Part One: Expressions (15 items)

Choose the best answer.

1. Timothy: How often do you surf the Internet and chat with your friends online?
   Jessica: _______ since I don’t have much time to prepare my lessons.
   1) Once upon a time
   2) Once in a blue moon
   3) Once only lightly
   4) Once and for all
   5) Once and again

2. Linda: It’s almost midnight. Do you know which store is still open around here?
   Tina: In Thailand, some convenience stores such as 7-Eleven are open _____, so you
   can buy things anytime.
   1) round the clock
   2) on the dot
   3) time after time
   4) from time to time
   5) by the time

3. Barron: I don’t know what’s wrong with this website. I’ve tried several times but I
   can’t access it.
   Jimson: Well, it says “________”, so it means that it is probably being updated.
   1) Under Control
   2) Under Construction
   3) Under Fire
   4) Under Consideration
   5) Under Siege

4. Susan: Kimberly told me that you went to see the movie, right?
   Tom: It’s quite boring because I could guess what would happen in each scene.
   1) What scene did you like?
   2) How were the films?
   3) What does it look like?
   4) What made you think of it?
   5) How did you find it?

5. Greg: How did you know that Jennifer is going to marry Joe? Who spread the news?
   Pin: _______ Just tell me whether it’s real or it’s just a rumor.
   1) Heaven knows!
   2) A little bird told me.
   3) Guess what?
   4) Cat got your tongue?
   5) When pigs fly!
**Items 6-7**

A: ____(6)____ We’re going to be late! What time is it now?

B: It’s just a quarter to ten. ____(7)____ Don’t panic!

A: Are you sure? Our appointment is a quarter past ten, so it’s only half an hour left.

B: Trust me! We will be there within fifteen minutes.

6. 1) Shake a leg!
   2) Drop dead!
   3) Take your time!
   4) It’s our turn!
   5) Grab a bite!

7. 1) We ran out of time.
   2) We’re behind the time.
   3) We still have time.
   4) We’re in rush.
   5) We’re wasting time!

**Items 8-10**

A: I’m sorry to keep you waiting for so long. ____(8)____ since morning. Well, what seems to be the problem?

B: ____(9)____ I fell down from the stairs. I guess it’s probably broken.

A: Let me have a look.

B: Is it seriously injured? I’m so scared.

A: You’ll be fine. This is considered a mild case.

B: Will I need to have an operation? That’s frightening!

A: ____(10)____ Just apply this ointment for a few days and make sure you won’t lift any things heavy for at least two weeks.

8. 1) I’ve been fed up
   2) I’ve been tied up
   3) I’ve been brought up
   4) I’ve been torn up
   5) I’ve been fired
9. 1) My arm’s killing me
   2) My arm’s accidentally killed
   3) I killed my arm unintentionally
   4) I was killed by my arm
   5) I have killed my arm accidentally

10. 1) Exactly!
     2) No wonder!
     3) No doubt!
     4) Splendid!
     5) No need!

**Items 11-13**

A: I don’t know what’s wrong with my cell phone. ____ (11) ____

B: How long have you faced this problem?
A: Since yesterday. I couldn’t figure it out myself.
B: Well, I think ____ (12) ____ It may need software updating.
A: I should think so. ____ (13) ____
B: Yes, once. After I had it updated, it never happened again.

11. 1) It cost me an arm and a leg.
     2) It’s out of the stock for a while.
     3) It turned itself off automatically.
     4) It shows the time and date on screen.
     5) It has been in a good condition for ages.

12. 1) you’d better have it checked.
     2) It’s high time you bought a new one.
     3) you should give it back to the shop.
     4) You’d rather switch it off sometimes.
     5) you are required to turn it on first.

13. 1) Could you please help me fix it?
     2) Has your cell phone ever been like this?
     3) How long have you been in trouble?
     4) How often have you fixed your telephone?
     5) When did you normally undergo this problem?
A: Jack, do you know anyone ___(14)___ I want to renovate my home garden.
B: Yes, I do. It’s Joe, your personal driver.
A: Are you joking? I’ve never known he is good at that. I thought he was capable of driving only.
B: Well, ___(15)___ He is very good at gardening. I’m sure he can change your garden into a paradise like what he did for my backyard.

14. 1) who has green fingers? 2) that is barking up the wrong tree? 3) whose yard is destructive? 4) who knows about the ecosystem? 5) that is fond of artificial flowers?

15. 1) all that glitters is not gold. 2) don’t judge a book by its cover. 3) a man’s house is his castle. 4) clothes do not make the man. 5) a pot calling a kettle black.

