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Section I Listening Comprehension

Directions:

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This section is designed to test your ability to understand spoken English. You will hear a selection of recorded materials and you must answer the questions that accompany them. There are three parts in this section, Part A, Part B and Part C.

Remember, while you are doing the test, you should first put down your answers in your test booklet. At the end of the listening comprehension section, you will have 5 minutes to transfer all your answers from your test booklet to ANSWER SHEET 1.

Now look at Part A in your test booklet.



Part A

Directions:

For Questions $1\sim5$, you will hear a talk about the geography of Belgium. While you listen, fill out the table with the information you have heard. Some of the information has been given to you in the table. Write only 1 word or number in each numbered box. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the table below. (5 points)

Geography of Belgium	m			
	coastal plain			
Three main regions	central plateau			
•			1	
Highest altitude of the coastal plain	1	m 2		
Climate many the sec	humid			
Climate near the sea			3	
Destinate with a fall way	April	April		
Particularly rainy months of the year			4	
A second	low	13℃		
Average temperatures in July in Brussels	high	\mathbb{C}	5	



Part B

Directions:

For Questions $6\sim10$, you will hear an interview with Mr. Saffo from the Institute for the Future. While you listen, complete the sentences or answer the questions. Use not more than 3 words for each answer. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the sentences and questions below. (5 points)

What is Saffo according to himself?	6
The Institute for the Future provides services to	7
private companies and	:
The Institute believes that to think systemati-	8
cally about the long-range future is	
To succeed in anything, one should be flexi-	9
ble, curious and	
What does Saffo consider to be essential to the	10
work of a team?	



Part C

Directions:

You will hear three pieces of recorded material. Before listening to each one, you will have time to read the questions related to it. While listening, answer each question by choosing [A],[B],[C] or [D]. After listening, you will have time to check your answers. You will hear each piece once only. (10 points)

Questions $11 \sim 13$ are based on the following talk about naming newborns. You now have 15 seconds to read Questions $11 \sim 13$.

- 11. What do we often do with the things we love?
 - [A] Ask for their names.
 - [B] Name babies after them.
 - [C] Put down their names.
 - [D] Choose names for them.
- 12. The unpleasant meaning of an old family name is often overlooked if _____
 - [A] the family tree is fairly limited
 - [B] the family tie is strong enough
 - [C] the name is commonly used

	[D] nobody in the family complains
13.	Several months after a baby's birth, its name will
	[A] show the beauty of its own
	[B] develop more associations
	[C] lose the original meaning
	[D] help form the baby's personality
	Questions 14~16 are based on the biography of Bobby Moore, an English soccer play
er.	You now have 15 seconds to read Questions 14~16.
14.	How many matches did Moore play during his professional career?
	[A] 90. [B] 108. [C]180. [D]668.
15.	In 1964, Bobby Moore was made
*1	[A] England's footballer of the year
	[B] a soccer coach in West Germany
	[C] a medallist for his sportsmanship
	[D] a member of the Order of the British Empire
16.	After Moore retired from playing, the first thing he did was
	[A] editing Sunday Sport
	[B] working for Capital Radio
	[C] managing professional soccer teams
	[D] developing a sports marketing company
	Questions 17~20 are based on the following talk on the city of Belfast. You now have
	seconds to read Questions 17~20.
	Belfast has long been famous for its
	[A] oil refinery
	[B] linen textiles
	[C] food products
	[D] deepwater port
18.	Which of the following does Belfast chiefly export?
N. A40700	[A] Soap. [B] Grain. [C] Steel. [D] Tobacco.
	When was Belfast founded?
=33	[A] In 1177. [B] In 1315.
	[C] In the 16 th century. [D] In the 17 th century.
	What happened in Belfast in the late 18 th century?
	[A] French refugees arrived.
	[B] The harbor was destroyed.

- [C] Shipbuilding began to flourish.
- [D] The city was taken by the English.

You now have 5 minutes to transfer all your answers from your test booklet to AN-SWER SHEET 1.

