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I. Vocabulary: 20%

Choose the answer that best completes the sentence, and mark the corresponding letter A, B, C, or D on your answer card.

- As the date of their meeting drew closer, the representatives of the two parties staked out _____ positions on the dilemma between energy conservation and economic development.
A. intensive B. divergent C. pelagic D. decelerating
- Despite a setback in the year of 2018, the Labor Department reported that the unemployment rate has _____ to near 3%.
A. condoned B. drained C. consumed D. tumbled
- Although a few reports address learners' learning problems, these reports are either invalidated _____ or investigations with limitations.
A. contemplation B. petitions C. assertions D. corruption
- Teleconferencing allows people at distant locations to _____ across geographical boundaries and time constraints.
A. confer B. confess C. conjure D. conceal
- Conflicts in the workplace are inevitable, but there are steps for quickly managing conflict to minimize a _____ to your business.
A. disruption B. pretermission C. miscellany D. configuration
- Recent research shows that a key element of learning is the students' awareness of the learning process, which is _____ to successful learning.
A. captious B. shoddy C. critical D. despicable
- The legalization of marijuana has been _____ by social groups for years.
A. pruned B. triangulated C. attenuated D. decried
- The medical controversy should be of serious concern because it continues to _____ many professional areas of medicine.
A. detect B. consent C. plague D. implore
- When reading, successful learners are able to use other strategies to _____ for their insufficient vocabulary; in contrast, less successful learners felt that they could not comprehend the reading texts without a large vocabulary.
A. conduct B. compensate C. comply D. conform
- While the #MeToo movement has _____ across the world, some Japanese women and men

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are reporting on social media of unease in the workplace, which has increased segregation between the genders.

- A. Inferred B. spread C. surmised D. assented

II. Cloze 20%

Read the following passages, choose for each blank the most appropriate answer, and mark the corresponding letter A, B, C, or D on your answer card.

Passage 1

A proposed rule published by the National Park Service in the Federal Register would let Alaskan game officials decide whether bear cubs can be killed (11) their mothers, caribou can be shot from a boat while swimming, wolves, including pups, can be hunted in their dens and other animals can be targeted from airplanes and snowmobiles. Animals could also (12) sweets and killed or poisoned. The National Park Service said its proposal (13) an order by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to accede (14) states' wishes to expand recreational hunting. "The purpose of this proposed rule is to align sport hunting regulations in national preserves in Alaska (15) State of Alaska regulations and to enhance consistency with harvest regulations on surrounding non-federal lands and waters," officials wrote. "The proposed rule would apply the State of Alaska's hunting regulations to national preserve lands, with limited exceptions" (D. Fears, 2018, *The Washington Post*)

11. A. alongside B. outright C. altogether D. besides
12. A. be likely to B. be under way of C. be baited with D. be grafted on
13. A. is open to suggestions of B. is consistent with C. represents a challenge to
D. lies the difficulty in
14. A. over B. against C. from D. to
15. A. in B. of C. with D. at

Passage 2

The Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor is home to one of history's greatest armies—though it's one built entirely of clay. The massive host of (16) warriors charged with guarding the emperor's tomb for eternity was discovered in 1974.... Each warrior is unique and features a

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realistic human face, likely based on some (17) person of the time. The army was assembled in formation and equipped (18) horses, chariots, and all the accoutrements of an elite fighting force—including bronze weapons, many of which were later plundered. The figures were buried in pits 15 to 20 feet deep. The largest of them stretched as far as two football fields laid end to end. In accordance (19) custom, the construction of the tomb was commenced while the emperor was alive, and actually quite young, (20) all aspects of its construction. It took 36 years, and hundreds of workers, to raise the terra-cotta warrior army. In 1987, the mausoleum was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site (*National Geographic*, 2018).

16. A. choleric B. indignant C. terra-cotta D. delicacy

17. A. living B. life C. alive D. lively

18. A. on B. with C. against D. by

19. A. with B. to C. from D. of

20. A. and he could take advantage of B. however he would rely on C. so that he could oversee D. therefore he repudiate

III. Article Completion: 10%

Read the passage and choose the most appropriate answer for each blank. Then mark the corresponding letter A, B, C, or D on your answer card.

