible moves than there are atoms in the universe, so raw computing power was unlikely to beat a human with a strong intuitive sense of the best moves.

Instead, AlphaGo was designed to win by playing a huge number of games against other programs and adopting the strategies that proved successful. You could say that AlphaGo evolved to be the best Go player in the world, achieving in only two years what natural selection took millions of years to accomplish.

### IV. English Composition (20%)

In recent years, the humanities majors are on the decline in higher education worldwide. The issue of whether the humanities should be abandoned in higher education has been raised and debated. Write a 250-word essay to express and argue for your viewpoints.