

2018 英语专业四级考试真题及参考答案

PART III LANGUAGE USAGE

There are twenty sentences in this section. Beneath each sentence there are four

options marked A, B, C and D. Choose the one that best completes the sentence or

answers the question. Mark your answers on ANSWER SHEET TWO.

11. The Bent Pyramid outside Cairo _____ ancient Egypt's first attempt to build a smooth-sided pyramid.

A. has been believed to have


been B. was believed to be

C. is believed to have

been D. is believed to

be

12. U.S. News _____ rankings of colleges since 1983. They are a very popular

resource for students looking to apply to university campus.


A. maintains

B. is

maintaining C.

maintained


D. has been maintaining

13. He was lured into a crime he would not _____ have committed.

A. actually

B. accidentally

C. otherwise

D. seldom

14. She was once a young country wife with chickens in the backyard and a view of

_____ mountains behind the apple

orchard. A. blue hazy Virginia

B. hazy blue

Virginia C.

Virginia hazy

blue D. Virginia

blue hazy

15. I long to alleviate _____, but I cannot.

B. evil

C. evils

D. an evil

16. Indeed, it is arguable that body shattering is the very point of football, as

_____ killing and maiming _____.

A. war

B. are war

C. of war

D. are of

war

17. At _____, photography is a chemical process, during which a light-sensitive material is altered when exposed to light.

A. its most

basic B. its

basic

C. the most basic

D. the basic

18. She hired a lawyer to investigate, only to learn that Gabriel had removed her name from the deed. The infinitive verb phrase “only to learn ” is used _____.

A. to express an intended purpose

B. to indicate a high degree of possibility

C. to reveal an undesirable consequence

D. to dramatize a stated fact

19. Which of the following italicized words DOES NOT carry the

metaphorical meaning? A. I wonder what 's behind this change of plan.

B. Jim turned to speak to the person standing behind him.

C. This work should have been finished yesterday. I ' m getting terribly behind .

D. I suppose I ' m lucky because my parents were behind me all the way.

20. My mother was determined to help those in need

and she

proud of what has been achieved these last 20 years. The italicized part in the sentence

expresses _____.

A. a hypothesis

B. a suggestion

C. a contradiction

D. a surprise

21. When the police officers who took part in the King beating were first brought to

_____, their lawyers used the videotape as evidence against the prosecution.

A. justice

B. testimony

C. trial

D. verdict

22. _____, the most controversial candidate in the election campaign, he
has been

strongly criticized for his crude comments about women.

A. Questionably

B. Arguably

C. Contentiously

D. Debatably

23. Prices have recently risen in order to _____ the increased cost of

raw materials. A. cut

B. buoy

C.

offer D.

offset

24. The celebrity says in court papers she “has no _____ of giving any authorization to
_____ anyone to proceed with a divorce.”

A. recommendation

B. recording

C. recollection

D. recognition

25. What actually _____ a good _____ or a good selfie _____ is rooted in what we consider beautiful.

A. consists

B. constitutes

C. composes

D. constructs

26. The school is going the _____ mile to create the next generation of sporting stars thanks to its unique development program.

A.

final B.

further

C.

supplementary

D. extra

27. The teachers' union _____ a lawsuit against the district calling for repairing

“deplorable” school conditions.

A. fired

B. filed

C. fined

D. filled

28. Last March the _____ of a 19th century cargo ship was found by an underwater archaeological team.

A. debris

B. ruins

C. remains

D. wreck

29. She ' s worn his designs on _____ occasions from red carpets to movie

premieres. A. countless

B.

countable

C.

numerical

D. numeral

30. A leading _____ intelligence and operations company has released

its analysis of worldwide reported incidents of piracy and crime against

mariners.

A.

oceangoing B.

oceanic C.

marine

D. maritime

Decide which of the words given in the box below would best complete the passage if inserted in the corresponding blank. The words can be used ONCE ONLY. Mark the letter for each word on ANSWER SHEET.

