I. English Reading (50%)

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

1. The former South African leader is currently in a serious but stable condition at a hospital with a recurring lung _______.
   ① infrastructure  ② infection  ③ intermission  ④ infiltration

2. The foundation awards the fellowship every year to a doctoral student to help her complete a _______ related to human experiences in a time of crisis.
   ① distribution  ② dissertation  ③ destruction  ④ decomposition

3. According to the United Nations, India looks ready to _______ China as the world's most populous country from 2028.
   ① overtake  ② overact  ③ overture  ④ overcrop

4. The murder remains unsolved. At this point, the victim's family has given up hope that anyone will ever be _______ of the crime.
   ① convicted  ② confined  ③ contradicted  ④ concaved

5. A veteran teacher has lost her job because her husband might pose a danger to other teachers and students when he is _______ from prison.
   ① rejuvenated  ② restricted  ③ rebuked  ④ released

6. Research shows that cuts in diesel emissions may drastically reduce the number of _______ in the air that cause global warming.
   ① pollutants  ② pastors  ③ prostitutes  ④ peasants

7. A business in Taipei recycles wine barrels into handsome pieces of furniture and other novel _______ for the home and garden.
   ① ancestors  ② astronauts  ③ ambulances  ④ accessories

8. Most mentally ill people are not dangerous, and, on the contrary, are often _______ by criminals who see them as relatively defenseless people.
   ① vased lined  ② validated  ③ vindicated  ④ victimized

9. _______ people are participating in this Sunday’s Marathon events which include a 50-mile ultramarathon and a 22-mile marathon.
   ① Thousands  ② Thousand of  ③ Thousands of  ④ A thousand of

10. With _______ of our planet Earth underwater, a wild show is constantly playing out beneath the water surface.
    ① three-fourth  ② fourth-three  ③ three-fourths  ④ fourth-threes

11. The Department of Health estimates that more than _______ in Taiwan suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder in a given year.
    ① one of four adults  ② one in four adults  ③ one on four adults  ④ one over four adults

12. Susan Marks, _______ said this is the 5th year they’ve held the Aviation Camp that introduces girls to the basics of flying.
    ① the head of the organizing committee ② be the head of the organizing committee ③ is the head of the organizing committee ④ been the head of the organizing committee

13. Fireflies are sometimes called lightning bugs. _______ child has spent a summer evening chasing them.
    ① Many a  ② A number of  ③ Singular  ④ Alone

14. Jenny needs the surgery, but she keeps _______ because of the lengthy recovery time that might significantly restrict her movements.
    ① put off it  ② put it off  ③ putting it off  ④ putting off it
15. The wildfire has killed two people. Their bodies were recovered from the Green Forest area, the blaze has destroyed nearly 400 homes.
   ① which  ② in what  ③ whenever  ④ where

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

Fiery debates have accompanied advances in scientific research ever since humans began experimenting with nature. **16**, young people today might be surprised to learn that the invention of in vitro fertilization (IVF), now a routine procedure that solves the problem of childlessness for many couples, was **17** greeted with stormy protests. As scientists refine their understanding of the new inventions and become more successful with their applications, **18**, there is a tendency for their use to be accepted as inevitable and for the controversial debates to **19**. Therefore, the real concern is **20** about the potential benefits of the scientific discoveries as about the thorough planning and stringent control of how and when they are applied.

16. ① Nevertheless  ② In contrast  ③ Moreover  ④ For instance
17. ① basically  ② initially  ③ conceivably  ④ bizarrely
18. ① however  ② hence  ③ furthermore  ④ consequently
19. ① worsen  ② exacerbate  ③ subside  ④ accelerate
20. ① not so much  ② usually  ③ both  ④ not only

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

Every year since 1998, *Fortune* Magazine has published a list of the “100 Best Companies to Work For.” How does the magazine choose the companies? First, it uses a survey: 350 employees answer 57 questions about their company. Second, it looks at important features of companies; for example, pay, benefits, and communication between workers and management.

