

2020 年上半年四级考试真题及参考答案，供同学们做个参考。

Part I Writing

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write an essay on the use of translation apps. You can start your essay with the sentence "The use of translation apps is becoming increasingly popular." You should write at least 120 words but no more than 180 words.

【参考范文】

The use of translation apps is becoming increasingly popular. Consequently, people are getting more opportunities to speak or meet another language but their own mother tongue with the development of the economy. Undoubtedly, an app of translation is crucial for people who cannot handle the language perfectly. But the viewpoints are split one whether this kind of apps are wholly a good thing.

Where there is a light, there is a shadow. Some people argue that a translation app will bridge them with the native speakers adequately no matter who will be a traveler or a businessman. It will pose a huge threat for people who cannot understand what they say. Fortunately, everyone will interact richly with the apps like this. On the other hand, some people think that the translations app cannot fully create and convey the feelings on

the authentic language. As a result, it will bring more misunderstandings. Besides, the opponents take the point of view that people will be more over-reliant on the mobile-phones and Internet.

From where I stand, I would take the translation on this kind of apps as a reference rather than a kind of dependence. The most effective and beneficial way to express yourself and communicate with a foreigner is to improve one's ability to exert this unfamiliar language. As an old saying goes is Practice makes perfect.

【参考译文】

在经济飞速发展的当下，人们有越来越多的机会使用外语。所以对那些外语说的没有那么好的人来说，一款翻译软件就至关重要。可是人们对这款软件却有不同的看法。

凡事皆有两面，有些人觉得这样的软件可以很好地沟通人们，不管你是旅行或者和一个外国人谈生意。如果语言不通会造成很大困扰，但有了这样的软件，大家的交流会更顺畅从而提高效率。但是另一方面，有些人会觉得这种软件有时候不能准确地表情达意而造成误会，再者，这会使人过分依赖手机和网络。

于我而言，我觉得更好的的是把这些软件里的翻译当作一种参考，而不应过度相信和使用。最有效和有用的提高个人表达自己与外国人沟通能力的方式就是学会去掌握这门陌生语言。所谓熟能生巧。

Part II Listening Comprehension (25 minutes)

Section A

Directions: In this section, you will hear three news reports. At the end of each news report, you will hear two or three questions.

Both the news report and the questions will be spoken only once.

After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

News Report 1

... parts of Scotland covered by the orange alert to avoid travel on Wednesday, ' this is what he said to us. The orange warning may be raised to red in some areas. That is a warning for snow that has never been seen since the modern system came into place in Scotland. The orange warning has been extended until 6 p.m. on Thursday. Trains, planes and ferries are also likely to be affected, with wind chill that could see parts of Britain feeling as cold as -15°C . The head of road policing said, ' I would urge drivers to take extra care on the roads for their journeys. Drivers should make sure they are prepared for their journey with warm clothing, food and drink, sufficient fuel and a charged mobile phone. There could be significant traffic delays, so please start to

plan your journey now to consider if you really need to travel on conditions of this...

Questions 1 to 2 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Question 1: What were people at parts of Scotland advised to do?

Question 2: What did the head of road policing urge drivers to do?

News Report 2

Romania's wetlands are coming back to life, thanks to help from local communities, the World Wildlife Fund and funding from the European Union. Roughly 2,224 acres of the picturesque Danube Delta - home to 300 species of birds - have filled with wildlife. The land has been connected to the network of lakes and streams in the area. 'A lot of birds have migrated to the area and one doesn't need to travel long hours anymore or go to other lakes to watch the birds,' says Ion Meuta, Deputy Mayor of Mahmudia. The area around Mahmudia, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site, is the third-most biodiverse in the world, after Australia's Great Barrier Reef and the Galapagos Islands. Groups used earth-moving equipment to restore the waterways. Government officials proposed to protect the area's endangered wild fish by issuing a fishing ban over the next decade.

Questions 3 to 4 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Question3: What is the news report mainly about?

Question4: What did government's officials propose to do to protect the endangered fish?

News Report 3

Scott Dunn, recently awoke from a medically-induced sleep he'd been in after a car accident. He was heartbroken after realizing he'd missed his high school graduation. His classmates decided to give him a second chance. It was just a month ago that East Juniata High School seniors met in the school's auditorium for graduation. And last week, they did it again. Scott's car accident was on May 22nd, just 3 days before the ceremony. "I remember waking up in the hospital and asking mom, 'What day it was', she told me it was the 28th." He said, "I looked at her and said, 'I missed my graduation.'" The school's principal, Mr. Fausey, called Scott's mom Karen and said that everybody wants to do something special for him. Students wore their caps and gowns and sat in the front of the auditorium. Scott's parents, Karen and Scott Senior, sat front and center. After brief speeches, Scott's name was called, only Scott's name. He walked across the stage as the audience cheered. A graduation for one. "I'm speechless,"

Scott said. "I don't know how to even explain it. I'm speechless to know that so many people are behind me."

Questions 5 to 7 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Question5: What happened to Scot a month ago?

Question6: What did Scot ask about when he regained consciousness?

Question7: Why was Scot speechless at the graduation ceremony?

Section B

Directions: In this section, you will hear two long conversations.

