



12. He is used to staying up late at night, having irregular meals, and to going on business trips.  
 A                      B                      C                      D
13. A psychologist suggested that children are given the chance to freely talk about their worries.  
 A                      B                      C                      D
14. Passengers have been mourning the loss of their warm beds, which they had been awakened  
 A                      B                      C  
by yet another electronic voice.  
 D
15. Studies show that girls are not generally as interested in politics as boys do.  
 A                      B                      C                      D

**B. Choose the most appropriate one from the four answers.**

16. His company recently went bankrupt; \_\_\_\_, he didn't lose heart.  
 A. as a result      B. otherwise      C. nevertheless      D. hence
17. He got a ticket for speeding, and so \_\_\_\_ some day, I guess.  
 A. his wife      B. his wife would      C. does his wife      D. would his wife
18. After all, we concluded that he couldn't make himself \_\_\_\_ in Spanish.  
 A. understood      B. understanding      C. to understand      D. understand
19. I would prefer staying home rather than \_\_\_\_ you to the pop concert.  
 A. to accompany      B. accompanying      C. accompanies      D. accompanied
20. Thank you very much for \_\_\_\_ you have done for John.  
 A. that      B. which      C. what      D. it

**III. Reading Comprehension: Read the following passages, and then answer the questions below. (20%)**

A) Cartoons reflect times and the troubles and worries of people. They give people an opportunity to laugh at themselves and at familiar situations. In times of prosperity, for example, cartoons show people enjoying the good economic situation. They also make fun of the problems that people make for themselves—like making a problem out of which type of car to buy. In hard times—times of economic troubles—people want someone or something to blame their troubles on. Cartoons provide **scapegoats**. They also help people to see the humor in a not-so-funny situation. For example, a cartoon might say that the government of a country is responsible for the bad economy and also show the government leaders as a group of ridiculous people. Being able to use the leaders as scapegoats and to laugh at the leaders somehow makes people feel better about their situation.

Cartoons also make people laugh at their own personal worries. Young people who are not always sure of how to act can smile at their awkwardness. Old people whose grown children pay little attention to them can chuckle at **their** neglect and loneliness. Students who have studied too little before an examination can laugh at their anxiety. Everyone's problems are made bigger-than-life in the comics. Perhaps the problems seem funny because there is humor in something that is real being made unreal.

21. Which of the following statements is TRUE?
  - A. Cartoons exist in times of difficulties.
  - B. Cartoons make fun of people's problems.
  - C. Cartoons reflect times of prosperity.
  - D. True of the above.
22. Which of the following statements is WRONG?
  - A. Cartoons amuse the old.
  - B. Cartoons laugh at people.
  - C. Cartoons relax the worried students.
  - D. Cartoons are not always funny. They can be serious.
23. Scapegoats mean \_\_\_\_.
  - A. people who take the blame for the fault of others
  - B. people who blame others
  - C. goats that have escape.
  - D. goats that make people annoyed
24. In "...them can chuckle at **their** neglect and loneliness..." "their" refers to
  - A. cartoonists.
  - B. grown children.
  - C. old people.
  - D. cartoons.
25. Which is the best title for the above passage?
  - A. What Cartoons Show
  - B. What Cartoons Laugh At
  - C. What Cartoons Make People Laugh At
  - D. What Cartoons Relax

**B)** Students wear paths across the campuses of universities, beating down the grass, defying all barriers, ignoring all sidewalks. Student paths have two things in common: They are always the shortest distance between two points, and they are straight.

Cow paths are neither. They wander and turn a little, and never go straight to the object.

Humans take the straight route, intent not on the journey but on the destination. We largely miss the trip, thinking of a future time.

Cows do not think ahead, and perhaps see more of the countryside. Their paths are unhurried, and more fun.

26. Human beings like to
- A. go straight to their destination.
  - B. think before going for a long distance.
  - C. go through the campuses of universities.
  - D. walk ahead to see if their paths are smooth.
27. So far as cows are concerned,
- A. the process is more important than the result.
  - B. the process and the result are equally important.
  - C. students are cleverer than they.
  - D. students should emphasize the destination more than the journey.
28. The best title for the text is
- A. The Journey
  - B. Thinking Ahead
  - C. The Straight Route
  - D. Human Paths vs. Cow Paths

C) One characteristic of a person who feels inferior is that he talks about his deficiencies to anyone who will listen. For example, a woman who thinks she's dumb will admit freely, "I am really bad at math; I can hardly add two and two." While you are blabbing about your inadequacies, the listener is formulating an impression of you. He will later treat you according to the evidence you've provided. If you put your feelings into words, they become solidified as fact in your own mind.

Therefore, we should teach our children not to criticize themselves. Constant self-criticism can become a self-defeating habit.

29. According to the author, self-criticism is a sign of
- A. success.
  - B. modesty.
  - C. inferiority complex.
  - D. superiority complex.
30. If you are continually talking about your faults, people will
- A. respect you.
  - B. defeat you
  - C. admire you.
  - D. despise you.

**IV. Composition: Write a composition of about 120 words on the following topic and give at least two specific reasons to support it. (20%)**

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