Part Two: Vocabulary (Items 16-30)
Items 16-25: Meaning in Context
Choose the closest meanings of the underlined words in the following sentences.

16. Measles has become relatively rare in the United States, thanks to the effective vaccine.
   1) rationally 2) hardly 3) connectedly 4) especially 5) somewhat

17. According to the study, reduced insulin sensitivity is linked to smaller brain size and deteriorated language skills in seniors.
   1) enhanced 2) impaired 3) stimulated 4) relinquished 5) ameliorated
18. We coin the term a “broken heart” to signify the pain of losing a loved one and our study shows that bereavement can have a direct effect on the health of the heart.

1) conceal 2) magnify
3) indicate 4) clarify
5) relieve

19. Bungee jumping can be hazardous; nevertheless, some youngsters love the sport and are willing to take the risk.

1) beneficial 2) perilous
3) mysterious 4) adventurous
5) harmless

20. Teams that emphasize unity and cooperation tend to perform more efficiently than those which lack cohesion.

1) harmony - recklessly 2) solidarity - productively
3) solitude - proficiently 4) community - abundantly
5) unity - perpetually

21. Most factories and companies normally have quality control procedures in order to check the durability and quality of their merchandizes.

1) methods - services 2) strategies - items
3) processes - goods 4) means - productions
5) approaches - vehicles

22. Peter realized that manly admitting his lies could destroy his relationship with his girlfriend; therefore, he decided not to tell her the truth.

1) confessed - devastate 2) comprehended - arouse
3) perceived - alleviate 4) sensed - ruin
5) understood - generate
Items 23-25
Choose the best alternative to make the sentence(s) meaningful.

23. Phaya Thai BTS station is _____ to Suvarnabhumi Airport by an airport rail link.
   1) decorated  2) connected  3) equipped  4) constructed  5) discriminated

24. The doctor told John that if he _____ drinking, smoking, and working _____, he would have a heart attack sooner or later.
   1) kept - effectively  2) continued - hardly  3) insisted on - excessively  4) terminated - industriously  5) pondered - deliberately

25. The fingerprints and cigarette ashes _____ at the crime scene _____ the identity of the murderer.
   1) happened - denoted  2) occurred - identified  3) left - revealed  4) appeared - explored  5) tarnished - occurred

Items 26-30: Meaning Recognition
Choose the alternative which has the same meaning as the underlined word in the given sentence.

26. Tragically, her beloved grandfather passed away peacefully in his sleep last night.
   1) Jennifer passed the score reports to her classmates carefully.
   2) Eventually, all your troubles passed away.
   3) Some of my students unexpectedly passed on in the disaster.
   4) Right after he had passed the test, he went to study abroad.
   5) Fortunately, my daughter has already passed her final exam.
27. If you had read the article in the newspaper, you could have answered my question.
   1) Everyone in this country must follow the article of the constitution.
   2) I really don’t understand how to use the English article.
   3) My parents sometimes buy an article of furniture when they go to Ayutthaya.
   4) Collecting article of antique clothes is one of my favorite hobbies.
   5) I’ve found a useful article regarding how to survive in the desert.

28. The police found the body hidden in Tom’s backyard.
   1) We can use body language in communication with foreigners.
   2) You will understand the main point if you read the body of the letter.
   3) Jim won’t have a healthy body unless he quits smoking and drinking alcohol.
   4) After death, the undertaker will put the body in the coffin.
   5) Jessica loves having her body painted by that artist.

29. I think you’d better go to see the doctor before it’s too late.
   1) Everyone suggests us for taking our son to see a psychiatrist.
   2) We couldn’t see if this strategy works for our organization.
   3) He doesn’t want to see his mother cry anymore.
   4) My grandmother can see nothing unless she wears her eyeglasses.
   5) I see what you are trying to do to help him.

30. Do you have a special tip how to be successful in life?
   1) The word is on the tip of my tongue.
   2) All tourists are informed about how to give a tip in China.
   3) John got a tip from visitors for his excellent service.
   4) I’ve learnt from each tip mentioned in the manual.
   5) Do not tip those waiters while you are in the cafe.
Passage 1

1. For many people, losing a job not only means the loss of income and benefits, but also the loss of one’s identity. A recession can exacerbate unemployment as more and more people suffer from downward mobility and income volatility. Job loss for people in the United States can be an extremely traumatic experience, often leading many to despair and depression.

