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(4) 结合历年真题进行归类分析,真正做到了讲解、例句和训练的紧密结合。

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# *Test One*



# Test One

## 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 centre.

**Example:** You will hear:

You will read:

- A) At the office.                      B) In the waiting room.  
C) At the airport.                    D) In a restaurant.

From the conversation we know that the two were talking about some work they had to finish in the evening. This is most likely to have taken place at the office. Therefore, A) "At the office" is the best answer. You should choose [A] on the Answer Sheet and mark it with a single line through the centre.

**Sample Answer** ~~[A]~~ [B] [C] [D]

1. A) She goes by car.                      B) She travels by bus.  
C) She walks.                              D) She shops by phone.
2. A) They don't have to go to the concert.  
B) His brother should let them use the car.  
C) The subway is fine with her.  
D) A car wouldn't be any faster.
3. A) A friend told her about it.  
B) She saw an ad in the newspaper.  
C) She heard about it during a television interview.  
D) She saw it on a list of job openings.
4. A) Paula.                                      B) The woman.  
C) The man.                                    D) No one.
5. A) The performance was bad.              B) The performance was excellent.  
C) He didn't go to the performance.      D) He'd like to see it again.

6. A) She suggested that the man see his old friend at once.  
B) She suggested that his old friend come home to see the man.  
C) She suggested that he be calm.  
D) She suggested that he not be exciting.
7. A) In a factory. B) In a bank.  
C) In a post office. D) In a hospital.
8. A) He has a friend who majors in economics.  
B) He hasn't taken more than one economics course.  
C) He's been learning a lot this year, too.  
D) He couldn't make any sense of his course.
9. A) He may convert it and use it as a restaurant.  
B) He may pull it down and build a new restaurant.  
C) He may sell it to the owner of a restaurant.  
D) He may rent it out for use as a restaurant.
10. A) She feels unable to say what's happened to George.  
B) She isn't speaking to George.  
C) George is always late for appointment.  
D) She finds it difficult to put up with George's behavior.

### Section B

**Directions:** In this section, you will hear 3 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 centre.

### Passage One

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

11. A) When they are out of work. B) When they have no food.  
C) When they have no money. D) When they have no car.
12. A) The country is producing the best cars in the world.  
B) Everyone in this country owns a car.  
C) Cars play a very important role in people's lives.  
D) There are more cars than trains in this country.
13. A) The United States is huge.  
B) Public transportation is not so good.  
C) Americans like to be independent.  
D) Americans like to move around.

14. A) To make fewer cars.  
 B) To make gas-saving cars.  
 C) To develop a public transportation system.  
 D) To develop train service.

### Passage Two

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

15. A) To introduce the concept of inflation.  
 B) To discuss the causes of inflation.  
 C) To review yesterday's lecture on inflation.  
 D) To argue in favor of inflation.
16. A) Rising prices. B) Fixed income.  
 C) Real income. D) Cost of living.
17. A) Inflation is controlled. B) Real income decreases.  
 C) Purchasing power stays the same. D) Dollar income increases.

### Passage Three

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

18. A) Two to four times. B) Four to six times.  
 C) Four to eight times. D) Six to ten times.
19. A) Sleeping pills made people go into REM sleep quickly.  
 B) People had more dreams after they took sleeping pills.  
 C) People became angry easily because they didn't take sleeping pills.  
 D) Sleeping pills prevented people from going into REM sleep.
20. A) People dream so as to sleep better.  
 B) People dream in order not to go into REM sleep.  
 C) Because they may run into difficult problems in their dreams.  
 D) Because in their dreams they may find the answers to their problems.

## Part II

### Reading Comprehension

(35 minutes)

**Directions:** There are 4 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 centre.

### Passage One

Questions 21 to 25 are based on the following passage.

Mrs. Lester kept on asking her husband to take her to the ballet. Mr. Lester



hates the ballet, but when his employer invited him and his wife, he could not get out of it. As they drove to the theatre that evening, the fog got worse and worse. The traffic slowed down to a walking pace and almost stopped. When they eventually got to the theatre, the ballet was over. Mrs. Lester could not work out how it had taken them so long to get there, even taking the fog into account. The theatre was within walking distance of their house. It took her a long time to get over the disappointment.

