Section One: Idioms and Vocabulary (30%)  

1. We are grateful to your assistance.  
   (A) apprehend  (B) appreciate  (C) opposite  (D) appoint  

2. The nurse took my _____ while I was waiting for the doctor.  
   (A) architecture  (B) temperature  (C) attitude  (D) blood  

3. Nicole declined Tom’s offer.  
   (A) turned down  (B) turned off  (C) returned  (D) turned in  

4. The ball game was _____ because of a typhoon.  
   (A) put off  (B) putting off  (C) kept off  (D) got off  

5. They were born in Taiwan but _____ in Canada.  
   (A) brought to  (B) brought about  (C) brought up  (D) brought about to  

Section Two: Dialogue (30%)  

6. A: I am under the weather.  
   B: ________  
   (A) Today’s weather is not bad.  (B) I don’t think that you have to stand the weather.  (C) I don’t like the weather here.  (D) Maybe you should see a doctor.  

7. A: ________  
   B: How about skinning in Switzerland?  
   (A) I want to go somewhere really exciting on vacation.  (B) Skinning is exciting, isn’t it?  (C) I like Swiss chocolate.  (D) I don’t like skinning.  

8. A: ________  
   B: The bus stop is around the corner.  
   (A) Here comes the bus.  (B) I’ll stand around the corner.  (C) Do you know where I can get the bus?  (D) I hope the bus will stop here.  

9. A: ________  
   B: Thanks.  
   (A) You are welcome.  (B) Thanks for nothing.  (C) Can I have your phone number?  (D) Just give me a call if you get lost.  

10. A: ________  
    B: Oh, I don’t know. I’ve never tried it before.  
    (A) Do you want to go snowboarding with us?  (B) Do you like our snowboards or ice skates?  

Section three: Reading comprehension (40%)  

Most Americans think that ice cream is as American as baseball and apple pie. But ice cream was known long before America was discovered. The Roman emperor Nero may have made a kind of ice cream. He hired hundreds of men to bring snow and ice from mountains. He used it to make cold drinks. Traveler Marco Polo brought back recipes for chilled and frozen milk from China. Hundreds years later, ice cream reached England. It is said that King Charles I enjoyed that treat very much. There is a story that he bribed his cook to keep the recipe for ice cream a royal secret. Today ice cream is known throughout the world. Americans alone eat more than two billion quarts a year.  

11. According to the paragraph, most of Americans ______.  
    (A) think that ice cream very new.  
    (B) think that ice cream was an American idea.  
    (C) know that ice cream is very old.  
    (D) do not know what ice cream is.  

12. The Roman emperor Nero hired men to ______.  
    (A) make ice cream for him.  
    (B) bring ice cream from China.  
    (C) guard the secret of ice cream.  
    (D) bring ice to cool his drinks.  

13. Marco Polo is know as ______.  
    (A) a Roman emperor.  
    (B) the inventor of ice cream.  
    (C) a royal cook.  
    (D) a traveler to China.  

14. Charles I of England wanted to ______.  
    (A) make ice cream popular.  
    (B) keep the secret of ice cream for himself.  
    (C) develop new kinds of ice cream.  
    (D) bring ice cream recipes from China.  

15. More than two billion quarts of ice cream have been eaten ______.  
    (A) by Americans in one year.  
    (B) all over the world in one year.  
    (C) since the time of Nero.  
    (D) since America was discovered.