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前言

本书共收大学英语五级水平测试练习题(College English Practice Test)10套,每套试题都涵盖近年来六级考试增加的各种题型,包括听力理解、阅读理解、词语用法、改错、写作、复合式听写、简短回答问题和完形填空8个部分,每套试题后附答案及简要的提示或解释,包括词语辨析、语法结构使用、篇章结构的理解和语篇深层含义的分析及作文范文,书后附听力部分的录音文字材料。

因为四级与六级测试对考生的水平要求有所差异,而本试题集则起到了一个承前启后的作用。测试题的题型、题目数、记分方法和考试时间均与六级考题相同,而部分题型难度较六级试题稍易。测试题的材料多选摘自国内外权威的各种图书、报刊、词典,选材广泛、新颖。为学生提高自我要求,准备将来六级统考打下良好基础。

第一部分:听力理解(Listening Comprehension)。共20题,每题1分,时间约为20分钟,这部分包括两节:A节有10题,每题包括一组对话,共两句,对话后有一个问句;B节含3篇短文,每篇后有3或4个问题,共10题。

根据大纲要求,录音语速为每分钟150—170词,读一遍。对话部分为日常会话中的一般内容,短文为报道或讲座,用词不超过大纲的规定。要求考生听后能够掌握其中心大意,并抓住要点和有关细节。

第二部分:阅读理解(Reading Comprehension)。共20题,每题2分,考试时间约为35分钟。这部分包括4篇短文,每篇阅读量400词左右,每篇短文后有5个问题。

所选短文为语言难度较高的一般性题材的文章,要求考生能就文章内容进行分析、推理、判断和综合概括,领会作者的观点和态度。

第三部分:词语用法(Vocabulary)。共30题,每题1分,要求在20分钟内做完。这部分的目的是测试考生运用和辨别词汇、短语的能力。

第四部分:改错(Error Correction)。共10题,每题1分,考试时间15分钟。改错是近几年来最常用的新题型,测试考生的词汇、语法和上下文理解的综合能力。

第五部分:写作(Writing)。15分,考试时间30分钟。这部分的目的是测试考生用英语书面表达思想的能力,字数约为150个。

第六部分:复合式听写(Compound Dictation)。共10题,每题1分,考试时间为15分钟。全文朗读两遍后停顿5分钟,让考生根据所听和所记的内容填空,后三个空格只要求写出内容要点,第三遍朗读供考生进行核对。

第七部分:完形填空(Cloze)。共20题,每题0.5分,要求在15分钟内完成。在一篇内容熟悉、难度适中的短文(350字左右)中留有20个空白,每个空白为一题。要求考生在全面理解内容的基础上选择一个最佳答案,使短文的意思和结构恢复完整。这部分的目的是测试考生综合运用语言的能力。

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PART ONE

PRACTICE TESTS

PRACTICE TEST 1

试卷一

PART I LISTENING COMPREHENSION (20 minutes)

SECTION A

Directions: In this section, you will hear 10 short conversations. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what was said. Both the conversation and the question will be spoken only once. After each question there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the four choices marked A), B), C) and D), and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

Example: You will hear:

You will read:

A) 2 hours.

B) 3 hours.

C) 4 hours.

D) 5 hours.

From the conversation we know that the two were talking about some work they will start at 9 o'clock in the morning, and have to finish at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Therefore, D) "5 hours" is the correct answer. You should choose D) on the Answer Sheet and mark it with a single line through the center.

Sample Answer A) B) C) ~~D)~~

1. A) He couldn't find Prof. Black's classroom.
B) He didn't understand the lecture.
C) Prof. Black spoke too slowly.
D) Prof. Black kept the class late.
2. A) The man doesn't like picnics.
B) The man is writing a story about picnics.
C) The man is too busy to go for a picnic.
D) The man shouldn't be going for a picnic.
3. A) Turn right.
B) Turn left.
C) Drive two blocks.
D) Go straight on.
4. A) Someone already borrowed her pen.
B) She'll get the pen back from the man later.
C) She can't lend the man the pen.
D) She is still using the pen and cannot lend it to the man.
5. A) He was surprised the woman didn't like the concert.