At the end of each conversation, you will hear some questions.

Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D) . Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Conversation One

M : How do you like your new flexible work in arrangement? Do you enjoy working from home?

W : Yes and no, I find an isolation challenging at times, apart from my mother, not too many people I know, have time for phone

chat during working hour. I tried the library but found I wasn't really keen on working there.

M : No, neither would I. I find the library a bit too quiet, lack inspiration or stimulation, which would be counter-productive to getting a lot of work done.

W : I found the same thing. So, lately, I've been going out to Cafes occasionally, I love the noise, the people, the busyness of a Café, the sense of being out in the world.

M: Coffee shops seem to have affectively become off spaces for so many people in this digital age. Though I'm not sure how Café owners feel about it - having so many people who go to that places to work rather than drink and eat.

W : Yes, some people seem to spend a lot of time there and not order much. The most annoying one for Café owners must truly be those, usually only two of them, who occupy a table for six with their laptops and paperwork.

M : They should sit at a table for two, not the table for six. Some obviously stay so long, they need to plug the laptops into a power adapter. I nearly tripped over someone's computer electrical lead the other day in my local café.

W : It's a double-edged sword, no doubt about that, for a Café owner. While remote workers help to keep the café full in quiet

times, they can take up valuable table space and busy period.

Questions 8 to 11 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Question 8. What does the woman say is the disadvantage of working from home?

Question 9. What does the man say is counter-productive to getting work done in the library?

Question 10. What does the woman like about doing one's work in a café?

Question 11. What is most annoying for café owners according to the woman?

Conversation Two

W: I'm going to start working for another job. I can't see myself getting an opportunity to progress on my company anytime in the near future. And I really think my skills and abilities deserve a higher salary.

M: You are not going to quit, are you?

W: I'm thinking I might as well. Then I can devote more time and energy to find me a better position at another company.

M: But you've been in your present company less than two years, haven't you? This would be the third time you've left your job in the last five years. If you do several jobs in a relatively short

span of time, perspective employers might see that you lack loyalty. That could make them worry and reluctant to employ you.

W: Unfortunately, loyalty doesn't pay. Even if I get a promotion at my company, it's likely to be less sizeable than if I were to get a job elsewhere. And even if I get a promotion, it's not guaranteed to get a raise. I had that experience at another company I worked up.

M: They want you to take on more work and responsibility but for the same amount of money?

W: More or less, yes. The way I see it, through having different jobs, I've got a lot of experience, and different jobs and in different industries.

M: But potential employers might worry about that experience is not deep, or thorough enough.

W: Perhaps, but I feel pretty confident that I can sell myself. You know what they say, fortune favors the brave.

Questions 12 to 15 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Question12: What makes the woman think about changing her job?

Question13: What does the man say about people who keep

changing their jobs?

Question14: What does the woman say would happen even if she got promoted in her current company?

Question15: What benefit has the woman gain from changing her jobs frequently?

Section C

Directions: In this section, you will hear three passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear some questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D) . Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

Passage One

There is a saying that goes something along the lines of 'You must love yourself first before you can love someone else'.

Similarly, I personally believe that you must be comfortable and happy in your own company before you can truly be yourself in the company of others. There is a massive difference between being lonely and being alone. Loneliness is a horrible feeling. However, you don ' t have to actually be alone to feel that way.

Many times, I've felt lonely when surrounded by a big group of people. In contrast, being alone can actually be a blessing, particularly, when you've actively chosen it. In my experience, being bored and alone is dangerous and can easily lead to the feeling of loneliness. The trick is to be active. Get outside, stretch your legs, do something cultural, buy yourself something tasty to eat or something pretty to wear. You don't have to take anyone else into consideration and can do whatever you please. Spending time alone also allows you to more efficiently take care of problems. And then, when it's time to be social and meet up with your friends, you will be fully there, because you won't have too much other stuff floating around in your mind. Having been alone for a bit, you will also appreciate your friends' company more and chances are your time spent together will be more worthwhile.

Questions 16 to 18 are based on the passage you have just heard.

Question 16: What does the speaker say about being alone?

Question 17: What does the speaker say how to reduce one's feeling of loneliness?

Question 18: What is an advantage of spending one's time alone?

Passage Two

When I turned twelve, I worked summers at my father's small brick cleaning business. I remember the harsh acid smell of the cleaning solution, and the scraping sound of stiff iron brushes against rough brick. It was tempting to have your job just finish. But anybody who worked for Thomas Kahoon had to meet his standards, and that include of me. If I messed up, he made me stay late until I got it right.

My father wasn't been me. He demanded the same at himself.

Every brick he cleaned on the house stood out like a red jewel in a white setting. It was his signature.

In 1970, when I was twenty, I got married. I moved out my parent's modest place into a housing project.

Drugs and gang violent were just beginning to plague the projects.

Some of my friend went to jail. Some were killed. My wife Verllen, was 18, and nobody gave our marriage a chance. But we believed in each other. And our faith made us strong.

When we married, I worked as a stock clerk at Southwest Super Food. It was hard, tedious work. Each Friday night a truck came, with cases of food that had to be unloaded, priced and placed on shelves.

Most of stock clerks try to get Friday night off. But I was always

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