A month later, Mrs. Lester found out what had happened. Mr. Lester told a friend of his that he had taken wrong turning on purpose. This friend told his wife, and the wife immediately went around to tell Mrs. Lester. The two women began to plan a revenge. One day, when Mr. Lester was not in, they broke into his study, which he always locked. His hobby was collecting old coins. Mrs. Lester had already worked out how much his collection was worth: \$850! They were taking some coins out of the case when they heard a car pull up outside the house. Mrs. Lester quickly switched the light off, and they waited, holding their breath. The front door opened and Mr. Lester came in. They heard him take his coat off. He walked towards the study door and opened it. There was no chance for the women to get away without being seen. Mr. Lester switched the light on and was astounded to see his wife standing there with a handful of valuable coins. It took both husband and wife a long time to get over this.

21. Which of the following is correct?
  - A) Mr. Lester likes to watch ballet.
  - B) Mrs. Lester likes to watch ballet.
  - C) Both of them like to watch ballet.
  - D) Neither of them likes to watch ballet.
22. It was quite \_\_\_\_\_ when they drove to the theatre.
  - A) rainy
  - B) stormy
  - C) cloudy
  - D) foggy
23. The theater is \_\_\_\_\_ from Mr. and Mrs. Lester's.
  - A) an hour-driving
  - B) in the other side of the city
  - C) very near
  - D) half an hour of bicycle riding
24. The wife of Mr. Lester's friend is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A) social worker
  - B) house cleaner
  - C) baby sitter
  - D) gossip
25. How many people are mentioned in this story?
  - A) Three.
  - B) Four.
  - C) Five.
  - D) Six.

## Passage Two

Questions 26 to 30 are based on the following passage.

Beauty has always been regarded as something praiseworthy. Almost everyone thinks attractive people are happier and healthier, have better marriages and have more respectable occupations. Personal consultants give them better advice for finding jobs. Even judges are softer on attractive defendants (被告). But in the executive circle, beauty can become a liability.

While attractiveness is a positive factor for a man on his way up the executive ladder, it is harmful to a woman.

Handsome male executives were perceived as having more integrity than plainer men; effort and ability were thought to account for their success.

Attractive female executives were considered to have less integrity than unattractive ones; their success was attributed not to ability but to factors such as luck.

All unattractive women executives were thought to have more integrity and to be more capable than the attractive female executives. Interestingly, though, the rise of the unattractive overnight successes was attributed more to personal relationships and less to ability than was that of attractive overnight successes.

Why are attractive women not thought to be able? An attractive woman is perceived to be more feminine (女性的) and an attractive man more masculine (男性的) than the less attractive ones. Thus an attractive woman has an advantage in traditionally female jobs, but an attractive woman in a traditionally masculine position appears to lack the "masculine" qualities required.

This is true even in politics. "When the only clue is how he or she looks, people treat men and women differently," says Anne Bowman, who recently published a study on the effects of attractiveness on political candidates. She asked 125 undergraduate students to rank two groups of photographs, one of men and one of women, in order of attractiveness. The students were told the photographs were of candidates for political offices. They were asked to rank them again, in the order they would vote for them.

The results showed that attractive males utterly defeated unattractive men, but the women who had been ranked most attractive invariably received the fewest votes.

26. The word "liability" (Line 4, Para.1) most probably means "\_\_\_\_\_".  
 A) misfortune B) instability  
 C) disadvantage D) burden
27. In traditionally female jobs, attractiveness \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) reinforces the feminine qualities required  
 B) makes women look more honest and capable  
 C) is of primary importance to women  
 D) often enables women to succeed quickly
28. Bowman's experiment reveals that when it comes to politics, attractiveness \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) turns out to be an obstacle to men  
 B) affects men and women alike  
 C) has as little effect on men as on women  
 D) is more of an obstacle than a benefit to women
29. It can be inferred from the passage that people's views on beauty are often \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) practical  
 B) prejudiced  
 C) old-fashioned  
 D) radical
30. The author wrote this passage to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) discuss different effects of being attractive  
 B) give advice to job-seekers who are attractive  
 C) demand equal rights for women  
 D) emphasize the importance of appearance

### Passage Three

Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following passage.

Let us take a look at the chief thing in the story—the human body itself. A human body appears to be rather soft and delicate, compared with that of a wild animal, but it is actually surprisingly strong. Indeed, its very softness and looseness is an advantage; it makes man good at moving about and falling about in safety. Man is the most skillful in movement of all living things of his own size, because he can do so many different things with his limbs. Man's games show how he can control his own body. No other land creature can swim as skillfully as man; none has such varied grace; very few live as long as he; none is so strong in its natural resistance to disease. Therefore man has a great advantage in his battle against the risks of damage and death that threaten him. It is difficult to kill him so long as he is fed and in good health. Yet every day thousands of people die needlessly, even though man is naturally strong, because those two killers, disease and starvation, win the battle.

