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本书将 1999—2009 年的考研英语试题汇集在一起,并给出答案与解析,便于考生及英语学习者熟悉考研英语历届真题,掌握英语知识及应用技巧,并在考研中取得优异的成绩。

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前言

考研英语复习必须有计划、有步骤、有重点地进行。研究生入学考试的试题一年不同于一年,但题型和测试范围却相对固定并有据可循的。在英语复习中,考生必做的一项工作便是对历届试题反复进行自我测试,同时进行分析和总结,找出出题者的意图和出题规律,熟悉五种出题方法、试题内容范围和结构特点,找到相应的应试技巧,并有计划地做一些模拟试题,这样便能做到在考试中胸有成竹,稳操胜券。

作者本着这个目的,在本书中为考生提供了 1999—2009 年的考题及详解,帮考生总结出应试规律,从而使考生能够在考试取得优异的成绩。

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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 ANSWER SHEET 1. (10 points)

Research on animal intelligence always makes us wonder just how smart humans are. 1 the fruit-fly experiments described by Carl Zimmer in the *Science Times*. Fruit flies who were taught to be smarter than the average fruit fly 2 to live shorter lives. This suggests that 3 bulbs burn longer, that there is a(n) 4 in not being bright.

Intelligence, it 5, is a high-priced option. It takes more upkeep, burns more fuel and is slow 6 the starting line because it depends on learning—a(n) 7 process—instead of instinct. Plenty of other species are able to learn, and one of the things they've apparently learned is when to 8.

Is there an adaptive value to 9 intelligence? That's the question behind this new research. Instead of casting a wistful glance 10 at all the species we've left in the dust, I Q-wise, it implicitly asks what the real 11 of our own intelligence might be. This is 12 the mind of every animal we've ever met.

Research on animal intelligence also makes us wonder what experiments animals would 13 on humans if they had the chance. Every cat with an owner, 14, is running a small-scale study in operant conditioning. We believe that 15 animals ran the labs, they would test us to 16 the limits of our patience, our faithfulness, our memory for locations. They would try to decide what intelligence in humans is really 17, not merely how much of it there is. 18, they would hope to study a(n) 19 question: Are humans actually aware of the world they live in? 20 the results are inconclusive.

1. [A] Suppose [B] Consider [C] Observe [D] Imagine
2. [A] tended [B] feared [C] happened [D] threatened
3. [A] thinner [B] stabler [C] lighter [D] dimmer
4. [A] tendency [B] advantage [C] inclination [D] priority
5. [A] insists on [B] sums up [C] turns out [D] puts forward
6. [A] off [B] behind [C] over [D] along
7. [A] incredible [B] spontaneous [C] inevitable [D] gradual
8. [A] fight [B] doubt [C] stop [D] think
9. [A] invisible [B] limited [C] indefinite [D] different
10. [A] upward [B] forward [C] afterward [D] backward
11. [A] features [B] influences [C] results [D] costs
12. [A] outside [B] on [C] by [D] across
13. [A] deliver [B] carry [C] perform [D] apply

14. [A] by chance [B] in contrast [C] as usual [D] for instance
 15. [A] if [B] unless [C] as [D] lest
 16. [A] moderate [B] overcome [C] determine [D] reach
 17. [A] at [B] for [C] after [D] with
 18. [A] Above all [B] After all [C] However [D] Otherwise
 19. [A] fundamental [B] comprehensive [C] equivalent [D] hostile
 20. [A] By accident [B] In time [C] So far [D] Better still

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 ANSWER SHEET 1. (40 points)

Text 1

Habits are a funny thing. We reach for them mindlessly, setting our brains on auto-pilot and relaxing into the unconscious comfort of familiar routine. "Not choice. But habit rules the unreflecting herd," William Wordsworth said in the 19th century. In the ever-changing 21st century, even the word "habit" carries a negative implication.

