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英语试题

I. Listening Comprehension

Section A

Directions: In Section A, you will hear ten short conversations between two speakers. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what was said. The conversations and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a conversation and a question about it, read the four possible answers on your paper, and decide which one is the best answer to the question you have heard.

1. A. 15 minutes. B. 5 minutes. C. 10 minutes. D. 25 minutes.
2. A. A mechanic. B. A house agent. C. A medical worker. D. A salesperson.
3. A. Amused. B. Disappointed. C. Fascinated. D. Sympathetic.
4. A. She dislikes going to school. B. She spends little time with her friends.
C. She has adapted easily to her new school. D. She spends most of her free time at school.
5. A. She's watching the cars go by. B. She prefers to keep herself busy.
C. The man works harder than she does. D. The man should feel well soon enough.
6. A. The new shoes are worth a try.
B. He thinks shopping is a waste of money.
C. The shoes are not suitable for his daughter.
D. He doesn't want to give any comments on the shoes.
7. A. She didn't quite enjoy the game.
B. She didn't sit in a comfortable way.
C. She regretted spending time watching the game.
D. She felt quite excited and nervous while watching.
8. A. The woman should go somewhere else to train.
B. The woman should train with heavier weights.
C. The woman should practice different kinds of weights.
D. The woman should gain her weight with heavier weights.
9. A. Parents tend not to be easy to please.
B. Travelling in Mexico is a bit stressful.

- C. His parents may enjoy the beach vacation.
 - D. Spending two weeks in Thailand can be challenging.
10. A. The plot was too simplified. B. It was a well-made show overall.
- C. It put too much emphasis on special effects. D. The story should have been unfolded slowly.

Section B

Directions: In Section B, you will hear two short passages and one longer conversation, and you will be asked several questions on each of the passages and the conversation. The passages and the conversation will be read twice, but the questions will be spoken only once. When you hear a question, read the four possible answers on your paper and decide which one would be the best answer to the question you have heard.

Questions 11 through 13 are based on the following passage.

11. A. By offering thanks orally to the loved ones.
- B. By showing gratefulness on a regular basis.
- C. By developing good sleeping and eating habits.
- D. By taking exercise with close friends regularly.
12. A. Noticing the positive helps cure eating disorders.
- B. Practicing gratitude can lengthen your sleep cycle.
- C. Showing thankfulness contributes to your career promotion.
- D. Admiring others' value can improve relationship in workplaces.
13. A. It is a blessing that we are valued.
- B. Extending gratitude has multiple benefits.
- C. We should stop counting sheep or calories.
- D. People can learn to be appreciative by heart.

Questions 14 through 16 are based on the following passage.

14. A. It may reduce the burden on the environment.
- B. They want to make these clothes worth every penny.
- C. It is one of the latest services provided by some sellers.
- D. They may want to show off new clothes on social media.
15. A. They might end up as garbage. B. They will be donated to charity.
- C. They are reduced to packaging waste. D. They will be shipped abroad for resale.

16. A. Consumers will think it over before placing orders.
 B. Retailers will focus on offering more stylish clothes.
 C. People may be encouraged to buy more clothes online.
 D. VR may be employed to facilitate online payment.

Questions 17 through 20 are based on the following conversation.

17. A. Most programs feature media and journalism.
 B. Students can have practical experience.
 C. Students can enroll in these programs easily.
 D. These programs are recommended by employers.
18. A. Crazy. B. Desirable. C. Acceptable. D. Changeable.
19. A. She will meet with famous journalists.
 B. She can live a diverse and colorful life.
 C. She will learn to cook different types of food.
 D. She can get along well with international students.
20. A. The woman's plan to study abroad.
 B. The part-time job in the media company.
 C. The steps in applying for a graduate program.
 D. The man's experience as an international student.

II. Grammar and Vocabulary

Section A

Directions: Beneath each of the following sentences there are four choices marked A,B,C and D. Choose the one answer that best completes the sentence.

1. The beach near the sea is a place _____ I have been familiar since childhood.
 A. in which B. on which C. with which D. to which
2. _____ embraces and respects the local customs will find it easier to fit in better with the local culture.
 A. Who B. Whom C. Anyone D. Whoever
3. It remains uncertain at this point _____ the idea you proposed will be accepted.
 A. whether B. whether that C. that whether D. that
4. The first time _____ she led small groups of people on guided hunts, she taught them how to kill the insect, _____ has spread to much of Florida.

