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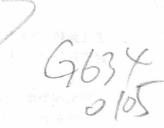
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前言

随着社会的发展、科技的进步及国力的增强,我国的教育制度、教育理念和方法都有了很大的改变,我国中小学教科书也从一纲一本的单一模式演变为一纲多本的多元模式,呈现出一种百花齐放的欣欣向荣景象。同时学科奥林匹克类图书也一枝独秀,长久不衰地伴随着教科书的变化、发展,不断地散发出自己独特的魅力,21世纪的到来,又诞生了新课标及新课标体制下的新教材。

新课标、老教材与学科奥林匹克竞赛三者不是孤立的,三者是有机的统一体,相辅相成,你中有我,我中有你,三者缺一不可。基于以上的认识,结合多年的教学实践和探索,我们注重了对学生基础知识点、综合素质和能力的测试,同时又兼顾了有特殊才能的学生的需要,把最基础的知识点和技巧性、趣味性强的学科奥林匹克竞赛题融为一体,我们将三者中最新、最精髓、最本质的练习题按学科知识点分单元设置编纂出版了这套超级测试卷系列丛书,供使用不同版本教科书、不同地区的学生作单元或每周测试使用。

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本系列丛书虽然从策划、编写,再到出版、设计,可谓尽心尽力,但疏漏之处在所难免。如果您有什么意见和建议,欢迎并感谢赐教,让我们共同努力,以使本系列丛书更好地服务于广大的中小学师生。

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托马斯曼(德国)

单元超级测试卷

姓名

选	择题
1.	There are three cars in the yard, One is red, is black and is blue.
	A. another, another B. the other, the other
	C. the other, another D. another, the other
2.	Do you think the weather is good enough for a picnic?
	Yes, you couldn't hope for at this time of the year.
	A.a nice day B.the nice day C.a nicer day D.the nicest day
3.	Not only what to do, but he also, lent me the money.
	A.he advised me B.did he advise me
	C. does he advise me D. he advises me
4.	——I hear that as many as 150 people were killed in the earthquake.
	Yes, news cames as shock to us.
	A.the,the B.the,a C. 不填,不填 D. 不填,a
5.	you have not yet answered my question I can join the party tonight.
	A. whether B. if C. which D. that
6.	Pop music is loved by most young people, but it is not to everyone's
	A. satisfaction B. taste C. favour D. joy
7.	Which do you enjoy your weekends, fishing or watching TV.
	A. spending B. to spend C. being spend D. spend
8.	The meeting was to at 9 o'clock but the manager until twenty minutes later.
	A. start, didn't turn up B. have started; didn't turn up
	C. start, hadn't turned up D. be started, hadn't turned up
9.	. Swimmers must be very strong in order to build up speed because of high resistence of the
	water.Runners, must struggle against the heavy resistence of high resistence of
	the air and ground.
	A. generally B. similarly C. naturally D. probably
10	O. ——I really don't know how to thank you.
	
	A.I'm glad I'm able to B.Thinking nothing of it
	C.I'm glad to have been of help D.It was the most I could do
1	1. That kind of computer is very expensive. I'll buy one,



