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前言

为了指导参加 2015 年全国硕士研究生入学统一考试的广大考生英语考试的复习,根据最新考试大纲的要求,我们组织部分多年来参加考试大纲制订和修订工作及参加考前辅导的教授、专家编写了这本《考研英语历年真题权威解析》,另超值附赠 1 篇北大考研英语高分秘籍、2 套原命题组成员密押试卷、10 篇考研英语大作文万能模板、11 篇考研英语小作文万能模板,以供广大考生复习使用。这些附赠内容可登录 http://www.hxedu.com.cn(华信教育资源网)下载。

研究生入学考试是选拔性考试,当然重在考查考生的能力高低。能力是建立在基础之上的,基本功不扎实,一切无从谈起。从考试大纲来看,要求考生对基本知识、基本概念的掌握理解要深、要透、要准。尽管大学期间的期中、期末考试基本反映了这一要求,但从程度上讲,远没有考研的要求高。相信大家都有同感,通过大学的期末考试其实不难,甚至基本概念不甚清晰,知识点掌握不够通透也有可能取得较不错的成绩。这是由于大学考试有其固定套路,即便考查相同的知识点,其题目的迷惑性、技巧性都远逊于研究生入学考试。因此,狠抓基础是一项必要的工作,虽然很多考生可能会认为基础的东西学起来有点费力不讨好,短期收效不明显,但笔者再三强调,不可轻视基础,必须夯实到理解得入木三分的程度。

研习历年的试题是研究生入学考试复习备考中必不可少的关键环节,也是考生掌握考试动态,取得高分的最佳捷径。历年的考题是标准的复习题。自从实行研究生入学考试以来,也时有真题重现的现象发生,2003 年英语第 36 题与 1996 年英语第 43 题,2003 年英语第 37 题与 1995 年英语第 34 题,2003 年英语第 26 题与 1995 年英语第 21 题,2003 年英语第 29 题与 1996 年英语第 42 题,2003 年英语第 24 题与 1997 年英语第 42 题,1996 年英语第 46 题与 1995 年英语第 6 题等,都是非常相似的。所以,循着命题人的思路,我们就可以把握考试的脉搏,明确考试的重点和难点所在。

参加本书编写的除了主编张永艳、李春艳、张晓燕以外,还有赵娜、成芬、王欢、王 宇、陈昌勇、姜宝静、李铁江、刘爽、孟楠、刘仕美、潘小春、刘佩、刘学元和陈明慧。 在此一并表示感谢。

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尽管我们为本书付出了十分的心血和努力,但书中欠妥之处在所难免,欢迎广大读者 批评指正。

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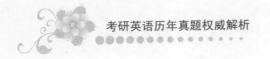
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Section I Use of English

Directions:

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

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As many people hit	middle age, they often	start to notice that their	r memory and mental
clarity are not what they u	sed to be. We suddenly	can't remember1_	we put the keys just a
moment ago, or an old acc	quaintance's name, or th	e name of an old band w	ve used to love. As the
brain 2, we refer to	these occurrences as "	senior moments." 3	seemingly innocent,
this loss of mental focus capersonal5	an potentially have a (n)	4 impact on our p	rofessional, social, and
Neuroscientists, expe	rts who study the nervou	is system, are increasing	ly showing that there's
actually a lot that can be do	one. It6 out that the	brain needs exercise in r	nuch the same way our
muscles do, and the right	mental7_ can sign	nificantly improve our b	pasic cognitive 8.
Thinking is essentially a	_9 of making conn	ections in the brain. To	a certain extent, our
ability to 10 in ma	aking the connections	that drive intelligence	is inherited. 11,
because these connection	ns are made through	effort and practice, s	cientists believe that
intelligence can expand an	d fluctuate 12 men	ntal effort.	
Now, a new Web-bas	ed company has taken i	t a step 13 and dev	veloped the first "brain
training program" designed	d to actually help people	improve and regain their	r mental <u>14</u> .
The Web-based progr	ram 15 you to syst	ematically improve your	memory and attention
skills. The program keeps	16 of your progres	ss and provides detailed	feedback 17 your
performance and improve	ment. Most importantly	, it <u>18</u> modifies an	d enhances the games
you play to 19 on	the strengths you are	developing—much like	a(n) 20 exercise
routine requires you to inc	rease resistance and vary	your muscle use.	
1. [A] where	[B] when	[C] that	[D] why
2. [A] improves	[B] fades	[C] recovers	[D] collapses
3. [A] If	[B] Unless	[C] Once	[D] While
4. [A] uneven	[B] limited	[C] damaging	[D] obscure
5. [A] wellbeing	[B] environment	[C] relationship	[D] outlook
6. [A] turns	[B] finds	[C] points	[D] figures
7. [A] roundabouts	[B] responses	[C] workouts	[D] associations



