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## Band 4

#### Model Test 1

#### Part I Reading Comprehension

**Directions:** There are 4 reading passages in this part. Each passage is followed by some questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked  $A \setminus B \setminus C$  and  $D \setminus Y$  ou should decide on the best choice and mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

#### Passage I

Trees should only be pruned when there is a good and clear reason for doing so and, fortunately, the number of such reasons is small. Pruning involves the cutting away of overgrown and unwanted branches, and the inexperienced gardener can be encouraged by the thought that more damage results from doing it unnecessarily than from leaving the tree to grow in its own way.

First, pruning may be done to make sure that trees have a desired shape or size. The object may be to get a tree of the right height, and at the same time to hope the growth of small side branches which will thicken its appearance or give it a special shape. Secondly, pruning may be done to make the tree healthier. You may cut out diseased or dead wood, or branches that are rubbing against each other and thus causing wounds. The health of a tree may be encouraged by removing branches that are blocking up the center and so preventing the free movement of air.

One result of pruning is that an open wound is left on the tree

and this provides an easy entry for disease, but it is a wound that will heal. Often there is a race between the healing and the disease as to whether the tree will live or die so that there is a period when the tree is at risk. It should be the aim of every gardener to reduce that risk of death as far as possible. It is essential to make the area which has been pruned smooth and clean, for healing will be slowed down by roughness. You should allow the cut surface to dry for a few hours and then paint it with one of the substances available from garden shops produced especially for this purpose. Pruning is usually done in winter, for then you can see the shape of the tree clearly without interference from the leaves and it is, too, very unlikely that the cuts you make will bleed. If this does happen, it is, of course, impossible to paint them properly.

- 1. Which of the following is not the purpose of pruning?
  - A. To make trees have a shape or size one wants.
  - B. To ensure that the trees are healthy.
  - C. To make the trees grow as tall as possible.
  - D. To get a tree of right height and to encourage that growth of small trees.
- 2. In the process of pruning, what kind of branch is not necessarily the object of removing?
  - A. Branches that are diseased or dead.
  - B. Branches that block up the center and prevent the free movement of air.
  - C. Branches that are rubbing against each other.
  - D. Small side branches.
- 3. Which of the following about pruning is true?
  - A. Pruning may put the tree at risk.

- B. Rough cutting does not really have much impact on the healing process of a tree.
- C. Immediately after the cutting, one should paint the cut with a kind of substance produced especially for this purpose.
- D. The best season for pruning is autumn.
- 4. According to the passage, a good gardener should . .
  - A. keep in mind that unnecessary pruning is more harmful than leaving the tree to grow in its own way
  - B. cut those small side branches frequently so as to ensure the growth of the main branch
  - C. help the tree with the race between the healing and the disease when an open wound is left as a result of pruning
  - D. paint the trees at least four times a year
- 5. The author's purpose of writing this passage is to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. show the advantages of pruning
  - B. demonstrate the general process of pruning
  - C. give practical instructions for pruning
  - D. show the risk of pruning

#### Passage II

In the past, American families tended to be quite large. Parents raising five or more children were common. Over the years, the size of the family has decreased. One reason for this is an increase in the cost of living. On the average, children attend schools for more years than they used to, making them financially dependent of their families longer. Moreover, children nowadays are better dressed and have more money to spend on entertainment. The parents usually take the responsibility for all the expenses. Meanwhile, families are less close than they used to be. More and more American mothers

work away from home. The break-up of the family occurs when the parents divorce. A lot of children in the U.S. live part of their young lives with only one parent. Broken families usually result in problems for children and parents alike. Children blame themselves when their parents separate. They grow up feeling unsettled as they are moved back and forth between parents. Usually one parent is responsible for raising the children. These single parents must care for the children's emotional and psychological needs while also supporting them financially. This is very demanding and leaves very little time for the parent's own personal interests. Single parents often marry other single parents. In this type of family, unrelated children are forced to develop brother or sister relationship. The situations of many American families today are not good. However, recent signs indicate that things are getting better. The divorce rate is declining. The rate of childbirth is rising. Perhaps Americans have learned how important families are.

