Part One: Please choose one best answer for the following statements or questions. (2 for each item; 60%)

1. ( ) There is nothing there ____ a cat. (A) along (B) with (C) without (D) but
2. ( ) John and Mary are going to show their photos ____ the same time. (A) in (B) at (C) on (D) under
3. ( ) Cabbage and celery are _____. (A) fruits (B) vegetables (C) animals (D) machines
4. ( ) John is ____ the newspaper. (A) seeing (B) seen (C) reading (D) looking
5. ( ) Look ____ the key word in your dictionary. (A) up (B) down (C) in (D) after
6. ( ) John ____ now at his grandma’s house. (A) is (B) am (C) are (D) was
7. ( ) If I ____ you, I would not get married with her. (A) am (B) is (C) was (D) were
8. ( ) There ____ nothing in my pocket. (A) is (B) are (C) was (D) do
9. ( ) How do you ____ today? (A) felt (B) feeling (C) feel (D) feels
10. ( ) May I ____ a look around your room? (A) takes (B) took (C) taken (D) take
11. ( ) What did John and Mary talk ____ yesterday? (A) at (B) in (C) on (D) about
12. ( ) Mary likes to play ____ the dog. (A) at (B) by (C) with (D) on
13. ( ) Look at that dress. It is so _____. (A) happily (B) beautiful (C) handsomely (D) well
14. ( ) Mary will ____ me to the train station. (A) lend (B) borrow (C) drive (D) go
15. ( ) The clock on the wall ____ 12 o’clock. (A) speaks (B) says (C) tells (D) talks
16. ( ) ____ John at home every morning? (A) Is (B) Am (C) Are (D) Was
17. ( ) John and Mary ____ change their decisions. (A) isn’t (B) aren’t (C) don’t (D) doesn’t
18. ( ) There ____ many goldfishes in the pond. (A) is (B) are (C) was (D) do
19. ( ) Don’t ____ me. (A) bothering (B) bothered (C) bothers (D) bother
20. ( ) Let’s ____ a deal. (A) has (B) had (C) have (D) having
21. ( ) John wants to ____ things by his way. (A) do (B) did (C) done (D) doing
22. ( ) There are ____ apples on the chair. (A) many (B) much (C) any (D) a little
23. ( ) John was sick, so he wasn’t ____ school today. (A) absent from (B) present to (C) absence (D) present
24. ( ) There are ____ girls in the swimming pool. (A) many (B) much (C) a lot (D) a little
25. ( ) John is ____ interested in movies. (A) depth (B) deeping (C) deeply (D) deeps
26. ( ) John and Mary have come home _____. (A) ready (B) already (C) yet (D) not
27. ( ) John ran away ____ Mary came. (A) from (B) to (C) as soon as (D) of
28. ( ) I don’t know where John is. I haven’t seen him ____. (A) now (B) then (C) late (D) lately
29. ( ) John has never seen Mary ____. (A) now (B) then (C) after (D) before
30. ( ) John looks ____ Mary. (A) likes (B) liking (C) like (D) liked

Part Two: Reading Test (4 for each item; 40%)
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West Lake

Over the years Hangzhou has been known for the beauty of its West Lake. It covers an area of 5.6 square kilometers and has a circumference of 15 kilometers. It is surrounded by the hills of three sides and faces the downtown area on one side. There are two brocade-ribbon-like causeways inside the lake, namely Bai Causeway and Su causeway, and they divide the lake into three parts: the outer lake, the inner lake, and the back lake. Three man-made islands names Three Pools Mirroring the Moon, Midlake Pavilion, and Mr. Ruan Yuan’s Mount, respectively, appear triangular in the outer lake. Parks with different art styles and charms around the lake, such as Watching gold Fish at Flower Harbor, Tai Zi Wan Park, Orioles Singing in the Willows and Lotus Swaying in Summer Breeze at Qu Yuan, are always thronged with tourists. Many scenic spots are nestled in the emerald hills by the lake, such as Tiger Spring, Dragon Well, Jade Spring, Nine Streams and Eighteen Gullies, Bamboo Forest at Yunxi, Three Caves at Yanxia and Yellow Dragon Cave, etc.

Many famed scholars in the history have left innumerable lines and poems in eulogizing Hangzhou’s beauty—endowed sceneries. Today, Hangzhou, a paradise city, is attracting more and more tourists from home and abroad.

Please read the above passage and answer item 37–40.

37. ( ) How long would it take to walk along the bank of West Lake once if one walks at the speed of five kilometers per hour?
   (A) Fifteen hours   (B) Five hours   (C) Three hours   (D) More than fifteen hours

38. ( ) How far is it from the downtown area of Hangzhou to West Lake?
   (A) about 15 kilometers   (B) Unknown from the passage   (C) The downtown area is by the lake   (D) The two places are more than 15 kilometers apart

39. ( ) The word “eulogizing” in the last paragraph would most likely mean?
   (A) praising   (B) complaining   (C) blaming   (D) cursing

40. ( ) Which of the following statements is correct according to the above passage?
   (A) Hangzhou has three lakes and three islands.
   (B) Three man-made islands are in the Three pools.
   (C) Tiger Spring and Dragon Well are by West Lake.
   (D) West Lake is divided into three parts by three islands.