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

1. Those people who burn fewer calories doing normal work or exercise have slow______.
   (A) metabolism (B) manipulation (C) mortify (D) magnitude

2. It takes patience to_____ a bad habit, especially if you have indulged in it for a long time.
   (A) face (B) kick (C) practice (D) keep

3. The_____ to which our solar system belongs is also called the Milky Way.
   (A) planet (B) supernova (C) galaxy (D) gladiator

4. The world's first solar sail-powered spacecraft failed to reach its planned______ after the Russian rocket carrying it shut down seconds after launch.
   (A) offset (B) orthodox (C) offshoot (D) orbit

5. The fire claimed fifty lives; people suspected______.
   (A) arson (B) intrigue (C) apprentice (D) avarice

6. The darkening sky was a______ of rain.
   (A) skyscraper (B) fortune (C) forerunner (D) muster

7. The government's______ of a ban on American beef was simply a matter of procedure and not related to the safety of the imported meat for consumers.
   (A) reverberate (B) revenue (C) reinstatement (D) rendezvous

8. Should elderly people get the highest______ in seating on the buses?
   (A) prestige (B) priority (C) pathetic (D) pilgrimage

9. Television has taken a______ role in shaping popular opinion in the late 20\textsuperscript{th} century.
   (A) dynamic (B) deducible (C) dominion (D) dominant

10. President Chen criticized______ opposition lawmakers for calling for military action to “protect Taiwan” in the current fisheries dispute with Japan.
    (A) cosmopolitan (B) circuitous (C) cognate (D) conservative

II. Grammar: 20%
In questions 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.

1. Even automatic machine must be operated under human control.
   
   A                 B                        C                                D

2. In south-west of Taiwan lies the city of Kaohsiung, the major industrial and shipping
center of the island.

3. Exhaustive tests have confirmed mad cow disease in an animal apparent born in the United States.

4. It was a needless killing as the Japanese knew they were losing the war and the men could be held for just a few more weeks and then set free.

5. Even though Margaret Mitchell was totally disabled in one foot and was extremely feeble in another, she still managed to finish her novel Gone with the Wind.

6. It was a great travesty of justice and POW treatment, and fortunately in the end, the Japanese who perpetrated this crime were arrested, convicted and executing by firing squad.

7. My friend had a small but well-chosen library, and seemed to spend a good deal of time to cultivate his mind.

8. The boldface symbol always refers to both properties of the vector, magnitude and direction.

9. Repairing old clocks were originally a hobby; now it is a business.

10. The world is full of brilliant poets who can’t balance a checkbook, and genius physicists who incapable of driving a manual-shift car.

III. Cloze Test: 30%

In the following two 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.

The powers of these three branches of the government are described the Constitution. To make sure that the government should never take more power than it was granted, it was carefully stated that any power the government should forever belong to the states. Another reason for describing carefully the powers of the three branches any one branch stronger than .
In recent years the number of oil spills has increased. These spills, occurring directly at the site of extraction and others during transportation, have had an adverse effect on marine organisms. Because of the importance of these organisms in the life cycle, research has been carried out in order to identify more accurately the reactions of these organisms to oil. A recent study revealed that it is essential to understand that there is not one, but rather at least four possible ways in which oil can affect an organism.

IV. Composition: 30%
Write an English composition in about 250 words. Your composition must contain an introductory paragraph, one or two discussion paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph. People have different ways of escaping the stress and difficulties of modern life. What do you think to be the best ways of reducing stress? Use specific details and examples to support your answer.