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#### Part I. English Reading (50%) [本大題請於答案卡作答]

- I. Vocabulary, Grammar and Usage (30%): Select the BEST answer for each question
- A. A psychic can (1) a lot (2) your age and appearance, and most of them actually ask direct questions. It's difficult to avoid (3) if you want results because saying nothing is like going to the doctor and (4) to discuss your (5).
- 1. (A) reduce (B) deduce (C) induce (D) produce 2. (A) into (B) of (C) for (D) from 3. (A) to answer (B) answering (C) to answering (D) answer (B) to refusing (C) refuse (D) to refuse 4. (A) refusing 5. (A) syndicate (B) symmetry (C) sympathy (D) symptoms
- B. Research suggests that (6) great stress, our minds (7) longer to (8) information. So, in a crisis, many people freeze just at the moment when they need to act quickly. (9) that personality is not a good guide to (10) people might react—a normally decisive person may not act quickly enough in a crisis and vice versa.
- 6. (A) of (B) about (C) under (D) in
  7. (A) take (B) spend (C) need (D) demand
  8. (A) proceed (B) process (C) procedure (D) probe
- 9. (A) There also seems (B) It also seems (C) They also seem (D) There also seem 10. (A) what (B) why (C) how (D) where
- C. The four men (11) on their trip from the town of Apollo and soon they had left civilization far behind. But after walking for more than a week, they saw no sign of the village, and tensions began to appear. The three friends began to (12) that Karl, the guide, didn't really know where the (13) village was. Yossi and Kevin began to (14) their friend Marcus because he was complaining about everything, especially his feet, which had become (15) and were hurting.
- 11. (A) set up (B) set for (C) set off (D) set out
  12. (A) suspect (B) suspend (C) sustain (D) supersede
  13. (A) indigenous (B) illuminated (C) ingenious (D) illustrated
- 14. (A) come to terms with (B) come up with (C) come along with (D) get fed up with
- 15. (A) illustrated (B) illuminated (C) inflected (D) eliminated
- II. Reading Comprehension (20%) Select the BEST answer to each question.
- A. The following reading is for questions 16–18.

Finding a partner has always been a complicated process. It is a ritual that has evolved over the centuries, from a man taking food to a prospective partner in the Stone Age to young couples having tea together in the Victorian times (under the watchful eye of an unmarried aunt) to dancing in a club with deafening music in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

But now busy men and women who don't have the time for slow gentle courtship have a quicker way to find a partner: speed dating, where single people have exactly three minutes to decide if the person they are talking to could be Mr. or Ms. Right. The idea involves bringing together people for an evening of frenzied, 'quick-fire' dating.

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While the women stay at their tables all evening, the men take turns sitting next to each woman and having a very quick conversation. After three minutes a bell rings and, even if you are in mid-sentence, it is time for the man to move to the next table. If you like the person, you put a check in the 'yes' box on a scorecard. If the other person chooses you too, this is called a 'match' and the company will put the two of you in touch with each other by email.

'Three minutes is enough time to talk to someone,' says Adele Testani, who runs a speed dating company, 'because you can get an idea of what a person is like in that time, and you can eliminate them if you see right away that they are not your type...'

16. Which of the following is not cited as a way to find a partner?

- (A) Dancing in a modern night club
- (B) Having a light meal together
- (C) Having a drink together in a bar
- 17. Which kind of people does speed dating most suit?
- (A) Those who have a busy schedule
  - (B) Those who run a dating company
- (D) Providing your partner with something to eat
- (C) Those who really like to socialize
- (D) Those who enjoy talking with the opposite sex
- 18. Why is three minutes long enough to find a prospective partner?
  - (A) Because the men and women are so busy
  - (B) Because you can get a good impression of someone in that time
- (C) Because you cannot really find your partner in that time
- (D) Because you can check 'yes' on the scorecard

B. The following reading is for questions 19-22.

On March 27, 1977, a Pan Am 747, that was waiting to take off from Tenerife airport, collided with a KLM 747 that was taking off in the fog. It was the worst air crash in history. Everyone on the KLM plane was killed, but 62 passengers on the Pan Am plane survived. Experts say that many more would have survived if they had gotten off the plane immediately.

One of the survivors was 65-year-old Paul Heck. He led his wife Floy toward the exit, and they got out just before the plane caught fire, just 60 seconds after the collision. Why Paul Heck and not others? In the hours just before the crash, Paul did something highly unusual. While he was waiting for the plane to take off, he studied the 747's safety diagram. He looked for the nearest exit and pointed it out to his wife. He had been in a theater fire as a boy, and ever since then, he always checked for the exits when he was in an unfamiliar environment. When the planes collided, Heck's brain had the data it needed. He could work on "automatic pilot", whereas other passengers froze, their minds paralyzed by a storm of new information. Why don't more people read safety information on airplanes and fire escape information in hotels? The answer, according to research, is that people think it's not "cool" to do so. So next time you fly or stay in a hotel or find yourself in any new environment, forget about "being cool" and take a few seconds to find out where the nearest emergency exit is. It may just save your life.

- 19. How were the weather conditions on the day of the air crash?
  - (A) It had been raining heavily

(C) The runway was very wet

(B) Visibility was poor

(D) The ground was very icy

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25. Mauro attempted suicide because

- (A) he knew someone who had died of thirst
- (B) he couldn't survive the sandstorm

- (C) he thought it would be better than dying of thirst
- (D) he needed to drink his own blood

Part II. English Writing (50%) [本大題請於答案卷作答]

Is a personality a determinant to survival in a crisis? Write a coherent and clear 150-word essay to discuss your observation and viewpoint. Support, elaborate and explain your opinions with specific reasons, details, and examples.