

(I) Vocabulary (40%)

- The lazy worker needed a little **boost** to work harder.
(A) teaching (B) push (C) reward (D) reminder
- Although not my responsibility, I was told to **organize** a rescue team for the accident.
(A) investigate (B) form (C) eliminate (D) lead
- Handwriting is beginning to **irritate** me as I have grown used to using the computer.
(A) frustrate (B) prepare (C) reflect on (D) concentrate on
- Dennis finally **determined** that the problem was caused by a defective circuit.
(A) reiterated (B) usurped (C) applauded (D) ascertained
- You are **fortunate** that the boss isn't in yet either, or she would yell at you for being late.
(A) egotistic (B) lucky (C) synthetic (D) destitute
- We will meet again tomorrow night to **rehearse** the play.
(A) illustrate (B) lament (C) alleviate (D) practice
- If you do not **specify** a color when you place your order, we will send you a black one.
(A) designate (B) elapse (C) memorize (D) scorch
- Two months after Emily resigned, she began to **regret** her decision because she had not found another job.
(A) applaud (B) deter (C) nibble (D) lament
- You like gambling so much; you are **bound to** spend too much money if you go to Las Vegas.
(A) destined to (B) suited to (C) happy to (D) encouraged to
- Doctors usually **discourage** patients from smoking.
(A) dispel (B) disperse (C) distance (D) dissuade
- Predictably**, he decided not to take part in the televised debate.
(A) As a matter of fact (B) No wonder (C) As a result (D) At first
- He believed that **diligent** work must inevitably lead to financial success.
(A) industrious (B) inevitable (C) intentional (D) inert

13. There has been an atmosphere of expectation as Christmas approaches.
(A) animation (B) annoyance (C) answer (D) anticipation
14. Vitamins are helpful to fight off common colds and flu.
(A) beloved (B) beneficial (C) benign (D) below
15. The kindhearted queen is popular with her subjects.
(A) brief (B) broken (C) benevolent (D) bilingual
16. Although the elderly cannot really work out, they can take a quick walk.
(A) brisk (B) quiet (C) brilliant (D) broad
17. We are not allowed to chat during working hours.
(A) talk (B) continue (C) joke (D) inquire
18. Why did she marry such an unrealistic person?
(A) impossible (B) impressive (C) impractical (D) inactive
19. Chewing gum in class is completely unsuitable.
(A) impulsive (B) incomplete (C) inappropriate (D) incapable
20. Mindy is very superficial about boyfriends; she only cares whether or not they are handsome.
(A) conventional (B) lucid (C) potent (D) shallow

(II). Grammar (20%)

21. Early Hakka immigrants chose to settle down in the mountains of Miaoli county because the landscape reminded them _____ their homeland's rugged hills.
(A) about (B) on (C) with (D) of
22. Jonathan is very interested in the board game "go," but the fact has just dawned on him only lately that he is not _____ to be a "go" master.
(A) cut off (B) cut out (C) cut in (D) cut down
23. _____ about the people who had inhabited in Taiwan before the current aborigines came.
(A) Is known little (B) Little known (C) Little is known (D) Little know people

24. There is not one of us _____ feel compassion for the refugees and wish to help them.
(A) without (B) but that (C) that we (D) who does not
25. The New Taiwan dollar moved down against its US _____ yesterday at the Taipei foreign exchange market.
(A) opponent (B) replacement (C) counterpart (D) alter-ego
26. Even if you don't have access _____ a Web browser, you can type in an e-mail address that will do the job.
(A) in (B) to (C) through (D) with
27. Mr. Chen's hard work _____ when he was promoted to regional manager.
(A) paid for (B) paid off (C) paid in full (D) paid back
28. _____ causes motion sickness continues to baffle scientists to this day.
(A) What (B) That (C) All (D) The
29. Freshwater aquaculture operations tend to draw off excessive amounts of groundwater, sometimes _____ the surrounding land to shift or cave in.
(A) to cause (B) it causes (C) causing (D) caused
30. What finally separates the good writer from the breezy writer is a quality which is _____ intangible that nobody even knows what it is: taste.
(A) so (B) very (C) much (D) such

