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16. If he told his wife about their plan, she was bound to agree. (C)

A. would unnecessarily B. would simply

C. would certainly D. would alternatively

17. As college teachers, they enjoy talking about their own specialties. (D)

A. problems B. experiences C. interests D. fields

18. John's mindless exterior concealed a warm and kindhearted nature. (A)

A. appearance B. personality C. outlook D. temper

19 Factors leading to the crisis included poor regulation, mismanagement and <u>deception</u> in the industry, and competition from other types of financial firms. (A)

A. cheating B. pollution C. abuse D. depression

20. The colors in these artificial flowers are guaranteed not to <u>come out</u>. (C)

A. disappear B. vanish C. fade D. blend

21. Initial reports were that multiple waves of warplanes bombed central Baghdad, hitting oil

refineries and the airport. (D)

A. beating B. knocking C. hurting D. striking

22. The editor considered the author's analysis in his article to be <u>penetrating</u>. (B)

A. extensive B. profound C. conclusive D. valuable

- 23. Beijing Television-Station Transmitting Tower really looks magnificent at night when it's <u>illuminated.</u> (C)
 - A. decorated B. illustrated C. lit up D. studied carefully
- 24 A good employer gives <u>hints</u> to his or her employees without interfering with their creativity.
 - (C)
 - A. freedom B. assistance C. clues D. funds
- 25 When snow <u>collects</u> on top of a building during the winter, the weight sometimes weakens the construction and occasionally causes the roof to collapse. (B)
 - A. melts B. accumulates C. selects D. scatters
- 26. Starting as a _____ campus movement, initially observed on March 21, Earth Day has

become a major educational and media event. (B)

A. student-leading B. student-lead C. student-leaded D. student-lead

27. Professor Wu traveled and lectured throughout the country to ______ education and professional skills so that women could enter the public world. (C)

A. prosecute B. acquire C. advocate D. proclaim

28. In principle, a .person whose conduct was caused by mental disorder should not be liable to

criminal _____. (B)

A. identification B. punishment C. investigation D. commitment

29. A major goal of the state travel agency is to _____ more people to visit its country at the

turn of the century. (D)

A. reduce B. expect C. arouse D. induce

30. Steel is an alloy composed ______ of iron and carbon. (A)

A. primarily B. traditionally C. carefully D. partially

31. The author of the book has shown his remarkably keen _____ into human nature. (B)

A. intellect B. insight C. perception D. understanding

32. We'll all take a vacation in the mountains as soon as I finish working _____ my project. (A)

A. on B. with C. inD. about

33. The Government has therefore agreed to pay authorities extra sums to _____ for their

financial losses. (A)

A. make up B. turn up C. fill in D. lean on

34. As the firm's business increased they _____ more and more employees. (B)

A. took up B. took inC. took after D. took on

35. Though the doctors tried everything they couldn't save him from the deep _____ wound. (D)

A. shot B. punch C. pinch D. stab

Passage One

Astronaut Jim Voss has enjoyed many memorable moments in his career, including three

space flights and one space walk. But he recalls with special fondness a decidedly earthbound (>

地球引力所束缚的) experience in the summer of 1980, when he participated in the NASAASEE

Summer Faculty Fellowship Program. Voss, then a science teacher at West Point, was assigned to

the Marshall Space Flight Center's propulsion (##) lab in Alabama to analyze why a hydraulic fuel pump seal on the space shuttle was working so well when previous seals had failed. It was a seemingly tiny problem among the vast complexities of running the space program. Yet it was important to NASA because any crack in the seal could have led to destructive results for the astronauts who relied on them.

"I worked a bit with NASA engineers," says Voss, "but I did it mostly by analysis. I used a handheld calculator, not a computer, to do a thermodynamic (热力学时) analysis." At the end of the summer, he, like the other NASA-ASEE fellows working at Marshall, summarized his findings in a formal presentation and detailed paper. It was a valuable moment for Voss because the ASEE program gave him added understanding of NASA, deepened his desire to fly in space, and intensified his application for astronaut status.

It was not an easy process. Voss was actually passed over when he first applied for the astronaut program in 1978. Over the next nine years he reapplied repeatedly, and was finally accepted in 1987. Since then he has participated in three space missions. The 50-year-old Army officer, who lives in Houston, is now in training' for a four-month mission as a crew member on

the International Space Station starting in July 2023.

