I Vocabulary

Choose the most appropriate word in accordance with the context. Each question has **ONLY** one answer. Mark your answer on the answer sheet. (30%)

1. At the start of the New York City Marathon Runners ______ the Verrazano Narrows Bridge, the second longest suspension bridge in the world, in Staten Island, 2004.
   A. pass  B. cross  C. over  D. to

2. You have a good reputation ______ electronics.
   A. up  B. on  C. for  D. in

3. A: I wish to ______ a complaint about the 2,000 sets of toys trains that we ordered.
   B: I am afraid you will have to take it up with our legal office.
   A. ask  B. file  C. receive  D. talk

4. A: What do you think of this table?
   B: Oh, I like the color, but ______ for that style of furniture.
   A. I’m too much  B. I’m not much  C. I’d like  D. I’d hate

5. Sorry to ______ you, but this is a non-smoking section. If you wish to smoke you’ll have to move to another table.
   A. annoy  B. harass  C. bother  D. worry

6. Excuse me, but would ______ possible for us to reschedule our three-thirty meeting?
   A. it is  B. it be  C. is it  D. that

7. I was impressed by the clowns, but I really got a ______ out of the trapeze act.
   A. hit  B. thrill  C. pleasure  D. kick
8. They rescued the man who was ______ clinging to the side of the building.
   A. inconveniently  B. randomly  C. arbitrarily  D. desperately

9. The rare vase was very ______, so it required very careful handling.
   A. beautiful  B. durable  C. delicate  D. gentle

10. _______ we will be having a full ten-day holiday.
    A. However  B. On no account  C. From side to side  D. Accordingly

11. There are many fine Chinese restaurants spread ______ all over San Francisco.
    A. back and forth  B. this and that  C. far and wide  D. through and through

12. Only _______ citizens can serve on the jury.
    A. disinterested  B. uninterested  C. interesting  D. interest

13. This experimental play is full of topical ______ .
    A. elusive  B. illusion  C. allusions  D. elusory

14. ______ tuition and fees so high, the school is having a hard time recruiting enough students for
    the new semester.
    A. Since  B. Because  C. Despite  D. With

15. A: What do you do, Mr. Ho?
    B: I’m ______ charge of this department.
    A. in  B. on  C. of  D. at

II Translate the following passages into Chinese (15%)

1. Taiwan ranks 22nd in the world in terms of greenhouse gases and contributes 0.96 percent of
global emissions of such gases.

2. Biodiversity is the variety of all life forms: the different plants, animals and
   micro-organisms, their genes and the ecosystems of which they are a part.

3. In the years ahead, soil erosion and the pollution problems it causes are likely to replace
   petroleum scarcity as the nation’s most critical natural resource problem.
II. Translate the following passages into English (15%)

1. Coastal-related studies show that a slight rise in ocean depth could swallow up the entire island.
2. The US government has issued a warning: a lethal virus has spread, and it is transmitted by the most讨厌的 mosquitoes.
3. What level of stem cell research should be developed to what extent?

IV. Cloze Test: Read the following passages and choose an appropriate answer to fill in the blank. (20%)

Rivers are of great value to human beings. They are important because of the ___1___ they provide, which is used for consumption, power and irrigation. They ___2___ shelter for wild animals and recreation spots for human beings. Rivers also water the earth, making the soil fertile for raising produce. ___3___, rivers create the rich basins ___4___ which the crops are grown. Perhaps the most important function of rivers ___5___ the production of power. The production of power gives us electricity to run our civilization. Without this power we would have to rely on questionable sources such as dangerous nuclear power plants or undeveloped solar power. The depletion of our rivers, therefore, is a serious concern which must be addressed.

1. (A) significance   (B) water   (C) attractiveness   (D) purpose
2. (A) determine   (B) erect   (C) conceal   (D) offer
3. (A) Besides   (B) Meanwhile   (C) Therefore   (D) Whereas
4. (A) of   (B) in   (C) for   (D) from
5. (A) is   (B) are   (C) to be   (D) being

V. Reading Comprehension. Read the following passages; then answer the questions that follow (20%)

James Lents knows better than anyone else how difficult it will be to clean up the smoggy skies of Southern California. As executive officer of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), Lents is charged with enforcing antipollution regulations in the 6,600-sq-mi. area that encompasses Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange countries. The 12 million people, 8 million motor vehicles and 31,000 businesses in the area spew 1,246 tons of noxious gases into the air every day.

The southland’s smoggy air largely results from poor atmospheric ventilation in the bowl-shaped South Coast Air Basin, where an “inversion layer” traps pollutants under a lid of hot air. In the daytime, ocean breezes waft pollution inland all across the basin. Then sunshine triggers a photochemical reaction that produces the highest ozone concentration in the U.S. Established in 1977, the district aims to bring Southern California’s air quality into compliance with federal standards by 2010. If the agency falls short of that goal, Washington could take over. Given the terrain and the hodgepodge of local governments involved, only a regional agency stands a chance of developing a coherent smog-fighting strategy.
1. According to the passage, it is James Lents’s job to
   A. see to it that rules to protect clean air are observed
   B. legislate for antipollution regulations in Southern California
   C. lead the AQMD in crime prevention
   D. collect fines from companies that break antipollution regulations

2. The author says that the primary cause of the smoggy air in the South Coast Air Basin is
   A. automobile exhaust
   B. family sources
   C. noxious gases from factories
   D. poor ventilation effects of the atmosphere

3. The “inversion layer” is stopped by a layer of
   A. cold air
   B. noxious gases.
   C. hot air
   D. ocean breezes

4. The passage implies that the high density of ozone in the southland is a product of the interaction between
   A. ocean breezes and pollution
   B. pollution and sunshine
   C. automobile exhaust and dirty air
   D. chemistry and physics

5. According to the passage, what could happen if the AQMD fails to bring air quality in the southland up to national standards before 2010?
   A. James Lents would have to pay a fine of $25,000.
   B. A coherent smog-fighting strategy would be in place.
   C. The Federal Government could assume control of anti-pollution programs there.
   D. A regional agency could be established.