Volcanoes are full of tricks. They can build to a major eruption in a crescendo of shudders and spatters or (21). They can lie in wait under a magnificent snowcap, the centerpiece of a landscape of beauty that they could obliterate tomorrow in 10,000 years, or never again.

And there are more of them in more parts of America (22). The United States Geological Survey counts 169 potentially active volcanoes in the country — some of them straight-from-the-textbook conical mountains topped with craters, and others that hardly look the part at all. About 50 of them in six states are rated high priority or highest priority for monitoring. A few have been active in modern times; (23). Kilauea, the one that has lately been opening new fissures, (24), has been erupting in one way or another continuously since the early 1980s. Though it has attracted many visitors to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park over the years, Kilauea's long-running eruption has taken a significant toll. The Hawaii Center for Volcanology notes that over one nine-month period, (25). (Adapted from A. Blinder, 2018, *The New York Times*).

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21. A. erupt in hives and eczema
B. eject the masses from the riot
C. explode with no warning
D. burst into blaze on the hearth
22. A. have overcast with smoky haze
B. making a mountain out of a molehill
C. than you might think
D. in bimbo eruption
23. A. others last erupted hundreds or even thousands of years ago
B. when thick magma and large amounts of gas build up under the surface
C. often causing streams of lava to ooze from the vent though
D. ash and toxic gases which cause lung damage and other problems to infants and the elderly
24. A. would have evacuated because of spew and force
B. has forcibly spewed lava because of evacuations
C. forced evacuations to spew lava
D. spewing lava and forcing evacuations
25. A. more than thousands of tourists voted the park as one of the best scenic spots
B. it destroyed more than 100 houses
C. over hundreds of endangered animals were in captivity
D. the ash ejected from Kilauea has created fertile farmlands in the areas with high volcanic activity

IV. Reading Comprehension: 20%

Read the following passages and choose the best answer to each question. Then mark the corresponding letter A, B, C, or D on your answer card.

Passage 1

For a long time, most women defined their own sexual harassment and assault as something unspoken, something private, something to be ashamed of acknowledging. **Silence**, although understandable, **has its cost**. Since the actress Alyssa Milano used her Twitter account to encourage women who'd been sexually harassed or assaulted to tweet the words #MeToo, the hashtag had been tweeted nearly half a million times.

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For all the frequent grumbles about the **passivity of most forms of Twitter activism**, this was a moment in which the form fit perfectly with the message: The goal of #MeToo was simply to give people a sense of “the magnitude of the problem.” As horrifying as the allegations against the celebrity producer Harvey Weinstein have been, more appalling still is the sense that his behavior isn’t uncommon. That in industries across the world, from media to music to modeling to academia, women have encountered their own Weinsteins and have deduced, for whatever reason, that nothing could be done about it and nobody cared.

The power of #MeToo, though, is that it takes something that women had long kept quiet about and transforms it into a movement. Unlike many kinds of social-media activism, it isn’t a call to action or the beginning of a campaign, culminating in a series of protests and speeches and events. It’s simply an attempt to get people to understand the prevalence of sexual harassment and assault in society. To get women, and men, to raise their hands. Recent revelations about the alleged abuses of Weinstein, Bill Cosby, Jimmy Savile, and R. Kelly have proven that truth has power. There’s a monumental amount of work to be done in confronting a climate of serial sexual predation—one in which women are belittled, undermined, abused and sometimes pushed out of their industries altogether. But uncovering the colossal scale of the problem is revolutionary in its own right.
(S. Gilbert, Oct. 16, 2017, *The Atlantic Daily*)

26. According to the passage, how did women usually manage sexual harassment?

- A. Keep it personal.
- B. Report it to authorities.
- C. Seek professional help.
- D. Tweet it on Twitter.

27. What does the statement “**Silence,..., has its cost**” mean?

- A. Silence is a good virtue.
- B. Silence protects the victims.
- C. Silence will pay off in the long run.
- D. Silence creates opportunities for predators.