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A.though B.a	as well C.s	0	D. instead
12. Is it the letter that y	ou got yesterday	makes yo	ou so sad?
A. which B. v	what C.tl	nat	D. when
13. Look at the heavy ra	in! it w	ould stop!	
A. Only if B. I	Even if C.E	Ever since	D. If only
14. The food at	the moment is fo	or the dinner party	7.
A. cooked B.	to be cooked	C. is being co	oked D. being cooked
15. The hotel caught fire	e last night. Fort	unately, most of	the people escape.
A. were able to	B. could	C. tried to	D.had meant to
二、完形填空			
It was a market day; so	people and traffic	had been pourin	g into the town since early morning.
16it was an old town, ev	en the main stre	et was very17	and soon became over - crowded.
There was not18 for all	the people on the	path at the roads	ide,19they overflowed into the
road. 20 danger to their li	ves from 21	cars and lorries,	the drivers of <u>22</u> were constantly
blowing their horns (喇叭)to	23 people	to get out of their	
Yet it was a25scen	ne. Peasants wal	ked along the stre	et, their heads piled high with bas-
kets or beautifully woven bla	nkets which they	hoped to 26	to the townfolk. Man with carts
their way along, show	iting their goods	at the top of their	28 They were selling apples,
oranges and grapes - the2	9 of their field	ds. <u>30</u> it al	1. women in bright summer clothes
made their way, laughing and	l talking. 31	_ children rushed	in and out of the crowds screaming
with laughter when they didn't	't ask for someth	ning they could no	ot have, or crying with 32 be-
cause they were lost.			
			a meal, but preferred to buy bits of
meat cooked over a fire or broad	ead or ice – crea	m from the street	sellers. The 33 from this and
from all the activities of the o	lay began to coll	ect in the street _	34 and only the rubbish 35
sadly blowing in the cooling i	night wind.		
16. A. Although	B. For	C.But	D. As
17.A.small	B. crowded		D. short
18.A.land	B. area	C. ground	D. room
19. A. and	B. but	C.or	D. then
20. A. having	B. causing	C. throwing	D. being
21. A. passing	B. taking	C. catching	D. driving
22.A.them	B. which	C. whom	D. that
23.A.persuade	B. advise	C. ask	D. get
24. A. road	B. way	C. sight	D. place
25. A. strange	B. usual	C. colorful	D. interesting
26.A.give	B.sell	C.take	D. send
27. A. forced	B. walked	C. found	D. took

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28.A. voices	B. prices	C. heads	D. carts
29.A. crops	B. result	C. harvest	D.productions
30.A.Through	B. Across	C. Above	D. After
31.A. while	B. as	C. when	D. whose
32.A.tears	B. sorrow	C. sadness	D.fear
33.A.people	B. noise	C. rubbish	D. business
34.A. emptied	B. silenced	C.calmed	D. changed
35.A. remained	B.left	C.lay	D.poled

三、阅读理解

A

Take a rapid look at someone, then look away. Do you realize you have made a statement? Hold the glance for a second longer, and you have made a different statement. Hold it for three seconds, and the meaning has changed, again. For every social situation, there is an allowed time that you can hold a person's look without being close, rude or dangerous. If you are on a lift, what stare time are you permitted? To answer this question, consider what you specially do. You very likely give other passengers a quick look to judge of them and to let them believe that you mean no harm. Since being close to another person suggests the possibility of communication, you need to give a signal telling others you want to be left alone. So you cut off eye contact (接触), what Dr. Erving Goffman(1963) calls "a dimming of the lights" You look down at the floor, at the lift door, or anywhere but into another passenger's eyes. If you break the rule against staring at a stranger on a lift, you'll make the other person gradually uncomfortable, and you are likely to feel a bit strange yourself.

If you hold eye contact for more than 3 seconds, what are you telling another person? Much depends on the person and the situation. For instance, a man and a woman communicate interest in this matter. They may look at each other for about 3 seconds at a time, then drop their eyes down for 3 seconds, before letting their eyes meet again. But if one man gives another man a 3 – second – plus stare, he signals, "I know you", "I am interested in you, "or "You look strange and I am curious about you". This type of stare ofren produces unfriendly feelings.

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36. We can learn from the first paragraph that
A. every glance has its meaning
B. staring at a person is an expression of interest
C.a glance longer than 3 seconds is unacceptable
D.a glance carries more meaning than words
37. If you want to be left alone on a lift, the best thing to do is
A.to look into another person's eyes honestly
B. to avoid eye contact with other passengers
C. to give a signal that you are not dangerous
D. to keep a distance from other passengers
38. By "a dimming of the lights," Dr. Erving Goffman means"."

. 3 .



- A. closing one's eyes
- B. turning off the lights
- C. stopping staring at others
- D. reducing stare time to the least
- 39. The passage mainly discusses
 - A. the limited time of eye contact
 - B. the passing of ideas through eye contact
 - C. proper manners in different social situations
 - D. the role of eye contact in inter personal communication

B

Recent researches show that Hong Kong is still "the best place to do business" and most foreign investors(投资者)say that they want to increase investment and continue business after the handover on july 1.

It is reported that 93% of the British companies will still be operating in the year 2000 and 70% will add to their business. Only 7% said they are unsure. Most British companies believe that after the handover the business will at least remain unchanged. Britain is so far the largest investor in Hong Kong with an investment of \$40 billion, followed by Japan with \$14.3 billion and the United States with \$12 billion.