So it seems paradoxical to talk about habits in the same context as creativity and innovation. But brain researchers have discovered that when we consciously develop new habits, we create parallel paths, and even entirely new brain cells, that can jump our trains of thought onto new, innovative tracks.

Rather than dismissing ourselves as unchangeable creatures of habit, we can instead direct our own change by consciously developing new habits. In fact, the more new things we try—the more we step outside our comfort zone—the more inherently creative we become, both in the workplace and in our personal lives.

But don't bother trying to kill off old habits; once those ruts of procedure are worn into the brain, they're there to stay. Instead, the new habits we deliberately press into ourselves create parallel pathways that can bypass those old roads.

"The first thing needed for innovation is a fascination with wonder," says Dawlla Markova, author of *The Open Mind*. "But we are taught instead to 'decide', just as our president calls himself 'the Decider'." She adds, however, that "to decide is to kill off all possibilities but one. A good innovational thinker is always exploring the many other possibilities."

All of us work through problems in ways of which we're unaware, she says. Researchers in the late 1960s discovered that humans are born with the capacity to approach challenges in four primary ways: analytically, procedurally, relationally (or collaboratively) and innovatively. At the end of adolescence, however, the brain shuts down half of that capacity, preserving only those modes of thought that have seemed most valuable during the first decade or so of life.

The current emphasis on standardized testing highlights analysis and procedure, meaning that few of us inherently use our innovative and collaborative modes of thought. "This breaks the major

rule in the American belief system—that anyone can do anything,” explains M. J. Ryan, author of the 2006 book *This Year I Will...* and Ms. Markova’s business partner. “That’s a lie that we have perpetuated, and it fosters commonness. Knowing what you’re good at and doing even more of it creates excellence.” This is where developing new habits comes in.

21. In Wordsworth’s view, “habits” is characterized by being

- [A] casual.
- [B] familiar.
- [C] mechanical.
- [D] changeable.

22. Brain researchers have discovered that the formation of new habits can be

- [A] predicted.
- [B] regulated.
- [C] traced.
- [D] guided.

23. The word “ruts”(Line 1, Paragraph 4) is closest in meaning to

- [A] tracks.
- [B] series.
- [C] characteristics.
- [D] connections.

24. Dawna Markova would most probably agree that

- [A] ideas are born of a relaxing mind.
- [B] innovativeness could be taught.
- [C] decisiveness derives from fantastic ideas.
- [D] curiosity activates creative minds.

25. Ryan’s comments suggest that the practice of standardized testing

- [A] prevents new habits from being formed.
- [B] no longer emphasizes commonness.
- [C] maintains the inherent American thinking mode.
- [D] complies with the American belief system.

Text 2

It is a wise father that knows his own child, but today a man can boost his paternal (fatherly) wisdom—or at least confirm that he’s the kid’s dad. All he needs to do is shell out \$30 for a paternity testing kit (PTK) at his local drugstore—and another \$120 to get the results.

More than 60,000 people have purchased the PTKs since they first became available without prescriptions last year, according to Doug Fogg, chief operating officer of Identigene, which makes the over-the-counter kits. More than two dozen companies sell DNA tests directly to the public, ranging in price from a few hundred dollars to more than \$2,500.

Among the most popular: paternity and kinship testing, which adopted children can use to find

their biological relatives and families can use to track down kids put up for adoption. DNA testing is also the latest rage among passionate genealogists—and supports businesses that offer to search for a family's geographic roots.

Most tests require collecting cells by swabbing saliva in the mouth and sending it to the company for testing. All tests require a potential candidate with whom to compare DNA.

But some observers are skeptical. "There's a kind of false precision being hawked by people claiming they are doing ancestry testing," says Troy Duster, a New York University sociologist. He notes that each individual has many ancestors—numbering in the hundreds just a few centuries back. Yet most ancestry testing only considers a single lineage, either the Y chromosome inherited through men in a father's line or mitochondrial DNA, which is passed down only from mothers. This DNA can reveal genetic information about only one or two ancestors, even though, for example, just three generations back people also have six other great-grandparents or, four generations back, 14 other great-great-grandparents.