- A. compulsory B. complicated C. conservative D. convenient
- and it is illegal for parents to prevent their children from attending school.
13. In many countries, primary education is free and _____ for children of 6 to 12 years.
- A. that B. in which C. through which D. by which
- process within the team.
12. I will briefly explain to you the way _____ we use to simplify the communication
- A. should do; will be awarded B. have done; will be awarded
- C. should do; will be awarded D. have done; be awarded
- and women.
- excellent job in community service and that the prize _____ to these warm-hearted men
11. Despite some opposing opinions, the committee insists that the volunteers _____ an
- A. what; that B. all what; which C. all that; that D. what; which
- will enhance their understanding of the language.
10. Language learners are encouraged to do _____ they are instructed to do.
- A. when; that B. that; that C. when; why D. that; why
- unclear.
- turkeys kept more of their original dinosaur DNA than any other birds, but the reasons remain
9. It was in 2014 _____ a team at the University of Kent showed _____ Christmas
- A. that B. that what C. what D. what that
- room.
8. It was unbelievable _____ he designed went beyond the expectations of everyone in the
- A. all of that B. all of what C. all of which D. all
- _____ shape their memorable journey.
7. In high school, students will experience various emotions, challenges, and friendships.
- A. Who; do you think B. Whom; do you think
- C. Who; you think D. Whom; you think
- non-profit organization?
6. _____ on the waiting list _____ will be selected for the leadership position in the
- A. where B. that C. what D. which
- the time-worn walls which provided an atmospheric setting.
5. When we arrived in _____ used to be a traditional British pub, all we could see were
- A. when; that B. /; who C. when; which D. /; which

14. Sarah worked hard to _____ her colleagues of the benefits of adopting sustainable practices in the workplace.
- A. confirm B. control C. convince D. reward
15. He was entirely devoted to the affairs of his troop, and was _____ and kind to his men and officers.
- A. dominant B. deliberate C. enterprising D. considerate
16. When I returned home, I tried to _____ the wonder of this machine to my partner.
- A. delay B. deliver C. convey D. declare
17. The language teacher will also have his or her own assessments to make sure each student is meeting _____ in class.
- A. expectations B. disciplines C. conflicts D. coincidences
18. As India gained freedom and matured into herself, the British Empire began to _____, which signaled the end of colonial rule and the emergence of a new era in the country's history.
- A. break in B. fall apart C. hold out D. take over
19. The young boy was _____ his favorite toy as his parents hurriedly left the store.
- A. concerned with B. engaged in C. committed to D. torn away from
20. The company wants to _____ a strong presence in the world market by working with partners and creating new and innovative products.
- A. establish B. exploit C. expose D. exhaust
21. A promotion served as a significant _____ for his outstanding performance and positive impact on the team.
- A. award B. determination C. reward D. demand

Section B

Directions: Fill in the blank with a proper word chosen from the box: Each word can be used only once. Note that there is one word more than you need.

A. dramatic B. concerns C. frequently D. threats E. revealed
 F. emerge G. previously H. keep I. deepened J. native K. exist

The reason for the mysterious deaths of hundreds of elephants When hundreds of African savanna elephants dropped dead in Botswana's Okavango Delta in 2020, conservationists were alarmed. As the death toll rose — from dozens in March to more than

350 animals by July — their 22 increased, especially because nobody knew what was happening. A short time later, the mystery 23 when 34 more individuals of the endangered species died across the border in northwestern Zimbabwe in a three-week period, with one more found in November. “It was very quick,” says Chris Foggin, a vet who examined the elephant carcasses (尸体) in Zimbabwe. “That was so 24.”

African savanna elephants 25 to this area represent the majority of what’s left of that species. Around 350,000 African savanna elephants remain, and given the already significant 26 to their survival, a new disease could be what tips that last domino towards extinction.

Now, new research published recently in Nature Communications points to a bacterium not 27 found in elephants of any species, called Bisgaard taxon 45, that causes a massive systemic blood infection called septicemia. “It’s a disease we know can kill a reasonable number of elephants in a short space of time,” says Foggin, co-leader of the study. And “it has the potential to kill a lot more given the right circumstances.” What those are, however, remains unknown — yet it’s pressing to find out. Aerial population surveys in KAZA in 2022 found a high number of new elephant carcasses. The examination 28 the elephants had enlarged livers and spleens, as well as internal bleeding in multiple organs — signs of septicemia (败血症).