6.	In the	past.	American	families	tended	to be	

A. quite small

B. medium-sized

C. quite large

D. small

- 7. To parents who take the responsibility for children's expenses, the cost of living increases because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. children attend school for more years
  - B. children are better dressed
  - C. children spend more money on entertainment
  - D all of the above
- 8. What problems would broken families bring to both children and parents?
  - A. Children grow up feeling unsettled and parents don't pay

much attention to children.

- B. Children grow up feeling free and one parent is responsible for raising the children.
- C. Children are moved back and forth between parents and the single parent is busy working to make money to support himself/herself.
- D. Children grow up feeling unsettled, and the parents have little time for his/her own interests because one parent is too busy taking care of children.

9.	According	to 1	the	author,	the	situations	of	American	families	in
	the future	may	<i>y</i>	•						

- A. become worse B. remain the same
- C. get better D. keep unchanged
- 10. The title of the article might be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. American Children B. American Families
  - C. American Mother D. American Parents

### Passage II

There isn't any question about Washington's greatness. If his administration had been a failure, there would have been no United States. He had all the background that caused him to know how to make it work, because he had worked under the Continental Congress. Some Presidents have limited their roles to being administrators of the laws without being leaders. But Washington was both a great administrator and a great leader.

I guess, in fact, that the only anti-Washington thing I can say is that he made a mistake when he established the precedent of the two-term Presidency, and even there he had a good personal reason for wanting that, at least for himself. He was attacked viciously by

the press of his day; he was called so many terrible things that he told friends even during his first term that he wasn't going to run again. But Thomas Jefferson and James Madison and Alexander Hamilton persuaded him to go ahead and serve a second term and finally he did. After he'd gotten through his second term, though, he made up his mind that he just wouldn't take it any more, and he quit.

quit	· ·						
11.	Basically the author's opinion of Washington is						
	A. praiseful B. derogatory C. critical D. negative						
12.	Washington's administration had been a						
	A. failure B. success						
	C. good example followed by other Presidents						
	D. miracle						
13.	Washington's greatness showed itself in that						
	A. Washington worked under the Continental Congress						

- B. Washington limited his role to being administrator of the laws
- C. Washington was both a great administrator and a great leader
- D. Washington established the precedent of the two-term Presidency
- 14. What's the author's attitude toward Washington's two-term Presidency?
  - A. He thinks Washington made a mistake by doing so.
  - B. He thinks that Washington had a good personal reason for doing so.
  - C Both A and B.
  - D. He thinks that Washington was too selfish in doing so.
- 15. Which of the following is not true?

- A. Washington was very popular with the press of his day.
- B. Washington was persuaded to serve the second term.
- C. Washington contributed much to the establishment of the United States.
- D. Washington's greatness is undoubted.

#### Passage V

Are you aware that you actually possess six senses? The sixth is a muscular sense responsible for directing your muscles intelligently—to the exact extent necessary for each action you perform. For example, when you reach for an object, the sensory nerves linking the muscles to the brain stop your hand at the correct spot. This automatic perception of the position of your muscles in relation to the object is your muscular sense in action.

Muscles are stringy bundles of fibers varying from one five-thousandth of an inch to about three inches. They have three unique characteristics: they can become shorter and thicker; they can stretch; they can react to their original positions. Under a high-powered microscope, muscle tissue is seen as long, slender cells with a grainy texture like wood. More than half of a person's body is composed of muscle fibers, most of which are involuntary — in other words, work without conscious direction. The voluntary muscles, those that we move consciously to perform particular actions, number more than five hundred. Women have only 60 to 70 percent as much muscle as men for their body mass. That is why an average woman can't lift as much, throw as far, or hit as hard as an average man.

