1. Vocabulary: 20%—1% for each. Select the letter (a,b,c,d) that will fill in the blank with appropriate word.

1. The politicians gathered for a ______ about the national economy.
   a. decade  b. debate  c. dash  d. debate

2. The animals who live in that ______ are in danger of becoming extinct in the next few years.
   a. hamper  b. hardship  c. habitat  d. harvest

3. The ______ demeanor of the knight led the king to suspect that he was a traitor.
   a. perfidious  b. pendulous  c. perceptive  d. perpetual

4. In order to ______ the animal without causing it excessive pain, we must devise our trap to be as swift and effective as possible.
   a. snarl  b. snare  c. stink  d. spare

5. The ______ for that bee sting is in the first-aid kit.
   a. antipathy  b. antagonist  c. antidote  d. antelope

6. After receiving several demerits and a poor performance review for twelve consecutive months, Jeff was ______ from associate vice president to assistant vice president.
   a. demoted  b. deluded  c. denoted  d. deleted

7. If it does not rain soon, these plants will ______ away and die.
   a. withdraw  b. wink  c. wring  d. wither

8. My assistant is so ______ that I do not know what I would do without him.
   a. indolent  b. indispensable  c. indiscreet  d. inferior

9. What do you think about my ______ for promotion to vice-president next year?
   a. prospects  b. protests  c. projects  d. presents

10. I wish you would try to speak more slowly. I cannot ______ what you are trying to say.
    a. feign  b. fetch  c. factor  d. fathom

11. Sara hates the rain and gloom, so she finds Seattle very ______ in the winter when it drizzles all the time.
    a. droll  b. dusty  c. dreary  d. deserted

12. I would ______ you to not let your anger overwhelm you, or you will become an angry and bitter man.
    a. counsel  b. corroborate  c. counsel  d. convic

13. Please ______ the situation and let me know if anything important happens.
    a. mollify  b. muffle  c. monitor  d. misinterpret

14. This is a ______ area. Passengers are not allowed beyond this point.
    a. restricted  b. restful  c. repetitious  d. reliable

15. The woman was ______ by her peers to receive the annual award for management excellence.
    a. negotiated  b. navigated  c. nominated  d. nourished
16. The cheerleader performed his routine with great zest and _______.
   a. verse   b. vernacular   c. verdy   d. verve

17. He was criticized for being too _______ towards his students, because he always
   gave all of them high grades.
   a. languid   b. lecherous   c. lenient   d. lucid

18. Last Sunday, the couple celebrated their tenth wedding _______ in a fancy
   restaurant.
   a. anniversary   b. annual   c. anima   d. analogy

19. The stock market _______ as soon as it was reported that ten major foreign corporations
   had withdrawn their investment from the country.
   a. plodded   b. pleaded   c. plugged   d. plummeted

20. Mt. Aka is famous for its _______ sunrise.
   a. spurious   b. spectacular   c. spiteful   d. sporadic

II. Grammar: 20%-2% for each. Select the letter (a,b,c,d) that will fill in the blank with
   the grammatically appropriate word or phrase.

1. It is obviously the case that modern medicine has allowed people to live longer
   and _______.
   a. that we live more comfortably   b. more comfortably
   c. more comfortable   d. most comfortable

2. Susan will want _______ her meeting this morning because this deadline is more
   important.
   a. canceling   b. canceled
   c. to be canceled   d. to cancel

3. Politicians will often hold meetings during an election year in order _______.
   a. listen to their constituents about their concerns
   b. to listen to their constituents about their concerns
   c. listening to their constituents about their concerns
   d. listened to their constituents about their concerns

4. I have no _______ at my age.
   a. appetite of this type of competition
   b. appetite for this type of competition
   c. appetite for this type of competitions
   d. appetite to this type of competition

5. I _______ to have seen you last Saturday night instead of baby-sitting for my little
   brother.
   a. would have preferred
   b. would preferred
   c. could had preferred
   d. should preferred
d. should prefered
6. our manager will treat us to a fine dinner at a
   nice restaurant.
   a. After we done completed these projects
   b. After we were completed these projects
   c. After we will complete these projects
   d. After we have completed these projects

7. After they robbed the bank, the robbers decided to split the money evenly _______ the
   three of them.
   a. into
   b. between
   c. besides
   d. among

8. I am sure that your grades would improve if you devoted
   a. less attention to your athletic activities and more attention to your homework
   b. fewer attention to your athletic activities and more attention to your homework
   c. less attention to your athletic activities and much attention to your homework
   d. fewer attention to your athletic activities and greater attention to your homework

9. ________ should not be sold to anyone under the age of twenty-one.
   a. Those kind of magazine
   b. This kinds of magazine
   c. These kind of magazine
   d. This kind of magazine

10. You __________ foods like fresh vegetables, fruits and grains.
    a. would eaten healthy
    b. should eat healthful
    c. would have been eaten healthful
    d. should been eaten healthy

III. Reading Comprehension: 30%–2% for each. Please choose the most appropriate
     answer (one only) to each question.

A. For a white guy from a comfortable middle-class family, Mathieu Kassovitz has a lot
   of attitude. "Native-born French people should be happy that there are a lot of Arabs and
   Africans in the suburbs - at least the Africans and Arabs have strong traditions and values. If
   you had French people living in those poor conditions, they would invade Paris. It would be
   war." People might think that the success of Kassovitz's film "La Haine" ("Hate") would
   have tempered his vitriol. No way. "There is a suburban culture. It's the culture of survival.
   It's French, it's Arab, it's Spanish and Portuguese. The government would like for it to
   shut up and act French. But it is up to the government to adapt to the banlieus (the suburbs),
   not the other way around." "Hate" won Kassovitz the prize for best direction at Cannes last year. After the film
   became a national phenomenon in France last summer, some suburban youths criticized
   Kassovitz's vision of the suburbs as too violent and the characters too stupid. Kassovitz,
   however, is unapologetic about his film. "This is my view of the suburbs. It's just one view.
   And it is not necessarily the right one."