8. [A] genre	[B] functions	[C] circumstances	[D] criterion
9. [A] channel	[B] condition	[C] sequence	[D] process
10. [A] persist	[B] believe	[C] excel	[D] feature
11. [A] Therefore	[B] Moreover	[C] Otherwise	[D] However
12. [A] according to	[B] regardless of	[C] apart from	[D] instead of
13. [A] back	[B] further	[C] aside	[D] around
14. [A] sharpness	[B] stability	[C] framework	[D] flexibility
15. [A] forces	[B] reminds	[C] hurries	[D] allows
16. [A] hold	[B] track	[C] order	[D] pace
17. [A] to	[B] with	[C] for	[D] on
18. [A] irregularly	[B] habitually	[C] constantly	[D] unusually
19. [A] carry	[B] put	[C] build	[D] take
20. [A] risky	[B] effective and method	[C] idle albbim tid a	[D] familiar

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 the ANSWER SHEET. (40 points)

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In order to "change lives for the better" and reduce "dependency", George Osborne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced the "upfront work search" scheme. Only if the jobless arrive at the job centre with a CV, register for online job search, and start looking for work will they be eligible for benefit and then they should report weekly rather than fortnightly. What could be more reasonable?

More apparent reasonableness followed. There will now be a seven-day wait for the jobseeker's allowance. "Those first few days should be spent looking for work, not looking to sign on." he claimed. "We're doing these things because we know they help people stay off benefits and help those on benefits get into work faster." Help? Really? On first hearing, this was the socially concerned chancellor, trying to change lives for the better, complete with "reforms" to an obviously indulgent system that demands too little effort from the newly unemployed to find work, and subsidizes laziness. What motivated him, we were to understand, was his zeal for "fundamental fairness"—protecting the taxpayer, controlling spending and ensuring that only the most deserving claimants received their benefits.

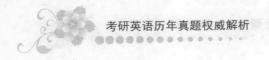
Losing a job is hurting: you don't skip down to the job centre with a song in your heart, delighted at the prospect of doubling your income from the generous state. It is financially



terrifying, psychologically embarrassing and you know that support is minimal and extraordinarily hard to get. You are now not wanted; your support is minimal and extraordinarily hard to get. You are now not wanted; you are now excluded from the work environment that offers purpose and structure in your life. Worse, the crucial income to feed yourself and your family and pay the bills has disappeared. Ask anyone newly unemployed what they want and the answer is always: a job.

But in Osborne-Land, your first instinct is to fall into dependency—permanent dependency if you can get it—supported by a state only too ready to indulge your falsehood. It is as though 20 years of ever-tougher reforms of the job search and benefit administration system never happened. The principle of British welfare is no longer that you can insure yourself against the risk of unemployment and receive unconditional payments if the disaster happens. Even the very phrase "jobseeker's allowance"—invented in 1996—is about redefining the unemployed as a "jobseeker" who had no mandatory right to a benefit he or she has earned through making national insurance contributions. Instead, the claimant receives a time-limited "allowance," conditional on actively seeking a job; no entitlement and no insurance, at £71.70 a week, one of the least generous in the EU.