16. According to this passage, the muscular sense is responsible for

	A. the efficiency of our muscles							
	B. the normal breathing function							
	C, directing our muscles intelligently							
	D. the work of only our involuntary muscles							
17.	Intelligent use of the muscles means that							
	A. one always knows what his muscles are doing							
	B. one performs simple actions without working							
	C. one's muscles are used only to the extent necessary for each							
	action they perform							
	D. one improves muscular action consciously							
18.	Under a microscope muscle cells appear to be							
	A. textured like wood B. colored like wood							
	C. smooth and red D. short and thick							
19.	According to the passage, more than half of a person's body is							
	composed of							
	A. voluntary muscles B. involuntary muscles							
	C. muscle fibers D. sensory nerves							
20.	An average woman is weaker than an average man because she							
	has							
	A. more voluntary muscles than an average man							
	B. only 60 to 70 percent as much muscles as men for her body							
	mass							
	C. 60 to 70 percent less muscle for her body mass							
	D. less muscle fiber for her body weight							

### Part I Vocabulary & Structure

**Directions:** There are 30 incomplete sentences in this part. For each sentence there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the ONE answer that best completes the sentence. Then mark the

corr	corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through						
the	centre.						
21.	He is of a musician.						
	A. somebody B. something	C. anybody D. anything					
22.	It is not you in troubl	e; it's I in trouble.					
	A. who are… who am	B. who are… that is					
	C. who are… who is	D. who is… who am					
23.	Mary my letter; other	erwise she would have replied be-					
	fore now.						
	A. ought to have received	B. shouldn't have received					
	C. has received	D. couldn't have received					
24.	the size or nature of a	business, its main goal is to earn					
	a profit.						
	A. Whatever B. Whereas	C. Whichever D. Because					
25.	Earthquakes are among nature's most devastating events, caus-						
	ing an loss of life and	property.					
	A. incalculable	B. unprofitable					
	C. ineffable	D. insurmountable					
26.	Although he was thought to be, he later turned out to						
	be a very successful businessm	aan.					
	A. rather a dull child	B. rather dull a child					
	C. a child rather dull	D, a rather dull child					
27.	He insisted on having everything	ing in before we left.					
	A. green and yellow	B. black and white					
	C. red and blue	D. black and blue					
28.	You are supposed ever	rything ready by now.					
	A. to get B. to have got	t C. getting D. having got					
<b>2</b> 9	There is a real possibility that	these animals could be frightened					

	a sudde	n loud noise.					
	A. there was		B. there having	g been			
	C. being there		D. should there	e be			
30.	The air condition	oner has cost u	ıs a lot of money	it should			
	work very well.						
	A. basically	B. suitably	C. conformably	D. consequently			
31.	It's high time	we s	severe measures	against such vio-			
	lence.						
	A. should take	B. can take	C. are to take	D. took			
32.	I'm disgusted_	the way	y the couple talk	about the actress			
	in the film.						
	A. with	B. on	C. over	D. at			
<b>3</b> 3.	"If John doesn't come to work on time, he may be fired."						
	"Surely he isn't	so foolish	not to realiz	ze that."			
	A. so	B. and	C. but	D. as			
34	Only if you can	understand w	vhat you are liste	ening to,			
	write it down correctly.						
	A. you will	B. will you	C. you can	D. can you			
35.	He couldn't	his moth	er that he was te	lling the truth.			
	A. convince	B. believe	C. ensure	D. persuade			
36.	So fastt	that it is diffic	ult for us to ima	gine its speed.			
	A. has light tra-	veled	B. does light travel				
	C. light travels		D. travels light				
37.	While the plan v	was still	_, he did not lik	se to make prom-			
	ises freely.						
	A. in air	•		D. on air			
38.	the move	ement rapidly	spread.				
	A. As expected		B. Which was e	expected			
1	0						