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The British Senior Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong said that after the handover Hong Kong would be a place full of opportunities (机会). Like the British, the Ameican companies also think Hong Kong's return to China is not an interruption. It is said that they increase their investment both in Hong Kong and on the mainland. About 95% of American companies will continue their investment in Hong Kong. A Japanese official in Hong Kong said that the handover is a great affair either to the Asia – Pacific area or to the whole world and that Japan believes firmly in the rapidly growing trade between them. A school was set up earlier this year for children of those Japanese working in Hong Kong as their number Keeps growing.

Researches show that the number of foreign companies operating in Hong Kong has been on a firm rise. It's believed that Hong Kong has been, and will continue to be, a window for China.

(reported on May 20th, 1997)

- 40. According to the passage, what's going on with Hong Kong's business?
 - A. no changes have taken place in Hong Kong recently.
 - B. great changes will take place when it is handed over to China soon.
 - C. Most businessmen are taking back their investment.
 - D. Everything goes on well with the business in Hong Kong.
- 41. What's the opinion for the American companies?
 - A. the handover will keep Hong Kong's business from developing.
 - B. About 5% of them will still be operating.
 - C. Hong Kong's return to China will not stop foreign investment from going in.
 - D. Hong Kong's return to China is against American interests.
- 42. It can be seen clearly that Hong Kong _____.

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- A. plays a very impottant part in the world's trade
- B. will get less investment from foreign companies
- C. will increase investment on the mainland
- D. has an uncertain future
- 43. What does the third paragraph mainly tell us about Japan?
 - A. Japan thinks the handover is also a great event to Japan.
 - B. Japanese set up a school for their children in Hong Kong.
 - C. Mang Japanese are working in Hong Kong now.
 - D. Japan is sure of Hong Kong's bright future.

C

Question Items	new	middle Standing	Veteran
1. Shows a sense of humor in class	42	56	70
2. Explains clearly	33	58	68
3. Teaches in a relaxed(轻松)manner	30	46	65
4. Writes neatly on the blackboard	9	43	56
5. Lets pupils ask questions in class	18	30	47
6. Makes checks in notebooks	22	30	43
7. Speaks loudly and clearly	45	85	54
8. Treats all pupils equally	43	58	42
9. Cares about pupils opinions	47	43	17
10. Spends time with pupils between classes	25	10	6

- 44. As for Question Items ______, pupils'evaluations (评价) can be said to rise at a steady rate (比率) as their teachers' experience increases.
 - A.1 and 4
- B.3 and 5
- C.6 and 8
- D.9 and 10
- 45. In contrast (对比) to the new teachers, the middle standing and veteran teachers seem to have made a remarkable (显著) improvement in their ability to _____.
 - A. be fair to any pupil
 - B. evaluarte pupils' progress
 - C. present materials clealy
 - D. understand and play with pupils
- 46. Pupils seem to regard the new and the middle standing teachers as being more _____ than the veterans.
 - A. relaxed in class

- B. interested in pupils' ideas
- C. neat in appearance
- D. skillful at explaining
- 47. According to the table, which of the following is right?
 - A.in the new teachers' classes, pupils seem to ask questions more freely.
 - B. Pupils seem to be quite satisfied with the amount (量) of time their teachers spend with

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them between classes.

- C. The evaluation of the middle standing teachers is lower than that of the veterans in seven items.
- D. though veterans do not play games with pupils during breaks, their teaching is rated hightly.

D

- (1) America started the Internet Revolution, but it is maybe belief that it cannot finish it. Instead China will finish it. America is a very old country, over 200 years old, and so it has many prejudices (偏见) and habits that defy logic(不合逻辑习惯). For example, America is the only country that still does not use the metric system (米制). Because of such prejudices and habits, America cannot finish the Internet Revolution.
 - (2).....
- (3) Today, America is like the Britain of the 19th century and China is like the America of that time. The symbol (标志) of success of today's America is Silicon Valley (硅谷). There, computer entrepreneurs (企业家) can become billionaires before they turn 30. However, American society does not accept these newly rich, preferring to call them "computer geeks(艺人)". Besides, American companies do not respect their foreign employees Chinese graduate students. They think of these workers only as tools.
- (4) Although Chinese students still desire to go to the United States, one day, as their home country becomes richer, they will want respect more than money.
- (5) China is the world's youngest economic (经济) power, filled with great hope about the future, which means that it lacks prejudices and is able to adapt to (使适合) new technology quickly. A Chinese company can <u>install</u> the latest computer much more cheaply than an American company.
- (6) Chinese also respect entrepreneurs and computer engineers, but Americans think it is "un-cool" to know how to work the computer. Every Chinese student loves the computer. Zhongguancun, China's Silicon Valley, is quickly becoming another heart and center of Chinese society.
 - 48. The title of this passage is _____.
 - A. The Prejudices from Americans
 - B. The China's Future
 - C. China Will Rule the Internet
 - D. The Life of Chinese Graduate Students in the USA
 - 49. The writer foresees that
 - A. Zhongguancun is becoming the head and center of Chinese Society
 - B. China will be world's youngest economic country
 - C. goods made in China will be of higher quality than those made in America
 - D. as China becomes richer, more and more graduate students abroad will return to their motherland

