

专四试题

TEST FOR ENGLISH MAJORS (-GRADE FOUR-

TIME LIMIT: 135 MIN

PART I DICTATION [15 MIN]

Listen to the following passage. Altogether the passage will be read to you four times. During the first reading, which will be done at normal speed, listen and try to understand the general meaning. For the second and third readings, the passage will be read sentence by sentence, phrase by phrase, with intervals of 15 seconds. The last reading will be done at normal speed again and during this time you should check your work. You will then be given 2 minutes to check through your work once more. Please write the whole passage on ANSWER SHEET ONE.

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PART II LISTENING COMPREHENSION [20 MIN]

SECTION A CONVERSATIONS

Questions 1 to 3 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation you will be given 15 seconds to answer the questions. Now, listen to the conversation.

1. The following details have been checked during the conversation EXCEPT
A. number of travelers.B. number of tour days.
C. flight details.D. room services.

2. What is included in the price?
- A. Air tickets and local transport.
 - B. Local transport and meals.
 - C. Air tickets, local transport and breakfast.
 - D. Air tickets, local transport and all meals.

3. Which of the following statements is CORRECT?
- A. The traveler is reluctant to buy travel insurance.
 - B. The traveler is ready to buy travel insurance.
 - C. The traveler doesn't have to buy travel insurance.
 - D. Travel insurance is not mentioned in the conversation.

Questions 4 to 7 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation you will be given 20 seconds to answer the questions. Now, listen to the conversation.

4. Which of the following details is CORRECT?
- A. Mark knows the exact number of airport buses.
 - B. Mark knows the exact number of delegates' spouse.
 - C. Mark doesn't know the exact number of delegates yet.
 - D. Mark doesn't know the number of guest speakers.
5. What does Linda want to know?
- A. The arrival time of guest speakers.
 - B. The departure time of guest speakers.
 - C. The type of transport for guest speakers.

D. The number of guest speakers.

6. How many performances have been planned for the conference?

A. One. B. Two. C. Three. D. Not mentioned.

7. Who will pay for the piano performance?

A. Pan-Pacific Tours. B. Johnson & Sons Events.

C. Conference delegates. D. An airline company.

Questions 8 to 10 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 15 seconds to answer the questions. Now listen to the conversation.

8. What is NOT missing in Mary's briefcase?

A. Her cheque book. B. Her papers for work.

C. Her laptop. D. Her appointment book.

9. Where was Mary the whole morning?

A. At the police station. B. At a meeting.

C. In her client's office. D. In the restaurant.

10. Why was Mary sure that the briefcase was hers in the end?

A. The papers inside had the company's name.

B. The briefcase was found in the restaurant.

C. The restaurant manager telephoned James.

D. The cheque book inside bore her name.

SECTION B PASSAGES

In this section you will hear several passages. Listen to the passages carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

Questions 11 to 13 are based on the following passage. At the end of the passage, you will be given 15 seconds to answer the questions. Now, listen to the passage.

11. We learn from the passage that about two-thirds of the courses are taught through

- A. the School of Design and Visual Arts and the School of Social Work.
- B. the School of Design and Visual Arts and the School of Business.
- C. the School of Business and the Arts and Sciences program.
- D. the Arts and Sciences program.

12. What is the cost of undergraduate tuition?

- A. Twenty thousand dollars.
- B. Thirty thousand dollars.
- C. Twenty-seven thousand dollars.
- D. Thirty-eight thousand dollars.

13. International students can receive all the following types of financial assistance EXCEPT

- A. federal loans.
- B. private loans.
- C. scholarships.
- D. monthly payment plans.

Questions 14 to 17 are based on the following passage. At the end of the passage, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the questions. Now, listen to the passage.

14. According to the passage, mothers in _____ spend more time looking after children.

- A. France
- B. America
- C. Denmark
- D. Australia

15. Which of the following activities would Australian fathers traditionally participate in?

- A. Feeding and playing with children.