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|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| A. accompanies
automatically | B. | C. couple | D.
goes | E. indebtedness |
| F. kind | G. manner | H.
mercifully | I. one | J. obey |
| K. renowned | L. subscribe | M. unknown | N.
virtue | O. widespread |

A Few years ago, a university professor tried a little experiment. He sent Christmas cards to a sample of perfect strangers. Although he expected some reaction, the response he received was amazing — holiday cards addressed to him came pouring back from the people who had never met nor heard of him. The great majority of those who returned a card never inquired into the identity of the unknown professor. They received his holiday greeting card, and they automatically sent one in return. This study shows the action of one of the most powerful of the weapons of influence around us — the rule for reciprocation. The rule says that we should try to repay, in kind, what another person has provided us. If a woman does us a favor, we should do her one in return; if a man sends us a birthday present, we should remember his birthday with a gift of our own; if a couple invites us to a party, we should be sure to invite them to one of ours. By virtue of the reciprocity rule, then, we are obligated to the future repayment of gifts, invitations, and the like. So long as it is for indebtedness to accompany the receipt of such things that a term like “much obliged” has become a synonym for “thank you,” not only in the English language but in others as well.

The impressive aspect of the rule for reciprocation and the sense of obligation that goes with it is its pervasiveness in human culture. It is so widespread that after intensive study, sociologists such as Alvin Goldener can report that there is no human society that does not subscribe to the rule.

PART V READING COMPREHENSION

SECTION A MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

In this section there are three passages followed by ten multiple choice questions. For each multiple choice question, there are four suggested answers marked A, B, C and D.

Choose the one that you think is the best answer and mark your answers on ANSWER

SHEET TWO.

PASSAGE ONE

(1) The earliest settlers came to the North American continent to establish colonies that were free from the controls that existed in European societies. They wanted to escape the controls placed on their lives by kings and governments, priests and churches, noblemen and aristocrats. The historic decisions made by those first settlers have had a profound effect on the shaping of the American character. By limiting the power of the government and the churches and eliminating a formal aristocracy, they created a climate of freedom where the emphasis was on the individual. Individual freedom is probably the most basic of all the American values. By freedom, Americans mean the desire and the ability of all individuals to control their own destiny without outside interference from the government, a ruling noble class, the church, or any other organized authority.

(2) There is, however, a price to be paid for this individual freedom: self-reliance. It means that Americans believe they should stand on their own feet, achieving both financial and emotional independence from their parents as early as possible, usually by age 18 or 21.

(3) A second important reason why immigrants have traditionally been drawn to the United States is the belief that everyone has an equal chance to enter a race and succeed in

the game. Because titles of nobility were forbidden in the Constitution, no formal class system

developed in the U.S.

(4) There is, however, a price to be paid for this equality of opportunity: competition. If much of life is seen as a race, then a person must run the race in order to succeed; a person must compete with others. The pressures of competition in the life of an American begin in childhood and continue until retirement from work. In fact, any group of people who does not compete successfully does not fit into the mainstream of American life as well as those who do.

(5) A third reason why immigrants have traditionally come to the United States is to have a better life. Because of its abundant natural resources, the United States appeared to

“land of plenty where millions could come to seek their fortunes.” The phrase “going from rags to riches” became a slogan for the American dream. Many people did achieve material

Material wealth became a value to the American people, and also became an accepted measure of social status.

(6) Americans pay a price, however, for their material wealth: hard work. Hard work has been both necessary and rewarding for most Americans throughout their history. In some ways, material possessions are seen as evidence of a person's abilities. Barry Goldwater, a candidate for the presidency in 1964, said that most poor people are because they deserve to be. Most Americans would find this a harsh statement, but many might think there

was some truth in it.

(7) These basic values do not tell the whole story of the American character. Rather, they should be thought of as themes, as we continue to

explore more facets of the American character and how it affects life in the
United States.

41. Para. 4 seems to suggest that _____.

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