

**I. Choose one that is closest in meaning to the statement after each number.  
(40%)**

1. There's more to sewing than meets the eye.
  - A. Sewing is easy.
  - B. Sewing is dangerous.
  - C. The sewing machine is expensive.
  - D. Sewing is more difficult than it looks.
  
2. Sandy had little time for anything but work.
  - A. Sandy had no time to work.
  - B. Sandy did nothing for her job.
  - C. Sandy worked extremely long hours.
  - D. Sandy lived near her office.
  
3. In the field of History, Mr. Conrad's opinion carries a lot of weight.
  - A. Mr. Conrad's historian.
  - B. Mr. Conrad's a philosopher.
  - C. Mr. Conrad isn't well known.
  - D. Mr. Conrad is fat.
  
4. This was a nice little town until the tourists started coming...
  - A. It was a tourist center.
  - B. Tourists spoiled the town.
  - C. Tourists never come.
  - D. The town is growing.
  
5. I doubt the wisdom of investing all your money in a business as risky as the magazine business is.
  - A. Magazines aren't safe investments.
  - B. Magazines aren't well-written.
  - C. You shouldn't make investments.
  - D. You're not very wise.
  
6. It sounds as though he saw quite a good play last night.
  - A. He heard the play was good.
  - B. He apparently enjoyed the play.
  - C. He went to the play although he was busy.
  - D. He likes to play in the evenings.
  
7. It was no accident that Kevin's visit coincided with Pamela's birthday.
  - A. Kevin missed her birthday.
  - B. Kevin had an accident.
  - C. Kevin knew it was her birthday.
  - D. Kevin forgot about her birthday.
  
8. Besides English, Mike speaks Japanese, Spanish and French.
  - A. Mike doesn't speak English.
  - B. Mike is an European.
  - C. Mike lives in Japan before.

9. Unlike her husband, Alice believes that it is useless to subscribe to more than one news magazine.
- Alice subscribe to more news magazines than her husband.
  - Alice told her husband that he should like news magazines.
  - Alice's husband considers it worthwhile to subscribe to several news magazines.
  - Neither Alice nor her husband dreads news magazines.
10. The medicine made him drowsy, so he wasn't able to drive while taking it.
- He was too sleepy to take the medicine.
  - He took the medicine while he was driving.
  - He couldn't drive as long as he took the medicine.
  - He felt drowsy, so he didn't have to take sleeping pills.
11. After several months, the problem continues to be discussed.
- The problem was solved after several months' discussion.
  - The discussion of the problem ceased several months ago.
  - Several people are discussing the problem.
  - The discussion of the problem is not over yet.
12. Richard shouldn't have forgotten that yesterday was his wife's birthday.
- Richard's wife forgot her birthday.
  - Richard had a birthday which his wife forgot.
  - Richard remembered when his wife's birthday was.
  - Richard failed to remember the date of his wife's birthday.
13. The secret to success is hard work.
- Working hard insures success.
  - One must work hard to keep secrets.
  - One cannot succeed if he has secrets.
  - If you keep your work secret, you will succeed.
14. There is no difference between the twin girls except their height.
- The twins are exactly the same.
  - Both girls are overweight.
  - One twin is taller than the other.
  - The short girl in the middle is a twin.
15. The weather has been generally cold all week, but a slight increase in temperature is expected tomorrow.
- The temperature will rise.
  - The temperature will remain cold.
  - The temperature will fall.
  - The temperature will stay warm.
16. The more money Paul makes, the more his wife spends.
- Paul spend more money than his wife.
  - Paul's wife keeps spending more money.
  - Paul and his wife both make money.
  - Paul spends the money his wife makes.

17. It's unfortunate that we never learn from history.  
A. The history course at college is too difficult.  
B. His story is not credible.  
C. We repeat the mistakes of the past.  
D. I lost my lecture notes.
18. Mark was too tired to walk another foot.  
A. Mark kept on walking.  
B. Mark's foot hurt.  
C. Mark was exhausted.  
D. Mark's car has two flat tires.
19. I should make a brief stop downtown before we make our trip.  
A. The trip downtown is fast.  
B. I want to stop downtown.  
C. We stopped at downtown stores.  
D. I went downtown before I went traveling.
20. It's not unlike Peter to change her mind at the last minute.  
A. Peter often changes his mind.  
B. Peter never changes his mind.  
C. Peter just changed his mind.  
D. Peter won't change his mind.

## II. Reading comprehension (60%)

*Questions 21 - 25 are based on the information provided in the following paragraph*

Some ethicists regard the cloning of human as inherently evil, a morally unjustifiable intrusion into human life. Father Richard McCormick, a veteran Jesuit ethicist at the University of Notre Dame, represents the hardest line: any cloning of humans is morally repugnant. A person who would want a clone of himself, says McCormick, "is overwhelmingly self-centered. One Richard McCormick is enough." But why not stand in another Einstein? Once you program for superior beings, he says, you are into ancestry, "and eugenics of any kind is inherently discriminatory." What's wrong with duplicating a sibling whose bone marrow could save a sick child? That, he believes, is using another human being merely "as a source for replaceable organs." But why shouldn't an infertile couple resort to cloning if that is the only means of having a child? "Infertility is not an absolute evil that justifies doing any and every thing to overcome it," McCormick insists.