B. Feeding and bathing children.

C. Taking children to the park and to school.

D. Taking children to watch sports events.

16. According to the study, the "new man" likes to

A. spend more time at work. B. spend more time with children.

C. spend time drinking after work. D. spend time on his computer.

17. It is suggested in the passage that the "new man" might be less acceptable in

A. France. B. Britain. C. Australia. D. Denmark.

Questions 18 to 20 are based on the following passage. At the end of the passage, you will be given 15 seconds to answer the questions. Now, listen to the passage.

18. The services of the new partnership are provided mainly to

A. mothers of infected babies. B. infected children and women.

C. infected children in cities. D. desinfected women in cities.

19. Which of the following details about Family Health International is INCORRECT?

A. It is a nonprofit organization. B. It provides public health services.

C. It carries out research on public health. D. It has worked in five countries till now.

20. The example of Cambodia mainly shows

A. the importance of government support.

B. the importance of public education efforts.

C. the progress the country has made so far.

D. the methods used to fight AIDS.

SECTION C NEWS BROADCAST

In this section, you will hear several news items. Listen to them carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

Questions 21 and 22 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the questions. Now, listen to the news.

21. According to the news, the victim was

A. a 17-year-old girl. B. a 15-year-old boy.

C. a 23-year-old woman. D. an 18-year-old man.

22. We learn from the news that the suspects were arrested

A. one month later. B. two months later.

C. immediately. D. two weeks later.

Questions 23 and 24 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the questions. Now, listen to the news.

23. The Iraqi parliament can vote on the security agreement only after

A. all parties have agreed. B. the US troops have pulled out.

C. the cabinet has reviewed it. D. the lawmakers have returned from Mecca.

24. According to the news, the US troops are expected to completely pull out by

A. mid-. B. the end of .

C. mid-. D. the end of .

Questions 25 and 26 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the questions. Now, listen to the news.

25. The following are involved in the operations to rescue the children in Honduras EXCEPT

- A. the police.
- B. the district attorney.
- C. the prison authorities.
- D. Institute of Childhood and Family.

26. What punishment would parents face if they allowed their children to beg?

- A. To be imprisoned and fined.
- B. To have their children taken away.
- C. To be handed over to the authorities.
- D. None.

Question 27 is based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 5 seconds to answer the question. Now, listen to the news.

27. What is the news item about?

- A. Coastlines in Italy.
- B. Public use of the beach.
- C. Swimming and bathing.
- D. Private bathing clubs.

Question 28 is based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the question. Now, listen to the news.

28. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the news?

- A. The airport was shut down for Friday.
- B. There was a road accident involving two buses.
- C. Local shops were closed earlier than usual.

D. Bus service was stopped for Friday.

Questions 29 and 30 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you are given 10 seconds to answer the questions. Now, listen to the news.

29. How many people were rescued from the apartment building?

A. 17. B. 24. C. 21. D. 41.

30. Which of the following details in the news is CORRECT?

A. The rescue operation involved many people.

B. The cause of the explosions has been determined.

C. Rescue efforts were stopped on Thursday.

D. The explosions didn't destroy the building.

PART III CLOZE [15 MIN]

Decide which of the choices given below would best complete the passage in the corresponding blanks. Mark the best choice for each blank on ANSWER SHEET TWO.

How men first learned to invent words is unknown; (31)____, the origin of language is a mystery. All we really know is that men, unlike animals, somehow invented certain (32)____ to express thoughts and feelings, actions and things, (33)____ they could communicate with each other; and that later they agreed (34)____ certain signs, called words, which could be (35)____ to represent those sounds, and which could be (36)____. Those sounds, whether spoken, (37)____ written in letters, we call words.

The power of words, then, lies in their (38)____ the things they bring up before our minds. Words become (39)____ with meaning for us by experience; (40)____ the longer we live, the more certain words (41)____ to us the happy and sad events of our past: a

more we (42)____, the more the number of words that mean something to us (43)_____

Great writers are those who not only have great thoughts but also express these thoughts in words which appeal (44)_____ to our minds and emotions. This (45)_____ and telling use of words is what we call (46)_____ style. Above the rest is a master of (47)_____. He can convey his meaning in words which sing like music, and which (48)_____ their position and association can (49)_____ men to tears. We should, therefore, learn to use our words carefully and use them accurately, or they will (50)_____ our speech or writing and vulgar.