Section I Use of English

Directions :

Read the Following text. Choose the best word(s) for each numbered blank and mark [A], [B], [C] or [D] on ANSWER SHEET 1. (10 points)

mark [A],[B],[C] or [D] on ANSWER SHEET 1. (10 points)
Many theories concerning the causes of juvenile delinquency (crimes committed by
young people) focus either on the individual or on society as the major contributing influence. Theories 21 on the individual suggest that children engage in criminal behavior 22
they were not sufficiently penalized for previous misdeeds or that they have learned criminal
behavior through 23 with others. Theories focusing on the role of society suggest that
children commit crimes in 24 to their failure to rise above their socioeconomic status,
25 ° as a rejection of middle-class values.
Most theories of juvenile delinquency have focused on children from disadvantaged fami-
lies, 26 the fact that children from wealthy homes also commit crimes. The latter may
commit crimes 27 lack of adequate parental control. All theories, however, are tentative
and are 128 to criticism.
and are 128 to criticism. Changes in the social structure may indirectly 29 juvenile crime rates. For exam-
ple, changes in the economy that 30 to fewer job opportunities for youth and rising un-
employment in 31 make gainful employment increasingly difficult to obtain. The resulting
discontent may in 32th lead more youths into criminal behavior.
Families have also 33 changes these years. More families consist of one-parent
households or two working parents; 34, children are likely to have less supervision at
home 35 was common in the traditional family 36. This lack of parental supervision
is thought to be an influence on juvenile crime rates. Other 37 causes of offensive acts
is thought to be an influence on juvenile crime rates. Other 37 causes of offensive acts
include frustration or failure in school, the increased 38 of drugs and alcohol, and the
growing 39 of child abuse and child neglect. All these conditions tend to increase the
probability of a child committing a criminal act, 40 a direct causal relationship has no
yet been established.
21. [A] acting [B] relying [C] centering [D] commenting

22 [4] [6	[m] ı	[0]	[D] 1
22. [A] before	[B] unless	[C] until	D because
23. [A] interaction	[B] assimilation	[C] cooperation	[D] consultation
24. [A] return	[B] reply	[C] reference	[D] response
25. [A] or	[₿∕] but rather	[C] but	[D] or else
26. [A] considering	[B] ignoring	[C] highlighting	[D] discarding
27. [A] on	[B] in	[Ç] for	[D] with
28. [A] immune	[B] resistant	[C] sensitive	[D] subject
29. [A] affect	[B] reduce	[C] check	[D] reflect
30. [Ă] point	[B] lead	[C] come	$[\overline{\mathrm{D}}]$ amount
31. [A] in general	[B] on average	[C] by contrast	[D] at length
32. [A] case	[B] short	[Ç] turn	[D] essence
33. [A] survived	[B] noticed	[C] undertaken	[D] experienced
34. [A] contrarily	[B] consequently	[C] similarly	[D] simultaneously
35. [A] than	[B] that	[C] which	[D] as
36. [A] system	[B] structure	[C] concept	[D] heritage
37. [A] assessable	[B] identifiable	· [C] negligible	[D] incredible
38. [A] expense	[B] restriction	[C] allocation	[D] availability
39. [A] incidence	[B] awareness	[C] exposure	[D] popularity
40. [A] provided	[B] since	[C] although	$[\stackrel{ullet}{ m D}]$ supposing
	G W D		

Section II Reading Comprehension



Part A

Directions:

Read the following four texts. Answer the questions below each text by choosing [A], [B], [C] or [D]. Mark your answers on ANSWER SHEET 1. (40 points)

Text 1

Hunting for a job late last year, lawyer Gant Redmon <u>stumbled</u> across CareerBuilder, a job database on the Internet. He searched it with no success but was attracted by the site's "personal search agent". It's an interactive feature that lets visitors key in job criteria such as location, title, and salary, then E-mails them when a matching position is posted in the database. Redmon chose the keywords *legal*, *intellectual property*, and *Washington D.C.* Three weeks later, he got his first notification of an opening. "I struck gold," says Redmon, who E-mailed his resume to the employer and won a position as in-house <u>counsel</u> for a company.

With thousands of career-related sites on the Internet, finding promising openings can be time-consuming and inefficient. Search agents reduce the need for repeated visits to the

databases. But although a search agent worked for Redmon, career experts see drawbacks. Narrowing your criteria, for example, may work against you: "Every time you answer a question you eliminate a possibility," says one expert.