21. A clone of a person is:  
A. a duplication of this person.  
B. a brother or a sister of this person.  
C. a product of this person.

22. Does McCormick give any reason explaining why eugenics is morally unjustifiable?
- A. no reason at all
  - B. yes, the reason is that preferring superior beings to others is morally unacceptable
  - C. yes, the reason is that only self-centered person would prefer superior beings to others.
23. "Sibling" means:
- A. a brother or a sister.
  - B. an animal for medical experiment.
  - C. an industrial product which offers organs for human beings.
24. According to McCormick, an infertile couple should:
- A. try to help themselves by all means.
  - B. remain childless despite the possibility that there might be a solution.
  - C. be ignored.
25. To which religion Richard McCormick belongs:
- A. Protestantism
  - B. Judaism
  - C. Catholicism

*Questions 25 - 30 are based on the information provided in the following paragraph*

Our understanding of the world in which we live is inherently imperfect. This creates difficulties for the social sciences from which the natural sciences are exempt. Scientific method has discovered universally valid generalizations that can explain and predict events in the natural world. To make such generalizations possible, the events must be independent of statements that relate to them. But in society, participants must make decisions about events that are contingent on their decisions. The separation between statements and facts, a characteristic of science, is lacking. Participants are obliged to act on the basis of imperfect understanding, bringing biases to bear, with unfortunate consequences for the social sciences. Participants' thinking introduces an element of indeterminacy missing from the natural sciences.

26. Due to what that our understanding of the world in which we live is inherently imperfect:
- A. The world is imperfect.
  - B. The world is filled with scientific elements which prevent us from understanding it.
  - C. Our understanding of the world is contingent on the way we look at the world.
27. The difference between the natural and social sciences mainly refers to:
- A. the natural sciences are true sciences, but the social sciences are "fake" sciences.
  - B. the natural sciences contain valid generalizations, but the social sciences do not.
  - C. the natural scientists can make good decisions, but the social scientists cannot.
28. This paragraph says that the social sciences are \_\_\_\_\_ natural sciences.
- A. inferior to
  - B. superior to
  - C. different from

29. The question concerning when the next solar eclipse will occur is a question of  
A. the social sciences  
B. the natural sciences  
C. philosophy.
30. "Indeterminacy" \_\_\_\_\_ occurs in the social sciences.  
A. constantly  
B. from time to time  
C. never

*Questions 31 -35 are based on the information provided the following paragraph*

By now, Europe's economic distress is well known. At year-end 1996, the unemployment rate for the 15 nations of the European Union exceeded 11 percent. But what ails Europe has nothing to do with its multitude of currencies. After all, the same currencies existed in 1970, when unemployment averaged 3 percent. Europe suffers from an obsession with economic security that translates into economic stagnation. It overregulates industry. High wages and payroll taxes penalize hiring. The European Monetary System (EMS) fixes exchange rates and forces countries to adopt Germany's high interest rates.

31. For the moment, the European economy is  
A. in good state.  
B. in the period of recession.  
C. out of control.
32. The European Union have how many countries?  
A. 12  
B. 11  
C. 15
33. "Economic stagnation" means the economic situation is:  
A. in progress.  
B. in a state of no progress.  
C. in regress.
34. EMS has something to do with:  
A. building up an economic fortress within Europe.  
B. rejecting other countries' application for a membership of the European union.  
C. having a single currency in Europe.
35. "High wages and payroll taxes penalize hiring" means:  
A. the government really wants to help its people to get jobs.  
B. the government wants to cool down the economy.  
C. the government kills jobs.

*Questions 36 - 40 are based on the information provided the following paragraph*

Student performance strongly reflected national political, social, and economic trends. Singapore's tightly monitored educational system mirrors an authoritarian government that disdains gum-chewing and favors corporal punishment. Germany's surprising mediocre scores can be attributed to its dizzying social upheaval. "Besides reunification, they've experienced a lot of immigration after the break up of Eastern Europe and the Balkans," says Eugene Owen of the U.S. Department of Education. "I think they have a more diverse population today than they've had in the past, and that adds challenges to their teaching."

36. This article says
- A. that Singapore is better than Germany.
  - B. that education reflects national trends.
  - C. that Germany suffers from the flux of immigration.
37. This article seems to suggest that Singapore has a
- A. very democratic government.
  - B. non-democratic government .
  - C. liberal government.
38. "Corporal punishment" means:
- A. a psychological punishment.
  - B. a punishment on body.
  - C. a symbolic punishment which does not intend to hurt.
39. That "Germany is a country with a diverse population now" means:
- A. people in Germany are divided by political reasons.
  - B. people in Germany contain many non-Germans.
  - C. people in Germany are highly-educated.
40. According to this article, Germany is, for the moment,
- A. being disturbed by social problems.
  - B. becoming a country with cheap labors.
  - C. going to have higher productivity than Singapore.