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- 50. Which of the following has most probably been discussed in the paragraph(2)?
 - A. The USA in the Industrial Revolution.
 - B. The Britain in the Industrial Revolution
 - C. Prejudice of the Britain against technology preventing Britain's development and the USA finishing the Industrial Revolution.
 - D. The different opinions between the USA and the Britain in the Industrial Revoluion.
- 51. Which "install" in the following sentences is suitable to the word "install" in paragraph (5)?
 - A. The new judge was installed without delay.
 - B. The owner of the house had a new telephone installed.
 - C. The cat installed itseif in a chair.
 - D. The new president was installed last week.

E

About 1,000 students and teachers from six universities across Beijing have been given the chance to see the world famous New York Philharmonic perform on its first visit to the city in 156 years.

In early June, students from Beijing University, China Institute of Music and other four universities were invited by Citibank to take part in an educational test to win tickets given by the US banking company – to see one of the world's oldest and greatest orchestras (管弦乐队).



The first 1,000 students who had correct answers to the five test questions won an entrance ticket to the Beijing performance.

"Citibank has a strong heritage (传统) in supporting education and we believe that fine arts should play a part in the education course," said William, the bank's Beijing manager, "We have made these tickets able to be used as part of our support of the New York Philharmonic's tour to Beijing, so that students may have the chance to experience the music of this leading orchestra."

The New York Philharmonic is expected to give two performances in Beijing on June 23 at the 21th Century Theatre and on June 24 at the Great Hall of the People.

- - B. The New York Philharmonic has been visited in China for 156 years

	b. The New Tork I infinationic has been visited in China for 150 years
	C. The New York Philharmonic has been organized for 156 years
	D. We haven't seen the New York Philharmonic for 156 years
53.	The students who passed the test
	A. could go into the theatre B. could buy the tickets
	C. were chosen to the theatre D. could have the tickets for free
54.	According to the story, Citibank has the heritage in supporting education
	A.in the world B.in China C.in New York D.in Beijing
55.	The best title of the passage is probably .

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- A. The World famous New York Philharmonic
- B. The Universities across Beijing
- C. Supporting for Education
- D. Free Tickets for Students

四、短文改错

Last summer I spend a two - week vacation at my aunt's	56
She lives in the small mountain village, with a river running	57
nearby. Early one morning, I wanted to swim in the river, which	58
some woman were washing clothes. I found a good place for	59
swimming. I was just about to jump into the river while there	60
came a cry, "Help! Help!" I looked at in the direction of the	61
cry and I found that a little boy had been fallen into the	62
river, I rushed over without delay, jumped into the	63.
water swam quickly towards the boy. Holding on to him over	64
the water, he struggled to the bank. At last, the boy was saved.	65.
to men about	

五、书面表达

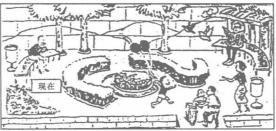
以下两幅图讲述的是你所居住的小区一角在一年中改造前后所发生的变化,请你写一篇 100 字左右的短文,向你校校刊投稿。

说明:1. 要依据图示内容描写环境变化;

- 2. 以第一人称叙述;
- 3. 文章开头已为你写好。

Behind my apartment, there used to be a dirty and messy (杂乱的) corner.