- B) He enjoyed the concert more than the woman did.
 C) He was not impressed by the performance.
 D) He didn't like the choice of music.
6. A) The working condition of the company attracts her very much.
 B) The company is a good place to work in.
 C) The salary given by the company attracts her.
 D) She needs the job badly.
7. A) This is her first part-time job.
 B) This is her first full-time job.
 C) This is her first job.
 D) She has never worked before.
8. A) Windy. B) Fine. C) Overcast. D) Rainy.
9. A) She's not planning to move.
 B) She has found a new apartment.
 C) She's looking for a new roommate.
 D) She's also having trouble with her apartment.
10. A) \$20. B) \$25. C) \$30. D) \$40.

SECTION B

Directions: In this section, you will hear three short passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear some questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

Passage One

Questions 11 to 14 are based on the passage you have just heard.

11. A) Plain and aged. B) Beautiful and aged.
 C) Plain and young. D) Young and obscure.
12. A) 7. B) 8. C) 9. D) 10.
13. A) 36. B) 41. C) 45. D) 20.
14. A) Men lust primarily after youth rather than anything else.
 B) Knowledge is more important than youth for men to choose mates.
 C) All these groups of men prefer the same woman.
 D) Most of the three groups of men choose one attractive woman.

Passage Two

Questions 15 to 17 are based on the passage you have just heard.

15. A) Late last night. B) Early this morning.
 C) A few hours after her work began. D) When she came to office.

16. A) The woman wants to go home for a rest but her boss doesn't allow this.
 B) The woman would rather stay and work.
 C) The woman is very clam and works as usual.
 D) The woman can't ask for leave since they are terribly busy.
17. A) Her father has also passed away.
 B) Her sister has also passed away.
 C) She thinks another relative has also died.
 D) She is broken-hearted and cannot keep working.

Passage Three

Questions 18 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.

18. A) There are signs of life on this star and water is essential for life.
 B) The channels on this planet might have been cut by flowing water.
 C) There is some water in the air above the planet.
 D) The pictures show signs of water on the surface of Mars.
19. A) Earlier this year.
 B) Last year.
 C) Recently.
 D) Two years ago.
20. A) Five hundred thousands years.
 B) Seven hundred and fifty thousand years.
 C) One thousand and five hundred thousand years.
 D) Two thousand and five hundred thousand years.

PART II READING COMPREHENSION (35 minutes)

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

Passage One

Questions 21 to 25 are based on the following passage.

One of the largest companies in the United States has failed. The Enron Corporation has asked a federal court for protection because it cannot pay the thousands of millions of dollars of money it owes. Enron is an energy trading company that buys and sells electricity and natural gas. It also owns or controls several other companies that deal in several different products.

Enron asked for bankruptcy protection for itself and fourteen of its companies. Under the bankruptcy law, a business can continue to operate while it tries to negotiate new credit with companies and banks to whom it owes money. Enron began failing in October as some of its financial problems became known. The value of its stock quickly fell. The stock

closed Thursday at thirty-six cents a share. Less than a year ago, each share of Enron stock sold for more than eighty dollars.

Enron will continue to try to do business with the aid of court protection. However, Enron has already dismissed four-thousand of its more than twenty-one-thousand workers. Most of those dismissed were employees that worked at the company's headquarters in the western city of Houston, Texas. Last week, Enron dismissed about one-thousand-one-hundred employees in Europe. These actions caused anger among the workers because the company's retirement plan had already lost more than one-thousand-million dollars. Many employees not only lost their jobs, but also lost the money they had invested in the company as part of their retirement plan. Reports say the United States Justice Department has begun a criminal investigation into the company's activities. The Labor Department says it is examining the company's dealings with the employees' retirement plan.

The Security and Exchange Commission already is investigating Enron's finances. And congressional committees have announced they will hold hearings to investigate the failure of Enron and the investment actions of the company's senior officials.

The Enron Corporation has brought legal charges against the Dynegy Company. Enron says Dynegy had agreed to link with Enron. Enron says this would have saved it. Enron says the Dynegy Company refused to honor a legal business agreement. Enron is asking the court to force Dynegy to pay ten thousand million dollars in damages.

The Enron Corporation once was the world's largest energy trader. Its failure is affecting energy markets in many countries including Germany, Britain and India. Reports say companies and banks that have lent money to Enron could lose at least five-thousand-million dollars. Experts say what caused Enron to fail will be the subject of legal questions and court actions for many months to come.