For any job search, you should start with a narrow concept—what you think you want to do—then broaden it. "None of these programs do that," says another expert. "There's no career counseling implicit in all of this." Instead, the best strategy is to use the agent as a kind of tip service to keep abreast of jobs in a particular database; when you get E-mail, consider it a reminder to check the database again. "I would not rely on agents for finding everything that is added to a database that might interest me," says the author of a job-searching guide.

Some sites design their agents to tempt job hunters to return. When CareerSite's agent sends out messages to those who have signed up for its service, for example, it includes only three potential jobs—those it considers the best matches. There may be more matches in the database; job hunters will have to visit the site again to find them—and they do. "On the day after we send our messages, we see a sharp increase in our traffic," says Seth Peets, vice president of marketing for CareerSite.

Even those who aren't hunting for jobs may find search agents worthwhile. Some use them to keep a close watch on the demand for their line of work or gather information on compensation to arm themselves when negotiating for a raise. Although happily employed, Redmon maintains his agent at CareerBuilder. "You always keep your eyes open," he says. Working with a personal search agent means having another set of eyes looking out for you.

- 41. How did Redmon find his job?
 - [A] By searching openings in a job database.
 - [B] By posting a matching position in a database.
 - [C] By using a special service of a database.
 - [D] By E-mailing his resume to a database.
- 42. Which of the following can be a disadvantage of search agents?
 - [A] Lack of counseling.
 - → [B] Limited number of visits.
 - [C] Lower efficiency.
 - [D] Fewer successful matches.
- 43. The expression "tip service" (Line 4, Paragraph 3) most probably means _____
 - [A] advisory

[B] compensation

- [C] interaction
- \sim [D] reminder
- 44. Why does CareerSite's agent offer each job hunter only three job options?
 - [A] To focus on better job matches.
 - [B] To attract more returning visits.

- [C] To reserve space for more messages.
- [D] To increase the rate of success.
- 45. Which of the following is true according to the text?
 - [A] Personal search agents are indispensable to job-hunters.
 - [B] Some sites keep E-mailing job seekers to trace their demands.
 - $\sqrt{[C]}$ Personal search agents are also helpful to those already employed.
 - , [D] Some agents stop sending information to people once they are employed.

Text 2

- Over the past century, all kinds of unfairness and discrimination have been condemned or made illegal. But one insidious form continues to thrive: alphabetism. This, for those as yet unaware of such a disadvantage, refers to discrimination against those whose surnames begin with a letter in the lower half of the alphabet.
- J It has long been known that a taxi firm called AAAA cars has a big advantage over Zodiac cars when customers thumb through their phone directories. Less well known is the advantage that Adam Abbott has in life over Zoë Zysman. English names are fairly evenly spread between the halves of the alphabet. Yet a suspiciously large number of top people have surnames beginning with letters between A and K.
- Thus the American president and vice-president have surnames starting with B and C respectively; and 26 of George Bush's predecessors (including his father) had surnames in the first half of the alphabet against just 16 in the second half. Even more striking, six of the seven heads of government of the G7 rich countries are alphabetically advantaged (Berlusconi, Blair, Bush, Chirac, Chrétien and Koizumi). The world's three top central bankers (Greenspan, Duisenberg and Hayami) are all close to the top of the alphabet, even if one of them really uses Japanese characters. As are the world's five richest men (Gates, Buffett, Allen, Ellison and Albrecht).
- Can this merely be coincidence? One theory, dreamt up in all the spare time enjoyed by the alphabetically disadvantaged, is that the rot sets in early. At the start of the first year in infant school, teachers seat pupils alphabetically from the front, to make it easier to remember their names. So short-sighted Zysman junior gets stuck in the back row, and is rarely asked the improving questions posed by those insensitive teachers. At the time the alphabetically disadvantaged may think they have had a lucky escape. Yet the result may be worse qualifications, because they get less individual attention, as well as less confidence in speaking publicly.

