

U5-A-B3

### Reading Comprehension

Directions: There are two passages in this part. Each passage is followed by some questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices. Click on the best choice. (20 points)

#### Passage One

Most Americans will tell you that character education in schools is a good idea. According to pollsters (做民意测验的人), 90% of us want schools to teach core moral values. How can we make it work?

Take a look at Traut Core Knowledge School in Fort Collins, Colo. Traut Core is a public school with a waiting list of 500 students. A strong focus on 12 core values throughout the school culture has contributed to high academic achievement at Traut Core. The school now ranks first in reading and in the top five in math out of the 26 schools in the district.

Private schools are also on the list. The Montrose School in Natick, Mass. has daily homerooms that focus on character discussions and leadership, and the school provides many opportunities for service to others. At Montrose, moral development is inseparable from academic achievement.

Wake County Public Schools in North Carolina is a case study in how to get comprehensive character education programs going in every school. Beginning in 1992, the district appointed a task force with broad representation from the community. Public meetings were held, surveys sent out, and other efforts made to ensure that character education in the schools would be built on the shared moral values of the citizens in this large and diverse district.

Today, character education is part of the mission of every Wake County school.

The district provides in-service training and resources for teachers, encourages parental involvement and evaluates the results.

Higher academic achievement, lower drop-out rates, fewer discipline problems, a more positive and caring school environment — who doesn't want schools like these. And who wouldn't like to see students who are more caring, respectful, honest and responsible.

- A. Positive
- B. Ironical
- C. Suggestive
- D. Opposite

正确答案：A

that there are 500 students \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. studying there
- B. enrolling there
- C. graduating there
- D. waiting for admission

正确答案：D

23. Among the private schools willing to teach moral values \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Traut Core has daily homerooms that focus on character discussions and leadership
- B. the Montrose School focuses on 12 core values
- C. Traut Core provides many opportunities for service to others
- D. the Montrose School makes progress both academically and morally

正确答案：D

24. Character education, according to the last paragraph, will result in all of the following except \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. lower drop-out rates
- B. higher academic achievement
- C. a less positive and caring environment
- D. fewer discipline problems

正确答案：C

25. Which is not true according to the passage

- A. Academic achievement is closely associated with moral development.
- B. Higher academic achievement is inseparable from moral development.
- C. Moral development exerts influence on academic achievement.
- D. Moral development has nothing to do with academic achievement.

正确答案：D

#### Passage Two

One of the strongest reasons for the raising of the school leaving age (ROSLA)

Many people like to think of our present system of schooling as providing plenty of steps up the ladder of success for clever children. It would be good to think that no one who is really bright can be missed out when the state system is apparently so thorough. It is obvious, for instance, that many children from less rich homes reach university or do well in other ways.

Unfortunately, we now have plenty of evidence that many children of every level of ability do much less than they could. For instance, during the years of national military service it was possible to test the intelligence of all male 18-20 year olds. Half of those soldiers who were placed in the two highest ability groups had left schools at 15.

It has also been shown that the percentage of working class children going to university is almost the same now as it was in 1936. One study of 5000 children from birth to 21 years old indicated that up to half the bright pupils from working class homes left school when they reached 16 years old. Moreover, there is no difference in intelligence between the sexes, but far more boys than girls stay in education after 16.

It is clear from this and much other evidence that many children are still leaving school too early to benefit from the prizes — money, social respectability, and interesting jobs, which higher education gives. It is clear too that the reasons why such children leave have much to do with their social circumstances. Their parents often need the extra money another wage-earner can bring in; they do not value education for itself because their own was probably dull and unhappy. It is not so much that they force their sons and daughters to leave school, rather that

is hoped that ROSLA will give all children \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a more enjoyable time at school
- B. the same chances at society
- C. the right to a better school
- D. higher scores in intelligence tests

正确答案：B

27. People would like to think that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. equal numbers of poor and rich children reach university
- B. those with the least money get the best education
- C. intelligent children are always chosen by the system
- D. only clever children do well

正确答案：C

28. Working class children are felt to be at a disadvantage because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. many of the clever ones leave school early
- B. fewer go to university than ever before
- C. more than half leave school when they are 16
- D. fewer boys than girls stay at school after 16

正确答案： A

29. Many children leave school early because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. their social circumstances make them unhappy
- B. they have to work to support their family's income
- C. their school is a dull and unhappy place
- D. their parents don't allow them to make their own decisions

正确答案： B

30. The article shows that equal opportunity in education \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. is a thing of the past
- B. has not yet been achieved
- C. is there for those who merit it
- D. has greatly improved our society

正确答案： B

### Vocabulary and Structure

Directions: Each of the following sentences is provided with four choices. Choose the one that best completes the sentence. (60 points)

31. That way of speaking is \_\_\_\_\_ to people in this small part of the country.

- A. especial
- B. peculiar
- C. special
- D. circular

正确答案： B

32. Crisis would be the right term to describe the \_\_\_\_ in many animal species.

A. minimization

B. restriction

C. decline

D. descent

正确答案： C

33. He pointed out that the living standard of urban and \_\_\_\_\_ people continued to improve.

A. remote

B. municipal

C. rural

D. provincial

正确答案： C

34. In order to protect their domestic industries, many countries have tried to raise \_\_\_\_\_ barriers against foreign goods.

