一、詞彙與慣用語（第 1−15 題）

說明：請依各題文意選出最恰當選項，並將代號標示在答案卡上。

1. Most people who __________ a wealthy nation like ours cannot truly imagine the terrible poverty in Third World nations.
   (A) enhance (B) inhabit (C) insist (D) endure

2. To solve the energy crisis we need to __________ the vast potential resources of wind power.
   (A) harness (B) harass (C) huddle (D) harden

3. On average most adults need about seven to eight hours of sleep each night to feel alert and well rested. Sleep __________ occurs when an individual fails to get enough sleep.
   (A) deprivation (B) description (C) discrimination (D) dedication

4. Many people have been sick with the flu this month. If you have any of the __________ of the disease, call your doctor immediately.
   (A) signatures (B) symptoms (C) schedules (D) supplements

5. The concert was __________ until next Friday because the lead singer had a sore throat.
   (A) prevented (B) postponed (C) prompted (D) proliferated

6. My friend's and my cousin's weddings are both on the same day. I wish they didn't __________ because I really want to go to both.
   (A) collapse (B) collaborate (C) coincide (D) consume

7. Rachel has such a sweet nature that even teaching twenty-six children all day doesn't __________ her patience.
   (A) explain (B) expire (C) execute (D) exhaust

8. Aung San Suu Kyi, the 65-year-old Burmese Nobel Peace Prize laureate, was released from house arrest on November 13, 2010. Continued __________ turned her into the world's most famous political prisoner.
   (A) component (B) compartment (C) contentment (D) confinement

9. Because George has high blood pressure, he is supposed to avoid stress and __________ salt from his diet.
   (A) emancipate (B) illustrate (C) impregnate (D) eliminate
10. A magnificent firework show was being held at the Dajia Riverbank Park along the Keelung River to __________ the 100th founding anniversary of the Republic of China.
   (A) commemorate (B) complicate (C) comprehend (D) compromise

11. Tension between North and South Korea __________ after the latter's President vowed to make North Korea pay the price for its sudden artillery attack on a frontline island that killed four people and sparked global outrage.
   (A) evaporated (B) erased (C) escalated (D) estimated

12. He came from a family noted for its __________, and all four of his grandparents lived to the age of 90.
   (A) mortality (B) longevity (C) propensity (D) notoriety

13. The fall in the number of deaths from heart disease is generally __________ improvements in diet.
   (A) attributed to (B) committed to (C) acquainted with (D) endowed with

14. Peter felt frustrated because he failed to __________ his own expectations of being admitted to his ideal university.
   (A) look down on (B) put up with (C) live up to (D) come down with

15. The Amazon __________ more than 54% of the world's remaining rainforests and contains a wider variety of plant and animal life than any other biome in the world.
   (A) accounts for (B) carries out (C) dispenses with (D) looks into

二、填空式閱讀（第 16−30 題）

說明：下列三篇短文共 15 個空格，請依短文文意，選出一個最適合該空格的答案，並將代號標示在答案卡上。

People today are conscious of how they look, and this may make them worry about their weight. Because of this, they __16__ to keep their weight down by trying fad diets. However, while fad diets might become popular, they can also __17__ be dangerous. Often times celebrities will market diets that have helped them lose a lot of weight quickly. Yet people should __18__, because many of these diets are not healthy. __19__ the diet works, it may do more harm than good to your body. Just because we may like and respect people because they are famous, it doesn't make them authorities on diets and __20__. So always be skeptical, especially when you’re dealing with your health. After all, you only have one body!

16. (A) apologize (B) include (C) impress (D) attempt
17. (A) mutually (B) faithfully (C) possibly (D) respectively
In a recent study, Google has knocked Microsoft from the top spot as the number one brand in the world. The Brandz Top 100 list is **compiled** by Millward Brown, one of the world's leading research companies. Companies are ranked by their **financial** success and the way consumers feel about their products and corporate image. Google tops the list with an estimated brand value of US $ 66.4 billion. It is followed by notable companies such as General Electrics, Microsoft and Starbucks. Google **stands** out as a brand because of its extreme popularity. Whenever people need an answer or a piece of information, they can always count on Google—24 hours a day, 365 days a year. With Google's recent **commitment** of YouTube and the creation of free, easy-to-use online programs, wherever you look online, you will find Google. What may be a surprise to most people is **what** Google is popular because of its simple, plain home page. This has made it easy for users to identify the company. It's no wonder Google has become the world's top brand.