The humiliation continues. At university graduation ceremonies, the ABCs proudly get their awards first; by the time they reach the Zysmans most people are literally having a ZZZ.) Shortlists for job interviews, election ballot papers, lists of conference speakers and

attendees: all tend to be drawn up alphabetically, and their recipients lose interest as they plough through them.

- 46. What does the author intend to illustrate with AAAA cars and Zodiac cars?
 - [A] A kind of overlooked inequality.
 - [B] A type of conspicuous bias.
 - [C] A type of personal prejudice.
 - [D] A kind of brand discrimination.
- 47. What can we infer from the first three paragraphs?
 - [A] In both East and West, names are essential to success.
 - [B]. The alphabet is to blame for the failure of Zoë Zysman.
 - [C] Customers often pay a lot of attention to companies' names.
 - ~ [D]/Some form of discrimination is too subtle to recognize.
- 48. The 4th paragraph suggests that _____
 - [A] questions are often put to the more intelligent students.
 - [B] alphabetically disadvantaged students often escape from class.
 - [C] teachers should pay attention to all of their students.
 - [D] students should be seated according to their eyesight.
- 49. What does the author mean by "most people are literally having a ZZZ" (Lines $2 \sim 3$, Paragraph 5)?
 - [A] They are getting impatient.
 - [B] They are noisily dozing off.
 - ~[C]/They are feeling humiliated.
 - [D] They are busy with word puzzles.
- 50. Which of the following is true according to the text?
 - [A] People with surnames beginning with N to Z are often ill-treated.
 - [B] VIPs in the Western world gain a great deal from alphabetism.
 - r[C] The campaign to eliminate alphabetism still has a long way to go.
 - Putting things alphabetically may lead to unintentional bias.

Text 3

When it comes to the slowing economy, Ellen Spero isn't biting her nails just yet. But the 47-year-old manicurist isn't cutting, filing or polishing as many nails as she'd like to, either. Most of her clients spend \$12 to \$50 weekly, but last month two longtime customers suddenly stopped showing up. Spero blames the softening economy. "I'm a good economic indicator," she says. "I provide a service that people can do without when they're concerned about saving some dollars." So Spero is downscaling, shopping at middle-brow Dillard's department store near her suburban Cleveland home, instead of Neiman Marcus. "I don't know

if other clients are going to abandon me, too," she says.

Even before Alan Greenspan's admission that America's red-hot economy is cooling, lots of working folks had already seen signs of the slowdown themselves. From car dealerships to Gap outlets, sales have been lagging for months as shoppers temper their spending. For retailers, who last year took in 24 percent of their revenue between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the cautious approach is coming at a crucial time. Already, experts say, holiday sales are off 7 percent from last year's pace. But don't sound any alarms just yet. Consumers seem only mildly concerned, not panicked, and many say they remain optimistic about the economy's long-term prospects even as they do some modest belt-tightening.

Consumers say they're not in despair because, despite the dreadful headlines, their own fortunes still feel pretty good. Home prices are holding steady in most regions. In Manhattan, "there's a new gold rush happening in the \$4 million to \$10 million range, predominantly fed by Wall Street bonuses," says broker Barbara Corcoran. In San Francisco, prices are still rising even as frenzied overbidding quiets. Instead of 20 to 30 offers, now maybe you only get two or three," says John Tealdi, a Bay Area real-estate broker. And most folks still feel pretty comfortable about their ability to find and keep a job.

Many folks see silver linings to this slowdown. Potential home buyers would cheer for lower interest rates. Employers wouldn't mind a little fewer bubbles in the job market. Many consumers seem to have been influenced by stock-market swings, which investors now view as a necessary ingredient to a sustained boom. Diners might see an upside, too. Getting a table at Manhattan's hot new Alain Ducasse restaurant used to be impossible. Not anymore. For that, Greenspan & Co. may still be worth toasting.

