1. **Vocabulary** (Choose the most appropriate word to complete each sentence.) 50%

1. Avoid using _____ phrases in your composition.
   a) titular  b) tremulous  c) transient  d) trite

2. Some of the birds I saw in Africa were _____.
   a) eccentric  b) exculpatory  c) exotic  d) excursive

3. The disease was so _____ that the doctors feared there would soon be an epidemic.
   a) gregarious  b) audacious  c) contagious  d) courageous

4. Sally's _____ was extremely entertaining.
   a) antidote  b) anecdote  c) anthem  d) anemograph

5. It was a great _____ not to shake my hand in front of all my friends.
   a) applause  b) apology  c) affront  d) absolution

6. The _____ of her name from the guest list caused us a lot of embarrassment.
   a) omission  b) admission  c) obsession  d) concession

7. It is a great insult for you to make _____ remarks about my best friend in my presence.
   a) congratulatory  b) derogatory  c) mandatory  d) excusatory

8. Why do you always want to _____ everybody? This certainly makes you unpopular.
   a) analogize  b) apologize  c) atomize  d) antagonize

9. Please be _____ because we are being watched by the secret police.
   a) discord  b) discreet  c) disconsolate  d) discrepant

10. Although she was completely _____ by the trial, some people still treated her as though she were guilty.
    a) castigated  b) sedated  c) castrated  d) vindicated

11. Before the sermon, the vicar asked the _____ to sit down.
    a) audience  b) assembly  c) crowd  d) congregation  e) constituents

12. After hours of wandering around in the desert they thought they saw an oasis, but they were wrong. There was nothing there; it was only a _____.
    a) ghost  b) mirage  c) trick  d) vision  e) mirror

13. The boxer hit his opponent so hard that he was _____ for ten minutes.
    a) unconscious  b) asleep  c) knocked about  d) stopped  e) ignorant

14. The police, despite very careful _____ are still no nearer discovering who the murderer is.
    a) undertakings  b) enquiries  c) searches  d) surveys  e) investigations

15. Today's football match has been _____ because of bad weather. They will play next Thursday instead.
    a) postponed  b) cancelled  c) decided  d) shot up  e) put away
16. In England, the money you borrow to buy a house from a Building Society is called a ___.
   a) loan  b) contract  c) mortgage  d) search fee  e) deposit
17. During the fight outside the football ground, an eighteen-year-old youth was accidentally killed. The person responsible was arrested and charged with ___.
   a) manslaughter  b) murder  c) mugging  d) violence  e) fraud
18. If both parties in the strike cannot agree, then the Government is sometimes called in to ___.
   a) settle  b) decide  c) choose  d) arbitrate  e) compromise
19. The soldiers __ around the square.
   a) walked  b) strolled  c) marched  d) limped  e) ran
20. The very idea of my being a thief is quite ___.
   a) absurd  b) dishonest  c) futile  d) risky  e) sorry
21. James never gives up ______ he's so ______
   a) tiring  b) persevering  c) persuading  d) giving  e) powerful
22. Heavy snow ______ the train for several hours.
   a) cancelled  b) hindered  c) delayed  d) postponed  e) sent
23. According to the weather ______ there will be snow tomorrow.
   a) programme  b) information  c) forecast  d) survey  e) news
24. The next ______ of “Dallas” will be shown on BBC1 next Friday at 9 o'clock.
   a) pad  b) programme  c) portion  d) episode  e) serial
25. In the distance, they heard the church clock ______ midnight.
   a) strike  b) hit  c) sound  d) ring  e) beat

II. Translation: (English into Chinese, Chinese into English) 20%

1. 現代男性依賴西裝的心態,值得探究。曾經有心理學家指出,穿著牛仔褲對許多人來說,代表的並不是他們渴望自由自在地成爲自己的心情,而是希望籍牛仔褲平凡不起眼的外表來「隱藏自己」。現代男性對西裝的依賴,似乎也有這種「隱藏自己」,掩蓋自己個性、感情的味道。
2. In Producing American Races Patricia McKee examines three authors who have powerfully influenced the formation of racial identities in the United States: Henry James, William Faulkner, and Toni Morrison. Using their work to argue that race becomes visible only through image production and exchange, McKee illuminates the significance that representational practice has had in the process of racial construction.
III. English composition (Choose a topic from the two and write a well-organized essay in about 700-1000 words): 30%

1. Many films rely on stereotypes to create desired effects. Analyze the deployment of stereotypes in a film of your own choice.

2. Our vice president elect L.u Hsiu-lian reportedly complained about being neglected in the process of forming the new cabinet. Comment on this report from the perspective of gender politics.