VOSS says the ASEE program is wonderful for all involved. "It brings in people from the

academic world and gives NASA a special property for a particular period of time. It brings some

fresh eyes and fresh ideas to NASA, and establishes a link with our colleges and universities,"

VOSS explains. "There's an exchange of information and an exchange of perspectives that is very

important.

For the academic side, Voss says, the ASEE program also "brings institutions of higher learning more insight into new technology. We give them an opportunity to work on real-world problems and take it back to the classroom."

36. Why was the hydraulic fuel pump seal important for the space shuttle?

A Because previous seals all failed.

B. Because it was very complex in running the space program.

C. Because great care has to be taken of the hydraulic fuel pump sealing.

D. Because any crack in the seals would cause disastrous results for the astronauts.

37. The great significance of Voss's findings lies in _____.

I. strengthening his determination to join in space flights

II. furthering his understanding of NASA

III. consolidating his astronaut status in NASA programs'

A. I only. B. II only. C. I, II and III all included. D. I and II only.

38. How many flights will Voss have finished if his four-month mission starting in July 2023

ends up successfully?

A. Three. B. Two. C. Four. D. Five.

39 Which of the following is NOT TRUE according to what Voss said on the ASEE program?

A. Fresh members from the academic world participate in the program.

B. The program brings new outlooks to NASA space programs.

C. It is important for the space scientists to exchange information and perspectives.

D. American colleges and universities are a special property of NASA.

40. What does Voss want to stress in the last paragraph?

A. The technological significance of the program.

B. The educational significance of the program.

C. The philosophical significance of the program.

D. The historical significance of the program.

Key: D, D, C, D, B

Passage Two

The current emergency in Mexico City that has taken over our lives is nothing. I could ever have imagined for me or my children. We are living in an environmental crisis, an air-pollution emergency of unprecedented severity. What it really means is that just to breathe here is to play a dangerous game with your health.

As parents, what terrorizes us most are reports that children are at higher risk because they breathe more times per minute. What more can we do to protect them and ourselves? Our

pediatrician's (儿科医师的) medical recommendation was simple: abandon the city permanently.

We are foreigners and we are among the small minority that can afford to leave. We are here

because of my husband's work. We are fascinated by Mexico-its history and rich culture. We

know that for us, this is a temporary danger. However, we cannot stand for much longer the fear

we feel for our boys. We cannot stop them from breathing.

But for millions, there is no choice. Their lives, their jobs, their futures depend on being here. Thousands of Mexicans arrive each day in this city. Desperate for economic opportunities. Thousands more are born here each day. Entire families work in the streets and practically live there. It is a familiar. sight: as parents hawk goods at stoplights, their children play in the grassy highway dividers, breathing exhaust fumes. I feel guilty complaining about my personal situation; we won't be here long enough for our children to form the impression that skies are colored only gray.

And yet the government cannot do what it must to end this problem. For any country, especially a developing Third World economy like Mexico's, the idea of barring from the capital city enough cars, closing enough factories and spending the necessary billions on public transportation is simply not an option. So when things get bad, as in the current emergency, Mexico takes half measures—prohibiting some more cars from circulating, stopping some factories from producing—that even its own officials concede aren't adequate.

The word "emergency" implies the unusual. But when daily life itself is an emergency, the concept loses its meaning. It is human nature to try to adapt to that which we cannot change. Or to

mislead ourselves into believing we can adapt.

41. According to the passage, the current emergency in Mexico City refers to _____.

A. serious air pollution B. economic crisis

C. unemployment D. natural disaster

42. Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE according to the passage?

A. kids are in greater danger than grown-ups in Mexico City.

B. The author is not a native Mexican.

C. The author's husband is a pediatrician.

D. The Mexican history and culture appeal to the author.

43. The word "hawk" (Paragraph 3) most probably means _____.

A. sell B. transport C. place D. deliver

44. The Mexican government takes half measures t9 solve the pollution problem because _____.

A. Mexican economy depends very much on cars and factories

- B. it is not wise enough to come up with effective measures
- C. Mexicans are able to adapt themselves to the current emergency
- D. Mexicans enjoy playing dangerous games with their health
- 45. The purpose of the passage is to _____.
 - A. describe the harmful air pollution
 - B. explain the way to prevent air pollution
 - C. show the worries about the air pollution

D. recommend a method to avoid air pollution

Key: A, C, A, A, C

Passage Three

In 1998 consumers could purchase virtually anything over the Internet. Books, compact discs,

and even stocks were available from World Wide Web sites that seemed to spring up almost daily.