(31) A. in addition B. in other words C. in a word D. in summary

(32) A. sounds B. gestures C. signs D. movements

(33) A. such that B. as that C. so that D. in that

(34) A. in B. with C. of D. upon

(35) A. spelt B. combined C. written D. copied

(36) A. written down B. handed down C. remembered D. observed

(37) A. and B. yet C. also D. or

(38) A. functions B. associations C. roles D. links

(39) A. filled B. full C. live D. active

(40) A. but B. or C. yet D. and

(41) A. reappear B. recall C. remember D. recollect

(42) A. read and think B. read and recall C. read and learn D. read and recite

- (43) A. raises B. increases C. improves D. emerges
- (44) A. intensively B. extensively C. broadly D. powerfully
- (45) A. charming B. academic C. conventional D. common
- (46) A. written B. spoken C. literary D. dramatic
- (47) A. signs B. words C. style D. sound
- (48) A. in B. on C. over D. by
- (49) A. move B. engage C. make D. force
- (50) A. transform B. change C. make D. convert

PART IV GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

[15 MIN]

There are thirtysentencesin this section.Beneath each sentence there are four words or phrases marked A, B, C and D. Choose one word or phrase that best completes t sentence. Mark your answers on ANSWER SHEET TWO.

51. Which of the following italicized phrases indicates CAUSE?

- A. Why don't you do it for the sake of your friends?
- B. I wish I could write as well as you.
- C. For all his efforts, he didn't get an A.
- D. Her eyes were red from excessive reading.

52. Nancy's gone to work but her car's still there. She ____ by bus.

- A. must have gone B. should have gone
- C. ought to have gone D. could have gone

53. He feels that he is not yet _____ to travel abroad.

- A. too strong B. enough strong C. so strong D. strong enough

54. After _____ seemed an endless wait, it was his turn to enter the personnel manager's office.

- A. that B. it C. what D. there

55. Fool _____ Jerry is, he could not have done such a thing.

- A. who B. as C. like D. that

56. Which of the following sentences is INCORRECT?

A. They each have two tickets.

B. They cost twenty yuan each.

C. Each they have bought the same book.

D. They were given two magazines each.

57. She seldom goes to the theatre, _____?

- A. doesn't she B. does she C. would she D. wouldn't she

58. Dr Johnson is head of the department, _____ an expert in translation.

- A. or B. either C. but D. and

59. When one has good health, _____ should feel fortunate.

- A. you B. they C. he D. we

60. It is necessary that he _____ the assignment without delay.

- A. hand in B. hands in C. must hand in D. has to hand in

61. In the sentence "It's no use waiting for her", the italicized phrase is) ____.
- A. the object B. an adverbial C. a complement D. the subject
62. Which of the following sentences is INCORRECT?
- A. All his lectures are very interesting.
- B. Half their savings were gone.
- C. Many his friends came to the party.
- D. Both his sisters are nurses.
63. Which of the following sentences has an object complement?
- A. The directors appointed John manager.
- B. I gave Mary a Christmas present.
- C. You have done Peter a favour.
- D. She is teaching children English.
64. Which of the following words can NOT be used to complete "We've seen the film ____"?
- A. before B. recently C. lately D. yet
65. ____ should not become a serious disadvantage in life and work.
- A. To be not tall B. Not being tall
- C. Being not tall D. Not to be tall
66. Due to personality ____, the two colleagues never got on well in work.
- A. contradiction B. conflict C. confrontation D. competition

