I. Vocabulary: Choose the most appropriate word to complete each sentence. 20%

1. The magazine published a ___ of the actress with a detailed biography and pictures.
   A. profile  B. prospect  C. posture  D. paradox
2. He believed that the primary purpose of religion is to strive for a better world where justice and peace would _____.
   A. clarify  B. prevail  C. excel  D. rally
3. Until recent years, it was not uncommon for computer users to discover that their new hardware was _____ with other hardware in their system.
   A. comparable  B. compromised  C. incompatible  D. obsolete
4. Corporations often _____ a range of international experts before deciding on a new logo or product name.
   A. initiate  B. accommodate  C. disrupt  D. consult
5. Young women entrepreneurs will lead our economic recovery. They will create the jobs and the _____ economy of the near future.
   A. robust  B. sluggish  C. belated  D. inadequate
6. Environmentalists worry that the oil leak will _____ local sea life.
   A. capture  B. contaminate  C. surrender  D. consume
7. Despite the attitudes of his younger colleagues, the old senator remained a strong _____ of the quota system.
   A. skeptic  B. critic  C. suspect  D. advocate
8. Soft colors and music all _____ to the spa's atmosphere of serenity.
   A. stimulate  B. attempt  C. contribute  D. attract
9. The scientist drew an _____ between the way water moves in waves and the way light travels in air.
   A. analogy  B. access  C. essence  D. excess
10. It takes remarkable _____ and patience to win this race.
    A. diversity  B. inference  C. endurance  D. dimension

II. Grammar: Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence. 20%

1. It is important that Parkinson's disease continues to be studied so that the millions of people in the world ____ by this disorder can have a better life.
   A. affect  B. affected  C. to affect  D. affecting
2. Since he _____ mayor in 2004, Mayor Rogers has been a strong supporter of the Downtown Development Association.
   A. had elected  B. is elected  C. was elected  D. has been elected
3. The library will be open for public use by the end of April _____ the building company is able to solve the electrical problems before the end of February.
   A. if  B. therefore  C. accordingly  D. despite
4. Scientists thought that the penguins' susceptibility to climate change accounts for the dramatic decline _____ their number over the past half century.
   A. by  B. from  C. to  D. in
5. This program has generated much _____ among students and prompted them to think about the areas in which they will develop their careers.
   A. devoted  B. devoting  C. devotion  D. to devote
6. ____ is expected, the report has caused huge embarrassment to the government.
   A. It  B. As  C. What  D. That
7. A person _____ from sunstroke must be moved into a cool, shaded area.
   A. suffered    B. suffering    C. suffers    D. is suffering

8. All _____ is a continuous supply of fuel oil.
   A. is needed    B. what is needed    C. it is being needed    D. that is needed

9. Faces that were looking directly at the viewer _____ more attractive.
   A. were judged    B. judged    C. being judged    D. to be judged

10. _____ interested in attending the reception should call 02-2832-1765.
    A. Whomever    B. People who    C. Anyone    D. Those are

III. Cloze: Choose the letter of the answer which best completes the text. (20%)

Part A:
Shih-lin Night Market is the center of Taiwanese nightlife on the north side of Taipei. It's very
different from the morning markets (1) people shop for food to cook at home. At the Shih-lin Night
Market, people show (2) to have a snack or drink, buy a few things, and just hang (3) around.
Life (4) begins around 6 p.m. and can go on (5) three in the morning. On weekends the market is
open even later.

1. A. when    B. where    C. which    D. then
2. A. down    B. back    C. on    D. up
3. A. around    B. behind    C. off    D. over
4. A. finally    B. lastly    C. really    D. suddenly
5. A. until    B. up    C. since    D. for

Part B:
You might reasonably expect forgetting to be the reverse of remembering, a simple matter of the
connections gradually (6) until memories vanish. But there's a lot (7) to it than that, as scientists
are starting to discover. If you can't remember what you had for breakfast, it's probably because your
brain never (8) to encode the information. Also, evidence (9) that the brain naturally supresses
unwanted memories. In at least some cases, forgetting is not a passive process of decay, but (10) an
active process of inhibiting.

