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内 容 简 介

本书包括 2000 年至 2003 年英语应用能力考试试题 8 套, 另外还精选了模拟试题 4 套。

本书对每个题型中的每道题都做了充分讲解, 并在题中逐一体现考点, 做到具体考点具体分析, 使读者的学习有的放矢。阅读本书能够使读者熟练掌握英语应用能力考试的题型和考点, 以便在考试中能够应付自如。

本书适合高职、高专、成教以及专升本的读者阅读。

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前 言

《英语应用能力考试考前冲刺》是根据“全国高职高专英语应用能力考试大纲”而编写的一部实用性很强的考前冲刺参考书。我们旨在通过此书帮助广大应试考生对A级考试中的各种题型及变化有较全面的了解和系统的训练,使考生在今后的考试中能对多变的考试题型应答自如,取得优异的成绩。

通过多年的教学实践,编者认为历次英语应用能力考试(A级)的试题是应试者最佳的冲刺准备教材。其语言的难易度、文章的长短、词汇与结构的全面性及写作的特点是任何模拟题都不能比拟的。本书包括2000年6月至2003年12月共计8套试题和4套难易程度适中、题型类似的模拟题。对试题的答案我们给出精解,而且阅读理解和大部分的选择題都附有译文,有助于学生自学。

内容新是本书的特点之一,书中收录了最新试题,即2003年12月的英语应用能力考试(A级)试题及精解。

本书对考试中的重点难点部分进行了特别详细的分析,使学生便于掌握其精华部分。

本书编者均为多年从事英语教学工作的教师,在英语应用能力考试方面有非常丰富的辅导经验。我们希望本书在帮助广大读者提高英语水平和应试能力的同时,成为广大读者的良师益友。

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2003年12月英语应用能力考试(A级)

Part I Listening Comprehension (15 minutes)

Directions: This part is to test your listening ability. It consists of 3 sections.

Section A

Directions: This section is to test your ability to understand short dialogues. There are 5 recorded dialogues in it. After each dialogue, there is a recorded question. Both the dialogues and questions will be spoken only once. When you hear a question, you should decide on the correct answer from the 4 choices marked A), B), C) and D) given in your test paper. Then you should mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

Example: You will hear:

You will read: A) New York City. C) An air trip.
 B) An evening party. D) The man's job.

From the dialogue we learn that the man is to take a flight to New York. Therefore, C) An air trip is the correct answer. You should mark C) on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center. Now the test will begin.

1. A) Fixing an engine. C) Cashing a check.
 B) Repairing a car. D) Buying some wheels.
2. A) Visit Japan. C) Travel abroad.
 B) Cook some food. D) Eat outside.
3. A) One of a cheaper price. C) One of a fashionable style.
 B) One of a different color. D) One of a smaller size.
4. A) He has changed his plan. C) He is arriving this afternoon.
 B) He has canceled his trip. D) He forgot to arrange his trip.
5. A) They had lost their way. C) They were caught in the rain.
 B) They were told it would rain. D) They had taken an umbrella.

Section B

Directions: This section is to test your ability to understand short conversations. There are 2 recorded conversations in it. After each conversation, there are some recorded questions. Both the conversations and questions will be spo-

ken two times. When you hear a question, you should decide on the correct answer from the 4 choices marked A), B), C) and D) given in your test paper. Then you should mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

Conversation 1

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 6. A) Going shopping. | C) Taking a trip. |
| B) Staying at a hotel. | D) Buying a book. |
| 7. A) By check. | C) By credit card. |
| B) In cash. | D) By mail. |

Conversation 2

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 8. A) Buying an apartment. | C) Renting an apartment. |
| B) Repairing her apartment. | D) Painting her apartment. |
| 9. A) One near a park. | C) A cheaper one. |
| B) A larger one. | D) One with a good view. |
| 10. A) The size. | C) The location. |
| B) The furniture. | D) The rent. |

Section C

Directions: This section is to test your ability to comprehend short passages. You will hear a recorded passage. After that you will hear five questions. Both the passage and questions will be read two times. When you hear a question you should complete the answer to it with a word or a short phrase (in no more than 3 words). The questions and incomplete answers are printed on your test paper. You should write your answer on the Answer Sheet correspondingly. Now the passage will begin.

11. Why did Tina come to the employment agency?

To look for _____

12. What did she do in the employment agency?

She filled out _____

13. What was the problem with Tina?

She had little _____

14. What job did she get at the supermarket?

A job as a _____

15. How did she feel about her new job a few months later?

She felt it was very _____.