	C. That was expected	D. So it was expected	
39.	did you say we shoul	d ask to build the new museum:	?
	A. Who B. Whoever	C. Whom D. What	
40.	Your thesis wouldn't	_ if you used too many techni	ca
	terms in it.		
	A. get across B. get down	C. get up D. get by	
41.	Just when we were walking t	hrough the gate, it suddenly beg	gar
	to		
	A. rain cats and dogs	B. rain dogs and cats	
	C. rain cat and dog	D. rain dog and cat	
42.	man must fear when	travelling in space is radiation fro	om
	the sun.		
	A. Which B. How	C. What D. That	
43.	Henry would rather his girlf	riend in the same depart	rt-
	ment as he does.		
	A. works B. is working	C. worked D. to work	
44.	They went to their of	ffice after the meeting.	
	A. respectable B. respectful	C. respected D. respective	
45.	Since calculators were introd	duced, they to be used	ful
	tools for people weak in math	1.	
		C. will prove D. are proving	_
46.	A running nose and a sore thi	roat is the first of a cold	•
	A. symptom B. omen		
17.	Six thousand miles to	o far to travel.	
	A. are B. is		
18.	There is no point to v	-	
	A. to try B. in trying		
19.	The potato crop of 1906 was	that of 1945.	

A. superior to

- B. superior than
- C. more superior to
- D. more superior than
- 50. Your opinion was to change our plan, \_\_\_\_\_?
  - A. don't you B. isn't it C. aren't you D. wasn't it

#### Part II Translation

**Directions:** In this part, there are five items, which you should translate into Chinese, each item consisting of one or two sentences. The sentences are all taken from the Reading Passages you have just read in Part One. You should refer back to the passage so as to

- identify their meanings in the contest.

  51. Passage I, Para. 1, Last Sentence.
- 52. Passage I, Para 3, 2nd Sentence.
- 53. Passage II, Para. 2, 15th Sentence.
- 54. Passage Ⅲ, Para. 2, 1st Sentence.
- 55. Passage IV, Para. 2, 4th Sentence.

#### Part IV Cloze

**Directions:** There are 20 blanks in the following passage. For each blank there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. You should choose the One that best fits into the passage. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

Each human being is born as something new, <u>56</u> that never existed before. He is born with <u>57</u> he needs to win at life. Each person in his own <u>58</u> can see, hear, touch, taste, and think <u>59</u> himself. Each has his own unique <u>60</u> — his capabilities and limitations. <u>61</u> can be a significant, <u>62</u>, aware, and creatively <u>63</u> person in his own right — a winner.

The words "winner" and "loser" have many meanings. When 12

we refer <u>64</u> a person as a winner, we do not mean one <u>65</u> beats the other guy <u>66</u> winning over him and <u>67</u> him lose. To us, a winner is one who responds authentically by being <u>68</u>, trustworthy, responsive, and genuine, <u>69</u> as an individual and as member of <u>70</u>. A loser is one who fails to respond authentically, Martin Buber <u>71</u> this idea as he retells an old story of a rabbi who on his <u>72</u> bed sees himself as a loser. The rabbi laments that, in the world to come, he will not be asked why he wasn't Moses; he will be asked why he wasn't <u>73</u>.

Few people are one hundred percent winners or one hundred percent losers. It's a <u>74</u> of degree. However, once a person is on the road to being a winner, his chances are greater for becoming even more <u>75</u>. This book is intended to facilitate the journey.

56. A.	everything	В.	anything	C.	something	D.	thing
57. A.	that	В.	what	C.	which	D.	how
58. A.	way	В.	case	C.	method	D.	appetite
59. A.	of	В.	to	C.	for	D.	about
60. A.	possibilities	В.	abilities	C.	potentials	D.	energy
61. A.	One	В.	All	C.	Every	D.	Each
62. A.	thinking	В.	think	C.	thought	D.	have thought
63. A.	produce	В.	productive	C.	product	D.	productivity
64. A.	as	В.	to	C.	for	D.	on
65. A.	what	B.	those	C.	which	D.	who
66. A.	with	B.	for	C.	on	D.	by
67. A.	making	В.	let	C.	letting	Đ.	make
68. A.	credit	B.	believing	C.	credible	D.	believed
69. A.	all	В.	both	C.	which	D.	each
70. A.	society	В.	group	C.	community	D.	party