A few years earlier, some people had predicted that consumers accustomed to shopping in stores would be reluctant to buy things that they could not see or touch in person. For a growing number of time-starved consumers, however, shopping from their home computer was proving to be a convenient alternative to driving to the store.

A research estimated that in 1998 US consumers would purchase \$ 7.3 billion of goods over the Internet, double the 1997 total. Finding a bargain was getting easier owing to the rise of online auctions and Web sites that did comparison shopping on the Internet for the best deal.

For all the consumer interest, retailing in cyberspace was still a largely unprofitable business, however. Internet pioneer Amazon , which began selling books in 1995 and later branched into recorded music and videos, posted revenue of \$ 153.7 million in the third quarter, up from \$ 37.9 million in the same period of 1997. Overall, however, the company's loss widened to \$ 45.2 million from \$ 9.6 million, and analysts did not expect the company to turn a profit until 2023. Despite the great loss, Amazon had a stock market value of many billion, reflecting investors' optimism about the future of the industry.

Internet retailing appealed to investors, because it provided an efficient means for reaching

millions of consumers without having the cost of operating conventional stores with their armies

of salespeople. Selling online carried its own risks, however. With so many companies competing

for consumers attention, price competition was intense and profit margins thin or nonexistent. One

video retailer sold the hit movie Titanic for \$ 9.99, undercutting (前价) the \$ 19.99 suggested retail

price and losing about \$ 6 on each copy sold. With Internet retailing still in its initial stage,

seemed willing to absorb such losses in an attempt to establish a dominant market position.

- 46. Which of the following is TRUE, according to the writer?
 - A. Consumers are reluctant to buy things on the Internet.
 - B. Consumers are too busy to buy things on the Internet.
 - C. Internet retailing is a profitable business.
 - D. More and more consumers prefer Internet shopping.

. 47. Finding a bargain on the Internet was getting easier partly because _____.

- A. there were more and more Internet users
- B. there were more and more online auctions
- C. the consumers had more money to spend
- D. there were more goods available on the Internet

48. eans _____.

A. to the interest of all the consumers

B. for the interest of all the consumers

C. though consumers are very much interested

D. all the consumers are much interested

49. It can be inferred from the passage that Amazon

A. will probably make a profit in 2023 B. is making a profit now

C. is a company that sells books only D. suffers a great loss on the stock market

Investors are interested in Internet retailing because _____.

A. selling online involves little risk

B. Internet retailing is in its initial stage

C. it can easily reach millions of consumers

D. they can make huge profits from it

Passage Four

It is all very well to blame traffic jams, the cost of petrol and the quick pace of modern life, but manners on the roads are becoming horrible. You might tolerate the rude and inconsiderate driver, but nowadays the well-mannered motorist is the exception to the rule. Perhaps the situation

ay get completely out of hand.

Road politeness is not only good manners, but good sense too. It takes the most cool-headed and good-tempered of drivers to resist the temptation to revenge when subjected to uncivilized behaviors. On the other hand, a little politeness goes a long way towards relieving the tensions of motoring. A friendly nod or a wave of acknowledgement in response to an act of politeness helps

to create an atmosphere of goodwill and tolerance so necessary in modern traffic conditions. But

such acknowledgements of politeness are all too rare today. Many drivers nowadays don't even

seem able to recognize politeness when they see it.

However, improper politeness can also be dangerous. A typical. example is the driver who

waves a child across a crossing into the path of oncoming vehicles that may be unable to stop in

A veteran driver, whose manners are faultless, told me it would help if motorists learn to filter correctly into traffic streams without causing the total blockages () that give rise to bad temper. -mannered on the road.

Years ago the experts warned us that the car-ownership explosion would demand a lot more give-and-take from all road users. It is high time for all of us to take this message to heart.

51. According to this passage, troubles on the road are primarily caused by _____.

A. people's attitude towards drivers B. the rhythm of modern life

C. traffic conditions D. the behavior of the driver

- 52. The sentence "You might tolerate the rude and inconsiderate driver, but nowadays the well-mannered motorist is the exception to the rule" implies that _____.
 - A. our society is unjust towards well mannered motorists
 - B. rude drivers can be met only occasionally
 - C. nowadays impolite drivers constitute the majority of motorists

to.

D. the well-mannered motorist cannot tolerate the rude driver

53. By "good sense" (para.2), the writer means _____.

A. the driver's prompt response to difficult conditions

B. the driver's ability to understand and react reasonably

C. the driver's tolerance of bad road conditions

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