However, scientists still don’t know how widespread Bisgaard taxon 45 is, or if the bacteria 29 as a normal group of bacteria within elephants and other animals. “We’re assuming it’s probably present more 30 than we’ve known, without causing disease, but we don’t have proof of that,” Foggin says. It’s possible environmental stressors, such as heat and lack of food and water, may have led Bisgaard taxon 45 to multiply and cause the septicemia in the Zimbabwe elephants. With much of Africa predicted to get hotter and drier, the bacterium “could cause much worse mortalities down the line,” says Foggin. That’s why, he says, “it is important to 31 monitoring elephant deaths and see if it’s responsible.”

III. Reading Comprehension

Section A

Directions: For each blank in the following passage there are four words or phrases marked A,B,C and D. Fill in each blank with the word or phrase that

best fits the context.

The Pop-up Igloo

Polar bears are warm-blooded animals with heavy fat and fur that can survive in freezing Arctic temperatures. They have two types of fur—the long oily hairs and short thick hairs. By 32 the characteristics of these two hairs and their black skin underneath, the polar bears can keep themselves warm. 33 by polar bears, a team of students from the Royal Danish Academy designed a pop-up igloo(弹出式冰屋)—an emergency tent that might make survival in sub-zero areas much more manageable.

Led by Henry Glogau, the team said that their design aims to 34 those lost or stranded in extreme conditions. With little visibility and no phone coverage, people may face severe 35 while waiting for rescue in cold polar areas. Rather than fight against the extreme conditions, the team looked to use them to its 36. "Inspired by snow caves and the conventional winter-used tents, we treat snow as a(n) 37 material rather than a burden," the team told *Vigour Times* website.

The pop-up igloo adopts a mylar(聚酯薄膜) material, which works 38 to polar bears' skin. Besides their thick fat and fur, polar bears have black skin underneath, which is ideal for absorbing rays from the Arctic sun to keep themselves warm. The mylar material gives 39 to its inhabitants in the same way by reflecting sunlight into the space inside the tent. The pop-up igloo also features an origami-like(像折纸的) design, which helps to 40 the snow and secure the tent. The origami pockets create areas where snow can 41 on the outside. It prevents heat from escaping from the tent, while holding the tent to the ground. Researchers ensured that the tent could withstand the weight of a 70kg human standing on top to remain 42 in extreme conditions. This adds another 43 layer to everything inside.

The team put the tent through 44 testing for one month in Alaska to see its capability. The results showed that at 11.8 to 15 inches of snow cover, a 37°C 45 in temperature between inside and outside could be maintained on average. In the future, the pop-up igloos could be 46 along hiking routes in cold areas like the Arctic, where they could be set up in seconds when needed.

32. A. gathering B. combining C. comparing D. distinguishing
33. A. Fascinated B. Encouraged C. Threatened D. Inspired
34. A. guide B. comfort C. shelter D. delight

35. A. danger B. boredom C. confusion D. damage
36. A. advantage B. challenge C. defence D. convenience
37. A. original B. novel C. creative D. building
38. A. efficiently B. closely C. similarly D. cleverly
39. A. rays B. light C. heat D. glow
40. A. estimate B. trap C. exclude D. dissolve
41. A. pile up B. melt down C. break down D. last out
42. A. concrete B. everlasting C. stable D. elegant
43. A. heavy B. protective C. external D. flexible
44. A. repetitive B. eventual C. general D. domestic
45. A. fall B. increase C. decline D. difference
46. A. exposed B. restored C. recycled D. placed

Section B

Directions: Read the following three passages. Each passage is followed by several questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the one that fits best according to the information given in the passage you have just read.

(A)

"It's a windy day in Laguna San Ignacio, and the waves seem to come from all directions," said Sara Clemence in Bloomberg Businessweek. My children and I are riding on an 18-foot boat—small enough that we can reach down into the water if a gray whale swims up alongside. And then we see what we've come for: a heart-shaped shower of water and a dark mass rushing below it. As instructed, we splash(溅泼) the water strongly to signal the huge whale, which turns out to be a mother with her weeks-old baby. The baby soon swims beneath our boat, emerges to blow mist in my face, then "lies onto its side like a 2-ton puppy." Leaning down, I touched its skin gently. "It feels electric. Also, a bit like petting a hard-boiled egg."