21. What is the direct reason that Enron asked for bankruptcy protection?
 - A) Because its property is not as much as its debt.
 - B) Because it is not able to pay its debt.
 - C) Because of the fall in its stock value.
 - D) Because of the problems in its dealings.
22. What is probably true for Enron now?
 - A) It is trying to return the money it owes.
 - B) It continues to do business with other companies.
 - C) It's trying to protect retired workers' benefits.
 - D) When Enron's stock fell, its financial problems were still not revealed.
23. Which of the following countries is NOT mentioned to be affected by Enron's failure?
 - A) America.
 - B) Britain.
 - C) France.
 - D) India.
24. Which is NOT mentioned to investigate into Enron's affair?
 - A) Dynegy.
 - B) Justice Department.
 - C) Labor Department.
 - D) Congressional committees.
25. How much a share did Enron's stocks fall within the last year?
 - A) Seventy-nine dollars sixty-four.
 - B) Forty-four dollars.

C) Seven-thousand dollars.

D) Not mentioned.

Passage Two

Questions 26 to 30 are based on the following passage.

Russian and Norwegian scientists have reported finding stone objects and animal bones in the far north of European Russia. The scientists say the objects provide the first evidence that ancient hunters lived in the area more than thirty-thousand years ago. They say this is at least fifteen-thousand years earlier than experts had thought.

Pavel Pavlov of the Russian Academy of Sciences and John Inge Svendsen of the University of Bergen in Norway led the study. They reported their findings in *Nature* magazine. The Russian and Norwegian team worked at a camp along the Usa River at the Arctic Circle. The scientists say they found several ancient stone tools. They also found one-hundred-twenty-three bones from animals, such as horses, reindeers and wolves. The scientists say their most important discovery was a tusk from an ancient elephant called mammoth. The huge, curved tooth was more than one meter long. The tusk is covered with small cuts. The scientists believe humans made the marks with sharp-edged stone tools.

The scientists used a process known as radiocarbon dating to measure the age of the tusk. Radiocarbon dating shows the level of a radioactive form of carbon in a substance. The tests showed the tusk is about thirty-six-thousand years old. The scientists say they are not sure what kind of humans left the stone objects and bones along the river. They said the people were either early humans called Neanderthals or modern humans. Modern humans spread through Europe and Asia thirty-thousand to forty-thousand years ago. The scientists say the ancient people needed a high level of social development to survive in the extremely cold environment.

The objects were discovered about three-hundred kilometers northeast of another area where scientists say humans once lived. That area has objects more closely linked to modern humans. Those objects are believed to be about twenty-eight-thousand years old.

Nature magazine also published a report by John Gowlett of the University of Liverpool in England. He said the discovery shows the ability of early humans to do the unexpected. He also said the discovery should renew debate about the effects of the climate on the movements of early human populations.

26. Where is the evidence of ancient hunters found?

- A) East Europe. B) Russia. C) Norway. D) North Asia.

27. Why do scientists say that these are the evidence for human beings' existence?

- A) Because they have also found the human bones, which are more than thirty-thousand years old.
B) The discovery of stone tools together with many animal bones can lead to such a conclusion.
C) The evidence is the same as that discovered at a nearby place, where ancient humans lived.

- D) The evidence of tools and bones shows a high level of social development.
28. Which discovery is of the greatest consequence?
- A) The ancient climates in that environment.
B) The tusk with marks on it.
C) The several ancient stone tools.
D) Bones from animals as horses, reindeers and wolves.
29. Which is true according to the passage?
- A) Some more evidence was discovered at many places where ancient humans had lived.
B) It is the evidence for the existence of Neanderthals that were discovered.
C) The age of bones can be specified by testing one chemical element in the substance.
D) The stones and bones clearly show the kind of ancient humans and their activities.
30. What is the main idea of this passage?
- A) It is a discussion of the age of discovered stone tools and bones.
B) It is a debate about the effects of the climate on the movements of early human populations.
C) It tells us who are the ancient humans that left the stone tools and bones.
D) It presents a scientific discovery of the existence of ancient humans.

Passage Three

Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following passage.

A space object of frozen gas and rock broke into many pieces one year ago. The Hubble Space Telescope and telescopes on Earth recorded the death of the comet named LINEAR. Now scientists have reported what they learned from the information provided by the telescopes.

Hal Weaver is an astronomer at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. His study of LINEAR was published in the magazine *Science*. He says the breakup of LINEAR has taught scientists about the period when Earth and the solar system formed. LINEAR began forming at that same time — about four-and-one-half-thousand-million years ago. Watching the death of the comet was like looking back in time. He says as LINEAR's pieces fell away scientists could see how the comet may have developed. Scientists are not sure why LINEAR broke up. No other comet has fallen apart in the way LINEAR did. The comet was not close to any large object. This means LINEAR was not torn apart by a gravitational force. Frozen carbon monoxide gas probably was not involved. This gas can cause a sudden pressure increase in the center of a comet. But LINEAR had fifty times less carbon monoxide than comets Hale-Bopp and Hyakutake.