Part II Structure (15 minutes)

Directions: This part is to test your ability to construct grammatically correct sentences. It consists of 2 sections.

Section A

Directions: In this section, there are 10 incomplete sentences. You are required to complete each one by deciding on the most appropriate word or words from the 4 choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then you should mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

16. Mary is the kind of person who always seems to be _____ a hurry.
A) on B) in C) with D) for
17. This time next week I'll be on vacation. Probably I _____ on a beautiful beach.
A) am lying B) have lain C) will be lying D) will have lain
18. _____, we went swimming in the river.
A) The day being very hot C) The day was very hot
B) It was a very hot day D) Being a very hot day
19. She didn't go to the cinema last night, _____ she had to finish her term paper.
A) as B) if C) till D) though
20. I have found some articles _____ the harmful effects of drinking.
A) being concerned C) to concern
B) concerned D) concerning
21. So loudly _____ that people could hear it out in the street.
A) did the students play the music C) the students played the music
B) the students playing the music D) have the students played the music
22. At the international conference, the famous scientist gave an excellent report _____ on his recent experiment.
A) basing B) based C) to be based D) to base
23. There are so many dresses there that I really don't know _____ to choose.
A) whether B) when C) which D) why
24. I think that Anna is _____ far the most active member in our group.

- A) with B) at C) as D) by

25. I'm still unable to make myself _____ in the discussion, which worries me a lot.

- A) to be understood C) understood
B) understanding D) understand

Section B

Directions: There are 10 incomplete statements here. You should fill in each blank with the proper form of the word given in the brackets. Write the word or words in the corresponding space on the Answer Sheet.

26. Jim told me he (join) _____ the army two years before.
27. I'm the (little) _____ experienced of all the doctors here.
28. In some parts of this city, missing a bus means (wait) _____ for another hour.
29. The businessman lost a (gold) _____ chance to make a big fortune.
30. Frankly speaking, I'd rather you (say) _____ nothing about it for the time being.
31. You should be aware that this rare bird was on the list of human (protect) _____.
32. In the middle of the room there was a Christmas tree (decorate) _____ with colored lights and glass balls.
33. Did you get (permit) _____ from the authorities to run the business?
34. Doctor Richard, together with his wife and three children, (be) _____ to arrive in Beijing this afternoon.
35. They decided not to visit the Great Wall because it was raining (heavy) _____.

Part III Reading Comprehension (40 minutes)

Directions: This part is to test your reading ability. There are 5 tasks for you to fulfill. You should read the reading materials carefully and do the tasks as you are instructed.

Task 1

Directions: After reading the following passage, you will find 5 questions or statements numbered 36 through 40. For each question or statement there are 4 choices marked A), B), C) and D). You should make the correct choice and mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

Most of us grow up taking certain things for granted. We tend to assume that experts and

religious leaders tell us "the truth." We tend to believe that things advertised on television or in newspapers can't be bad for us.

However, encouragement of critical thinking in students is one of the goals of most colleges and universities. Few professors require students to share the professors' own beliefs. In general, professors are more concerned that students learn to question and critically examine the arguments of others, including some of their own beliefs or values. This does not mean that professors insist that you change your beliefs, either. It does mean, however, that professors will usually ask you to support the views you express in class or in your writing.

If your premises (前提) are shaky, or if your arguments are not logical, professors personally point out the false reasoning in your arguments. Most professors want you to learn to recognize the premises of your arguments, to examine whether you really accept these premises, and to understand whether or not you draw logical conclusions. Put it this way: Professors don't tell you what to think; they try to teach you how to think.

On the other hand, if you intend to disagree with your professors in class, you should be prepared to offer a strong argument in support of your ideas. Arguing just for the sake of arguing usually does not promote a critical examination of ideas. Many professors interpret it as rudeness.

36. In the first paragraph, the writer tries to tell us that people _____.
- A) easily accept certain things without a second thought
 B) grow up through learning certain things in life
 C) are forming their views during their growth
 D) have strong beliefs in authorities while getting old
37. Nowadays, most colleges and universities encourage students to _____.
- A) criticize others
 B) share professors' ideas
 C) give their own ideas
 D) change their own beliefs
38. The word "shaky" (Line 1, Para. 3) most probably means "_____."
- A) creative
 B) firm
 C) false
 D) weak
39. To help students develop their critical thinking, professors mainly teach them _____.
- A) choice of their premises
 B) the way to think independently
 C) skills of drawing conclusions
 D) different kinds of argument
40. According to the writer, the right way to argue is to _____.
- A) argue mainly for the sake of arguing
 B) prove it with a good conclusion
 C) support your idea with sound reasoning
 D) examine others' ideas critically

Task 2

Directions: This task is the same as Task 1. The 5 questions or unfinished statements are numbered 41 through 45.

