I. Vocabulary: 20%
Choose the most appropriate word according to the given context, and then write its corresponding letter on your answer sheet.

1. In 1904 and 1905, Secretary of State John Hay _____________ a series of arbitration treaties.
   (A) abbreviated  (B) accommodated  (C) subordinated  (D) negotiated

2. He is _____________ enough to fill that position.
   (A) commentary  (B) concise  (C) competent  (D) condense

3. Due to their irresponsible attitude, I'm rather _____________ about their ability to solve the problem.
   (A) skeptical  (B) ethical  (C) theatrical  (D) vocal

4. When several offers came in, the house owner _____________ the price.
   (A) dissuaded  (B) extracted  (C) prosecuted  (D) upgraded

5. When working in _____________ water, great care should be taken because the water may contain harmful elements.
   (A) escaped  (B) invaluable  (C) polluted  (D) collective

6. The courses are _____________ but obviously highly recommended.
   (A) dental  (B) optional  (C) fragile  (D) narrative

7. Rice is the most important grain in many _____________ areas.
   (A) imperative  (B) antarctic  (C) tropical  (D) charitable

8. The _____________ form lets readers tell you what they think about your web, your company, and your products.
   (A) feedback  (B) hazard  (C) pension  (D) saloon

9. The next step in creating an email is to select the _____________ of the message.
   (A) racism  (B) redundant  (C) riot  (D) recipient

10. _____________ can measure fever orally, rectally, under the armpit, in the ear and on the forehead.
    (A) Textures  (B) Thermometers  (C) Tornadoes  (D) Transformations
II. Grammar: 20%

In question 1–10, each sentence has four underlined words or phrases marked (A), (B), (C), and (D). You are to identify the one that should be corrected and then write its corresponding letter on your answer sheet.

For example: Many water is needed for people living in dry area.

A     B     C     D

The best answer is (A).

1. It is powered by an overhead cam V4 engine that gives a top speed of more than
A     B     C     D
100 miles hour.

2. His mother sometimes drived him to bridal stores so he could make sketches of the
gowns in the windows.
A     B     C     D

3. Many college students look for the highest-paying jobs during summer break
A     B     C     D
for to earn some money for their school expenses.

4. Because the increased need for new materials, the employees have been asked to
A     B     C     D
work a double schedule.

5. People who they know different languages see the world differently.
A     B     C     D

6. It is usually safe to send an important document through register mail in case it
A     B     C     D
is not delivered.

7. To see the Statue of Liberty and taking photos from the top of the Empire State
Building are two reasons for visiting New York City.
A     B     C     D
8. It is a natural phenomenon known as El Nino what causes the bad effect on the world’s climate every four to ten years.
A  B  C  D

9. Noam Chomsky is generally taken as an authorization in the field of linguistics.
A  B  C  D

10. Not a few people have attempted several times to quit to smoke, but in vain.
A  B  C  D

III. Cloze Test: 30%
In the following passages, there are fifteen blanks where words or phrases are left out. For each blank, there are four choices marked (A), (B), (C), and (D). One of the choices best fits the blanks. Choose the best answer and write its corresponding letter on the answer sheet.

A.

The British Museum opened in 1753 and has prided itself on ______ free for all that time. The British Museum houses more than 7 million objects and it would probably take a week to see everything.

The collection of Egyptian and Greek ______ are without a doubt amongst the largest and best ______ in the world. Part of the collection consists ______ the controversial Elgin Marbles, brought back from the Parthenon in Athens by Lord Elgin, whilst he was serving as Ambassador to Constantinople at the beginning of the nineteenth century, and ______ bought for the museum by the English government.

1. (A) remain (B) to remain (C) remaining (D) remained
2. (A) utilities (B) validities (C) ambiguities (D) antiquities
3. (A) know (B) to know (C) knowing (D) known
4. (A) in (B) of (C) for (D) at
5. (A) subsequently (B) deadly (C) genetically (D) monopoly
B.

The Bible makes no mention of a long-eared, short-tailed creature who delivers decorated eggs to well-behaved children on Easter Sunday; nevertheless, the Easter bunny has become a ______ 6 ______ symbol of Christianity’s most important holiday. According to some sources, the Easter bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who ______ 7 ______ in Pennsylvania and transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called “Osterhase” or “Oschter Haws.” Their children made nests in which this creature could ______ 8 ______ its colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S. and the fabled rabbit’s Easter morning deliveries expanded to ______ 9 ______ chocolate and other types of candy and gifts, while decorated baskets replaced nests. Additionally, children often left out carrots for the bunny ______ 10 ______ he got hungry from all his hopping.

6. (A) prominent   (B) alternative   (C) clinical   (D) formidable
7. (A) retrieved   (B) settled   (C) irritated   (D) decided
8. (A) lie   (B) lay   (C) laid   (D) lain
9. (A) include   (B) included   (C) including   (D) be included
10. (A) on the decline   (B) at no rate   (C) to date   (D) in case

IV. Composition: 30%

Write an English composition in about 250–300 words. Your composition must contain an introductory paragraph, one or two supporting paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph.

A dream job is a common expression that deeply roots in everybody’s mind. However, not all the people have the same idea about what a dream job should be. Please write a composition on the topic “My Dream Job”. Provide reasons and specific examples to support your answer.