51.	By "Ellen Spero isn't biting h	er nails just yet"	(Line 1,	Paragraph	1), the	author
	means					
	[A] Spero can hardly maintain	her business				
	[B] Spero is too much engaged	in her work				
	[C] Spero has grown out of he	r bad habit				
	[D]/Spero is not in a desperate	situation				
52.	How do the public feel about the	ne current economic	situation?			
	[A]/Optimistic.	[B] Confused.				
	[C] Carefree.	[D] Panicked.				
53.	When mentioning "the \$4 mil	lion to \$10 million	n range"(I	ine 3, Par	ragraph 3), the
	author is talking about					
	[A] gold market	By real estate				
	[C] stock exchange	[D] venture investi	ment			
54.	Why can many people see "silv	er linings" to the ed	conomic slo	owdown?		
	[A] They would benefit in cer	tain ways.				

- [By The stock market shows signs of recovery.
- [C] Such a slowdown usually precedes a boom.
- [D] The purchasing power would be enhanced.
- 55. To which of the following is the author likely to agree?
 - [A] A new boom, on the horizon.
 - [B] Tighten the belt, the single remedy.
 - [C] Caution all right, panic not.
 - [D] The more ventures, the more chances.

Text 4

Americans today don't place a very high value on intellect. Our heroes are athletes, entertainers, and enterpreneurs, not scholars. Even our schools are where we send our children to get a practical education—not to pursue knowledge for the sake of knowledge. Symptoms of pervasive anti-intellectualism in our schools aren't difficult to find.

"Schools have always been in a society where practical is more important than intellectual," says education writer Diane Ravitch. "Schools could be a counterbalance." Ravitch's latest book, Left Back: A Century of Failed School Reforms, traces the roots of anti-intellectualism in our schools, concluding they are anything but a counterbalance to the American distaste for intellectual pursuits.

But they could and should be. Encouraging kids to reject the life of the mind leaves them vulnerable to exploitation and control. Without the ability to think critically, to defend their ideas and understand the ideas of others, they cannot fully participate in our democracy. Continuing along this path, says writer Earl Shorris, "We will become a second-rate country. We will have a less civil society."

"Intellect is resembled as a form of power or privilege," writes historian and professor Richard Hofstadter in Anti-Intellectualism in American Life, a Pulitzer Prize winning book on the roots of anti-intellectualism in US politics, religion, and education. From the beginning of our history, says Hofstadter, our democratic and populist urges have driven us to reject anything that smells of elitism. Practicality, common sense, and native intelligence have been considered more noble qualities than anything you could learn from a book.

Ralph Waldo Emerson and other transcendentalist philosophers thought schooling and rigorous book learning put unnatural restraints on children: "We are shut up in schools and college recitation rooms for 10 or 15 years and come out at last with a bellyful of words and do not know a thing." Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn exemplified American anti-intellectualism. Its hero avoids being civilized—going to school and learning to read—so he can preserve his innate goodness.

Intellect, according to Hofstadter, is different from native intelligence, a quality we re-

luctantly admire. Intellect is the critical, creative, and contemplative side of the mind.
telligence seeks to grasp, manipulate pre-order, and adjust, while intellect examines, pon-
ders, wonders, theorizes, criticizes and imagines. 17:3
School remains a place where intellect is mistrusted. Hofstadter says our country's edu-
cational system is in the graph of people who "joyfully and militantly proclaim their hostility
to intellect and their eagerness to identify with children who show the least intellectual
promise."
56. What do American parents expect their children to acquire in school?
[A] The habit of thinking independently.
[B] Profound knowledge of the world.
[C]/Practical abilities for future career.
[D] The confidence in intellectual pursuits.
57. We can learn from the text that Americans have a history of
[A] undervaluing intellect
[B] favoring intellectualism
[C] supporting school reform
[D] suppressing native intelligence
58. The views of Ravitch and Emerson on schooling are
[A] identical [B] similar [C] complementary [D] opposite
59. Emerson, according to the text, is probably
[A] a pioneer of education reform
[B]) an opponent of intellectualism
[C] a scholar in favor of intellect
[D] an advocate of regular schooling
60. What does the author think of intellect?
[A] It is second to intelligence.
[B] It evolves from common sense.
[C] It is to be pursued.
[D] It underlies power.
Part B
Directions:
Read the following text carefully and then translate the underlined segments into Chi-
nese. Your translation should be written clearly on ANSWER SHEET 2. (10 points)

The relation of language and mind has interested philosophers for many centuries. 61)

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