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I Vocabulary 30%

Choose the one word or phrase that best keeps the meaning of the original sentence if it is substituted for the underlined word or phrase.

1. Only after one has acquired considerable facility in understanding and speaking, does he learn to read and write.
A. ability B. knowledge C. comprehension D. conception
2. It is essential that everyone should remember something of the past that we can anticipate something of the future.
A. look forward to B. know in advance C. keep in mind D. relate
3. I do know that without a skill, a craft or profession, my option of ways to earn a living is limited to jobs that are poorly paying and unfulfilling.
A. determination B. obligation C. choice D. opportunity
4. John wanted to give up his job to find a better one, so he submitted his resignation.
A. presented for consideration B. carried out C. consulted D. got ready for
5. Psychologists claim that work gives people an identity, through participation in work, they get a sense of self.
A. confidence B. challenge C. idea about who they are D. belief in their ability
6. It was so foggy that the car knocked down the man who was walking on the road.
A. stranger B. pedestrian C. jogger D. peddler
7. The criminal finally gave in and decided to make a clean breast of the whole matter.
A. confess B. reveal C. discuss D. claim
8. Although he was out of work, he turned down a good offer to work in a bank.
A. objected B. dismissed C. disagreed D. refused
9. Doctors, lawyers and health authorities say the sale of organs by impoverished donors is a growing phenomenon.
A. dishonest B. innocent C. poor D. senile
10. All of the present data indicate that aggressive behavior among higher mammals, including man, originates in external stimulation and that there is no evidence of spontaneous internal stimulation.
A. impulsive B. various C. negative D. occasional
11. The annals of natural history contain many astounding examples of the ability of animals to find their way home after making distant journeys.
A. interesting B. enormous C. amazing D. significant
12. The relationship between language and thought poses thorny issues and questions.
A. important B. knotty C. insightful D. numerous
13. Educational leaders have been calling for schools to pay more attention to students' social attitudes.
A. requesting B. supporting C. inspiring D. defending

14. After years of inattention, the whole world has awakened at last to how much is at stake in the Amazon.
A. inappropriate B. unforgettable C. at risk D. in control
15. If the burning of rain forests goes on much longer, the damage may become irreversible.
A. terrible B. formidable C. immense D. irrevocable

II Grammar 30%

A. Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

1. The invention of the airplane has made ____ possible for men to fly in the sky.
A. that B. us C. it D. this
2. She has to practice a lot more if she wants to speak English well, ____ she?
A. doesn't B. hasn't C. must D. need
3. ____ the fire when she telephoned the fire department.
A. As soon as she saw B. She had no sooner seen C. Hardly had she seen D. The moment she saw
4. "Is it true that you fell asleep in class yesterday and began to snore?"
"Yes, ____ is unbelievable! I am very embarrassed."
A. That I could do such a thing B. I could do such a thing it C. I did such a thing D. I could do such a thing that
5. Vitamin C ____ by the human body. It gets into the blood stream quickly.
A. absorbs easily B. is easily absorbing C. is easily absorbed D. absorbed easily
6. Although older people may find solace in the thought that their siblings are there if they need them, rarely ____ each other for help.
A. they do call B. do they call C. their calling D. calling
7. Among the primary goals of transportation technology is to develop vehicles that conserve energy and ____ the environment.
A. not to pollute B. not polluting C. do not pollute D. which not pollute
8. For thousands of years the roads of the sea were more easily traveled than ____ on land.
A. that B. those C. those who D. those who are
9. Like other large states, especially in the West, Texas once found it ____ to provide enough schools in thinly settled areas.
A. difficult B. difficulty C. which is difficult D. is difficulty
10. About 4,500 years ago, ____ in ancient China, India, Babylon, and Egypt, men knew enough about plant remedies to put their knowledge in writing.
A. arose the great civilizations B. when the great civilizations arose
C. the great civilizations arose D. arising the great civilizations

B. Identify the one underlined word or phrase that must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct.

1. Of the five children in the family, I think Helen, as well as her brother, is more intelligent.
A B C D

2. Sometimes very young children have trouble telling fact into fiction and may believe that dragons actually exist.
A B C D