6. A. weaken    B. weakened    C. weakening    D. weak
7. A. more    B. from    C. for    D. less
8. A. worried    B. disturbed    C. annoyed    D. bothered
9. A. describes    B. predicts    C. suggests    D. expresses
10. A. also    B. rather    C. than    D. that

IV. Reading comprehension. (20%)

Passage A:
There is hardly a corner of the earth where people have not joined in the excitement of basketball. It
is played in the shadow of the pyramids, on dirt clearings in Pakistan, in bullfight rings in Andean villages,
in Israeli settlements and of course, in nearly every school yard in the United States.

Basketball was first brought into American schools by James Naismith in 1891. Mr. Naismith was a
teacher in Massachusetts. He was told to devise a new game for students who were tired of their usual
exercises. He made up a game in which the players threw a ball through a bottomless peach basket. The
game caught on immediately. Teams popped up everywhere. In America over a million players now
compete in official high school games. And millions more play basketball in junior high schools and on
playgrounds. College basketball games draw nearly 30 million fans a year.

America's enthusiasm for basketball spread to other nations. In Europe alone, 40 million people play
basketball. "The game sells itself," said one basketball coach, "once people realize how fast and exciting it
is."

Playing basketball requires an intricate blend of timing, quick thinking, and cooperation. Such a
blend creates the fireworks that electrify audiences everywhere.
1. What is the main idea of the first paragraph?
   A. Basketball is a game for quick-thinking players.
   B. Only school yards have basketball courts.
   C. Basketball is played all over the world.
   D. A basketball game requires only two players.

2. Who invented the game of basketball?
   A. a player
   B. a teacher
   C. a student
   D. an American college

3. Why did basketball rapidly become a popular game? Choose the sentence that is NOT correct.
   A. It was advertised in newspapers.
   B. The game is action-filled.
   C. No special equipment is needed.
   D. There’s a lot of team spirit and cooperation.

4. What does the word “devise” mean?
   A. play
   B. bring to
   C. talk about
   D. invent

Passage B:

It is generally understood that a ballad is a song that tells a story, but a folk song is not so easily defined. A ballad is a folk song, but a folk song is a ballad that tells a story. Folk song, then, has come to be the inclusive work, covering many varieties of music. For instance, the chanty, a sailor’s song of the sea, is folk song. A spiritual is a religious folk song. The blues, a predominately melancholy type of jazz popular in New Orleans, may be a folk song. In fact, there are folk songs for every occupation—railroading, herding cattle, and so on. To be considered genuine traditional folk songs, they must have oral transmission, continuity, variation, and selection.

“Home on the Range” illustrates how a popular song may become a folk song. It was first picked up as a folk song in 1910 by John A. Lomax in San Antonio, Texas. Lomax heard the song from an old man who had been a camp cook many years before on the old Chisholm Trail. The song was apparently known all over the Midwest, though it did not come to national attention until the early 1930’s. Careful research by Kirke Mechem established that a Dr. Brewster Higley wrote the words in 1873 and a Mr. Daniel E. Keiley composed the music. By 1947 “Home on the Range” was so popular that it was adopted as the official state song of Kansas.

5. A folk song is also a ballad when it
   A. tells a story
   B. has a spiritual theme
   C. makes the listener feel sad
   D. covers many varieties of music

6. According to the author, which of the following is always a folk song?
   A. The blues
   B. A state song
   C. A spiritual
   D. Jazz

7. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true of a folk song?
   A. It is initially passed on orally.
   B. It has different versions.
   C. It may be related to work.
   D. It is found only in the western states.

8. The author uses the example of “Home on the Range” to show that folk songs
   A. always tell a story
   B. are based on written compositions
   C. may come from popular songs
   D. have been adopted as state songs

   A. 1873
   B. 1910
   C. 1930
   D. 1947

10. The main topic of the passage is the
    A. variety in folk songs
    B. development of popular music
    C. definition of a ballad
    D. importance of folk songs in American life
Translation (20%).
A. 英翻中 (10%).
1. All of the scenes in the animated film were computer-generated.
2. Paul showed me his new invention, a table that doubles as a bench.

B. 中翻英 (10%).
1. 在我們運用以前的經驗後，我們總算完成原來認為不可能的計畫。
2. 我的老師昨天要求我打電話給父母安排會面的時間。