2. As income falls—as in the case of job loss, rates of depression increase, according to a 2009 study published in the American Journal of Community Psychology. Losing a job can prove especially traumatic for men, who tend to identify more with their careers than do women. The suicide rate among unemployed men is twice that of men who are working.

3. The risk of suicide increases with age as well. Men who are without work sometimes view themselves as expendable and often describe the loss of a job using terms such as “catastrophic” and “devastating.” Unemployed people are twice as likely as employed people to suffer from psychological problems (34 percent to 16 percent), and blue-collar workers are more distressed by unemployment than those who’ve lost a white-collar job.

4. Low income workers, too, are more likely to suffer from the effects of income volatility than are higher wage earners. Income volatility itself appears to be increasing as employers in the U.S. and elsewhere continue to shift economic risk from themselves to their employees. What that means is that it’s likely the psychological problems associated with unemployment and underemployment will continue in the foreseeable future.
31. Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?
   1) How Losing Your Job Can Lead to Depression
   2) Unemployment Can Increase the Rates of Low Income Workers
   3) Losing A job Depends on People’s Qualification
   4) The Major Risk of Suicide Results from A Recession
   5) Losing A Job Is One of the Most Challenging Factors

32. What does “that” (paragraph 2) refer to?
   1) The risk of suicide
   2) The suicide rate
   3) Losing a job
   4) The rate of depression
   5) Income

33. Which word is closest in meaning to “catastrophic” (paragraph 3)?
   1) Mournful
   2) Complicated
   3) Problematic
   4) Charitable
   5) Calamitous

34. Which of the following is TRUE?
   1) Women seem to confront job loss than men.
   2) The increase of suicide rate affects the loss of income and benefits.
   3) Employed people are less suffering from psychological problems than those who are unemployed.
   4) The blue-collar workers are likely to have higher wages than the white-collar ones.
   5) The people who lose jobs normally lose their reputations and assets.

35. What is NOT mentioned in the passage?
   1) Job loss for Americans
   2) Low income employees
   3) Physical and mental problems
   4) Higher wage earners
   5) The suicide rate among unemployed men
Passage 2

1. Effective comprehension strategy instruction is explicit. Research shows that explicit teaching techniques are particularly effective for comprehension strategy instruction. In explicit instruction, teachers tell readers why and when they should use strategies, what strategies to use, and how to apply them. The steps of explicit instruction typically include direct explanation, teacher modeling ("thinking aloud"), guided practice, and application.

   - **Direct explanation**
     The teacher explains to students why the strategy helps comprehension and when to apply the strategy.

   - **Modeling**
     The teacher models, or demonstrates, how to apply the strategy, usually by "thinking aloud" while reading the text that the students are using.

   - **Guided practice**
     The teacher guides and assists students as they learn how and when to apply the strategy.

   - **Application**
     The teacher helps students practice the strategy until they can apply it independently.

2. Effective comprehension strategy instruction can be accomplished through cooperative learning, which involves students working together as partners or in small groups on clearly defined tasks. Cooperative learning instruction has been used successfully to teach comprehension strategies. Students work together to understand texts, helping each other learn and apply comprehension strategies. Teachers help students learn to work in groups. Teachers also provide modeling of the comprehension strategies.

36. According to the passage, what is NOT true regarding explicit teaching techniques?

1) The teacher gives a clear explanation when and why to use a strategy.
2) The teacher shows the students how to use the strategy.
3) The teacher trains the students to use each strategy.
4) The teacher evaluates the students’ performances systemically.
5) The teacher guides the students when to apply the strategy.
37. What does “them” (paragraph 1) refer to?
   1) Readers
   2) Teachers
   3) Steps
   4) Applications
   5) Strategies

38. Which of the following best describes the tone of the passage?
   1) Hopeless
   2) Informative
   3) Sarcastic
   4) Figurative
   5) Pessimistic

39. The word “accomplished” (paragraph 2) means ______.
   1) Completed
   2) Developed
   3) Utilized
   4) Represented
   5) Dedicated

40. What seems to be the main purpose of the author?
   1) To encourage the teachers to apply explicit comprehension strategy instruction.
   2) To assist the readers to understand each reading process.
   3) To provide the teachers some techniques to study reading comprehension.
   4) To explain the reason why the teachers should apply the strategies to readers.
   5) To help the readers to understand the teachers when teaching their kids.

**Part Four: Structure and Writing (Items 41-60)**

**Items 41-45**

Read the following statements and choose the underlined part that is grammatically wrong.

41. Laos is to update (1) its national maps, currently (2) based on 1985 topographical information, (3) thanks to financial (4) backing from (5) the South Korea, a news report said.