There is another mystery connected with LINEAR. The comet's estimated mass was about three-hundred-thousand-million kilograms. After LINEAR broke up scientists measured the mass of the sixteen large pieces that remained. They also measured the mass of a huge area of dust left by the comet. The combined weight of the pieces and the dust was just over three-thousand-million kilograms. That is about one-hundred times less than the mass of the comet when it was whole.

Mr. Weaver thinks the missing mass may be in pieces no bigger than fifty meters across. Hubble and other telescopes would not be able to see these pieces. Comet pieces of such size are unusual. Scientists believe gravity pulls together much larger objects to form comets. Mr. Weaver says the existence of medium-size pieces may change that theory.

31. What can one learn from the breaking-up of LINEAR, as mentioned in the passage?
- A) To see how the comet may have formed.
 - B) To measure how heavy the broken pieces are.
 - C) To estimate the comet's original mass.
 - D) To know what its center is like.
32. What is the reason for LINEAR's breaking-up?
- A) It was attracted by a grand object.
 - B) It breaks from a sudden pressure in the center.
 - C) It breaks because of its own weight.
 - D) No cause found yet.
33. What is the passage mainly about?
- A) It pictures the breaking-up process of one comet.
 - B) It presents the reason for LINEAR to break up.
 - C) It tells the strange points of LINEAR's breaking-up.
 - D) It describes an astronomical experiment.
34. Which is NOT true according to the passage?
- A) The comet breaks into frozen gas, dust and rock.
 - B) Scientists do not know how it forms, or why it breaks.
 - C) Carbon monoxide plays a major role in LINEAR's breaking-up.
 - D) Scientists assume the breaking-up of the comet is the reversal of its forming.
35. What can NOT the readers know after reading this passage?
- A) When did the comet break up?
 - B) What was its original form?
 - C) What did it break into?
 - D) Why did it break?

Passage Four

Questions 36 to 40 are based on the following passage.

American researchers report limited success using gene therapy to treat the genetic blood disease hemophilia.

Hemophilia results when a gene fails to produce the protein needed for the blood to clot, or change from a liquid to a solid. The defective gene is passed from parents to children. People with hemophilia suffer uncontrolled bleeding. This can result in pain, tissue swelling and permanent damage to joints and muscles. One in every ten-thousand males has the most common kind of hemophilia. It is extremely rare for females to have it. Patients can be treated with the missing clotting substance. They generally can lead normal lives.

Scientists say gene therapy may be a possible way to cure hemophilia in the future. Most gene therapies use a virus to place a good copy of a gene into a cell that needs it. The

new gene helps the body operate normally. For people with hemophilia, this means that clotting genes placed in the body would result in blood cells that clot normally.

Researchers consider hemophilia the best disease for gene therapy because it is caused by a single defective gene. Also, only a small increase in the missing clotting substance could provide good results. Scientists at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts carried out the experiment. They reported the results in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. They tested gene therapy in six patients with severe hemophilia.

First, they removed skin cells from the patients' arms. The researchers grew the cells in the laboratory. They added copies of the needed gene taken from healthy people. Then they created hundreds of millions of genetically changed cells. They placed these cells into the patients' stomachs. After four months, the amount of blood clotting substance in the blood increased in four of the six patients. Some of the patients reported a decrease in bleeding problems. However, ten months later, the clotting substance was no longer in the patients' blood. It is not clear if the implanted cells died or the added genes stopped working.

The researchers say the study showed that gene therapy is safe for people with the most common kind of hemophilia. But others expressed concern about the treatment because the effects were only temporary.