San Ignacio is one of very few places where a person can pet a whale. The whales come each year to the coast of Baja California to give birth and to mate. If you're lucky, you can "shake hands with a leathery fin(鳍)" or even "plant a kiss on a cold, salty cheek." I usually worry about such interactions, because wild creatures can become deeply stressed by human

contact. But boat numbers are strictly limited in these protected waters. And any whale that approaches a boat does so on its own terms. Like that baby whale: “We see him a few times, and he seems to like being petted and splashed.”

So we are two species, connecting through touch, but also through eye contact: “More than once, after nosing around our boat, a young gray whale turns on its side so one dark, baseball-size eye is looking up at us.” Whalers used to call gray whales “devil fish” because these magnificent creatures turn violent when threatened—“or, say, when their babies are harmed.” That makes it feel even more of a blessing when, on our third day there, a large mama whale approaches the boat. “I’m splashing when I feel her nose press up into my hand.” Though she’s “wiser and apparently more alert” than her child, “she still decides to trust us.”

47. According to the passage, people can **NOT** interact with a whale by _____.

- A. splashing water to it
- B. gently touching its skin
- C. swimming alongside it
- D. looking at it in the eye

48. The underlined phrase in paragraph 2 means that the whale _____.

- A. is mad with too many visitors
- B. is willing to be petted by people on the boat
- C. can interact with people based on its likes
- D. can decide its preferred swimming route

49. Why does the author consider it “a blessing” when a large mama whale approaches the boat?

- A. Because she is smarter than her child and better at interacting with people.
- B. Because she believes in people and will not turn violent if her baby is harmed.
- C. Because a whale as large as this one is rare to see.
- D. Because she trusts people despite her concerns about her child’s safety.

50. What is the best title for this passage?

- A. Preserving the Devil Fish in Laguna San Ignacio
- B. A Beautiful Encounter with Gray Whales
- C. A Risky but Exciting Whale-Watching Journey
- D. Appropriate Ways to Interact with Gray Whales

(B)



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Immigrants are quickly adapting to 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 remarkable levels nor resistant to assimilation (融合). 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 indicators 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 (双语的) and good at English. “By the third generation, the original language is lost in the majority of immigrant families.” Hence, America is described as a “graveyard” for languages. By 1996 foreign-born immigrants who had arrived before 1970 had a home ownership rate of 75.6 percent, higher than the 69.8 percent rate among native-born Americans. Foreign-born Asians and Hispanics “have higher rates of intermarriage than do U.S.-born whites and blacks.” By the third generation, one third of Hispanic women are married to non-Hispanics, and 41 percent of Asian-American women are married to non-Asians.

Rodriguez notes that children in remote villages around the world are fans of superstars like Arnold Schwarzenegger and Garth Brooks, yet “some Americans fear that immigrants living within the United States are not influenced by the nation’s assimilative power.”

Are there divisive issues and anger in America? Indeed. It is big enough to have a bit of everything. But particularly when viewed against America’s troubled past, today’s social indicators hardly suggest a dark and worsening social environment.

54. The underlined phrase in paragraph 1 probably means _____.

- A. making people adapt to American consumption culture
- B. encouraging people to embrace a democratic lifestyle
- C. encouraging people to stick to their own ideas and principles
- D. making people behave more similarly in many aspects

55. According to the passage, what can be inferred about the immigrants now in the U.S.?

- A. Their adaptation to the common culture is quick but harmful to the society.
- B. The scale of immigration is not big and the immigrants welcome American culture.
- C. Their children are good at both English and their original language.

D. Hispanic and Asian-American women both prefer to marry native-born Americans.

56. The author mentions Arnold Schwarzenegger and Garth Brooks in paragraph 4 to

_____.

- A. provide examples of successful immigrants
- B. suggest the weakness of America's assimilative power
- C. show the powerful influence of American culture
- D. prove their popularity at home and abroad

57. What is the author's general attitude towards the cultural assimilation in American society?

- A. Optimistic. B. Concerned. C. Neutral. D. Negative.