Critics also argue that commercial genetic testing is only as good as the reference collections to which a sample is compared. Databases used by some companies don't rely on data collected systematically but rather lump together information from different research projects. This means that a DNA database may have a lot of data from some regions and not others, so a person's test results may differ depending on the company that processes the results. In addition, the computer programs a company uses to estimate relationships may be patented and not subject to peer review or outside evaluation.

26. In Paragraphs 1 and 2, the text shows PTK's

- [A] easy availability.
- [B] flexibility in pricing.
- [C] successful promotion.
- [D] popularity with households.

27. PTK is used to

- [A] locate one's birth place.
- [B] promote genetic research.
- [C] identify parent-child kinship.
- [D] choose children for adoption.

28. Skeptical observers believe that ancestry testing fails to

- [A] trace distant ancestors.
- [B] rebuild reliable bloodlines.
- [C] fully use genetic information.
- [D] achieve the claimed accuracy.

29. In the last paragraph, a problem commercial genetic testing faces is

- [A] disorganized data collection.
- [B] overlapping database building.
- [C] excessive sample comparison.
- [D] lack of patent evaluation.

30. An appropriate title for the text is most likely to be

- [A] Fors and Againsts of DNA Testing.
- [B] DNA Testing and Its Problems.
- [C] DNA Testing Outside the Lab.
- [D] Lies Behind DNA Testing.

Text 3

The relationship between formal education and economic growth in poor countries is widely misunderstood by economists and politicians alike. Progress in both areas is undoubtedly necessary for the social, political, and intellectual development of these and all other societies; however, the conventional view that education should be one of the very highest priorities for promoting rapid economic development in poor countries is wrong. We are fortunate that it is, because building new educational systems there and putting enough people through them to improve economic performance would require two or three generations. The findings of a research institution have consistently shown that workers in all countries can be trained on the job to achieve radically higher productivity and, as a result, radically higher standards of living.

Ironically, the first evidence for this idea appeared in the United States. Not long ago, with the country entering a recession and Japan at its pre-bubble peak, the U. S. workforce was derided as poorly educated and one of the primary causes of the poor U. S. economic performance. Japan was, and remains, the global leader in automotive-assembly productivity. Yet the research revealed that the U. S. factories of Honda, Nissan, and Toyota achieved about 95 percent of the productivity of their Japanese counterparts—a result of the training that U. S. workers received on the job.

More recently, while examining housing construction, the researchers discovered that illiterate, non-English-speaking Mexican workers in Houston, Texas, consistently met best-practice labor productivity standards despite the complexity of the building industry's work.

What is the real relationship between education and economic development? We have to suspect that continuing economic growth promotes the development of education even when governments don't force it. After all, that's how education got started. When our ancestors were hunters and gatherers 10,000 years ago, they didn't have time to wonder much about anything besides finding food. Only when humanity began to get its food in a more productive way was there time for other things.

As education improved, humanity's productivity potential increased as well. When the competitive environment pushed our ancestors to achieve that potential, they could in turn afford more education. This increasingly high level of education is probably a necessary, but not a sufficient, condition for the complex political systems required by advanced economic performance. Thus poor countries might not be able to escape their poverty traps without political changes that may be possible only with broader formal education. A lack of formal education, however, doesn't constrain the ability of the developing world's workforce to substantially improve productivity for the foreseeable future. On the contrary, constraints on improving productivity explain why education isn't developing more quickly there than it is.