3. Since the end of the 17th century the texts of important treaties usually have been published by the nations taken parts in them.
A C D B

4. The close similarity of identical twins make them very interesting to researchers.
A B C D

5. To avoid poisoning by plants, learn to recognize and staying away from plants that can cause a skin irritation when they are touched.
A B C D

III Reading Comprehension 20%

- A. Children aren't born with a conscience, good manners, or the reasoning ability of an adult. Acquiring these things is a slow, painful process. As a child struggles to learn the ways of the adult world, he's bound to do some things wrong; or, as we adults put it, he's bound to misbehave. He can't help himself. Learning what the society in general and his parents in particular expect of him is a difficult job.

1. "Conscience" in this passage may mean the ability
A. to be aware of B. to tell right from wrong C. to be kind-hearted D. to obey

2. Which of the following sentences is correct?
A. Children don't like to imitate grown-ups. B. Children misbehave because of learning the adult world. C. Children can't help themselves in their daily lives. D. It is not easy for children to live up to the standard of the adult world.

- B. We each have a photograph album in our minds with snapshots of special moments in our lives - moments of delight, of happiness, of joy - and even we are sitting in a dark room, we can call up these precious images from the past whenever we want, and we will see that scene again with the same sharp clarity. The face of a special friend or lover, the moment of joy when we learned we received a special prize or award, the family gathered together, little ones grinning in front, older ones more serious and somber in the back. Yes, these are the special moments, captured forever in our minds, that we call up at will.

1. The best title for this paragraph may be " ".
A. Taking pictures can be fun B. We should keep a photograph album
C. Recollection brings us joyfulness D. We live happier with a photograph album

2. "Photograph album" means here .
A. a book with a lot of pictures B. pictures taken C. what is in our memory
D. the important and happy hours in our lives

3. This paragraph tells us chiefly .
A. we should not forget what has happened before B. we can call a friend up even in a dark room C. Memory lights up our lives D. Young people are less serious than old people

C. Ethnocentrism is the view that one's own culture is better than all others; it is the way all people feel about themselves as compared to outsiders. There is no one in our society who is not ethnocentric to some degree, no matter how liberal and open-minded he or she might claim to be. People will always find some aspect of another culture distasteful, be it sexual practices, a way of treating friends or relatives, or simply a food that they cannot manage to get down with a smile. This is not something we should be ashamed of, because it is a natural outcome of growing up in any society. However, as anthropologists who study other cultures, it is something we should constantly be aware of, so that when we are tempted to make value judgments about another way of life, we can look at the situation objectively and take our bias into account.

Ethnocentrism can be seen in many aspects of culture-myths, folktales, proverbs, and even language. For example, in many languages, especially those of non-Western societies, the word used to refer to one's own tribe or ethnic group literally means "mankind" or "human". This implies that members of other groups are less than human. For example, the term *eskimo*, used to refer to groups that inhabit the Arctic and the subarctic regions, is an Indian word used by neighbors of the Eskimos who observed their strange way of life but did not share it. The term means "eater of raw flesh," and as such is an ethnocentric observation about cultural practices that were normal to one group and repulsive to another.

1. Ethnocentrism means that
 - A. the belief that the earth is the center of the universe
 - B. the view that western culture is better than all other cultures
 - C. the view that people feel their own culture is superior
 - D. the view that human beings are equal
2. According to the passage, which of the following statements is true?
 - A. Everyone is ethnocentric to some extent.
 - B. People should feel ashamed of being ethnocentric.
 - C. Being ethnocentric is uncommon
 - D. Ethnocentrism only reflects in language.
3. Being aware of ethnocentrism is helpful in
 - A. understanding your own bias
 - B. providing fair opinions when making judgments about other cultures
 - C. keeping an open mind about other cultures
 - D. all of the above
4. According to the passage, the term "eskimo" is an Indian word meaning
 - A. strange ways of life
 - B. neighbors
 - C. people who eat raw meat
 - D. mankind
5. The passage is most likely to be taken from a textbook on
 - A. geography
 - B. anthropology
 - C. linguistics
 - D. philosophy

IV Composition 20%

Write two or three paragraphs, using 150-200 words, talking about the training of character in elementary schools.