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### SECOND ROUND GRADE-9 (STANDARD)

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME: 90 min

Part 1. Listening

/10\*2=20 points/

Listen to the audio script about "A Talk about Motivation".

According to "A Talk about Motivation", are the statements true or false?

1. We try to motivate workers in the same way that we try to motivate our children.  
A. True B. False
2. In the Glucksberg experiment, the people who were offered a reward finished faster than people who were not offered one.  
A. True B. False
3. The people who were offered smaller rewards in Ariely's experiment performed better than those offered bigger rewards.  
A. True B. False
4. In Ariely's experiment, people were more creative when they were concentrating on achieving a goal.  
A. True B. False
5. In the future, jobs will require workers to be more creative.  
A. True B. False
6. Glucksberg's experiment shows that people solve a problem faster when they are not given an incentive.  
A. True B. False
7. Ariely's experiment shows that people are less creative when they are offered a bigger reward.  
A. True B. False
8. The same results as Glucksberg's experiment have been found when the experiment is repeated.  
A. True B. False
9. Motivation works for people when they are doing a simple task.  
A. True B. False
10. The example of the big tech companies shows that people work better when they can make choices about their work.  
A. True B. False

**Part 2. Reading Comprehension. Read the text carefully and choose the correct answer. The line numbers are given. /10\*1=10/**

### **The Birth-Order Myth**

**(lines 1-4)** “No wonder he’s so charming and funny - **he’s the baby of the family!**” “She works hard trying to please the boss. I bet she’s a firstborn.” “Anyone that selfish has to be an only child.” It’s long been part of *folk wisdom* that birth order strongly affects personality, intelligence, and achievement.

**(lines 5-10)** However, most of the research claiming that firstborns are radically different from other children has been discredited, and it now seems that any effects of birth order on intelligence or personality will likely be washed out by all the other influences in a person’s life. In fact, the belief in the permanent impact of birth order, according to Toni Falbo, a social psychologist, “comes from the psychological theory that your personality is fixed by the time you are six. That assumption simply is incorrect.”

**(lines 11-14)** The better, later, and larger studies are less likely to find birth order a useful predictor of anything. When two Swiss social scientists, Cecile E, and Jules A reviewed 1,500 studies a few years ago, they concluded that “birth–order differences in **personality...are** nonexistent in our sample. In particular, there is no evidence for a “firstborn personality.”

**(lines 15-19)** Of the early studies that seemed to show birth-order mattered, most failed to recognize how other factors could confuse the issue. Take family size: Plenty of surveys showed that eldest children were overrepresented among high achievers. However, that really says less about being a firstborn than about not having many siblings, or any at all. After all, any group of firstborns is going to include a disproportionate number of children from small families since every family has **(lines 20-24)** a firstborn, but fewer have a fourthborn. Most experts believe that position in the family means little when taken out of the context of everything going on in a particular **household** –whether **sibling rivalry** is encouraged or discouraged, for instance. **Parents who believe that firstborns are more capable or deserving may treat them differently, thus setting up a self-fulfilling prophecy.**”

1. What follows the dash (-) in line 1?
  - A. the reason he’s charming and funny
  - B. extra information about him
  - C. information about his family
2. “**he’s the baby of the family**” in line 1 means
  - A. he’s very young
  - B. he’s the youngest child
  - C. he’s very immature
3. Read the first statement in lines 1-5. These statements are examples of
  - A. the author’s belief
  - B. birth order myth
  - C. facts about birth order

4. The **bold statement** in lines 5-8 means as a result of other influences, the effects of birth order
  - A. will disappear
  - B. will become clear
  - C. will combine.
5. What information follows **in fact** in line 8?
  - A. True information about birth order
  - B. Information about Toni Falbo
  - C. Information to support the previous idea
6. What do the dots between “**personality**” and “**are**” indicate in line 13?
  - A. Some words have been deleted
  - B. Both Cecile and Jules are speaking at the same time
  - C. It is a quotation.
7. In line 22, **sibling rivalry** means
  - A. spacing between brothers and sisters.
  - B. argument between parents.
  - C. competition between brothers and sisters.
8. What is the purpose of the dash (-) after household in line 22?
  - A. To add extra information
  - B. To give an example
  - C. To give a definition
9. In line 23, the author means that
  - A. sibling rivalry is important
  - B. position in the family is important
  - C. all things that are going on are important.
10. In lines 22-24, this sentence means that, if parents treat their firstborns differently from their siblings,
  - A. the firstborns will grow up the way their parents expect.
  - B. the firstborns will become very unhappy when they grow up.
  - C. the firstborns will become very happy when they grow up.

**Part 3. A. Vocabulary. Circle the correct letter that corresponds to the best answer.**

**/15\*1=15 points/**

1. One day, I want to climb Mt. Everest. That's a goal I want to \_\_\_\_\_.
 

A) achieve	B) invent
C) respect	D) acquire
2. Jack \_\_\_\_\_ did a thing at work today day. He spent most of his time chatting with the secretary.
 