31. The author holds in Paragraph 1 that the importance of education in poor countries
- [A] is subject to groundless doubts.
 - [B] has fallen victim of bias.
 - [C] is conventionally downgraded.
 - [D] has been overestimated.
32. It is stated in Paragraph 1 that the construction of a new educational system
- [A] challenges economists and politicians.
 - [B] takes efforts of generations.
 - [C] demands priority from the government.
 - [D] requires sufficient labor force.
33. A major difference between the Japanese and U. S. workforces is that
- [A] the Japanese workforce is better disciplined.
 - [B] the Japanese workforce is more productive.
 - [C] the U. S. workforce has a better education.
 - [D] the U. S. workforce is more organized.
34. The author quotes the example of our ancestors to show that education emerged
- [A] when people had enough time.
 - [B] prior to better ways of finding food.
 - [C] when people no longer went hungry.
 - [D] as a result of pressure on government.
35. According to the last paragraph, development of education
- [A] results directly from competitive environments.
 - [B] does not depend on economic performance.
 - [C] follows improved productivity.
 - [D] cannot afford political changes.

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Text 4

The most thoroughly studied intellectuals in the history of the New World are the ministers and political leaders of seventeenth-century New England. According to the standard history of American philosophy, nowhere else in colonial America was "so much importance attached to intellectual pursuits." According to many books and articles, New England's leaders established the basic themes and preoccupations of an unfolding, dominant Puritan tradition in American intellectual life.

To take this approach to the New Englanders normally means to start with the Puritans' theological innovations and their distinctive ideas about the church—important subjects that we may not neglect. But in keeping with our examination of southern intellectual life, we may consider the original Puritans as carriers of European culture, adjusting to New World circumstances. The New England colonies were the scenes of important episodes in the pursuit of widely understood ideals of civility and virtuosity.

The early settlers of Massachusetts Bay included men of impressive education and influence in England. Besides the ninety or so learned ministers who came to Massachusetts churches in the

decade after 1629, there were political leaders like John Winthrop, an educated gentleman, lawyer, and official of the Crown before he journeyed to Boston. These men wrote and published extensively, reaching both New World and Old World audiences, and giving New England an atmosphere of intellectual earnestness.

We should not forget, however, that most New Englanders were less well educated. While few craftsmen or farmers, let alone dependents and servants, left literary compositions to be analyzed, it is obvious that their views were less fully intellectualized. Their thinking often had a traditional superstitious quality. A tailor named John Dane, who emigrated in the late 1630s, left an account of his reasons for leaving England that is filled with signs. Sexual confusion, economic frustrations, and religious hope—all came together in a decisive moment when he opened the Bible, told his father that the first line he saw would settle his fate, and read the magical words: “Come out from among them, touch no unclean thing, and I will be your God and you shall be my people.” One wonders what Dane thought of the careful sermons explaining the Bible that he heard in Puritan churches.

Meanwhile, many settlers had slighter religious commitments than Dane’s, as one clergyman learned in confronting folk along the coast who mocked that they had not come to the New World for religion. “Our main end was to catch fish.”

36. The author holds that in the seventeenth-century New England
- [A] Puritan tradition dominated political life.
 - [B] intellectual interests were encouraged.
 - [C] politics benefited much from intellectual endeavors.
 - [D] intellectual pursuits enjoyed a liberal environment.
37. It is suggested in Paragraph 2 that New Englanders
- [A] experienced a comparatively peaceful early history.
 - [B] brought with them the culture of the Old World.
 - [C] paid little attention to southern intellectual life.
 - [D] were obsessed with religious innovations.
38. The early ministers and political leaders in Massachusetts Bay
- [A] were famous in the New World for their writings.
 - [B] gained increasing importance in religious affairs.
 - [C] abandoned high positions before coming to the New World.
 - [D] created a new intellectual atmosphere in New England.
39. The story of John Dane shows that less well-educated New Englanders were often
- [A] influenced by superstitions.
 - [B] troubled with religious beliefs.
 - [C] puzzled by church sermons.
 - [D] frustrated with family earnings.
40. The text suggests that early settlers in New England
- [A] were mostly engaged in political activities.
 - [B] were motivated by an illusory prospect.
 - [C] came from different intellectual backgrounds.

[D] left few formal records for later reference.

