

臺灣中小企業銀行 102 年新進人員招募甄選筆試測驗

測驗類別：外匯人員

普通科目：英文

請填入場證編號：\_\_\_\_\_

※注意：考生請在「答案卡」上作答，共 50 題，每題 2 分，每一試題有(A)(B)(C)(D)選項，本測驗為單一選擇題，請依題意選出一個正確或最適當的答案

English Proficiency Test

*Part I. Choose the best answer.*

1. Conditions were harsh, but we \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) made the best of it (B) gained some weight  
(C) got the hang of it (D) have the green light
2. Animals in the zoo have lost the \_\_\_ of catching food for themselves.  
(A) menu (B) means (C) appetite (D) capability
3. Snow forced many drivers to \_\_\_ their vehicles.  
(A) vacate (B) evacuate (C) abandon (D) explode
4. After graduating from business school, Jeffrey \_\_\_ his academic success to his grandfather.  
(A) blamed (B) disparated (C) forgave (D) imputed
5. Electronic commerce is a new model of \_\_\_\_\_ commercial activities.  
(A) product (B) abducting (C) conducting (D) reducing
6. Brand-integrated content is created by the \_\_\_\_\_ for the sole basis of product placement.  
(A) auditor (B) manufacturer (C) writer (D) playwright
7. She broke the terms of her employment \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) preparation (B) deal (C) contract (D) behavior
8. Taliban military \_\_\_\_\_ a spectacular attack on Kabul several days ago.  
(A) beat (B) defended (C) offended (D) launched
9. In their religion, mountains are \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) spread (B) sacred (C) reluctant (D) reasonable
10. The shop is closed today for staff training. We \_\_\_ any inconvenience caused.  
(A) recover (B) regain (C) regret (D) renounce
11. I prefer \_\_\_ date in a large group and go out to discos, clubs, or restaurants.  
(A) with (B) in (C) to (D) on
12. A Capricorn can put up \_\_\_\_\_ hardship and frustrations.  
(A) on (B) with (C) to (D) into
13. Tom \_\_\_\_\_ his father. They both have red hair and freckles.  
(A) takes care of (B) takes leave of (C) takes after (D) takes to task
14. He \_\_\_\_\_ his work until later, instead of doing it right away.  
(A) bring up (B) try out (C) carry out (D) put off
15. I am sorry I am late for our appointment. I \_\_\_\_\_ the time.  
(A) lost track of (B) keep an eye on (C) take a stand on (D) find fault with
16. The new president \_\_\_\_\_ the company last spring when the old president resigned.  
(A) took for granted (B) looked into (C) took charge of (D) look forward to
17. We had to call the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ because the chairman was out-of-town.  
(A) off (B) upon (C) with (D) into

18. The bank looked up his account number so that he could \_\_\_\_ the check request form correctly.  
(A) make room for      (B) point out      (C) make out      (D) talk over
19. Marriages cannot always be perfect; every couple should expect some \_\_\_\_.  
(A) heart and soul      (B) ins and outs      (C) ups and downs      (D) give and take
20. Debbie stayed out late last night. She called her boss and said that she was too sick to work. Debbie's boss believed her.  
(A) Debbie got something off her chest.  
(B) Debbie pulled the wool over her boss's eyes.  
(C) Debbie was talking behind her boss.  
(D) Debbie was in love.

*Part II. Grammar.*

21. With little effort, \_\_\_\_ by mixing plant matter with soil and allowing it to decompose.  
(A) makes it compost  
(B) compost is made  
(C) making compost  
(D) when compost is made
22. Automobiles \_\_\_\_ propane gas emit fewer dangerous pollutants into the atmosphere.  
(A) using      (B) use  
(C) that are used      (D) can use
23. \_\_\_\_ will remain the foremost world language is considered inevitable by many people.  
(A) That English      (B) Because English  
(C) It is English that      (D) English
24. \_\_\_\_ the 1500's, the Spanish readily conquered Indian tribes of the Americas.  
(A) Since      (B) During  
(C) When in      (D) As soon as
25. \_\_\_\_\_ of an insurance company determines the risks of covering loss of property.  
(A) The underwriting department  
(B) Underwriting the department  
(C) The department underwritten  
(D) The underwrote department
26. In general, the faster a country's economic growth, the faster \_\_\_\_ in living standard.  
(A) the rise      (B) rising  
(C) having risen      (D) a rise is there
27. For centuries, scientific observers tried to explain \_\_\_\_ a solar eclipse took place.  
(A) if      (B) who  
(C) how      (D) which
28. Not only \_\_\_\_\_ the largest state, but it has the most natural resources as well.  
(A) does Alaska      (B) it is Alaska  
(C) Alaska is      (D) is Alaska
29. Scientists \_\_\_\_ caves and the living things in them are called speleologists.  
(A) studying      (B) study      (C) do a study      (D) have studied
30. Almost anyone unemployed for a long period of time \_\_\_\_ to find a job and to be productive.  
(A) wants      (B) wanting      (C) who wants      (D) want

