

TEST FOR ENGLISH MAJORS

—**GRADE FOUR**—

MODEL TEST THREE

PART I DICTATION

[10 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 meaning. For the second and third readings, the passage will be read sentence by sentence, or 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.

PART II LANGUAGE USAGE

[10 MIN]

There are twenty sentences in 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 the sentence. Mark your answers on Answer Sheet Two.

11. “The boy will misspell his name, whatever you say.” The modal auxiliary verb “will” in the sentence indicates_____.

A. prediction

B. insistence

C. willingness

D. intention

12. The most versatile _____ embryonic stem cells, which _____ discovered in the embryo at the earliest stage of development and can grow into any part of the body.

A. is, is

B. are, is

C. is, are

D. are, are

13. _____, explorers could never have found the cave.

A. But for the fissure had been spotted

B. If not the fissure had been spotted

C. Had the fissure not been spotted

D. Had not the fissure been spotted

14. Televisions enable us to see things happen almost at the exact moment _____.

A. which they are happening

B. which they happen

C. they are happening

D. they have happened

15. You said the books were on the desk, but _____ there.

A. there was no one

B. there were none

C. there were no ones

D. was none

16. It's the first time that she has been to the United States, _____?

A. isn't she

B. isn't it

C. hasn't she

D. hasn't it

17. Among the four sentences below, it is in sentence _____ that the speaker merely asks for confirmation of his assumption.

A. Did anyone call last night?

B. Has the boat left already?

C. Can't you drive straight?

D. Does he like Mary?

18. Which of the following phrases indicates a predicate-object relationship?

A. the younger generation's education

B. the ocean's roar

C. China's territory

D. Renmin Ribao's editorials

19. Which "where" in the following phrases is different from the others?

A. I wanted to return to *where* I was born.

B. Now, let's talk about the country *where* you are studying now.

C. I found my books *where* I had left them.

D. Country roads take me home to the place *where* I cherish most.

20. _____ so few students in the classroom was unusual.

A. As there being

B. As there to be

C. For there being

D. For there to be

21. Drugs are approved only after tests have_____ that they are relatively safe when used as directed and when their benefits outweigh their risks.

A. illustrated

B. secured

C. displayed

D. demonstrated

22. If there are gender biases that make women less likely to participate, that could_____ the number of people willing to take leadership roles.

A. cut short

B. cut in

C. cut into

D. cut off

23. No one wants to make friends with him, because he always keeps a_____ face.

A. curved

B. straight

C. long

D. twisted

24. Already the class is _____ about who our new teacher will be.

A. foreseeing

B. speculating

C. fabricating

D. contemplating

25. Don't let her have the bag until you have seen the _____ of her money.

A. look

B. sum

C. tip

D. color

26. One _____ symptom of the disease is progressive loss of energy.

A. significant

B. dominant

C. prominent

D. magnificent

27. Alison _____ for a while and then went to where Douglas stood with John.

A. mingled

B. tangled

C. baffled

D. huddled

28. The Space Age _____ in October 1957 when the first artificial satellite was launched by the Soviet Union.

A. initiated

B. originated

C. embarked

D. commenced

29. The Tourist Board do not have the ability to enable them to _____ these grand ideas into reality.

A. transfer

B. translate

C. transmit

D. render

30. Bill is an example of a severely disabled person who has become _____ at many survival

skills.

A. proficient

B. persistent

C. consistent

D. sufficient

PART III CLOZE

[10 MIN]

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 TWO.

A. underdeveloped	B. polarization	C. changes	D. for	E. transformations
F. supplies	G. relaxed	H. thereby	I. division	J. latent
K. procedure	L. direct	M. therein	N. worked	O. in
P. process	Q. developed	R. lack	S. alignments	

The introduction of new varieties of rice and wheat in Asia and Latin America has been known as the “Green Revolution.” So far the new seeds and the accompanying technology have not resulted in increased agricultural production per head or reduced malnutrition. The (31)_____, quantitative effects of high-yielding variation of food grains have been modest.

The roundabout and quantitative effects, however, have sometimes been significant. The new technology has led to (32)_____ in crop pattern and in methods of production. It has accelerated

the development of a market-orientated, capitalist agriculture. It has encouraged the growth of wage labor, and (33)_____ helped to create or augment a class of agricultural laborers. It has increased the power of landowners, and this in turn has been associated with a greater (34)_____ of classes and intensified conflict.

Changes in status and class (35)_____ have been accompanied by changes in the distribution of income. Profits and rents have increased absolutely and relatively. The share of wages has declined and (36)_____ some instances real wages rates or the number of days (37)_____, or both, have declined. In short, an old system of agriculture, slowly or swiftly is in the (38)_____ of being destroyed by the advance of contemporary technology.

The policies that have accompanied the “Green Revolution” in many (39)_____ countries have aggravated the problems these countries face. (40)_____ of some commodities increased. The rate of growth of total agricultural production has shown little tendency to rise. At the same time, inequality has become worse, and poverty has increased absolutely.

PART IV READING COMPREHENSION

[35 MIN]

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. Mark your answers on ANSWER SHEET TWO.

PASSAGE ONE

The architect of the Walkie Talkie building in London has admitted that he predicted it might reflect hot sun rays to the street below but "didn't realise it was going to be so hot".

Visiting London this week, Rafael Viñoly said the original design of the building had featured horizontal sun louvres on its south-facing facade , but these are believed to have been removed during cost-cutting as the project developed.

"We made a lot of mistakes with this building," admitted Viñoly, "and we will take care of it."

The 37-storey building at 20 Fenchurch Street in London's financial district has a distinctive shape – widening as it reaches the top – which led to its being nicknamed the Walkie Talkie.

But it was this week renamed the Walkie Scorchie when it was found that the concave shape of the building was channelling the sun's rays into a concentrated beam onto Eastcheap, capable of singeing carpets, blistering paintwork and even melting parts of a car's bodywork. One cafe in the focus of the building's glare even managed to toast a baguette and fry an egg outside their shop.

"I knew this was going to happen," said Viñoly, speaking to the Guardian on Friday. "But there was a lack of tools or software that could be used to analyse the problem accurately."

"When it was spotted on a second design iteration, we judged the temperature was going to be about 36 degrees," he said. "But it's turned out to be more like 72 degrees. They are calling it

the 'death ray', because if you go there you might die. It is phenomenal."

A two-storey scaffolding structure covered in netting has now been erected in the street to absorb the concentrated rays, while three parking spaces have been suspended. The developers, Land Securities and Canary Wharf group, say they are "continuing to evaluate longer-term solutions."

The architect has a track record of creating buildings that burn. His Vdara hotel in Las Vegas, with a similarly concave form, focused sunlight onto the pool terrace in 2023, hot enough to melt loungers and singe guests' hair. The glass has since been covered in non-reflective film.

"That was a completely different problem," said Viñoly, insisting he was following a masterplan that specified arc-shaped towers.

Environmentalists have commented that such "death ray" buildings could actually be harnessed as a useful power source, saying the magnifying effect demonstrates the principles of solar power tower technology. Used in Spain and parts of the US, these power plants employ a radial field of parabolic mirrors to channel sun rays towards a central focal point at the top of a tower, where the heat is stored and converted to power.

In London, he said the issue was the result of the nature of the development process in the UK, in which the architect is often sidelined.

"One problem that happens in this town, is the super-abundance of consultancies and

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