Part B

Directions:

In the following text, some segments have been removed. For Questions 41—45, choose the most suitable one from the list A—G to fit into each of the numbered blanks. There are two extra choices, which do not fit in any of the blanks. Mark your answers on ANSWER SHEET 1. (10 points)

Coinciding with the groundbreaking theory of biological evolution proposed by British naturalist Charles Darwin in the 1860s, British social philosopher Herbert Spencer put forward his own theory of biological and cultural evolution. Spencer argued that all worldly phenomena, including human societies, changed over time, advancing toward perfection. (41) _____

American social scientist Lewis Henry Morgan introduced another theory of cultural evolution in the late 1800s. Morgan helped found modern anthropology—the scientific study of human societies, customs and beliefs—thus becoming one of the earliest anthropologists. In his work, he attempted to show how all aspects of culture changed together in the evolution of societies. (42) _____

In the early 1900s in North America, German-born American anthropologist Franz Boas developed a new theory of culture known as historical particularism. Historical particularism, which emphasized the uniqueness of all cultures, gave new direction to anthropology. (43) _____

Boas felt that the culture of any society must be understood as the result of a unique history and not as one of many cultures belonging to a broader evolutionary stage or type of culture. (44) _____

Historical particularism became a dominant approach to the study of culture in American anthropology, largely through the influence of many students of Boas. But a number of anthropologists in the early 1900s also rejected the particularist theory of culture in favor of diffusionism. Some attributed virtually every important cultural achievement to the inventions of a few, especially gifted peoples that, according to diffusionists, then spread to other cultures. (45) _____

Also in the early 1900s, French sociologist Émile Durkheim developed a theory of culture that would greatly influence anthropology. Durkheim proposed that religious beliefs functioned to reinforce social solidarity. An interest in the relationship between the function of society and culture became a major theme in European, and especially British, anthropology.

- [A] Other anthropologists believed that cultural innovations, such as inventions, had a single origin and passed from society to society. This theory was known as diffusionism.
- [B] In order to study particular cultures as completely as possible, he became skilled in linguistics, the study of languages, and in physical anthropology, the study of human biology and anatomy.
- [C] He argued that human evolution was characterized by a struggle he called the “survival of the fittest,” in which weaker races and societies must eventually be replaced by stronger, more advanced races and societies.

- [D] They also focused on important rituals that appeared to preserve a people's social structure, such as initiation ceremonies that formally signify children's entrance into adulthood.
- [E] Thus, in his view, diverse aspects of culture, such as the structure of families, forms of marriage, categories of kinship, ownership of property, forms of government, technology, and systems of food production, all changed as societies evolved.
- [F] Supporters of the theory viewed culture as a collection of integrated parts that work together to keep a society functioning.
- [G] For example, British anthropologists Grafton Elliot Smith and W. J. Perry incorrectly suggested, on the basis of inadequate information, that farming, pottery making, and metallurgy all originated in ancient Egypt and diffused throughout the world. In fact, all of these cultural developments occurred separately at different times in many parts of the world.

Part C

Directions:

Read the following text carefully and then translate the underlined segments into Chinese. Your translation should be written clearly on ANSWER SHEET 2. (10 points)

There is a marked difference between the education which every one gets from living with others and the deliberate educating of the young. In the former case the education is incidental; it is natural and important, but it is not the express reason of the association. (46) It may be said that the measure of the worth of any social institution is its effect in enlarging and improving experience, but this effect is not a part of its original motive. Religious associations began, for example, in the desire to secure the favor of overruling powers and to ward off evil influences; family life in the desire to gratify appetites and secure family perpetuity; systematic labor, for the most part, because of enslavement to others, etc. (47) Only gradually was the by-product of the institution noted, and only more gradually still was this effect considered as a directive factor in the conduct of the institution. Even today, in our industrial life, apart from certain values of industriousness and thrift, the intellectual and emotional reaction of the forms of human association under which the world's work is carried on receives little attention as compared with physical output.