- 21. George Osborne's scheme was intended to _______. OO 12 disk stabling loods was supersu
- [A] provide the unemployed with easier access to benefits
- [B] encourage jobseekers' active engagement in job seeking
- [C] motivate the unemployed to report voluntarily
- [D] guarantee jobseekers' legitimate right to benefits
- 22. The phrase, "to sign on" (Line 3, Para. 2) most probably means_____.
- [A] to check on the availability of jobs at the job centre
- [B] to accept the government's restrictions on the allowance
- [C] to register for an allowance from the government
- [D] to attend a governmental job-training program
- 23. What prompted the chancellor to develop his scheme?
- [A] A desire to secure a better life for all
- [B] An eagerness to protect the unemployed
- [C] An urge to be generous to the claimants
- [D] A passion to ensure fairness for taxpayers in wall anighthoods and ensure fairness for taxpayers
- 24. According to Paragraph 3, being unemployed makes one feel_____.
- [A] uneasy
- [B] enraged
- [C] insulted
- [D] guilty
- 25. To which of the following would the author most probably agree? a long and [2]
- [A] The British welfare system indulges jobseekers' laziness passible monomials of [G]
- [B] Osborne's reforms will reduce the risk of unemployment and the land of the



- [C] The jobseekers' allowance has met their actual needs and the implementation of the company o
- [D] Unemployment benefits should not be made conditional and for work one to you feel of bush

Text 2

All around the world, lawyers generate more hostility than the members of any other profession—with the possible exception of journalism. But there are few places where clients have more grounds for complaint than America.

During the decade before the economic crisis, spending on legal services in America grew twice as fast as inflation. The best lawyers made skyscrapers-full of money, tempting ever more students to pile into law schools. But most law graduates never get a big-firm job. Many of them instead become the kind of nuisance-lawsuit filer that makes the tort system a costly nightmare.

There are many reasons for this. One is the excessive costs of a legal education. There is just one path for a lawyer in most American states: a four-year undergraduate degree in some unrelated subject, then a three-year law degree at one of 200 law schools authorized by the American Bar Association and an expensive preparation for the bar exam. This leaves today's average law-school graduate with \$100,000 of debt on top of undergraduate debts. Law-school debt means that many cannot afford to go into government or non-profit work, and that they have to work fearsomely hard.

Reforming the system would help both lawyers and their customers. Sensible ideas have been around for a long time, but the state-level bodies that govern the profession have been too conservative to implement them. One idea is to allow people to study law as an undergraduate degree. Another is to let students sit for the bar after only two years of law school. If the bar exam is truly a stern enough test for a would-be lawyer, those who can sit it earlier should be allowed to do so. Students who do not need the extra training could cut their debt mountain by a third.

The other reason why costs are so high is the restrictive guild-like ownership structure of the business. Except in the District of Columbia, non-lawyers may not own any share of a law firm. This keeps fees high and innovation slow. There is pressure for change from within the profession, but opponents of change among the regulators insist that keeping outsiders out of a law firm isolates lawyers from the pressure to make money rather than serve clients ethically.

In fact, allowing non-lawyers to own shares in law firms would reduce costs and improve services to customers, by encouraging law firms to use technology and to employ professional managers to focus on improving firms' efficiency. After all, other countries, such as Australia and Britain, have started liberalizing their legal professions. America should follow.

- 26. A lot of students take up law as their profession due to_____
- [A] the growing demand from clients
- [B] the increasing pressure of inflation
- [C] the prospect of working in big firms with and blue a parwollfel additional and the dark of all
- [D] the attraction of financial rewards and application made and low design of [LA]
- 27. Which of the following adds to the costs of legal education in most American states?
- [A] Higher tuition fees for undergraduate studies

