A. Vocabulary and grammar 30%: Choose the most appropriate options.

1. Most of universities in Taiwan have decided to set a minimum English proficiency _____ for graduation.
   (A) resource (B) requirement (C) authority (D) solution

2. When there are long periods of drought without rain, animals will die of _____
   (A) flood (B) drowning (C) starvation (D) moody

3. In addition to a BA degree, we require at least two-year working experience in a ____ field.
   (A) conducted (B) impressive (C) relevant (D) considerable

4. With a poor _____ record, students may be expelled from school.
   (A) attendance (B) attention (C) expansion (D) emotion

5. Nelson clings to the idea that we should save money for a rainy day. Thus, he is very ____ in budgeting our household expenditures.
   (A) generous (B) flexible (C) economical (D) clumsy

6. The proposal for even tougher restrictions on direct trade with China set off an ____ over the issue.
   Until now, no conclusion has been reached.
   (A) riot (B) debate (C) alarm (D) panic

7. An official document giving a person legal permission to do something, for example, drive, teach, or practice medicine.
   (A) technology (B) certification (C) sympathy (D) resource

8. These pants _____ because I washed them in hot water; now they are too small to wear.
   (A) shortened (B) decreased (C) lessened (D) shrank

9. For convenience, we can _____ these differences into three groups.
   (A) explode (B) exceed (C) classify (D) ignore

10. Please _____ my suitcase while I buy my ticket.
    (A) keep eye to eye (B) keep an eye on (C) keep track of (D) drop in on

11. I _____ my mother’s tone of voice and choice of words, but decided not to say anything.
    (A) was surprised to (B) was surprising to (C) was surprised by (D) was surprised

12. DNA _____ in every cell of every living thing, from bacteria to trees and people.
    (A) found (B) finds (C) is founded (D) is found

13. She went to Exeter University to read French and after graduation _____ in Paris for a year
    before getting a job in an office in London.
    (A) who lives (B) living (C) is living (D) lived

14. If _____ the chance of spending one million dollars, I would choose to use it to study abroad.
    (A) have (B) have been (C) had (D) will have

15. The people here live a basic life – no computers or mobile phones. They don’t have many _____, but they are the kindest, most sincere people I have ever met.
    (A) distinguishers (B) possessions (C) conferences (D) subsidies
B. Reading comprehension 28%

Whenever we go and whatever we do, we are surrounded by advertising. Much of the advertising around is useful—informing us of new products or the best bargains available at that moment. It is the way that producers can sell their products and without it businesses would not be able to survive. In fact, it was once said that “Advertising is the principle reason why the businessman has come to inherit the Earth.” However, is there too much advertising now? In many ways, it has started to destroy its own aim in that so much of the advertising we see is misleading. It is very possible that we now tend to ignore most of what we see. Perhaps what the famous author, H.G. Wells, said is now more accurate: “Advertising is legalized lying.”

16. The best title for this reading passage is
A. Advertising is legalized lying  
B. Advertising  
C. Businessman has come to inherit the Earth  
D. Too much advertising now

17. A major purpose of advertising is
A. Businesses would be able to survive  
B. A businessman can come to inherit the Earth  
C. It can informs people of new products

Studying at home is regarded as a better alternative to studying in a school classroom because home study can save time and is more convenient and flexible. __18__, it has some disadvantages. First, the learner never meets his schoolmates. Without human interaction, the home study can be a __19__ way to study. In addition, it is impossible for the learner to join school sports teams or other activities. He misses out __20__ the fun and benefits of learning to compete and cooperate with others. Finally, there is the pressure of being self-__21___. There are no teachers watching the learner, to monitor his schedule. He is responsible for his own progress. If at times the learner becomes __22__, he will fall behind a little. (Longman)

18. A Therefore  
B. Nevertheless  
C. Moreover  
D. Similarly

19. A. dangerous  
B. remote  
C. lonely  
D. quiet

20. A. on  
B. in  
C. for  
D. from

21. A. employed  
B. satisfied  
C. centered  
D. disciplined

22. A. ill  
B. serious  
C. lazy  
D. stupid

C. Translation: Please translate the following passage into Chinese 22%

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(Source: Longman)

D. Questions 20%

1. Do you think that you will have more than one career in your life? (At least 60 words)

2. Do you think that “the customer is always right”? Please explain. (At least 60 words)