
2006 年全国硕士研究生入学统一考试英语试题

Section I Use of English

Directions:

Read the following text. Choose the best word(s) for each numbered blank and mark [A], [B], [C] or [D] on **ANSWER SHEET 1**. (10 points)

The homeless make up a growing percentage of America's population. 大1家 homelessness has reached such proportions that local governments can't possibly 大2家. To help homeless people 大3家 independence, the federal government must support job training programs, 大4家 the minimum wage, and fund more low-cost housing.

大5家 everyone agrees on the number of Americans who are homeless. Estimates 大6家 anywhere from 600,000 to 3 million. 大7家 the figure may vary, analysts do agree on another matter: that the number of the homeless is 大8家. One of the federal government's studies 大9家 that the number of the homeless will reach nearly 19 million by the end of this decade.

Finding ways to 大10家 this growing homeless population has become increasingly difficult. 大11家 when homeless individuals manage to find a 大12家 that will give them three meals a day and a place to sleep at night, a good number still spend the bulk of each day 大13家 the street. Part of the problem is that many homeless adults are addicted to alcohol or drugs. And a significant number of the homeless have serious mental disorders. Many others, 大14家 not addicted or mentally ill, simply lack the everyday 大15家 skills needed to turn their lives 大16家. *Boston Globe* reporter Chris Reidy

notes that the situation will improve only when there are 大17家 programs that address the many needs of the homeless. 大18家 Edward Zlotkowski, director of community service at Bentley College in Massachusetts, 大19家 it, “There has to be 大20家 of programs. What’ s needed is a package deal.”

1. [A] Indeed
[B] Likewise
[C] Therefore
[D] Furthermore
2. [A] stand
[B] cope
[C] approve
[D] retain
3. [A] in
[B] for
[C] with
[D] toward
4. [A] raise
[B] add
[C] take
[D] keep
5. [A] generally
[B] almost
[C] hardly
[D] not
6. [A] cover
[B] change

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- [C] range
[D] differ
7. [A] Now that
[B] Although
[C] Provided
[D] Except that
8. [A] inflating
[B] expanding
[C] increasing
[D] extending
9. [A] predicts
[B] displays
[C] proves
[D] discovers
10. [A] assist
[B] track
[C] sustain
[D] dismiss
11. [A] Hence
[B] But
[C] Even
[D] Only
12. [A] lodging
[B] shelter
[C] dwelling
[D] house
13. [A] searching
[B] strolling

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- [C] crowding
[D] wandering
14. [A] when
[B] once
[C] while
[D] whereas
15. [A] life
[B] existence
[C] survival
[D] maintenance
16. [A] around
[B] over
[C] on
[D] up
17. [A] complex
[B] comprehensive
[C] complementary
[D] compensating
18. [A] So
[B] Since
[C] As
[D] Thus
19. [A] puts
[B] interprets
[C] assumes
[D] makes
20. [A] supervision
[B] manipulation

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- [C] regulation
[D] coordination

Section II Reading Comprehension

Part A

Directions:

Read the following four texts. Answer the questions below each text by choosing [A], [B], [C], or [D]. Mark your answers on **ANSWER SHEET 1**.
(40 points)

Text 1

In spite of “endless talk of difference,” American society is an amazing machine for homogenizing people. There is “the democratizing uniformity of dress and discourse, and the casualness and absence of deference” characteristic of popular culture. People are absorbed into “a culture of consumption” launched by the 19th-century department stores that offered “vast arrays of goods in an elegant atmosphere. Instead of intimate shops catering to a knowledgeable elite,” these were stores “anyone could enter, regardless of class or background. This turned shopping into a public and democratic act.” The mass media, advertising and sports are other forces for homogenization.

Immigrants are quickly fitting into this common culture, which may not be altogether elevating but is hardly poisonous. Writing for the National Immigration Forum, Gregory Rodriguez reports that today’s immigration is neither at unprecedented levels nor resistant to assimilation. In 1998 immigrants were 9.8 percent of population; in 1900, 13.6 percent. In the 10 years prior to 1990, 3.1 immigrants arrived for every 1,000 residents; in the 10 years prior to 1890, 9.2 for every 1,000. Now, consider three indices of assimilation — language, home ownership and intermarriage.

The 1990 Census revealed that “a majority of immigrants from each of the fifteen most common countries of origin spoke English ‘well’ or ‘very well’ after ten years of residence.” The children of immigrants tend to be bilingual and proficient in English. “By the third generation, the original language is lost in the majority of immigrant families.” Hence the description of America as a “graveyard”

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