To a certain extent, the results are guesswork, but the companies on the list, by and large, have many things in common: they pay their employees well, they allow workers to make decisions, and they offer a comfortable workplace. Broadly speaking, however, the winners tend to offer something above and beyond the norm. J. M. Smucker, a jam and jelly company, gives its workers free muffins and bagels for breakfast. A bank called First Horizon National gives its employees time off to visit their children’s classrooms. Wegmans Food Markets sends one worker on a ten-day trip to London, Paris, and Italy to learn about cheese. This is not unusual for the New York-based company, which is well-known for the scholarships it gives its employees to further their education. Surprisingly enough, the most important thing for the majority of employees is not money. It is the freedom to develop ideas. Timberland offers a six-month paid sabbatical for employees who have “a personal dream that benefits the community.”

Let’s not forget that all these companies are businesses whose priority is making money. They have to make a profit. And do they? Seemingly, the answer is a big “yes.” The number three company on *Fortune*’s 2011 list, Wegmans, makes a fortune. The company is one of the largest private companies in the US, with annual sales of $3.6 billion, according to *Forbes* magazine.

21. How does *Fortune* Magazine choose the best companies to work for?
   ① It hires 350 employers to design a survey.
   ② It gives a survey to 350 employers.
   ③ It looks at the characteristics of the employees.
   ④ It administers a survey to employees.
II. English Composition (50%)

Read the passage below and (1) write a 50-word summary of the information presented in the passage (15%) and (2) compose a 100-word paragraph to propose ways to prevent cyberbullying (35%).

**Cyberbullying**

Cyberbullying is the use of technology to harass, threaten, embarrass, or target another person. By definition, it occurs among young people. When an adult is involved, it may meet the definition of cyber-harassment or cyber-stalking, a crime that can have legal consequences and involve jail time.

Sometimes cyberbullying can be easy to spot — for example, if your child shows you a text message, tweet, or response to a status update on Facebook that is harsh, mean, or cruel. Other acts are less obvious, like impersonating a victim online or posting personal information, photos, or videos designed to hurt or embarrass another person. Some kids report that a fake account, web page, or online persona has been created with the sole intention to harass and bully.

Cyberbullying also can happen accidentally. The impersonal nature of text messages, instant messaging (e.g., MSN), and emails makes it very hard to detect the sender's tone — one person's joke could be another's hurtful insult. Nevertheless, a repeated pattern of emails, text messages, and online posts is rarely accidental.

A 2006 poll found that 1 in 3 teens and 1 in 6 preteens have been the victims of cyberbullying. As more and more youths have access to computers and cell phones, the incidence of cyberbullying is likely to rise.

- *This passage is based on an article published by KidsHealth (http://kidshealth.org).*
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Essay Questions -- Choose any FOUR (任選4題，每題25分)

1. Analyze the following points in Sophocles’ *Oedipus the King*: (1) the irony of fate (2) the use of dramatic irony (3) the theme of sight and blindness

2. In Euripides’ *Medea*, Medea is an Oriental princess and a foreigner, and Jason attributes her revenge to the fact that she is a “barbarian.” How does the contrast between barbarian and Greek function in the play? And why does Euripides use the device of deus ex machina at the end of *Medea*.

3. Discuss the functions of the Chorus in Greek plays. You can give concrete examples from the tragedies written by Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, and/or from the comedies written by Aristophanes.

4. What are the conventions of epic? Please give concrete examples from Homer’s *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, and Virgil’s *Aeneid*.

5. Explain or comment on FOUR of the following in no less than 65 words each: (1) The *Oresteia* (2) medieval romance (3) *The Divine Comedy* (4) *Antigone* (5) Aristotle’s *Poetics* (6) *The Song of Roland* (7) Decameron (8) Everyman (9) *Beowulf*

6. Discuss the spirit (or characteristics) of the Renaissance. Support your argument by analyzing THREE of the following works: (1) Erasmus’ *The Praise of Folly* (2) Machiavelli’s *The Prince* (3) Petrarch’s sonnets (4) Castiglione’s *The Book of the Courtier* (5) Christopher Marlowe’s *Doctor Faustus* (6) Montaigne’s *Essays* (7) Shakespeare’s *Hamlet* or *Othello*. 