I. English Reading (50%) 
1) Vocabulary and Grammar: Choose the best answer for each blank (30%; 2% each).

1. The bus service cuts have ______ the city’s public transportation system, causing longer wait times and more crowding.
   ① inflicted  ② increased  ③ installed  ④ intersected

2. The company is seeking volunteers for the ______ supporting families with a critically ill or injured child being treated at a local hospital.
   ① fountain  ② famine  ③ fundraiser  ④ fluidity

3. After the 911 attack, government spies around the world have been tracking the emails and Internet addresses used by suspected ______.
   ① victims  ② terrorists  ③ rescuers  ④ mayors

4. A study targeting the effective treatments of chronic pain in dogs is now being expanded to include more diseases such as ______.
   ① alimony  ② anthropology  ③ arthritis  ④ ambition

5. The new law requires schools to ______ trans fats from lunches as well as vending machines by 2014 because they will harm students’ health.
   ① speed up  ② catch up  ③ give rise to  ④ phase out

6. Two men died from ______ sustained when they walked into the path of a vehicle and were struck on the highway.
   ① injuries  ② subsidies  ③ postures  ④ balances

7. As the technology improves and more people see their smartphones as gaming devices, the quality of the mobile game has ______, too.
   ① gotten off  ② picked up  ③ taken the plunge  ④ beaten around the bush

8. Juvenile detention is a/an ______ strategy for many youths because it raises the chance that they will commit more crimes later on in life.
   ① effective  ② delicate  ③ counterproductive  ④ implicit

9. The police said they had arrested a ______ man accused of shooting and killing a pregnant woman in October outside Taipei 101.
   ① 27 years old  ② 27-year-old  ③ 27-years-old  ④ 27-year-olds

10. Elective courses in aboriginal languages and cultures may soon be offered in primary schools, ______ by the legislators become law.
    ① should a measure endorsed  ② a measure should be endorsed  ③ if a measure is endorsed

11. For years, Jason has sought to keep his online activities ______ by posting under pseudonyms even as a teenager.
    ① hid  ② hidden  ③ hide  ④ hiding

12. Pain control often remains ______ because available drugs do not adequately relieve pain or they have side effects.
    ① to insufficient  ② insufficient  ③ insufficiently  ④ be insufficiently

13. Getting old is a disturbing thought, ______ that usually hits after an unexpected physical challenge.
    ① in  ② to do  ③ so  ④ one

    ① to be young  ② as younger as  ③ as young as  ④ as youngest as
15. In 2010, an Indian old man made news for claiming he ______ anything to eat or drink since World War II.
① does not have  ② did not have  ③ has not had  ④ had not had

2) **Cloze:** Choose the best answer for each blank (10% ; 2% each).

While millions of people all over the world are well-off, there are still many who are desperately poor. In fact, they are so hard-up ______ they cannot afford to meet many of their basic needs. ______, they cannot offer their children any form of education. ______ going to school, the children have to work alongside their parents in agriculture or in the home, or they have to work in industry where they are paid derisory wages just because they are children. ______, many governments are now making efforts not only to reduce child labor ______ to eradicate all forms of bad employer practice. In some countries, for example, children can be employed only if the company guarantees that they will not work full time.

16.① that  ② which  ③ because  ④ where
17.① Nevertheless  ② For example  ③ In contrast  ④ However
18.① Because of  ② In spite of  ③ Instead of  ④ In light of
19.① Sadly  ② Fortunately  ③ Consequently  ④ exactly
20.① further  ② hence  ③ moreover  ④ but also

3) **Reading Comprehension:** Choose the best answer for each question (10%, 2% each).

Are you so terrified of getting on a plane that you avoid traveling? Does seeing a spider in the sink make your blood run cold? When you go to the doctor for a shot, does the sight of the needle make you want to run the other way? If these situations — or the sight of blood, standing at great heights, going to the dentist, or being in open spaces — fill you with dread, then you may have a phobia.

Phobias are often laughed off as being irrational. People who don’t have these fears find them difficult to understand. “It’s all in your mind” is a common response. But it’s believed that 10% of the world population has some kind of phobia or overwhelming anxiety — and for them, it’s no joke.

We all have a built-in defense system to protect ourselves from danger. Our heartbeat gets faster, our throat goes dry, sweating increases, and we do anything we can to remove ourselves from danger. This is normal. But phobias are exaggerated fears, usually unrelated to real dangers, and trying to avoid the cause only makes the phobias worse.

The list of recognized phobias is enormous, ranging from fear of spiders (arachnophobia) to fear of technology (technophobia). People can develop fears of almost anything. For some, being in social situations fills them with dread that others are looking at them critically or talking about them behind their backs. People with phobias often feel embarrassed or silly for having their fear. Although they know there’s no actual danger, they’re unable to make the fear go away.

21. According to the passage, how do people know if they have a phobia?
① They find traveling troublesome.
② They keep spiders as pets.
③ They are scared of heights.
④ They are not interested in dating dentists.

22. How are phobias generally perceived?
① They are perfectly understandable.
② They are hard to comprehend for people not having them.
③ They are the results of irrational behaviors.
④ They are the symptoms of head injuries.
23. How are phobias different from normal fears?
   ① Phobias are usually not associated with real dangers.
   ② Phobias protect people from danger.
   ③ Normal fears get worse when people try to avoid their cause.
   ④ Normal fears are often exaggerated and not related to real dangers.

24. What types of phobias do people develop?
   ① Fear of spiders.
   ② Fear of open spaces.
   ③ Fear of social interactions.
   ④ All of the above.

25. Which of the following statements is true of people with phobias?
   ① Nine in ten people in the world develop some sort of phobia.
   ② They make jokes about their phobias.
   ③ They are often ashamed of their phobias.
   ④ They firmly believe that their phobias are related to real dangers.

II. English Composition (50%)

As time progresses, technology does as well; it becomes more affordable and comes into general use for various purposes in life. In your opinion, does technology make our lives better? Write a 150-word paragraph to support your opinion by using specific reasons, details, and examples (50%).
“Introduction to Western Literature” (A)
Transfer Entrance Exam, NSYSU, 2013

I. Explain or comment on FIVE of the following in no less than 70 words each (40%, 任選5題，每題 8 分)
1. Job's comforters
2. The Sermon on the Mount
3. Ten Commandments
4. Ishmael and Isaac
5. Samson and pillars of the temple
6. Phaedra and Hippolytus
7. Prometheus' bound and unbound
8. oral epic and literary epic
9. Virgil’s Aeneid as a national epic
10. The Republic
11. Ovid's Metamorphoses
12. St. Augustine’s Confessions

II. Essay Questions -- Choose any THREE (60%, 任選3題，每題 20 分)
1. Discuss the “animals” used in Aeschylus’ Agamemnon.
2. In Sophocles’ Oedipus the King, there are three sets of images -- the images of “hunting,” “agriculture,” and “navigation.” How are these images related to each other? And how do they tell about the theme of Oedipus the King?
3. Why Euripides is frequently called “the most modern Greek tragedian” among Greek playwrights? Support your argument by analyzing the issues about gender and/or race in Euripides’ plays (or play), such as Medea or Hippolytus.
4. Compare and contrast the roles gods (or the god) played in the tragedies written by Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides.
5. Discuss the differences between Aristophanes’ Lysistrata (the representative work of Old Comedy) and Plautus’ Pseudolus (the representative work of New Comedy).
6. Analyze the symbolism of the shield of Achilles in Book XVIII of Homer’s Iliad.