67. During the summer vacation, kids are often seen hanging _____ in the streets.
- A. about B. on C. over D. out
68. There were 150 _____ at the international conference this summer.
- A. spectators B. viewers C. participants D. onlookers
69. School started on a _____ cold day in February.
- A. severe B. bitter C. such D. frozen
70. In the face of unexpected difficulties, he demonstrated a talent for quick, _____ action.
- A. determining B. defensive C. demanding D. decisive
71. The team has been working overtime on the research project _____.
- A. lately B. just now C. late D. long ago
72. Because of the economic crisis, industrial output in the region remained _____.
- A. motionless B. inactive C. stagnant D. immobile
73. The police had difficulty in _____ the fans from rushing on to the stage to take photos of the singer.
- A. limiting B. restraining C. confining D. restricting
74. Joan is in the dorm, putting the final _____ to her speech.
- A. details B. remarks C. comments D. touches
75. His _____ in gambling has eventually brought about his ruin.
- A. indulgence B. habit C. action D. engagement
76. The teacher told the students to stay in the classroom and they did _____.

A. absolutely B. accidentally C. accordingly D. accurately

77. You can actually see the deer at closer range while driving through that area. The italicized phrase means _____.

A. clearly B. very near C. quickly D. very hard

78. He listened hard but still couldn't _____ what they were talking about.

A. make over B. make up C. make upon D. make out

79. For the advertised position, the company offers a(n) _____ salary and benefits package.

A. generous B. plentiful C. abundant D. sufficient

80. As there was no road, the travelers _____ up a rocky slope on their way back.

A. ran B. hurried C. scrambled D. crawled

PART V READING COMPREHENSION

[25 MIN]

In this section there are four passages followed by questions or unfinished statements with four suggested answers marked A, B, C and D. Choose the one that you think is the answer. Mark your answers on ANSWER SHEET TWO.

TEXT A

What is the nature of the scientific attitude, the attitude of the man or woman who studies and applies physics, biology, chemistry, geology, engineering, medicine or any science? We all know that science plays an important role in the societies in which we live. Many people believe, however, that our progress depends on two different aspects of science. The first of these is the application of the machines, products and systems of knowledge that scientists and technologists develop. Through technology, science improves the structure of society and helps man to gain increasing control over his environment.

The second aspect is the application by all members of society of the special methods of thought and action that scientists use in their work.

What are these special methods of thinking and acting? First of all, it seems that a successful scientist is full of curiosity - he wants to find out how and why the universe works. He usually directs his attention towards problems which he notices have no satisfactory explanation, and his curiosity makes him look for underlying relationships even if the data available seem to be unconnected. Moreover, he thinks he can improve the existing conditions and enjoys trying to solve the problems which this involves.

He is a good observer, accurate, patient and objective and applies logical thought to his observations he makes. He utilizes the facts he observes to the fullest extent. For example, trained observers obtain a very large amount of information about a star mainly from the accurate analysis of the simple lines that appear in a spectrum.

He is skeptical - he does not accept statements which are not based on the most complete evidence available and therefore rejects authority as the sole basis for truth. Scientists always check statements and make experiments carefully and objectively to verify them.

Furthermore, he is not only critical of the work of others, but also of his own, and knows that man is the least reliable of scientific instruments and that a number of factors tend to disturb objective investigation.

Lastly, he is highly imaginative since he often has to look for relationships in data which are not only complex but also frequently incomplete. Furthermore, he needs imagination if he wants to make hypotheses of how processes work and how events take place.

These seem to be some of the ways in which a successful scientist or technologist thinks and acts.

81. Many people believe that science helps society to progress through

- A. applied knowledge.
- B. more than one aspect.
- C. technology only.
- D. the use of machines.

82. Which of the following statements is INCORRECT about curiosity?

- A. It gives the scientist confidence and pleasure in work.
- B. It gives rise to interest in problems that are unexplained.
- C. It leads to efforts to investigate potential connections.
- D. It encourages the scientist to look for new ways of acting.

83. According to the passage, a successful scientist would not

- A. easily believe in unchecked statements.
- B. easily criticize others' research work.
- C. always use his imagination in work.
- D. always use evidence from observation.

84. What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. Application of technology.
- B. Progress in modern society.