Old age? No one can live forever, so one might suppose that quite a large number of old people would come to the end of their days every year. There is, however, another thing to remember. During the time it has taken you to read this page, a considerable number of babies have been born somewhere in the world—one is born

every one and a quarter seconds! What's more, new babies outnumber the dead every year. Of these babies, one group can be expected to have a good long life of about seventy years, because they are lucky enough to be born in countries where living standards are high.

The deadliest of all killers are starvation and disease. We cannot be content until we have mastered them. To do so is one of the most important tasks of our times.

31. The softness and looseness of man's body is an advantage because it \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) makes him strong                      B) helps him to avoid injury  
 C) makes him resistant                  D) keeps him in good health
32. The words "varied grace" refer to man's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) softness and delicacy  
 B) strength  
 C) ability to swim well  
 D) ability to perform many different movements easily and skillfully
33. The sentence that could be considered the topic sentence begins with "\_\_\_\_\_".  
 A) Let us take a look...                  B) A human body appears to be...  
 C) Indeed, its very softness...          D) Man is the most skillful...
34. The writer tells us that \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) there are more old people dying than there are new babies being born  
 B) there are more new babies being born than there are old people dying  
 C) the numbers of old people dying and babies born are about the same  
 D) None of the above answers is right
35. What, according to the writer, is one of the most important tasks of our times?  
 A) To keep people from aging.  
 B) To practice birth control.  
 C) To make people still stronger.  
 D) To do away with starvation and disease.

#### Passage Four

Questions 36 to 40 are based on the following passage.

It is natural for young people to be critical of their parents at times and to blame them for most of the misunderstandings between them. They have always complained, more or less justly, that their parents are out of touch with modern ways; that they are possessive and dominant; that they do not trust their children to deal with crisis; that they talk too much about certain problems—and that they have no sense of humor, at least in parent-child relationships.

I think it is true that parents often underestimate their teenage children and also forget how they themselves felt when they were young.

Young people often irritate their parents with their choices in clothes and hairstyles, in entertainments and music. This is not their motive. They feel cut off from the adult world into which they have not yet been accepted. So they create a culture and society of their own. Then if it turns out that their music or entertainments or vocabulary or clothes or hairstyles irritate their parents, this gives them additional enjoyment. They feel they are superior, at least in a small way, and that they are leaders in style and taste.

Sometimes you are resistant, and proud because you do not want your parents to approve of what you do. If they do approve, it looks as if you are betraying your own age group. But in that case, you are assuming that you are the underdog; you can't win but at least you can keep your honour. This is a passive way of looking at things. It is natural enough after long years of childhood, when you were completely under your parents' control. But it ignores the fact that you are now beginning to be responsible for yourself.

If you plan to control your life, co-operation can be part of that plan. You can charm others, especially your parents, into doing things the way you want. You can impress others with your sense of responsibility and initiative, so that they will give you the authority to do what you want to do.

36. The author is mainly talking to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) parents of teenagers                      B) those who give advice to teenagers  
 C) newspaper readers                      D) teenagers
37. The author is talking about \_\_\_\_\_ in the first paragraph.  
 A) the teenagers' criticism of their parents  
 B) the misunderstanding between teenagers and their parents  
 C) the control of parents over their children  
 D) the teenagers' ability to deal with crises
38. Teenagers tend to have strange clothes and hairstyles because they \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) have strong desire to be leaders in style and taste  
 B) want to show their difference from other teenagers  
 C) have no other way to enjoy themselves in a better way  
 D) want to be annoyed with their parents
39. Teenagers do not want their parents to approve of whatever they do because they \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) have been accepted into the adult world  
 B) feel that they are superior in a small way to the adults

- C) are not likely to win over the adults  
D) have a strong desire to be of independence
40. In order to improve parent-child relationship teenagers are advised to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) responsible                      B) independent  
C) co-operative                  D) obedient

**Part III**                      **Vocabulary and Structure**                      **(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 centre.