Human cloning (克隆) technology could be used to reverse heart attacks. Scientists believe that they may be able to treat heart attack victims by cloning their healthy heart cells and injecting them into the areas of the heart that have been damaged, and other problems may be solved if human cloning and its technology are not forbidden.

With cloning, infertile couples could have children. Current treatments for it in terms of percentages (百分比), are not very successful. Couples go through physically and emotionally painful procedures for a small chance of having children. Many couples run out of time and money without successfully having children. Human cloning could make it possible for many more infertile couples to have children than ever before.

We should be able to clone the bone marrow (骨髓) for children and adults suffering from leukemia (白血病). This is expected to be one of the first benefits to come from cloning technology.

We may learn how to switch cells on and off through cloning and thus be able to cure cancer.

Cloning technology can be used to test for and perhaps cure gene-related diseases.

The above is just a few examples of what human cloning technology can do for mankind. This new technology promises unprecedented advancement in medicine if people will release their fears and let the benefits begin.

41. Heart attacks can be treated with human cloning technology by _____.

- A) removing the damaged part of the heart
- B) replacing the old heart with a cloned one
- C) repairing the heart with cells cloned from healthy ones
- D) giving the patients injections of various medicines

42. The word "infertile" (Line 1, Para. 2) most probably means "_____."

- A) unable to give birth to a child
- B) with physical and emotional problems
- C) short of time and money
- D) separated from each other for long

43. According to the passage, one of the first expected benefits from cloning technology may be in _____.

- A) the treatment of heart attacks

- B) the bearing of babies
 C) the cure of blood diseases
 D) the detection of gene-related diseases
44. **Cancer may be cured with the cloning technology by _____.**
 A) attacking the diseased cells with healthy ones
 B) controlling the growth of the cells
 C) detecting disordered genes in the cancer cells
 D) activating cancer cells by switching them on
45. **According to the writer, the main problem with the development of human cloning technology is that _____.**
 A) it may be out of human control
 B) it has brought about few benefits so far
 C) people still know little about it
 D) people are afraid of such technology

Task 3

Directions: The following is taken from the preface of a book. After reading it, you are required to complete the outline below it (No. 46 through No. 50). You should write your answers briefly (in no more than three words) on the Answer Sheet correspondingly.

A local telephone directory is sometimes called the White Pages. This directory provides an alphabetic listing of names and telephone numbers and other telephone reference information. The front pages usually contain information about area codes; billing; customer service; directory assistance (帮助) local, long-distance, and international calls; time zones; rates; emergency numbers; and other items relating to telephone use.

The next section of the telephone directory typically contains the residence listings, or entries, of community residents. The third section contains business listings, or entries, of local businesses and organizations. In some less populated (人口不密集的) or rural areas, the residence and business listings may be combined in one section.

Some local directories contain listings of local, state and federal (联邦的) Government offices and agencies. These listings might be united into the business listing section, or they may be in a separate section of the phone book. These government listings typically are arranged by the name of the state government and then by departments or agencies.

Local Telephone Directories

Another name: 46

Arrangement of its contents:

Listing of name and telephone numbers: given in an 47 order

Area codes and other useful information: contained in the 48

Residence listings: provided in the 49 section of the directory

Government listings: given either in the business listing section or in a 50

Task 4

Directions: The following is a list of the college courses. After reading it, you are required to find the items equivalent (与...相同的) to those given in Chinese in the table below. Then you should put the corresponding numbers or letters in the brackets on the Answer Sheet, numbered 51 through 55.

A — acceptance letters

G — inquiry letters

M — annual reports

B — adjustment letters

H — memorandums

N — feasibility reports

C — application letters

I — order letters

O — investigative reports

D — collection letters

J — reference letters

P — progress reports

E — complaint letters

K — sales letters

Q — trouble reports

F — credit letters

L — news releases

R — trip reports

Example: (D) 催款函 (B) 投诉回复函

51. () 投诉函 () 咨询信 / 询价函

52. () 推销信 () 推荐函

53. () 新闻发布 () 申请函

54. () 进度报告 () 年度报告

55. () 调查报告 () 事故报告

Task 5

Directions: There are an Invitation for Bids below. After reading it, you should give brief answers to the 5 questions (No. 56 through No. 60) that follow. The answers (in on more than 3 words) should be written after the corresponding numbers on the Answer Sheet.