A) seldom	B) hardly
C) rarely	D) slightly
3. Weather experts have \_\_\_\_\_ that next summer will be extremely hot.
 

A) reflected	B) predicted
C) included	D) prescribed

4. Lisa is \_\_\_\_\_ buying a pet but she's not sure what kind to get.  
A) recalling                      B) regretting  
C) considering                  D) counting
5. It is very \_\_\_\_\_ to shop on the Internet. All you need is a credit card.  
A) polite                          B) enthusiastic  
C) convenient                  D) foolish
6. Diamonds are \_\_\_\_\_, which is probably one of the reasons they are valuable.  
A) broad                          B) talented  
C) flexible                        D) rare
7. John recently changed his \_\_\_\_\_. He used to be an accountant, but now he's a real estate agent.  
A) source                         B) profit  
C) mood                          D) career
8. For a company to succeed, good management is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) tough                          B) broad  
C) essential                      D) affordable
9. I take the stairs in my apartment building because the elevators aren't \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) behind                         B) honest  
C) regular                         D) reliable
10. Jean has a red stain on her carpet where she \_\_\_\_\_ wine.  
A) spilled                         B) blamed  
C) acquired                       D) baked
11. The Louvre is a famous museum in Paris that was designed by Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ I.M Pei.  
A) plumber                       B) architect  
C) mechanic                      D) interpreter
12. Forest fires can start naturally; for example, when \_\_\_\_\_ strikes the ground during a storm.  
A) thunder                        B) rubbish  
C) gasoline                        D) lightning
13. There is still some doubt among scientists about the \_\_\_\_\_ of global warming.  
A) review                         B) effort  
C) cause                          D) flood
14. Tim's job \_\_\_\_\_ communicating with newspapers and magazines about his company's products.  
A) appreciates                    B) regards  
C) adores                         D) involves
15. After two hours of hard training, the coach felt that his players \_\_\_\_\_ a break.  
A) deserved                      B) identified  
C) encouraged                    D) wasted



9. He wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ to lift the case.  
 A) too strong                                      B) enough strong  
 C) strong enough                                      D) so strong
10. He can climb trees \_\_\_\_\_ a monkey.  
 A) as                                      B) like                                      C) the same that                                      D) similarly than
11. He \_\_\_\_\_ lives in the house where he was born.  
 A) already                                      B) yet                                      C) still                                      D) every
12. It's ten o'clock in the morning. He's still \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) at the bed                                      B) at bed                                      C) in bed                                      D) in the bed
13. He was a good swimmer so he \_\_\_\_\_ swim to the river bank when the boat sank.  
 A) can                                      B) might                                      C) succeeded to                                      D) was able to
14. She's been very kind, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A) isn't she                                      B) hasn't she                                      C) wasn't she                                      D) doesn't she
15. He was left alone, with \_\_\_\_\_ to look after him.  
 A) someone                                      B) anyone                                      C) not one                                      D) no one
16. I pulled the handle \_\_\_\_\_ I could.  
 A) so hardly as                                      B) as hardly as  
 C) so hard as                                      D) as hard as
17. Have you got match? I've left my \_\_\_\_\_ at home.  
 A) cigarette lighter                                      B) cigarettes lighter  
 C) cigarette's lighter                                      D) lighter for cigarettes
18. \_\_\_\_\_ I read, the more I understand.  
 A) The more                                      B) So much                                      C) How much                                      D) For how much
19. He \_\_\_\_\_ his sister.  
 A) remembers me of                                      B) remembers me  
 C) reminds me of                                      D) reminds me
20. She let the children \_\_\_\_\_ to play.  
 A) going out                                      B) that they went out                                      C) to go out                                      D) go out

**Part 5. Phrasal verb. Choose the correct answer. /10\*1=10 points/**

1. At first you have to \_\_\_\_\_ the application form.  
 A) fill in                                      B) try on                                      C) come on
2. Hey! The floor is wet! Look \_\_\_\_\_!  
 A) in                                      B) out                                      C) after
3. Our plane will \_\_\_\_\_ in 23 minutes.  
 A) take up                                      B) turn up                                      C) take off
4. Charles, could you \_\_\_\_\_ for a minute? I need to talk to you.  
 A) hold on                                      B) hold up                                      C) hold in
5. Excuse me, I cannot hear you. Could you \_\_\_\_\_ please?  
 A) speak above                                      B) speak                                      C) speak up
6. I don't like this old desk. I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) let it out                                      B) take it off                                      C) throw it away
7. If you aren't watching TV, \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) switch it off                                      B) switch it on                                      C) switch it away

8. Sandra, look, what a nice skirt! You should \_\_\_\_  
A) hold it on            B) try it on            C) carry it on
9. Mike, \_\_\_\_! It's almost 11 o'clock!  
A) grow up            B) turn up            C) hurry up
10. I sometime \_\_\_\_ early in the morning.  
A) wake up            B) give up            C) grow up

**Part 6. Writing. Write a paragraph on the topic "Winter in Mongolia" /120-150 words/  
/15 points/**