Section C

Directions: Read the following passage. Fill in each blank with a proper sentence given in the box. Each sentence can be used only once. Note that there are two more sentences than you need.

Do Lobsters Feel Pain?

The traditional method for cooking a lobster — boiling it alive — raises the question of whether or not lobsters feel pain. ____58____. Lobsters decay very quickly after they die, and eating a dead lobster increases the risk of food-borne illness and reduces the quality of its flavor. However, if lobsters are capable of feeling pain, these cooking methods raise ethical questions for chefs and lobster eaters alike.

Until the 1980s, scientists were trained to ignore animal pain, based on the belief that the ability to feel pain was associated only with higher consciousness. However, today, scientists view humans as a species of animal. Still, scientists disagree over whether or not lobsters feel pain. Lobsters have a peripheral system (外围系统) like humans, but instead of a single brain, they possess segmented ganglia (分段神经节). Because of these differences, some researchers argue lobsters are too dissimilar to vertebrates (脊椎动物) to feel pain and that their reaction to negative stimuli is simply a reflex. ____59____. Lobsters guard their injuries, learn to avoid dangerous situations, and respond to anesthetics (麻醉剂). For these reasons, most scientists believe that injuring a lobster (e. g. storing it on ice or boiling it alive) causes physical pain.

____60____. Currently, boiling lobsters alive is banned in Switzerland, New Zealand,

and the Italian city Reggio Emilia. Even in locations where boiling lobsters remains legal, many restaurants choose more humane methods, both to calm customer concerns and because the chefs believe stress negatively affects the flavor of the meat.

While we cannot know definitively whether or not lobsters feel pain, research indicates that it's likely. So, if you want to enjoy a lobster dinner, how should you go about it? The most humane tool for cooking a lobster is the CrustaStun. This device kills a lobster by an electric shock, making it unconscious in less than half a second, after which it can be cut apart or boiled. In contrast, it takes about 2 minutes for a lobster to die from immersion in boiling water. ____ 61 _____. Some restaurants place a lobster in a plastic bag and place it in the freezer for a couple of hours, during which time the lobster loses consciousness and dies.

- A. Nonetheless, lobsters do satisfy all of the criteria for a pain response
- B. This cooking technique is used in many restaurants to improve humans' dining experience
- C. Due to growing evidence that the lobsters may feel pain, it is now becoming illegal to boil lobsters alive or keep them on ice
- D. This method is probably the most humane option for killing a lobster before cooking and eating it
- E. Evidence shows that many species like lobsters are capable of learning and possess some level of self-awareness
- F. Unfortunately, this technique is too expensive for most restaurants to afford

IV. Productive Grammar

Directions: After reading the sentences below, fill in the blanks to make the sentence coherent and grammatically correct. For the blanks with a given word, fill in each blank with the proper form of the given word.

62. News came as soon as she arrived home _____ her son died in the war. (用适当的词填空)
63. _____ you decide upon will not influence me, for I am not involved in your project. (用适当的词填空)
64. Is this classroom _____ you have your chemistry lessons the one you like the most? (用适当的词填空)
65. I doubt _____ the scientific breakthrough will have a profound impact on the field of

medicine. (用适当的词填空)

66. The police offer a reward to _____ finds the missing luggage of this old lady. (用适当的词填空)

67. _____ do you think would be the best place to celebrate our anniversary, a restaurant or a bar? (用适当的词填空)

68. The moment _____ the first rays of sunlight painted the sky signaled the beginning of a new day. (用适当的词填空)

69. What I want to know is _____ you plan to dress in to attend the Christmas party. (用适当的词填空)

70. HR demanded that all employees _____ (familiarize) with the new software after the training session was completed. (所给词的适当形式填空)

71. _____ the two trains crashed into each other still remains unknown, but the police say that it could be due to the heavy snow. (用适当的词填空)

V. Translation

Directions: Translate the following sentences into English, using the words given in the brackets.

72. 这个从不自省的男人不可能在事业上获得成功。(reward v.) (汉译英)

73. 当队长意识到一些团队成员总是试图挑这份提案的毛病时,他感到十分沮丧。(aware) (汉译英)

74. 虽然这位环保主义者承受着巨大的压力,但他最终兑现了保护野生动物自然栖息地的承诺。(deliver) (汉译英)

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