One American, asked for his idea of a typical Englishman, **described** him as follows: "He's a sort of Churchillian character who goes to the pub at lunchtime on Sundays, loves a pint of beer and a game of darts, is dependable and trustworthy, extremely **reliable**, doesn't have much money but also doesn't care a damn about what others think of him. He believes it is everyone else's genuine loss not to be born English. He is a sincere, stoic type. It's **impossible** to get away from the 'stiff upper lip' image of him as unemotional and phlegmatic because it's true. I love the way they **stay** so calm at moments of crisis. I can imagine a telephone conversation **where** someone says: "Sorry, I can't talk any longer, I've got to go and have a major operation."

"That would be very Churchillian, I'm sure."
I've always been a fighter. Most of the people I knew growing up in rural Illinois struggled just like my family did. Outside of farming, there wasn't much of a local economy. If you weren't a pig farmer or corn farmer, you'd be down at a diner or truck stop flipping eggs, an auto mechanic working in a shop in your backyard or a bartender pouring drinks. The best you could hope for, if you wanted new horizons, was to latch onto a skill or career that could take you out of there.

31. According to the passage, people growing up in rural Illinois struggled because

(A) they had to fight to survive
(B) the local economy is limited to farming only
(C) there are only limited jobs aside from farming
(D) there are no skilled workers

32. In the passage, "you'd be down at a diner or truck stop flipping eggs" means

(A) you would be beneath a truck at a diner moving eggs
(B) you would end up serving meal at a local restaurant
(C) you would go down to have dinner with truck drivers or stop them from flipping eggs
(D) you would lower yourself to work or eat with truck drivers

33. It is implied from the last sentence that

(A) people who want a new life should learn something new to work somewhere else
(B) people who want to have a new life must have better skills than other outsiders
(C) people who intend to travel to new places are required to have special skills
(D) people who intend to have a new job need to learn skills outside Illinois

Garvey credits the book's huge success and decades-long influence to the dual voices of its authors: "Strunk sounds teacherly, though he's not without humor" as he lays down his views on grammar, while "White's voice... is that of a writer, the practitioner of long experience whose sympathies favor the artistic side of the enterprise." The book's obsession with simplicity and directness is another reason, Garvey explains: It gives "the promise that careful, clear thinking and writing can occasionally touch truth; the promise of depth in simplicity and beauty in plainness."
34. How many authors does the book introduced in this passage have?
   (A) One     (B) Two     (C) Three     (D) Four

35. Which one of the following is closest in meaning to "voice"?
   (A) Opinion     (B) Sound wave     (C) Speech     (D) Call

36. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT correct?
   (A) The book may have been published twenty years ago.
   (B) The book describes romance writers.
   (C) The book combines different voices.
   (D) The book puts much stress on simple and direct style.

37. What is this passage mainly about?
   (A) A story of successful enterprises     (B) The artistic side of a book
   (C) Views on grammar     (D) A book review

Dear USDA Secretary Mike Johanns:

   My friend Jerry, who lives in a small valley, just received a check from the government for not raising hogs. So I want to get into the "not raising hogs" business. As I see it, the hardest part of this program will be keeping an accurate inventory of how many hogs I haven't raised. Now, these hogs I will not raise will not eat approximately 100,000 bushels of corn. I understand you pay farmers for not raising corn. In view of these circumstances, the government will consider me totally unemployed, so I plan to file for unemployment benefits and food stamps as well.

Gratefully yours,

Name withheld by request

38. Which of the following is closest in meaning to "hog"?
   (A) An abandoned child     (B) A wild animal
   (C) A farm animal     (D) A false alarm

39. The sender of the letter is writing mainly to ________________.
   (A) make fun of Secretary Johanns
   (B) tell Johanns a shocking story
   (C) criticize the government's subsidy programs
   (D) apply for subsidy from one of the government programs

40. According to the passage, which of the following is probably true?
   (A) The letter is complaining about some of America's benefit policies.
   (B) The sender of the letter has sent similar letters to Defense Secretary.
   (C) The sender tells nothing but lies.
   (D) The government pays farmers for not raising cattle.
The electricity generated by a power plant and delivered to your home by your local utility is called alternating current (AC) because it flows alternatively, first in one direction then in the opposite, completing 60 cycles every second. Batteries produce DC or direct current. From the power plant, current travels over high-voltage transmission lines to substations, where transformers reduce the voltage for distribution to local lines. Neighborhood transformers lower voltage to 120 and 240 volts for home delivery.