1. What does Kassovitz do for a living?
   a. He works in the suburbs.
b. He is a movie director.
c. He writes about suburban youths.
d. He works for the French government.

2. What is the meaning of "vitriol"?
   a. gasoline       b. identify       c. effort          d. criticism

3. What was the reaction of some youths to "La Haine"?
   a. They thought it did not portray life in the London suburbs fairly.
   b. They thought it portrayed life in the New York suburbs fairly.
   c. They thought it did not portray life in the Parisian suburbs fairly.
   d. They did not have any reaction at all.

4. What does Kassovitz think about the relation between the government and the suburbs?
   a. He thinks that the suburbs should conform to the wishes of the government.
   b. He thinks that the suburbs should declare their independence from France.
   c. He thinks that the government will have to adjust to the changes that are taking place in the suburbs.
   d. He thinks that the government is discriminating against people who live in the suburbs.

5. Why does Kassovitz think that native-born French people should be grateful that there are Arabs, Africans, Spanish and Portuguese people living in the suburbs?
   a. Because living among foreigners will help French people to become bilingual.
   b. Because if they were not able to live in the suburbs, they would return to their country of origin.
   c. Because they support the French economy.
   d. Because foreigners enrich the culture of France, and make it a more diverse and interesting place to live.

B. Traditionally, biologists believed that life is a fluke—the result of a zillion-to-one accidental concatenation of molecules. It follows that the likelihood of its happening again elsewhere in the cosmos is infinitesimal. This viewpoint derives from the second law of thermodynamics, which predicts that the universe is dying—slowly and inexorably degenerating toward a state of total chaos. Should Earth be struck by an asteroid, destroying all higher life-forms, intelligent beings would almost certainly not arise next time around.

   There is, however, a contrary view—one that directly challenges orthodox biology. It is that complexity can emerge spontaneously through a process of self-organization. If matter and energy have an inbuilt tendency to amplify and channel organized complexity, the odds against the formation of life and the subsequent evolution of intelligence could be drastically shortened. It suggests that although the universe as a whole may be dying, an opposite, progressive trend may also exist as a fundamental property of nature. The emergence of extraterrestrial life is a key test for these rival paradigms.

1. Traditionally, biologists believed that the chance for life to occur elsewhere in the cosmos is:
   a. highly possible
   b. extremely small
   c. absolutely impossible
   d. questionable

2. "Fluke" means:
   a. failure       b. joke          c. accident of luck      d. stimulus
3. For those who believe in the second law of thermodynamics, if Earth were to be struck by an asteroid, destroying all higher life-forms, would another run of intelligent beings appear?
   a. Unpredictable, for the universe is by nature chaotic.
   b. With good luck, there might emerge even more intelligent beings in the far future.
   c. Certainly, according to the universal law of nature, that given the same condition, the same thing will repeat itself.
   d. Almost impossible, for the whole universe is degenerating and the previous existence of the human intelligence is, as a matter of fact, an accident.

4. What makes those who believe in self-organization differ from those who work under the assumptions of the orthodox biology?
   a. They are pantheists.
   b. They do not support Darwinian theory of evolution.
   c. To them, matter and energy tend to amplify and channel organized complexity.
   d. They do not welcome the speculation that there might be extraterrestrial life.

5. The theory of self-organization is regarded as a rival paradigm to orthodox biology, because:
   a. they are antithetical to each other
   b. they agree with each other
   c. they complement each other
   d. they share the same assumptions

C. For millions of Americans, the workplace is like some nightmarish schoolyard—a place where bosses shake down subordinates for their psychic lunch money and then stomp on their egos for sport. So contends Columbia University psychologist Harvey Hornstein in this disturbing new study of managerial abuse, Brutal Bosses and Their Prey (Riverhead Books, $19.95)

The problem here is just how one defines boss abuse. We hear from some alleged victims who seem a bit thin-skinned. One woman falls apart because her boss turns his back on her during a meeting; one man is ready to kill because his boss takes credit for the work of underlings.

But the book does effectively document the spread of some undeniably monstrous behavior—sexual harassment of the crudest sort, verbal and physical threats, lying, deviousness, and all manner of inhuman acts. Hornstein spends a few pages delving into just what motivates the abusers; he blames some of the worst sins on pressures from the seemingly endless restructuring of recent years.

1. This article is:
   a. the preface to a book written by the author himself
   b. a book review
   c. a complaint from an abused worker
   d. an excerpt from a book about good management

2. The image of a schoolyard is employed in the first paragraph to:
   a. demonstrate that the boss abuse is tolerated
   b. give a vivid comparison
   c. show that abusive behavior in the office is regarded as merely child's play
   d. demonstrate that education is an effective means to cope with the problem

3. Which of the following cases can not be regarded as "alleged victims who seem a bit thin-skinned"?


4. According to Hornstein, what is the major reason for the widespread abusive behaviors in the office?
   a. inadequate performance of most employees
   b. pressures from endless restructuring
   c. belief in autocratic rule
   d. personal tragedy

5. The word "devious" means:
   a. greedy  b. illicit  c. deceitful  d. haughty

IV. Composition: 30%. Write an essay of no less than 300 words on the topic "What I would most like to see happen in the twenty-first century"