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- [B] Admissions approval from the bar association of states of the vide aware to the control of t
- eggl [C] Pursuing a bachelor's degree in another major ned w belongs at odiv revo wor elementem
- [D] Receiving training by professional associations and beaution to be be a series and a series
- - [A] lawyers' and clients' strong resistance
- [B] the rigid bodies governing the profession algunos years at a more as dome as
 - [C] the stem exam for would-be lawyers as any state of the stem exam for would-be lawyers as a state of the stem exam for would-be lawyers.
 - [D] non-professionals' sharp criticism los of amon noticetts bus various and find grade boog
 - 29. The guild-like ownership structure is considered "restrictive" partly because it _______
 - [A] bans outsiders' involvement in the profession of york and like ob out yorkom (210 vin-9xing)
 - [B] keeps lawyers from holding law-firm shares
 - [C] aggravates the ethical situation in the trade as a saint solarly lathocatabulat off. It
 - [D] prevents lawyers from gaining due profits the local and a local and the local and
 - 30. In this text, the author mainly discusses and load and to mamposly and leaves a [8]
 - [A] flawed ownership of America's law firms and its causes and to slume a serious [3]
 - [B] the factors that help make a successful lawyer in America of Linewest entochastle [C]
 - [C] a problem in America's legal profession and solutions to it less said and solution of the said solutions to
 - [D] the role of undergraduate studies in America's legal education and add [A]

Text 3

The US\$3-million Fundamental physics prize is indeed an interesting experiment, as Alexander Polyakov said when he accepted this year's award in March. And it is far from the only one of its type. As a News Feature article in Nature discusses, a string of lucrative awards for researchers have joined the Nobel Prizes in recent years. Many, like the Fundamental Physics Prize, are funded from the telephone-number-sized bank accounts of Internet entrepreneurs. These benefactors have succeeded in their chosen fields, they say, and they want to use their wealth to draw attention to those who have succeeded in science.

What's not to like? Quite a lot, according to a handful of scientists quoted in the News Feature. You cannot buy class, as the old saying goes, and these upstart entrepreneurs cannot buy their prizes the prestige of the Nobles, The new awards are an exercise in self-promotion for those behind them, say scientists. They could distort the achievement-based system of peer-review-led research. They could cement the status quo of peer-reviewed research. They do not fund peer-reviewed research. They perpetuate the myth of the lone genius.

The goals of the prize-givers seem as scattered as the criticism. Some want to shock, others to draw people into science, or to better reward those who have made their careers in research.

As Nature has pointed out before, there are some legitimate concerns about how science prizes—both new and old—are distributed. The Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences, launched this year, takes an unrepresentative view of what the life sciences include. But the Nobel Foundation's limit of three recipients per prize, each of whom must still be living, has long been

outgrown by the collaborative nature of modern research—as will be demonstrated by the inevitable row over who is ignored when it comes to acknowledging the discovery of the Higgs boson. The Nobles were, of course, themselves set up by a very rich individual who had decided what he wanted to do with his own money. Time, rather than intention, has given them legitimacy.

As much as some scientists may complain about the new awards, two things seem clear. First, most researchers would accept such a prize if they were offered one. Second, it is surely a good thing that the money and attention come to science rather than go elsewhere, It is fair to criticize and question the mechanism—that is the culture of research, after all—but it is the prize-givers' money to do with as they please. It is wise to take such gifts with gratitude and grace.

- 31. The Fundamental Physics Prize is seen as with more and an analysis of the susy and a susy a susy and a susy and a susy a susy a susy and a susy and a susy a
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- [C] an example of bankers' investments a small was a softem Alto girl an away be wall [A]
- [D] a handsome reward for researchers with 100 220 and a stand glod test 200 at 100
- 32. The critics think that the new awards will most benefit ______ nomA manadoms [0]
- [A] the profit-oriented scientists agol a soften Ami as itself a single single bar of [O].
- [B] the founders of the new awards
- [C] the achievement-based system
- The USS3-million Fundamental physics prize is indeed by more period [O]
- 33. The discovery of the Higgs boson is a typical case which involves____.
- [A] controversies over the recipients' status
- [B] the joint effort of modern researchers
- [C] legitimate concerns over the new prizes redinant-supplied of more belong our said
- [D] the demonstration of research findings
- 34. According to Paragraph 4, which of the following is true of the Nobles?
- [A] Their endurance has done justice to them
- [B] Their legitimacy has long been in dispute
- [C] They are the most representative honor and are replaced to be presented by a second solution and the second solutions are the most representative honor.
- [D] History has never cast doubt on them bridge week and address was medit builded as off
- 35. The author believes that the now awards are____. bluo world domests believes believes that the now awards are____.
- [A] acceptable despite the criticism
- [B] harmful to the culture of research
 - [C] subject to undesirable changes an only swort thrower rating of the control of the control of the changes with
 - [D] unworthy of public attention