Most homes built after World War II have three-wire electrical service, in which a neutral wire and two 120-volt hot wires provide 100 to 200 or more amps at both 120 and 240 volts. Older homes may still have two-wire service, in which one neutral and one hot wire deliver 30 to 60 amps at 120 volts only.

Electrical service may be routed to a home through overhead wires running from the nearest utility pole to the service entrance head located high on one side of the house. Here the utility's wires are spliced to the service entrance wires, which are usually encased in metal or plastic tubing, called conduit, or combined in a service entrance cable. From the service head, the wires pass through a meter, which records your electricity use, and into the main service panel, where current is split and distributed through branch circuits throughout the house. Alternatively, electric service may be routed underground to a home.

41. What is the use of a "transformer" mentioned in this passage?
   (A) To record the electricity use
   (B) To change electricity from AC to DC
   (C) To lower voltage for local distribution
   (D) To do power transfusion

42. According to the passage, which of the following is correct?
   (A) Most modern homes use two-wire electrical service.
   (B) Three-wire electrical service has one hot wire.
   (C) Lowering electric voltage is necessary for electricity use in a house.
   (D) Local utility company provides direct current electricity.

43. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the word "routed" in paragraph three?
   (A) Split    (B) Spliced    (C) Generated    (D) Delivered
44. Which of the following is **NOT** always required for home delivery of electricity?
   (A) Battery     (B) Service panel
   (C) Electricity meter     (D) Service entrance head

45. What is the main topic of this passage?
   (A) Alternating current versus direct current
   (B) Local utility service
   (C) What you should know about working with electricity at home
   (D) How power reaches your home

Sara—like most kids—had always thought things like racing were harmless fun. In fact, speeding is a factor in one-third of all fatal car accidents involving teens and is just one of the dangerous driving behaviors kids regularly engage in. A 2007 study by the Allstate Foundation found that the majority of accidents involving teenage drivers are caused by driver error, speeding and the distractions of cell phones, texting, loud music and other teenage passengers. And while most kids have been told not to drink and drive, few parents remind their kids not to take part in other life-threatening behaviors. That's because, in many cases, parents aren't aware that this is a conversation they must be having.

"Parents don't have the facts they need to keep their teenagers safe," says Sara's dad, Ali Torabian. "After Sara's accident I realized we had to have new rules." He also went with Sara to a three-day conference in Chicago organized by **Keep the Drive**, a teen-led driving education program. There they learned that traffic accidents are the leading cause of death for American teenagers. Sixteen teenagers a day—nearly 6,000 each year—die that way, and hundreds of thousands of others are injured.

46. Which of the following might be the content of a paragraph right before the first paragraph?
   (A) Sarah, a teenager, died in a fatal car accident.
   (B) Sarah, a teenager, was killed by some drunk driver.
   (C) Sarah, a teenager, was hospitalized because of heart attack.
   (D) Sarah, a teenager, survived a traffic accident.

47. According to the passage, teenagers are more likely to have severe car accidents because _______________.
   (A) they are grown up
   (B) they are skillful drivers
   (C) they are easily distracted
   (D) they are more likely to get depressed
48. According to the passage, which of the following is a life-threatening behavior most parents should have reminded their young adults not to have?
   (A) Driving at night  (B) Making phone calls while driving
   (C) Driving alone  (D) Wearing glasses for driving

49. "Keep the Drive" in the second paragraph is a driving education program organized by
   (A) teenagers  (B) concerned parents of teenagers
   (C) school teachers  (D) the police

50. According to the passage, which of the following is the number one cause of death of American young adults?
   (A) Household accidents  (B) Traffic accidents
   (C) Sport accidents  (D) School yard accidents

【解答】
1.(B)  2.(A)  3.(A)  4.(B)  5.(B)  6.(C)  7.(D)  8.(D)  9.(D)  10.(A)
11.(C) 12.(B) 13.(A) 14.(C) 15.(A) 16.(D) 17.(C) 18.(D) 19.(B) 20.(C)
21.(A) 22.(C) 23.(D) 24.(B) 25.(A) 26.(B) 27.(C) 28.(D) 29.(D) 30.(A)
31.(C) 32.(B) 33.(A) 34.(B) 35.(A) 36.(B) 37.(D) 38.(C) 39.(C) 40.(A)
41.(C) 42.(C) 43.(D) 44.(A) 45.(D) 46.(D) 47.(C) 48.(B) 49.(A) 50.(B)
1. inhabit vt. 居住於
大多數居住在像我們附有國家的人，無法真正想像第三世界國家可怕的貧窮。

