1. Grammar and Usage 30%
Choose the best answer listed below to complete each of the following sentences.

1. Can you tell me ________?
   a. if there is a restaurant near here  b. is there a restaurant near here
   c. there is a restaurant here  d. a restaurant is here

2. Do you know ________?
   a. how much is this shirt  b. how much this shirt is
   c. how many this is shirt  d. how much shirt this is

3. Road signs were invented by ________.
   a. the Rome  b. Roman  c. the Roman  d. the Romans

4. I ________ study veterinary medicine, but I wasn’t good in math, so I studied languages.
   a. was going to  b. am going to  c. will  d. were going to

5. He was ill and ________ for days so he is very weak.
   a. hasn’t eaten  b. has eaten  c. had not eaten  d. does not eat

6. She ________ since 9 o’clock.
   a. is waiting  b. has been waiting  c. has waiting  d. waited

7. If I had more money, I ________ designer stuff, but it’s too expensive.
   a. will buy  b. would buy  c. had bought  d. would have bought

8. Years ago, companies ________ that advertising helped to sell more products.
   a. discover  b. discovered  c. discovering  d. has discovered

9. If possible, we should take public transportation ________ private cars.
   a. based on  b. instead of  c. in order to  d. responsible for

10. There are many arguments about ________ really invented the sewing machine.
    a. whom  b. who was  c. who  d. what was

11. I always resort ________ books when I am depressed.
    a. at  b. in  c. with  d. to

12. Our world is ________ the result of things people invented.
    a. think highly of  b. to a large extent  c. aside from  d. exposed to

13. The people in ancient Mesopotamia invented the world’s first ________ laws.
    a. writing  b. written  c. wrote  d. write

14. People decide what to buy based on ________ they see in magazines or on TV.
    a. which  b. where  c. what  d. how

15. The café ________ that their coffee is the best in town.
    a. claim  b. thinking  c. so long as  d. before long
II. Vocabulary 30%

Selected one item that is the closest in meaning to the underlined word.

1. Jim Carrey is one of the most famous __________ in the world.
   (A) performers (B) scientists (C) architects (D) gambles

2. There is no need to __________ over something so silly.
   (A) annoy (B) argue (C) trip (D) quality

3. We must respect individual differences.
   (A) distinctive (B) slit (C) blush (D) callow

4. Once you get married, you should be __________ to your mate.
   (A) loyal (B) royal (C) aural (D) floral

5. We dare not __________ the rules because our teacher is very strict.
   (A) pardon (B) deter (C) violate (D) swivel

6. She is __________ from her job because she was late so often.
   (A) fired (B) decreased (C) entreated (D) achieved

7. In the course of __________, some species lost the power of flight.
   (A) smart (B) territory (C) proud (D) development

8. All the freshmen at this university have to live in the school __________.
   (A) living quarters (B) territory (C) trap (D) nude

9. The kitchen faucet __________, and the noise of water dripping is driving me crazy.
   (A) assorts (B) nude (C) charges (D) oozes

10. The temple has hundreds of interesting sculptures inside.
    (A) statues (B) relics (C) inspection (D) maladies

11. This essay is perfect; no errors whatsoever!
    (A) examples (B) grammar (C) mistakes (D) sentences

12. Power and money may __________ a person’s soul.
    (A) object (B) dissect (C) digest (D) ruin morally

13. They __________ against the fare increase.
    (A) astonished (B) measured (C) objected (D) drooped

14. He has this illusion that he is in the running for the deputy’s job.
    (A) activity (B) illustration (C) misconception (D) bureau

15. He became an __________ language teacher after teaching for so many years.
    (A) skillful (B) desiring (C) apparent (D) courteous
III. Translations 20%
Translate the following into Chinese. (The paragraph is taken from New Century Readings, New Edition, 2003)

A hundred years came and went before chocolate was introduced to France. Then in 1657, a Frenchman opened a store in London and began selling solid chocolate for making the new drink. It was very expensive, but soon chocolate houses were opened in many large European cities. They were places where people could meet to drink chocolate together and talk.

In about 1700, the English started putting milk in their chocolate drink. It was not until 1847, however, that chocolate for eating was developed by an English company.

IV. Writing. 20%
Write an essay in about 150 words in length describing the season you like best.