Text 4

"The Heart of the Matter," the just-released report by the American Academy of Arts and

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Sciences (AAAS), deserves praise for affirming the importance of the humanities and social sciences to the prosperity and security of liberal democracy in America. Regrettably, however, the report's failure to address the true nature of the crisis facing liberal education may cause more harm than good.

In 2010, leading congressional Democrats and Republicans sent letters to the AAAS asking that it identify actions that could be taken by "federal, state and local governments, universities, foundations, educators, individual benefactors and others" to "maintain national excellence in humanities and social scientific scholarship and education." In response, the American Academy formed the Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences. Among the commission's 51 members are top-tier-university presidents, scholars, lawyers, judges, and business executives, as well as prominent figures from diplomacy, filmmaking, music and journalism.

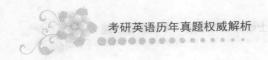
The goals identified in the report are generally admirable. Because representative government presupposes an informed citizenry, the report supports full literacy; stresses the study of history and government, particularly American history and American government; and encourages the use of new digital technologies. To encourage innovation and competition, the report calls for increased investment in research, the crafting of coherent curricula that improve students' ability to solve problems and communicate effectively in the 21st century, increased funding for teachers and the encouragement of scholars to bring their learning to bear on the great challenges of the day. The report also advocates greater study of foreign languages, international affairs and the expansion of study abroad programs.

Unfortunately, despite 2^{1/2} years in the making, "The Heart of the Matter" never gets to the heart of the matter: the illiberal nature of liberal education at our leading colleges and universities. The commission ignores that for several decades America's colleges and universities have produced graduates who don't know the content and character of liberal education and are thus deprived of its benefits. Sadly, the spirit of inquiry once at home on campus has been replaced by the use of the humanities and social sciences as vehicles for publicizing "progressive," or left-liberal propaganda.

Today, professors routinely treat the progressive interpretation of history and progressive public policy as the proper subject of study while portraying conservative or classical liberal ideas—such as free markets and self-reliance—as falling outside the boundaries of routine, and sometimes legitimate, intellectual investigation.

The AAAS displays great enthusiasm for liberal education. Yet its report may well set back reform by obscuring the depth and breadth of the challenge that Congress asked it to illuminate.

- 36. According to Paragraph 1, what is the author's attitude toward the AAAS's report?
- [B] In another case, American architeologists Rene Million and George C lapitin3 [A] years
- systemetically mapping the entire only of Teotihuacan in the Valley of M. svitaisanqqA [B] now
- Mexico Circle At its peak around A.D. 600, this city was one of the largest standard [C] in the
- world. The researchers mapped not only the cuty's vast and ornate coremon transfor [O] also
 - 37. Influential figures in the Congress required that the AAAS report on how to______.
- [A] retain people's interest in liberal education



- [B] define the government's role in education with not painting sources of AAAA absence
- [C] keep a leading position in liberal education To virtuses has virtused and of resonate
- eron [D] safeguard individuals' rights to education same and all example of condition a more safe
 - 38. According to Paragraph 3, the report suggests_____
- anida [A] an exclusive study of American history appromed languagement entitles at 100 ml
 - [B] a greater emphasis on theoretical subjects of nesher of bluop tarts another claimed inserts
 - [C] the application of emerging technologies robustansid learning that the emerging technologies robustansid learning technologies robustansid learning technologies.
 - [D] funding for the study of foreign languages of deallocated a situation base and account of the study of foreign languages.