(III). Reading comprehension (20%)

(A)

Mr. Greg Hast
GM, Ardent Technologies
45 Spruce Lane
Manchester, CT

Dear Mr. Hast,

Thank you for the samples of memory received by our office on December 26th. We are considering an order of 50 boxes with 50 pieces per box at USD \$32.00 per piece. Thus, the entire order will come to USD \$80,000 before tax and shipping charges. Our forwarding and purchasing office in New York will handle all shipping-related matters. Please have the memory ready on your dock by next Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. We will have our bank issue you a letter of credit late Wednesday, and it can be delivered by courier early Thursday afternoon around the time our forwarder gets there.

Please give me a call later today to verify this schedule.

Best regards,
James Starter
Purchasing Department
Intelligent Computers, Inc.

31. Which of the following is the buying party in this letter?
(A) Ardent technologies (B) Intelligent Computers, Inc.
(C) Mr. Greg Hast (D) The letter doesn't indicate who is the buying party.
32. What is being purchased/sold?
(A) 50 samples of memory (B) 50 computers
(C) 250 boxes of VCD's (D) 2500 pieces of memory
33. Who will handle shipping matters?
(A) Ardent Technologies' forwarder in New York
(B) Intelligent Computers, Inc.'s forwarder in New York
(C) Another unidentified company in New York
(D) The letter doesn't indicate who will handle the shipping matters.
34. How will the letter of credit be sent?
(A) By courier (B) By mail (C) By fax (D) By e-mail
35. Where does James Starter work?
(A) In the sales and marketing department
(B) At Ardent Technologies
(C) In the purchasing department
(D) At an affiliate of Intelligent Computers, Inc.

(B)

Thomas and Louis Border founded Borders Book Store in 1971. They were brothers in their 20s at the time and opened a small used-book shop in Ann Arbor, Michigan. They managed to work out an inventory management system, servicing independent booksellers, and by 1998 their business had grown to include four stores.

They recruited Robert DiRomualdo to run the business and subsequently sold Borders to Kmart in 1990. Since then, Kmart has been selling the company to the public, and Robert DiRomualdo is currently the CEO. Borders now operates over 225 Borders superstores, with one in Singapore and two in Britain.

Its major competitor is Barnes & Noble. Despite Wall Street's obsession with Borders' Internet Competitor, Amazon.com, which has a market capitalization of over \$4 billion, Borders has remained committed to its brick and mortar approach. Borders has annual profits of over \$100 million, while Amazon is still struggling to get itself out of the red. Although Internet wonders such as Amazon have defied the traditional law of the market, Borders' investors are betting that people will always want to go browse and drink coffee at stores like Borders and its competitor Barnes & Noble.

36. In what year was Borders founded?
(A) 1990 (B) 1988 (C) 1971 (D) In the early 20's
37. What type of business did the bookstore start as?
(A) A superstore with four stores (B) A small used-book/store
(C) A branch under the Kmart group (D) An Internet business
38. According to the article, Borders currently operates stores in all of the following countries except
(A) Britain. (B) The U.S. (C) Singapore. (D) Germany.
39. According to the article, which of the following statements is true?
(A) Borders has a larger market capitalization than Amazon.
(B) Borders is currently making more in revenues than Amazon.
(C) Wall Street is crazy about Borders.
(D) Borders has started an internet business.
40. Which of the following type of businesses would Borders consider a direct competitor?
(A) Internet companies such as Amazon.com.
(B) Other small used-book stores started by students in their 20s from Ann Arbor, Michigan.
(C) Superstores that let readers browse and drink coffee.
(D) Stores such as K-mart that have book sections.

(IV) Writing (20%)

Write one or two paragraphs (250-500 words) describing your first impression of the university/college/school you are currently attending.