36. In a family where the father is with hemophilia, which one is most likely to suffer from it?
 - A) The son.
 - B) The daughter.
 - C) The mother.
 - D) The son's daughter.
37. Which among the following can be a symptom of hemophilia?
 - A) Continuous bleeding.
 - B) Genetic mutation.
 - C) Cancer.
 - D) High blood pressure.
38. Which among the following is NOT one step of gene therapy?
 - A) To get the patient's original genes from his body cells.
 - B) To get genes from other healthy people.
 - C) To develop a new kind of healthy genes from original genes and healthy genes.
 - D) To directly plant the new genes into the patients' blood to produce blood clotting substance.
39. What does the result of the experiment show?
 - A) Gene therapy has cured some of the hemophilia patients.
 - B) Gene therapy will be applied widely to the treatment of hemophilia.
 - C) Gene therapy works effectively, but only temporarily.
 - D) Gene therapy is proved to be an ineffective method.
40. Which is true according to the passage?
 - A) Hemophilia is a kind of infectious disease which is spread only among the males.
 - B) Hemophilia has not been completely cured because the implanted cells died.
 - C) Gene therapy has already been applied to treat patients.

- D) Hemophilia is caused by a single defective gene, which fails to produce blood-clotting substance.

PART III VOCABULARY (20 minutes)

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 corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

41. When the daughter of a wealthy man was held a _____ by dangerous criminals, one million dollars was paid to the criminals to release the girl.
A) captivate B) capital C) cardinal D) captive
42. Because he had a _____ cough, it lasted for a long period of time and always came back.
A) chronological B) chronic C) catholic D) comic
43. I cannot _____ of him as a scientist because the image I have of him is as a playboy.
A) converge B) compute C) confer D) conceive
44. If I answer yes and no to the same statement, I am making a _____.
A) confidential B) contradiction C) configuration D) conclusion
45. The assembly men were waiting for everyone to arrive so that they could _____ for their first meeting of the year.
A) convene B) consent C) commence D) confirm
46. After the detective examined the _____, he was told that there was another dead body in the next room.
A) corpse B) corps C) corisp D) crosip
47. I doubt if anyone will believe you because that is not a(n) _____ story.
A) comfortable B) incredible C) credible D) comprehensible
48. How much money are you able to get back by having so many _____ on your income tax?
A) conductions B) additions C) deductions D) inductions
49. _____ as well as motorists should obey traffic laws.
A) Patriots B) Pediatricians C) Pedestrians D) Pilgrims
50. His description was so _____ that it left nothing to the imagination.
A) graphic B) gracious C) grief D) grotesque
51. _____ washers and dryers have helped to provide more leisure time for persons.
A) Automobile B) Authentic C) Auto D) Automatic
52. Because education is not mentioned in the Constitution, each state is _____ in this area.
A) authoritative B) notorious C) autonomous D) automated

53. _____ helps people learn about the makeup of the earth, especially as revealed by rocks.
A) Geography B) Geology C) Galaxy D) Geometry
54. A patient may endanger his health because he fails to follow his doctor's _____.
A) inspiration B) respiration C) prescription D) description
55. The newspaper with the largest _____ in the United States is the *Wall Street Journal*, which targets primarily business people.
A) currency B) curriculum C) calculation D) circulation
56. Criticism of such _____ details cannot affect the treatment and the development of the subject, and the conclusions arrived at.
A) absurd B) abstract C) delicate D) conspicuous
57. Cancer is any of more than 100 diseases characterized by excessive, uncontrolled growth of _____ cells, which invade and destroy other tissues.
A) accessory B) abnormal C) immoral D) immortal
58. In January 1988 the Supreme Court of Canada overturned a national law banning _____.
A) abortion B) addiction C) adoration D) adolescence
59. Throughout history, many nations have adopted the use of capital punishment. In the late 20th century, some countries _____ed the death penalty, imposing life sentences instead.
A) abolish B) demolish C) adverse D) afflict
60. Between the edge of the high central plateau region and the eastern and southern coastline the land descends in a series of _____ steps.
A) straightforward B) strand C) prompt D) abrupt
61. Her _____ remarks made us realize how cold she was to our position on the issue.
A) diverse B) adverse C) reverse D) addictive
62. Taken separately, the amount was not very much, but in the _____, it was very high.
A) adolescent B) adversary C) aggravate D) aggregate
63. If _____ in the United States neglect to register as aliens, they may be deported to their country of origin.
A) ample B) analysts C) apparatuses D) aliens
64. The politicians try not to _____ any voters by careful planning of public speeches and behaviors.
A) armor B) assert C) authorize D) alienate
65. What he said was so _____ that I couldn't figure out whether he wanted me to stay or go.
A) ambitious B) assaulting C) ambiguous D) articulate
66. As it is the policy of the newspaper to publish signed letters only, the _____ letter was not published.
A) anonymous B) astronomical C) artillery D) authentic
67. The _____ man made me feel very uncomfortable because I do not like persons who