41. I can't go—for one thing, I have no money, and \_\_\_\_\_, I have too much work.  
A) what's more B) as well  
C) for another D) in addition
42. Even as a girl, \_\_\_\_\_ to be her life, and theater audiences were to be her best teachers.  
A) performing by Melissa were  
B) it was known that Melissa's performances were  
C) knowing that Melissa's performances were  
D) Melissa knew that performing was
43. \_\_\_\_\_ him tomorrow?  
A) Why not to call on B) Why don't call on  
C) Why not calling on D) Why not call on
44. There is no doubt \_\_\_\_\_ the company has made the right decision on the sales project.  
A) why B) that  
C) whether D) when
45. Intellect is to the mind \_\_\_\_\_ sight is to the body.  
A) what B) as  
C) that D) like
46. \_\_\_\_\_ I sympathize, I can't really do very much to help them out of the difficulties.  
A) As long as B) As  
C) While D) Even
47. The patient's progress was very encouraging as he could \_\_\_\_\_ get out of bed

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- A) nearly B) hardly  
C) merely D) barely
48. He was \_\_\_\_\_ to tell the truth even to his closest friend.  
A) too much of a coward B) too much the coward  
C) a coward enough D) enough of a coward
49. Barry had an advantage over his mother \_\_\_\_\_ he could speak French.  
A) since that B) in that  
C) at that D) so that
50. You needn't worry \_\_\_\_\_ regards the cost of the operation.  
A) with B) which  
C) as D) about
51. \_\_\_\_\_ is not a serious disadvantage in life.  
A) To be not tall B) Not to be tall  
C) Being not tall D) Not being tall
52. During the famine, many people were \_\_\_\_\_ to going without food for days.  
A) sunk B) reduced  
C) forced D) declined
53. With the \_\_\_\_\_ of Mary, all the girl students are eager to go to the party.  
A) exhibition B) exception  
C) except D) reception
54. Although the traffic is not busy, he likes to drive at a \_\_\_\_\_ speed.  
A) spare B) fast  
C) moderate D) moral
55. All the memories of his childhood had \_\_\_\_\_ from his mind by the time he was 65 years old.  
A) faded B) illustrated  
C) confined D) concerned
56. This radio is \_\_\_\_\_ and also the price is very low.  
A) protein B) portable  
C) potential D) preliminary
57. \_\_\_\_\_ is so small that we can not see it with the naked eye.  
A) Horizontal B) Moisture  
C) Needle D) Germ
58. Joe is in great danger for he has a weak \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) pressure B) physical  
C) pulse D) primitive
59. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the book is arranged in alphabetical order.

- A) endure B) index  
C) crisis D) cash
60. The court ordered her to pay a \_\_\_\_\_ for parking on the pavement.  
A) fine B) debt  
C) tax D) bill
61. I'd like to take \_\_\_\_\_ of this opportunity to thank you all for your cooperation.  
A) profit B) benefit  
C) advantage D) occasion
62. The plants would have grown all right but she \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
A) hadn't watered B) hasn't watered  
C) didn't water D) doesn't water
63. In order to improve our condition, this new scheme must be \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) adopted B) adapted  
C) addicted D) admired
64. When you come to New York, I can put you \_\_\_\_\_ for the night.  
A) up B) down  
C) in D) out
65. The atmosphere is denser near the surface of the earth than \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) it is far away B) further away from it  
C) denser farther away D) is farther away
66. In his cheerful and easy-going nature, Jim \_\_\_\_\_ his father rather than his mother.  
A) takes to B) takes up  
C) takes after D) takes behind
67. Tom is a fairly good runner. He wins more often than \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) not B) rarely  
C) hardly D) less
68. He was obliged to adapt himself \_\_\_\_\_ the habits and customs of Byron.  
A) with B) into  
C) of D) to
69. We haven't got enough buns to go round, so somebody will have to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) go about B) go off  
C) go without D) go through
70. The human body is composed of organs, each \_\_\_\_\_ a definite job to do.  
A) has B) have



C) having

D) to have

**Part IV**

**Translation**

**(15 minutes)**

**Directions:** In this part, there are 5 items, each consisting of one or two sentences for you to translate into Chinese. These sentences are all taken from the Reading Passages you have just read in Part Two. You should refer back to the passages so as to identify their meaning in the context.

S1. (Paragraph 1, Passage 1)

Mrs. Lester could not work out how it had taken them so long to get there, even taking the fog into account. The theatre was within walking distance of their house.

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S2. (Paragraph 2, Passage 2)

While attractiveness is a positive factor for a man on his way up the executive ladder, it is harmful to a woman.

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S3. (Paragraph 6, Passage 2)

Thus an attractive woman has an advantage in traditionally female jobs, but an attractive woman in a traditionally masculine position appears to lack the "masculine" qualities required.

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S4. (Paragraph 2, Passage 3)

During the time it has taken you to read this page, a considerable number of babies have been born somewhere in the world—one is born every one and a quarter seconds!

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S5. (Paragraph 1, Passage 4)

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