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但丁(意大利)

单元超级测试卷二

		学校	班级	姓名	等级			
,	选	择题						
	1.	—Hi, Li Wen, H	ave you got	E – mail add	ress?			
		—Yes, it is LiWe						
		A. the	B. an	C.a	D.	不填		
	2.	—I'm sorry 1 forg	got to bring your b	ook .				
		That's all right						
		A. Think nothing of i	t	B. Don	't mention it			
		C. Take it easy		D. Let	bygones be by gone	es		
	3.	Your tie looks s	mart. It v	rith your shirt I	perfectly.			
		Thanks. I'm gl	ad you like it.					
		A. matches	B. meets	C. agre	ees D.,	goes		
	4.	The unification of Eu	rope will call	great flexib	ility in national ma	rkets.		
		A. for	B.to	C.on	D.:	at		
	5.	Profits went up by 4	% last year, and	this ye	ar.	3		
		A. have not decrease	d	B. wer	B. were not decreased			
		C.had not decrease		D. did	n't decrease			
	6.	every minute of it						
		A. ever did	B. have never of	done C.am	doing D.	have ever done		
	7.	7. Anyone who has ridden on a railway train knows how rapidly another train flashes by v						
	is travelling							
		A.in the same direct	ion	B.in t	B. in the opposite direction			
		C. toward the opposit	edirection	D. aga	inst the same direct	tion		
	8.	Kennedy Airpor	t, please. I have	to be there by	7.			
		, but I	'll do my best.					
		A.No problem	B.Ok	C.I ca	an't promise D.	I can't do that		
	9.	. If you go to Xi'an,	you'll find the pa	laces there mor	e splendid than cor	nmonly		
		A. supposed	B. suppose	C.to s	suppose D.	supposing		
	10). ——I'm not sure	what time I'll arri	ve, maybe half	past seven or a qu	arter to eight.		
		, I'll	be there as early	as possible.				
		A. Anyhow	B. How ever	C. Thu	D.	Therefore		
	11	1. A thousand miles n	o longer to	us today, for	nodern transportatio	n can easily get		

托尔斯泰(俄国)

英 语 金牌奥赛每周测高一年级超级试卷

校 通



	this distant	ce.		
	A. mean much, to		B. means many	, over
	C. meant more, by		D. means much	, over
12.	. ——Have some mo	ore?		
	No, thanks, l	·		
	A. chicken, have go	t plenty	B. chickens, ha	ave had enough
	C.chicken, have h	ad enough	D. chicken, har	ve had much
13	. ——This is the ref	frigerator we	had so much trouble.	
	Get someone t	o repair it.		
	A.at which	B. of which	C. with which	D. to which
14	. ——Some young p	eople today seem to	believe in more	e than fashion and pop music
	I agree. But t	they should seek after	er elegant taste.	
	A. not	B. nothing	C.no	D. none
15	. At the new	s all the women pre	sent burst out	
	A. unexpecting, to	tears	B. disappointing	g, tears
	C. unexpected, cry	ing	D. disappointed	, crying
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The	ere is no end to the	magic within this cir	cle of the round world	we live in. The greatest ma-
gicians t	today, are <u>16</u> the	e physicists, the mat	hematicians and astron	omers, the wise men seeking
the ansv	vers <u>17</u> the riddl	es of earth and univ	erse. But not one of th	nem can <u>18</u> us how it is
we can	walk 19 a floor	. "By the20 o	of gravitation"it used to	o be the readiest21 as
that.				
Gr	avitation is 22 t	he most familiar thin	ng in all the world and	we were all23 up on
the story	y of Newton and his a	apple and the law of	gravitation. 24 ph	ysisits have begun to say that
gravitati	on may be25a	an illusion (幻觉).	If it is an illusion,_	26 it is pure magic that
27	our feet on the groun	nd and our furniture	28 floating off int	to space. And who29 as
long as	the magic30and	d the illusion is mair	ntained? it is all a matt	er of vocabulary31, for
no two s	scholars have agreed	32_ a definition	n of magic; but there	is no denying <u>33</u> every
time ma	n has finally underst	ood and explained a	he has stoppe	ed to call it magic and called
it35	instead.			
16	. A. forever	B. already	C. extremely	D. still
17	.A.for	B. show	C.on	D. after
18	.A.tell	B. show	C. present	D. reason
19	. A. above	B. along	C. across	D. under
20	.A.law	B. rule	C. statement	D. saying
21	.A.key	B. answer	C. reply	D. effect
22	.A. recently	B. probably	C. terribly	D. quietly
23	.A.rose	B. picked	C. brought	D. taken