A. tax

B. duty

C. fee

D. tariff

正确答案： D

35. This is the first draft of the book. Please feel perfectly free to \_\_\_\_\_ on it.

A. comment

B. cope

C. complain

D. confirm

正确答案：A

36. Without telephone it would be impossible to carry on the functions of \_\_\_\_\_ every business operation in the whole country.

- A. practically
- B. preferably
- C. precisely
- D. presumably

正确答案：A

37. I consider this my business and you have no right to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. intervene
- B. interfere
- C. interact
- D. disturb

正确答案：B

38. My students found the book \_\_\_\_\_. It provided them with an abundance of information on the subject.

- A. confusing
- B. distracting
- C. enlightening
- D. amusing

正确答案：C

39. All parts of this sewing machines are \_\_\_\_\_ so that it is very simple to get replacements for them.

- A. mechanized
- B. minimized
- C. modernized
- D. standardized

正确答案：D

40. Clark felt that his \_\_\_\_\_ in one of the most dramatic medical experiments of all time was worth the suffering he underwent.

A. appreciation

B. participation

C. presentation

D. apprehension

正确答案：B

41. We can \_\_\_\_\_ with a lot of unhappiness by uncovering and discarding the beliefs that fuel it.

A. dispose

B. dispense

C. dismiss

D. dispute

正确答案：B

42. Our deputy manager is the \_\_\_\_\_ head of the business.

A. virtual

B. vital

C. eternal

D. identical

正确答案：A

43. It is a sad truth that children are the biggest victims of \_\_\_\_\_ smoking.

A. extensive

B. intensive

C. productive

D. passive

正确答案：D



44. During the election campaign, the party vowed to \_\_\_\_\_ environmental considerations into all its policies.

- A. associate
- B. unite
- C. incorporate
- D. combine

正确答案： C

45. \_\_\_\_\_ something better to do, Sofia walked a couple of times through the crowd.

- A. For want of
- B. For fear of
- C. For the benefit of
- D. For the sake of

正确答案： A

46. After running through the numbers in every possible combination, we finally \_\_\_\_\_ a solution.

- A. got across
- B. turned out
- C. hit upon
- D. engaged in

正确答案： C

47. She cannot bear to watch the film because of the bad memories it \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. brings down
- B. brings back
- C. brings about
- D. brings in

正确答案： B

A. in response to

B. in excess of

C. in contrast to

D. in favor of

正确答案：D

49. I was \_\_\_\_\_ about the exam \_\_\_\_\_ I couldn't get to sleep.

A. such worried ...that

B. worried such ...that

C. so worried ...that

D. worried so ...that

正确答案：C

50. It is well-known that knowledge is the \_\_\_\_\_ condition for expansion of mind.

A. incompatible

B. indefinite

C. incredible

D. indispensable

正确答案：D

51. He was disappointed by his result, but he is now \_\_\_\_\_ to having to retake the exam.

A. composed

B. submitted

C. reconciled

D. overcome

正确答案：C

52. American has been criticized for placing too much \_\_\_\_\_ on being on time.

A. emphasis

C. bother

D. assistance

正确答案：A

53. Ploughs ( 犁 ) and other agricultural \_\_\_\_\_ were on display at the exhibition.

A. appliances

B. implements

C. instruments

D. device

正确答案：B

54. She always \_\_\_\_\_ the smell of fresh bread with her grandmother, who loved baking.

A. associated

B. joined

C. connected

D. combined

正确答案：A

55. \_\_\_\_\_ to some parts of South America is still difficult, because parts of the continents are still covered with thick forests.

A. Orientation

B. Access

C. Profession

D. Voyage

正确答案：B

56. Walking is a cheap, safe, enjoyable and \_\_\_\_\_ available form of exercise.

A. considerably

B. partly

C. individually

正确答案：D

57. Each of these cells has their specific jobs to do, but they also \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.

- A. interrelate
- B. interrupt
- C. interchange
- D. interpret

正确答案：A

58. The tenant must be prepared to decorate the house \_\_\_\_\_ the terms of contract.

- A. in the event of
- B. in quest of
- C. in accordance with
- D. in collaboration with

正确答案：C

59. It is so exciting to think what's \_\_\_\_\_ our great-grandchildren over the next 100 years.

- A. in exchange for
- B. in store for
- C. in parallel with
- D. in sight of

正确答案：B

60. The room \_\_\_\_\_ summer eating with its light, airy atmosphere.

- A. lends itself well to
- B. adapted itself well to
- C. adjusts itself well to
- D. varied itself well to

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