C. Scientists' ways of thinking and acting.

D. How to become a successful scientist.

85. What is the author's attitude towards the topic?

A. Critical. B. Objective.

C. Biased. D. Unclear.

TEXT B

Over the past several decades, the U.S., Canada, and Europe have received a great deal of media and even research attention over unusual phenomena and unsolved mysteries. These include UFOs as well as sightings and encounters with "nonhuman creatures" such as Bigfoot and the Loch Ness monster. Only recently has Latin America begun to receive some attention as well. Although the mysteries of the Aztec, Mayan, and Inca civilizations have been known for centuries, now the public is also becoming aware of unusual, paranormal phenomena in countries such as Peru.

The Nazca "lines" of Peru were discovered in the 1930s. These lines are deeply carved into a flat, stony plain, and form about 300 intricate pictures of animals such as birds, a monkey, and a lizard. Seen at ground level, the designs are a jumbled senseless mess. The images are so large that they can only be viewed at a height of 1,000 feet - meaning from aircraft. Yet there were no aircraft in 300 B.C., when it is judged the designs were made. Were there then, or are there now, any nearby mountain ranges from which to view them? How and why did the native people of Nazca create these marvelous designs? One answer appeared in 1969, when the German researcher and writer Erich von Daniken proposed that the lines were drawn by extraterrestrials as runways for their aircraft. The scientific community did not take long to scoff at and abandon von Daniken's theory. Over the years several other theories have been put forth, but none has been accepted by the scientific

community.

Today there is a new and heightened interest in the Nazca lines. It is a direct result of the creation of the Internet. Currently there are over 60 sites dedicated to this mystery from Latin America's past, and even respected scientists have joined the discussion through e-mail and chat rooms.

Will the Internet help explain these unsolved mysteries? Perhaps it is a step in the right direction.

86. Which of the following statements is INCORRECT?

- A. Latin America has long received attention for unusual phenomena.
- B. Public attention is now directed towards countries like Peru.
- C. Public interest usually focuses on North America and Europe.
- D. Some ancient civilizations have unsolved mysteries.

87. According to the passage, the Nazca lines were found

- A. in mountains.
- B. in stones.
- C. on animals.
- D. on a plain.

88. We can infer from the passage that the higher the lines are seen, the _____ the image is present.

- A. smaller
- B. larger
- C. clearer
- D. brighter

89. There has been increasing interest in the Nazca lines mainly because of

- A. the participation of scientists
- B. the emergence of the Internet.
- C. the birth of new theories
- D. the interest in the Internet.

90. The author is _____ about the role of the Internet in solving mysteries.

A. cautious B. pessimistic C. uncertain D. optimistic

TEXT C

Graduation speeches are a bit like wedding toasts. A few are memorable. The rest to trigger such thoughts as, "Why did I wear such uncomfortable shoes?"

But graduation speeches are less about the message than the messenger. Every year a few colleges and universities in the US attract attention because they've managed to book high-profile speakers. And, every year, the media report some of these speakers' wise remarks.

Last month, the following words of wisdom were spread:

"You really haven't completed the circle of success unless you can help somebody else move forward." (Oprah Winfrey, Duke University).

"There is no way to stop change; change will come. Go out and give us a future worthy of the world we all wish to create together." (Hillary Clinton, New York University).

"This really is your moment. History is yours to bend." (Joe Biden, Wake Forest University).

Of course, the real "get" of the graduation season was first lady Michelle Obama's appearance at the University of California, Merced. "Remember that you are blessed," she told the class of 2013, "Remember that in exchange for those blessings, you must give some back... As advocate and activist Marian Wright Edelman says, 'Service is the rent we pay for living ... it is the true measure, the only measure of success'."

Calls to service have a long, rich tradition in these speeches. However, it is not enough for a graduation speech to go beyond cliché and say something truly compelling. The late writer David Foster Wallace's graduation speech at Kenyon College in Ohio talked about how to truly care about other people. It gained something of a cult after it was widely

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