42. Smog in Chiang Mai caused (1) visible in the first half of the day (2) to drop to about 800 meters, (3) causing four flights to (4) abort landing (5) at Chiang Mai International Airport.
43. A Chinese woman (1) was fined for washing her feet in a public sink (2) on Phi Phi Don, following a (3) recent change (4) in policy on the (5) tourist-popular island.

44. Four identical satellites (1) which will study the interactions (2) between solar winds and the Earth’s magnetic fields (3) blasted off into Space on Thursday to begin (4) a two-years study of the (5) phenomenon, US space agency NASA said.

45. (1) According to the Sankei Shimbun, a Japanese newspaper, (2) the amounts of Thai nationals refused entry into Japan last year (3) reached record levels (4) thanks to the visa exemption (5) enforced in 2013.

Items 46-50
Choose the best answer to complete the sentence.

46. What ______ to have different hair and skin colors?
   1) do people cause 2) causes people
   3) people cause 4) people caused
   5) the people caused

47. One of the best ways to find the wreckage of an airplane which crashed into the sea is to spot flocks of seagulls ______ over a certain point.
   1) that are circled 2) Which are circle
   3) which is circling 4) to be circling
   5) circling

48. South Korea’s LG Electronics Inc., ______ television maker after Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. will soon shift its TV production in Thailand to Vietnam for logistical ease and efficiency.
   1) the second world’s largest 2) the world’s largest second of
   3) the world’s second largest 4) the world second’s largest
   5) the world’s second most largest
49. Readers ______ that may cause legal dispute including slanderous, vulgar or violent language, incorrectly spelt names, discuss moderation action, quotes with no source or anything deemed critical of the monarchy.

1) are urged not to submit comments
2) are not urged to submit any comments
3) urging not to submit some comments
4) not to urge any submitted comments
5) urge to not submit comments

50. ______ and regulations exist to boost road safety, drivers and riders alike ignore them, with police enforcement rare and sporadic at best.

1) No sooner had the traffic rules
2) No matter what traffic rules
3) According to the traffic rules
4) Providing the traffic rules
5) In addition to the traffic rules

Items 51-55

Choose the best answer to complete each of the following blanks.

Is love at first sight a good indicator for the future?

“As with all matters of the heart, you’ll know when you find it. And, ___(51)___, it just gets better and better as the years roll on.” Steve Jobs

Should we follow our heart and seriously pursue love at first sight? We usually should, as such love is a genuine expression of our response. Love at first sight is a matter of the heart, and as Steve Jobs said, “you’ll know ___(52)___.” And perhaps “it just gets better and better as the years roll on.” The issue is, however, more complex.

___(53)___ love at first sight and the quality and the profundity of a subsequent relationship is ___(54)___ two opposing factors: (a) the initial positive impression has positive impact upon the quality of the relationship, and (b) the brevity of time in which the partner is selected prevents the agent from identifying a significant personality similarity, ___(55)___ relationship quality.
51. 1) like any great relationship  
2) alike any great relationship  
3) any great relationship is like  
4) any great relationship is alike  
5) any the great relationship is alike

52. 1) when will you find it  
2) when you find it  
3) what do you find this  
4) when you finally found it  
5) how do you find that

53. 1) Among the relationship towards  
2) Between the relationship with  
3) The relationship between  
4) A relationship among  
5) To the relationship against

54. 1) mainly influencing by  
2) influencing mainly by  
3) mainly influenced by  
4) to mainly influenced by  
5) main influencing by

55. 1) which is vital for future  
2) that is vital for future  
3) which it is vital for future  
4) that it is vital for future  
5) which are vital for the future

**Items 56-60**

Complete the following paragraph and answer the questions.

(A) Should you follow a specific diet and exercise plan based upon your blood type? (B) According to the Blood Type Diet created by Dr. Peter J. D’Adamo, a naturopathic doctor, people with different blood types digest lectins differently, and that if people eat food that is not compatible with their blood type, they will experience many health problems. (C) On the other hand, if a person eats food that is compatible for the body to digest more effectively, _________________. (D) D’Adamo claims that one’s blood type may determine which diseases and illnesses you may develop resulting from the foods you eat that react chemically with your blood type. (E) However, you’ll lose weight, have more energy, and help prevent disease. (F) The Blood Type Diet also recommends exercises based on your blood type. (G) For instance, it suggests Yoga or Tai-Chi for type A’s, and vigorous aerobic exercises like jogging or biking for up to an hour a day for type O’s.