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28. What is the purpose of the #MeToo movement?

- A. To reveal the identity of the perpetrators of sexual misconduct.
- B. To demonstrate the severity of the noted problem.
- C. To sabotage the support network among the affected individuals.
- D. To protest against gender inequality at work.

29. What does “passivity of most forms of Twitter activism” mean in the passage?

- A. Campaigns on Twitter are not as engaging as they seem.
- B. Movements proposed on Twitter can be proactive.
- C. Twitter has successfully launched many social movements.
- D. Tweets on Twitter are in general too critical.

30. Which of the following is NOT true about the #MeToo movement?

- A. It has revealed an unprecedented amount of truth.
- B. It has exposed the hardships facing sexually harassed women.
- C. It is meant to eliminate a climate of serial sexual predation.
- D. It has invited both men and women to join forces together.

Passage 2

Americans of high-school age are 82 times more likely to die from a gun homicide than 15- to 19-year-olds in the rest of the developed world.

This stark discrepancy is often treated as a baffling fact, requiring some counterintuitive explanation. Some people suggest that the problem is that schools need to do a better job determining which troubled teens may prove murderous at some point in the future, or dealing with the excesses of masculinity, or possibly the crisis of meaning and identity in the secularizing modern world. As always, though, there is a simpler and more powerful explanation of why there has been no similar school shootings in Germany since 2009; or in Canada since 2016; none in the United Kingdom since 1996—while conversely, more young Americans have died in school shootings in 2018 than in all the nation’s combat operations all over the world.

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The answer is almost insultingly simple and has the virtue only of being true: It's the guns.

Only 30 percent of Americans own guns. And yet, that **minority** has sufficed to block substantial federal action on guns. American gun culture in the 2010s is as blithely irresponsible as American alcohol culture in the 1960s.

According to a Pew survey, only about one-quarter of gun owners think it essential to alert visitors with children that guns may be present in the home. Only 66 percent of gun owners think it essential to keep guns locked up when not in use. Only 45 percent of them actually do it.

This carelessness and disregard of others' safety is taking lives and breaking up families. The first step toward correcting a social wrong is opening people's eyes to see that wrong. America has now tallied more victims and broken the hearts of more mourners. It's a horrible price to pay for a moral reckoning and awakening—but the **history of the nation** promises that while the awakening may often come tragically slow, it does come in time, with all the power of justice delayed but not denied.
(D. Frum, May 18, 2018, *The Atlantic Politics and Policy Daily*)

31. According to the passage, what does the number "82" refer to in the first paragraph?
- A. The likelihood of gun deaths in American high schools.
 - B. The rate of teenage suicides in American high schools.
 - C. The number of teenage drop-outs in developed countries.
 - D. The death toll of 15 to 19-year-olds in developed countries.
32. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a possible cause to the frequent school shootings?
- A. Neglected teens with emotional problems.
 - B. Substance abuse on campus.
 - C. Loose gun control laws.
 - D. Obsession with masculinity.
33. What does the American gun culture in the 2010s have in common with the American alcohol culture in the 1960s?

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- A. People deserve equal access to guns and alcohol.
- B. The process to legalize guns and alcohol is similar.
- C. Those who own guns or consume alcohol tend to abuse them.
- D. One-third of American population is denied access to guns or alcohol.

34. What does the word “**minority**” mean in the fourth paragraph?

- A. Racial minorities.
- B. Gender minority.
- C. People who are against the mainstream culture.
- D. Gun owners.

35. Which of the following is true?

- A. Most of gun owners guard their guns in a secured place.
- B. Only a handful of people dominate federal laws of gun control.
- C. Germany exercised stricter gun control after 2016.
- D. 30% of the American population had access to alcohol in the 1960s.

V. Composition: 30%

YouTube has gone from being a fun hobby to the source of main income for many celebrity YouTubers. Please write a short essay (about 500 words) and use examples to detail the qualities that contribute to the popularity of a YouTuber. Then comment on how these qualities, be it positive or negative, may influence the future job market.

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