 - [A] supportive of free markets
 - [B] cautious about intellectual investigation mill yearnology most establishment as the world investigation most establishment as
 - [C] conservative about public policy by villagoned and honor aid in berlifted also and I
 - [D] biased against classical liberal ideas and property of the company of the com
 - 40. Which of the following would be the best title for the text?
 - [A] Ways to Grasp "The Heart of the Matter"
 - [B] Illiberal Education and "The Heart of the Matter"
 - [C] The AAAS's Contribution to Liberal Education
 - [D] Progressive Policy vs. Liberal Education

Part B

Directions: solide matter the illihard nature of liberal education at our leading college sterior

The following paragraphs are given in a wrong order. For Questions 41—45, you are required to reorganize these paragraphs into a coherent text by choosing from the list A—G and filling them into the numbered boxes. Paragraphs A and E have been correctly placed Mark your answers on the ANSWER SHEET. (10 points)

- [A] Some archaeological sites have always been easily observable—for example, the Parthenon in Athens, Greece, the pyramids of Giza in Egypt; and the megaliths of Stonehenge in southern England. But these sites are exceptions to the norm. Most archaeological sites have been located by means of careful searching, while many others have been discovered by accident. Olduvai Gorge, an early hominid site in Tanzania, was found by a butterfly hunter who literally fell into its deep valley in 1911. Thousands of Aztec artifacts came to light during the digging of the Mexico City subway in the 1970s.
- [B] In another case, American archaeologists Rene Million and George Cowgill spent years systematically mapping the entire city of Teotihuacan in the Valley of Mexico near what is now Mexico City. At its peak around AD 600, this city was one of the largest human settlements in the world. The researchers mapped not only the city's vast and ornate ceremonial areas, but also hundreds of simpler apartment complexes where common people lived.
 - [C] How do archaeologists know where to find what they are looking for when there is



nothing visible on the surface of the ground? Typically, they survey and sample (make test excavations on) large areas of terrain to determine where excavation will yield useful information. Surveys and test samples have also become important for understanding the larger landscapes that contain archaeological sites.

[D] Surveys can cover a single large settlement or entire landscapes. In one case, many researchers working around the ancient Maya city of Copan, Honduras, have located hundreds of small rural villages and individual dwellings by using aerial photographs and by making surveys on foot. The resulting settlement maps show how the distribution and density of the rural population around the city changed dramatically between AD 500 and 850, when Copan collapsed.

[E] To find their sites, archaeologists today rely heavily on systematic survey methods and a variety of high-technology tools and techniques. Airborne technologies, such as different types of radar and photographic equipment carried by airplanes or spacecraft, allow archaeologists to learn about what lies beneath the ground without digging. Aerial surveys locate general areas of interest or larger buried features, such as ancient buildings or fields.

[F] Most archaeological sites, however, are discovered by archaeologists who have set out to look for them. Such searches can take years. British archaeologist Howard Carter knew that the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamun existed from information found in other sites. Carter sifted through rubble in the Valley of the Kings for seven years before he located the tomb in 1922. In the late 1800s British archaeologist Sir Arthur Evan combed antique dealers' stores in Athens, Greece. He was searching for tiny engraved seals attributed to the ancient Mycenaean culture that dominated Greece from the 1400s to 1200s BC. Evans's interpretations of these engravings eventually led him to find the Minoan palace at Knossos (Knossós) on the island of Crete, in 1900.