2. harness vt. 利用
為了解決能源危機，我們必須利用廣大的風力潛在資源。

3. sleep deprivation 睡眠剝奪(睡眠不足)
平均大多數成人每晚需要 6 至 8 小時睡眠以保持警覺與感覺有充分休息。當一個人無法獲得足夠的睡眠，就會發生睡眠不足的現象。

4. symptom 症狀
這個月許多人得到流感，如果你有任何疾病的症狀，立即打電話給醫生。

5. postpone 延期
音樂會被延期到下個星期五，因為主唱歌手喉嚨痛。

6. collide 撞期
我的朋友和表哥的婚禮都在同一天，我希望不會撞期，因為兩個我都很想參加。

7. exhaust 耗盡
瑞秋性情非常溫和，整天教26個小孩也不會耗盡她的耐性。

8. confinement 監禁
翁山蘇姬，65 歲的緬甸諾貝爾和平獎得主，在2010年11月13號結束軟禁被釋放。持續的監禁時她成為全世界最有名的政治囚犯。

9. eliminate 除去
因為喬治有高血壓，他應該避免緊張，飲食要除去鹽分。

10. commemorate 慶祝
壯觀的煙火秀正在基隆河畔的大佳河濱公園舉行，以慶祝中華民國建國100年。

11. escalate 升高
南北韓的緊張情勢升高，在南韓總統誓言要北韓為邊境砲擊事件付出代價之後。
12. longevity 長壽
他來自以長壽聞名的家庭，他的四個祖父母都活到 90 歲。

13. be attributed to 归因於
心臟病死亡人數下降歸因於飲食的改善。

14. live up to 符合
他覺得挫折，因為他無法符合父母期望他進入理想的大學。

15. account for 佔...比率
亞馬遜佔有超過全世界現有雨林的 54%，而且比全世界任何其他生物帶更多種類的動植物。

16. attempt to + V 試圖要...

17. possibly 可能地

18. beware 當心

19. even if + 子句；despite +名詞

20. authorities on diets and nutrition 饮食與營養的權威

21. compile 編輯

22. financial success 財政上成功

23. stand out 突出、傑出

24. purchase 購買

25. that 引導的名詞子句當主詞補語

26. describe A as B 描述 A 為 B

27. conservative 保守的

28. impossible 不可能的

29. stay calm 保持鎮靜

30. where = in which

31. 由 Outside of farming, there wasn’t much of a local economy(當地的經濟除了農業就沒什麼了)及接下來的舉例可知。

32. 原文=你就只能在小餐館或卡車加油站裏煎雞蛋

33. 你最大的希望—如果你想開拓自己的新視野—就是掌握一項技能或者找到一個能把你帶離那地方的工作。

34. Strunk 與 White 兩位作家

35. voice = opinion
柯林斯辭典：Someone's voice is their opinion on a particular topic and what they say about it.

36. 全文未提及 romance writers。

37. 由全文觀察可知本文章是 book review (書評)。
38. hog 豬 = farm animal
39. 批評政府的補貼方案
40. 這封信在抱怨美國的福利政策
41. 由第一段"…where transformers reduce the voltage for distribution to local lines."得知。
42. 由文章相關內容得知(A)(B)(D)皆錯誤。由第一段末句得知(C)正確。
43. 由"Electrical service may be routed to a home through overhead wires running from the nearest utility pole to the service entrance head located high on one side of the house."將四個選項逐一代入上句。得知(A)split(分裂)，(B)spliced(接合)，(C)generated(產生)皆不合語意，只有(D)delivered(傳送)符合文意。
44. 第二段專門討論的家庭用電的配送，(B)service panel；(C)electricity meter；(D)service entrance head均有出現，故(A)為正解，battery非家庭用電配送必要設置。
45. 全文在敘述電力如何從發電廠配送到住家，故(D)為正解。
46. (A)(B)皆說 Sara 死了，由文章內容知道 Sara 沒死，還和他父親參加會議。(C)Sara 心臟病發作住院，與文章內容不符。故(D)Sara 歷經車禍未死，為正解。
47. 文章中說大部分和青少年有關的車禍，主要發生的原因之一是打手機分心。
48. 理由同 47 題。
49. "…by Keep the Drive, a teen-led driving education program…. "可知 Keep the Drive 是由青少年主導的，故(A)為正解。
50. 第二段內容"traffic accidents are the leading cause of death for American teenagers."