【請續背面作答】

### Part III. Reading Comprehension

The cicada exemplifies an insect species which uses a combinatorial communication system. In their life cycle, communication is very important, for only through the exchange of sounds do cicadas know where to meet and when to mate. Three different calls are employed for this purpose. Because of their limited sound producing mechanisms, cicadas can make only ticks and buzzes. The only way they can distinguish between congregation and courtship calls is by varying the rate with which they make ticks and buzzes. The congregation call consists of twelve to forty ticks, delivered rapidly, followed by a two-second buzz. It is given by males but attracts cicadas of both sexes. Once they are all together, the males use courtship calls. The preliminary call, a prolonged, slow ticking, is given when the male notices a female near him. The advanced call, a prolonged series of short buzzes at the same slow rate, is given when a female is almost within grasp. The preliminary call almost invariably occurs before the advanced call, although the latter is given without the preliminary call occurring first if a female is suddenly discovered very near by. During typical courtship, though, the two calls together result in ticking followed by a buzzing—the same pattern which comprises the congregation call but delivered at a slower rate. In this way, cicadas show efficient use of their minimal sound-producing ability, organizing two sounds delivered at a high rate as one call and the same sounds delivered at a slow rate as two or more calls.

31. The cicada congregation call \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) attracts only males  
(B) is given by both sexes  
(C) is given only by males  
(D) attracts only females
32. During typical courtship, when a male first notices a female near him, he gives \_\_\_\_.
- (A) the two courtship calls together  
(B) a series of slow ticks  
(C) 12 to 40 rapid ticks  
(D) a two-second buzz
33. How does the congregation call differ from the two courtship calls together?
- (A) It is delivered at a slower rate  
(B) It is delivered at a faster rate  
(C) The ticks precede the buzzes  
(D) The buzzes precede the ticks
34. According to this passage, why is communication so important for cicadas?
- (A) It helps them defend themselves against other insect species  
(B) It warns them of approaching danger  
(C) It separates the males from the females  
(D) It is necessary for the continuation of the species

With the onset of the winter season, man's natural enemies, the common cold and the flu, arrive with full force. It seems that the fluctuations in temperature and weather are guarantees that coughs and sneezes with spread infecting germs among family and friends.

More than 100 different types of bacteria can cause a cold, and doctors sometimes use antibiotics to treat bacterial colds. However, there are an equal number of viruses that can cause influenza, and modern science offers no drug capable of curing viral infections. In most cases, the best advice is the usual prescription: get plenty of rest, drink a lot of fluids, and be prepared to suffer for three to ten days.

Some home cures help to relieve the symptoms of colds and flus. Mother's chicken soup, rich in fats and oils, helps to revitalize a tired body and to soothe a sore throat. Garlic, containing the active ingredient allicin, has long been used to fight off the effects of bacteria and viruses. Hot toddies consisting of small amounts of liquor mixed with honey, sugar, and lemon juice can relieve soreness and draw out cold germs. Finally, recent evidence suggests that large doses of vitamin C not only boost the immune system before a cold arrives, but also relieve cold symptoms after they have set in.

35. What is the main idea of this passage?  
 (A) Man's natural enemies  
 (B) The nature of colds and flu  
 (C) Fluctuations in temperature  
 (D) The onset of winter
36. It can be inferred from the passage that germs are spread \_\_\_\_.  
 (A) through the air  
 (B) only in winter weather  
 (C) when the temperature is high  
 (D) with great force
37. It can also be inferred from the passage that antibiotics \_\_\_\_.  
 (A) have been on the market from a short time  
 (B) are not yet effective on bacterial colds  
 (C) may kill beneficial organisms  
 (D) cannot be used to treat influenza
38. According to the passage, most cases of the flu \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) are intensified by drinking too many fluids  
 (B) last several days  
 (C) are not caused by a lack of rest  
 (D) result in excessive suffering
39. It can be inferred from the passage that chicken soup is good for a sore throat because \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) it can eliminate symptoms  
 (B) mothers depend on it  
 (C) it does not cause flu symptoms  
 (D) the fats and oils have soothing qualities
40. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT an ingredient of a hot toddy?  
 (A) Liquor  
 (B) Lemon juice  
 (C) Garlic  
 (D) Honey

According to Greek mythology, Tantalus, son of Zeus and Pluto, was 41 the gods who frequently invited him to wine and dine in their company at Olympic feasts. His life was, by ordinary folks' standards, trouble-free, joyful and all together happy 42 he committed a crime which gods would not forgive. 43 the nature of that crime, various tellers of the story differ. Some say that he abused divine trust by 44 his fellow-men the mysteries meant to be kept secret from the mortals. Others say that he was arrogant enough to suspect himself wiser than the gods and resolved to put the divine power of observation 45.

41. (A) in bad company of (B) on excellent terms with (C) guilty of (D) as cruel as  
 42. (A) whereas (B) therein (C) until (D) whatever  
 43. (A) As for (B) Conversely (C) Hardly when (D) Just before  
 44. (A) attributing to (B) contributing to (C) imputing to (D) betraying to  
 45. (A) to the letter (B) to the fore (C) to the test (D) to the quick

Community is a warm, cozy and comfortable place. It is like a roof 46 which we shelter in heavy rain, like a fireplace 47 which we warm our hands on a frosty day. Out there, all sorts of dangers 48 ambush in the street; we have to be alert when we go out—watch 49 we are talking to and who talks to us and be on the look-out every minute. In here, we can relax in the community. We are safe 50 there are no dangers looming in dark corners.

46. (A) in (B) on (C) without (D) under  
 47. (A) with (B) at (C) on (D) to  
 48. (A) stem from (B) do without (C) lie in (D) full of  
 49. (A) which (B) whom (C) what (D) where  
 50. (A) in for (B) in on (C) in which (D) in that