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24. A. Lately	B. Ancient	C. Timely	D. Last
25.A. often	B. only	C. nearly	D. indeed
26. A. but	B.yet	C. and	D. then
27. A. breaks	B. puts	C.keeps	D. follows
28.A.for	B. from	C. over	D.by
29. A. cares	B. minds	C. shares	D. prepares
30.A.does	B. happens	C. works	D. begins
31.A. really	B. fully	C. usually	D. perhaps
32. A. with	B.at	C. about	D.on
33.A. when	B. what	C. that	D. since
34. A. wander	B. wonder	C. difficulty	D. theory
35.A. science	B. creation	C. technique	D. invention

三、阅读理解

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ZHUHAI - China will soon put a person into space and become the third nation in the world to have manned spaceflight, a top Chinese aerospace (航空航天) official said on November 5.

A manned launch was not far off, Vice President Hu Hongfu of China Aerospace Science Technology Corp (CASTC) told a news conference at the third Zhuhai Air Show. "It will not be long before Chinese astronauts can ride locally – made spaceships into space," Hu said. The official gave no timetable but said it would happen "at the beginning of the 21st century."



The former Soviet Union and the United States have been putting people into orbit since the early 1960s, but other nations have not considered the challenge worth following.

China has already built and sent up its own satellites for communications(通讯) and weather forecasting. The new communication satellites would help to encourage the country's broadcasting industry. Hu said.

But the company, which includes over 130 aerospace agencies, said the lifting ability and success rate of China's space – launches were almost equal in quality to those of other countries.

China would gradually <u>close</u> the distance between its country's space industry and that of other nations. He added that they were willing to send up commercial satellites for Taiwan.

On China's plan to send up manned spaceflights, Hu said China had made important development after the successful launch (发射) in November last year of the country's first experimental spaceship, Shenzhou."The whole project is in the research stage and a lot of work needs to be done,"Hu said."We need to have more tests of the unmanned spaceship."

China last year announced a four - step manned spaceflight plan, with the aim of setting up a space - station served by a spaceship travelling between two places.

36. The underlined word "they" here probably refers to _____.

A. the Soviet Union and the USA

B. over 130 aerospace agencies





- C. Russia and China
- D. Russia and the USA
- 37. The main idea of the 7th paragraph is _____.
 - A. we haven't tested the manned spaceship
 - B. before we send a manned spaceship, we should carry out many tests
 - C. though we tried once, we need to do more tests of the unmanned spaceship
 - D. sending up a manned spaceship can show a country's scientific level
- 38. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the underlined word "close"?
 - A.shut 1
 - B. drop
- C. shorten
- D. widen
- 39. The writer wrote the passage to _____
 - A.tell us the present situation of China's aerospace to technology
 - B. remind us what we should do compared to other countries
 - C. find out the reason why China falls behind
 - D. tell us that China will send up its manned spaceship soon

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A superstition(迷信) is a belief people hold which is not based on reason. There is no logic to superstitions. These beliefs often go against the laws of nature as we know them. People who have superstitions, or who are superstitions, believe that they can either bring themselves good luck or avoid bad luck of disasters by acting in certain ways. An example of this involves salt. When some people spill salt, they immediately take some of it and throw it over their left shoulder. In this way, they feel they will avoid bad luck.

Why do people believe in superstitions? How did they begin to think that they could control their luck?

We read earlier about some of the Greek, Roman and Norse gods. People in ancient times believed that these gods controlled their lives and all of nature. They tried to keep their gods happy by giving them gifts. When there were natural disasters, people thought that the gods were angry with them, so they tried to make the gods happy again. This is how we got the idea that we could affect our fate by certain actions.

Many superstitions have been held by people for centuries. Yet there is little need for them today, since people in most parts of the world don't believe that there are a lot of gods. We no longer try to make the gods happy with gifts or to keep them from anger with certain actions. Somehow, however, many of the actions continue in modern times. We still have our superstitions.

40.	Some	superstitions	people	believe	a	person	who		will	have	ill	luck.
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A. spills salt

B. makes the gods happy

C. throws salt over his shoulder

D. gives some gifts to the gods

41. Ancient people thought _____.

A. they could control the laws of nature

B.a superstition was not based on reason

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