INSTRIMPEX International Tendering Company (CNIITC)
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Baiyun Airport Relocation Project

In accordance with the Loan Agreement between the Ministry of Finance of the people's Republic of China and Japan Bank for International Cooperation for Baiyun Airport Relocation Project, INSTRIMPEX International Tendering (招标) Company (CNIITC) is authorized to purchase, by way of calling for international competitive bidding, the commodities and related services for the above mentioned project. The payment for the purchase shall be made under the Loan.

BID No. 0717-CICJP0242209B

Terminal Passenger Boarding Bridges

BID No. 0703-CICJ02012227

Electrical Management System

Interested bidders may obtain Bidding Documents between 9:00 and 11:00 am/1:30 and 4:30 pm (Beijing Time) from November 22 to December 12, 2002 (except weekends and holidays) at CNIITC office, upon non-refundable (不退还的) payment of RMB ¥12 000 for Terminal Passenger Boarding Bridges and RMB ¥1800 for Electrical Management System. For mail order, an extra RMB ¥450 express (快递) mail postage shall be added.

Bids must be delivered to the CNIITC office at or before 10:00 am (Beijing Time) on January 10, 2003, and will be opened at 10:00 am (Beijing Time) on January 10, 2003 at following address. CNIITC Office Address:

Rm 317, Instrimpex Building, 6 Xizhimenway Street, Beijing 100044, China

Tel: (86-10)68363322 ext. 3010, 3020 Fax: (86-10)68317392, 68354383

56. What is the name of the project for bids?

_____ Project.

57. Which company is in charge of the bidding?

_____ International Tendering Company.

58. What is the item of BID No. 0703-CICJ02012227?

59. Where will the bidders obtain Bidding Documents?

At _____

60. What is the deadline for delivering the bids?

At or before 10:00 am (Beijing Time) on _____

Part IV Translation — English to Chinese (25 minutes)

Directions: This part, numbered 61 through 65, is to test your ability to translate English into Chinese. After each of the sentences numbered 61 to 64, you will read four choices of suggested translation. You should choose the best translation and mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet. And for the paragraph numbered 65, write your translation in the corresponding space on the Translation/Composition sheet.

61. No one can use cell phones in any areas at the hospital where equipment might be affected by the interference from cell phones.

- A) 在医院的任何区域都不得使用手机，因为会受到设备的干扰。
- B) 在医院的任何区域，手机会影响设备的使用，任何人都不得使用。
- C) 医院里没有人使用手机，因此不会影响设备的使用。
- D) 医院内，在可能干扰设备使用的任何区域，禁止使用手机。

62. China's consumer price index in July dropped by 0.9 percent from a year earlier, against a decline of 0.8 percent in June.

- A) 7月份中国消费物价指数与去年同期相比下降了0.9%，而6月份该指数下降了0.8%。
- B) 中国消费物价7月份下降之前一年的0.9%，比6月份只下降了0.8%。
- C) 7月份中国消费物价指数比前一年下降了0.9%，比6月份下降了0.8%。
- D) 中国消费物价7月份比前一年下降了0.9%，而与6月份相比，又下降了0.8%。

63. In general, the application - or misapplication - of science and technology in all fields is certain to affect the structure of society as a whole.

- A) 一般来说，科学技术在各个领域的应用或不用，将会全面影响社会结构。
- B) 总的来说，科学技术在各个领域的应用或误用，必然会影响社会的总体结构。
- C) 总的来说，各种科学技术在其领域中的应用或不应用对整个社会结构都会造成一定程度的影响。
- D) 一般来说，申请或不申请科学技术项目，对整个社会大结构都有一定的影响。

64. Given ATMs' small number in the country, China's banks, major investors in ATM technologies, will continue purchasing ATMs.

- A) 因为国内的自动提款机数量很少，中国银行将会继续购买自动提款机，主要投资在自动提款机的技术上。
- B) 中国的银行和自动提款设备的主要投资者，会继续购买自动提款机，将少量的送到乡村。
- C) 由于中国的自动提款机数量很少，所以自动提款设备的主要投资者——中国的银行业，将会继续购买自动提款机。
- D) 中国银行和自动提款设备的大投资者们，将会继续购买少量的自动提款机并且把这些提款机放在农村。