Answer all questions and write down on the booklet provided for this examination.

Part I: Grammar
Choose the best answer listed below to complete each of the following sentences. 30%

1. Better go to bed without supper than ___1__ in debt.
   A. raise   B. arouse   C. arise   D. rise

2. The fewer our wants, the nearer we ___2__ the gods.
   A. require   B. resist   C. requite   D. resemble

3. Polls are now so popular that there are more people asking questions than ___3__ them.
   A. answering   B. answer   C. to answer   D. answered

4. Never do things ___4__.
   A. by halves   B. in halves   C. in half   D. by half

5. It was because she was on a diet ___5__ she has lost ten pounds.
   A. why   B. that   C. so   D. so that

6. The ideal after-meal speech ___6__ of five words: "I will take the bill!"
   A. contains   B. consists   C. includes   D. transformed

7. The honest poor can ___7__ forget poverty. The honest rich can never forget it.
   A. some time   B. sometime   C. sometimes   D. some times

8. There is only one basic human right, the right to do ___8__ you please unless it causes others harm.
   A. that   B. like   C. which   D. as

9. One woman confided ___9__ another: "I am on a diet, but I'm not losing weight."
   A. at   B. to   C. in   D. on

10. I wish I ___10__ take a trip to the moon someday.
    A. can   B. could   C. will   D. must

11. Great minds think ___11__.
    A. alike   B. equivalent   C. likely   D. uniform

12. The value of a man's life lies ___12__ the fact that he really knows how to make full use of his time.
    A. in   B. at   C. with   D. among
13. The job of a citizen is to keep his mouth ________.
   A. to open  B. open  C. opened  D. opening
14. The real sadness of fifty is not that you change so much ________ you change so little.
   A. but  B. but that  C. that  D. than that
15. The cheerleader waved his arms ________ wild abandon.
   A. in  B. at  C. with  D. for

Part II: Cloze test
Choose the best answer listed below to complete the meaning of the following paragraphs. 30%

My brother, a postman, is ________ a woman he met ________. One day he and his girlfriend were in the check- ________ line ________ the grocery store — her arms around my brother's waist— along with her young daughter. Suddenly the ________ noticed the little girl ________ some grapes. "Don't eat them all, dear," she said to the girl. "______ some for your mommy and daddy." ________ innocently the little girl replied, "He's not my daddy. He's the ________." As everyone in the line chuckled, a man directly behind my brother ________ his wife and said, "He's not out mailman, is he, honey?"

16. A. meeting  B. watching  C. dating  D. joining
17. A. up  B. at  C. on  D. out
18. A. in  B. out  C. off  D. up
19. A. at  B. in  C. down  D. on
20. A. cashier  B. conductor  C. potter  D. collector
21. A. eating  B. catch  C. eat  D. to eat
22. A. buy  B. save  C. get  D. have
23. A. Ever  B. Thus  C. Yet  D. As
24. A. uncle  B. mailman  C. friend  D. colleague
25. A. looked at  B. looked out  C. looked up  D. looked down

The farmer killed a pig and ________ it up for the night. ________ to butcher it in the morning, but ________ it was gone. He didn't tell a soul about it, and nothing happened ________ more than two months. Then ________ farmer, who lived down the road, came by and said. "By the way, John, did you ever find out who stole your pig?" "No," said John. "Not till just now."
III. Reading Comprehension: 20%
Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer for the questions asked.

While the west wind starts to blow the breath of autumn across the northern Hemisphere, spring arrives in Australia just in time to kick off the yearly flower show in the land down under.

Floriade is the biggest flower show held annually in Canberra’s Commonwealth Park. And the 21st Floriade, which was inspired by “films the shaped Australia”, started last week. “More than a million blooms have been designed to captures scenes from Australian movies such as Babe and Crocodile Dundee,” said Tara Morice, the Floriade ambassador.

The festival attracts more than 300,000 visitors from around Australia and overseas in spring from mid-September to mid-October each year, and is considered the most important regular event for tourism in the Australian Capital Territory. It is also called “Australia’s Celebration of Spring.”

Floriade started in 1988 as a celebration of Canberra’s 75th birthday and Australia’s bicentenary of European settlement. Due to the success and popularity of the event, it has run every year since with each year a new theme. It is currently the largest flower festival in the southern hemisphere.

Floriade gives great expression to public art. Each year new works are placed in the Floriade gardens. Some remain beyond the festival. Floriade also has musical displays with many live performances, cultural celebrations, artistic displays, entertainment and recreational activities.

Floriade has also held a gnome decorating competition with strong participation from schools. Many students across the country will participate in the competition and show off their talent with the beautiful flowers. (*Drawn from Learning with Us)
Choose the best answer to fill in the blanks:

Title: 31 __________
Name: Floriade
Also known as: 32 __________
Time: 33 __________
Place: 34 __________
25 ______ Celebration of Canberra's 75th birthday and Australia's bicentenary of European settlement
26 ______ 500,000 visitors from the world each year
27 ______ for tourism in the region
28 ______ is chosen for each year. (This year
29 ______ is __________)
30 ______ participate in it.

A. Films that shaped Australia
B. From mid-September to mid-October
C. Many public artists
D. The largest flower festival in the southern hemisphere
E. Australia's Celebration of Spring
F. Canberra
G. A theme
H. The most important regular event
I. Popularity
J. Origin

IV Composition  20%
Write an essay of at least THREE paragraphs based on the topic given below:
The Importance of Live-Long Education