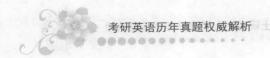
[G] Ground surveys allow archaeologists to pinpoint the places where digs will be successful. Most ground surveys involve a lot of walking, looking for surface clues such as small fragments of pottery. They often include a certain amount of digging to test for buried materials at selected points across a landscape. Archaeologists also may locate buried remains by using such technologies as ground radar, magnetic-field recording, and metal detectors. Archaeologists commonly use computers to map sites and the landscapes around sites. Two and three-dimensional maps are helpful tools in planning excavations, illustrating how sites look, and presenting the results of archaeological research.

$$41. \rightarrow A \rightarrow 42. \rightarrow E \rightarrow 43. \rightarrow 44. \rightarrow 45.$$

Part C

Directions:

Read the following text carefully and then translate the underlined segments into Chinese. Your translation should be written on the ANSWER SHEET. (10 points)



Music means different things to different people and sometimes even different things to the same person at different moments of his life. It might be poetic, philosophical, sensual, or mathematical, but in any case it must, in my view, have something to do with the soul of the human being. Hence it is metaphysical; but the means of expression is purely and exclusively physical: sound. I believe it is precisely this permanent coexistence of metaphysical message through physical means that is the strength of music. (46) It is also the reason why when we try to describe music with words, all we can do is articulate our reactions to it, and not grasp music itself.

Beethoven's importance in music has been principally defined by the revolutionary nature of his compositions. He freed music from hitherto prevailing conventions of harmony and structure. Sometimes I feel in his late works a will to break all signs of continuity. The music is abrupt and seemingly disconnected, as in the last piano sonata. In musical expression, he did not feel restrained by the weight of convention. (47) By all accounts he was a freethinking person, and a courageous one, and I find courage an essential quality for the understanding, let alone the performance, of his works.

This courageous attitude in fact becomes a requirement for the performers of Beethoven's music. His compositions demand the performer to show courage, for example in the use of dynamics. (48) Beethoven's habit of increasing the volume with an extreme intensity and then abruptly following it with a sudden soft passage was only rarely used by composers before him.

Beethoven was a deeply political man in the broadest sense of the word. He was not interested in daily politics, but concerned with questions of moral behavior and the larger questions of right and wrong affecting the entire society. (49) Especially significant was his view of freedom, which, for him, was associated with the rights and responsibilities of the individual: he advocated freedom of thought and of personal expression.

Beethoven's music tends to move from chaos to order as if order were an imperative of human existence. For him, order does not result from forgetting or ignoring the disorders that plague our existence; order is a necessary development, an improvement that may lead to the Greek ideal of spiritual elevation. It is not by chance that the Funeral March is not the last movement of the Eroica Symphony, but the second, so that suffering does not have the last word. (50) One could interpret much of the work of Beethoven by saying that suffering is inevitable, but the courage to fight it renders life worth living.

Section III Writing

Part A

51 Directions:

Write a letter of about 100 words to the president of your university, suggesting how to



improve students' physical condition.

You should include the details you think necessary.

You should write neatly on the ANSWER SHEET.

Do not sign your own name at the end of the letter. Use "Li Ming" instead.

Do not write the address. (10 points)

Part B

52. Directions:

Write an essay of 160-200 words based on the following drawing. In your essay, you should

- 1) describe the drawing briefly,
- 2) interpret its intended meaning, and
- 3) give your comments.

You should write neatly on the ANSWER SHEET(20 points)



参考答案与精解

Section I Use of English

1. 【答案】A

【解析】本题主要考查点:上下文语义和连词辨析。本题考查连词。根据上下文意思,when、that、why可以排除。where 引导状语从句,该题目所在句文意为:我们突然记不清把钥匙放在哪里了。

2.【答案】B

【解析】本题主要考查点:上下文语义和动词辨析。该题目所在句文意为:由于大脑_____,我们称这些现象为"瞬间性老年痴呆"。由文意可排除 improves 和 recovers。另外,collapse 意为"使倒塌,使崩溃",也不符合题意。从前文可以看出,文章讲的是随着年龄增长,大脑逐渐衰老。本题侧重考查熟词僻意,fades 通常意思为"退色,逝去",也有"衰老"的意思,本题就是考查衰老的意思,所以选 B 选项。

3. 【答案】D

【解析】本题主要考查点:逻辑衔接。A选项 if 表示假设,意为"如果"; B选项 Unless