But in dealing with the young, the fact of association itself as an immediate human fact, gains in importance. (48) While it is easy to ignore in our contact with them the effect of our acts upon their disposition, it is not so easy as in dealing with adults. The need of training is too evident and the pressure to accomplish a change in their attitude and habits is too urgent to leave these consequences wholly out of account. (49) Since our chief business with them is to enable them to share in a common life we cannot help considering whether or not we are forming the powers which will secure this ability. If humanity has made some headway in realizing that the ultimate value of every institution is its distinctively human effect we may well believe that this lesson has been learned largely through dealings with the young.

(50) We are thus led to distinguish, within the broad educational process which we have been so far considering, a more formal kind of education—that of direct tuition or schooling. In undeveloped social groups, we find very little formal teaching and training. These groups mainly rely for instilling needed

dispositions into the young upon the same sort of association which keeps adults loyal to their group. [D]

Section III Writing

Part A

51. Directions:

Restrictions on the use of plastic bags have not been so successful in some regions. “White Pollution” is still going on.

Write a letter to the editor(s) of your local newspaper to

1) give your opinions briefly, and

2) make two or three suggestions.

You should write about 100 words on ANSWER SHEET 2.

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:

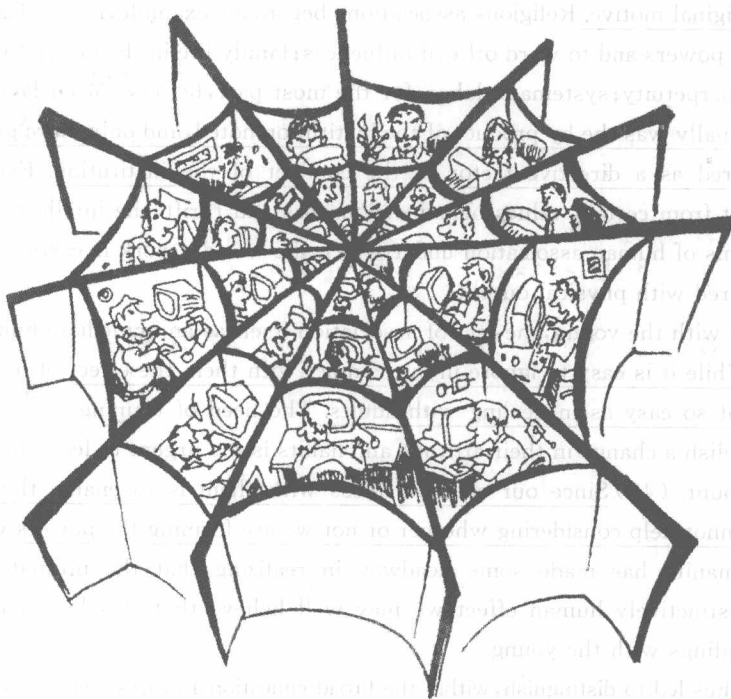
Write an essay of 160—200 words based on the following drawing. In your essay, you should

1) describe the drawing briefly,

2) explain its intended meaning, and then

3) give your comments.

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网络的“近”与“远”

2009 年试题答案与解析

一、语言知识运用

段首句译文：本文是一篇科普文章，原文最先刊登在2008年5月7日的《纽约时报》上，标题是 *The Cost of Smarts*，译为“聪明的代价”。本文第一段第一句提出“对动物智力的研究总是使我想了解人类到底有多聪明”，接着通过对果蝇实验得出“聪明的果蝇寿命往往比一般的果蝇短”，“较暗的灯泡寿命往往会更长”，得出“不怎么聪明也是一种优势”的结论。第二段继续对这个观点展开论述，指出“聪明是一种昂贵的选择”，需要“更多的保养，消耗更多的燃料”。第三段进一步引出对“人类智慧代价的讨论”。最后一段则借动物的口向人类表示质疑：人类是否了解他们生活的这个世界？

1. [B] Consider

◆ 测试要点 动词词义比较。

► 解析 段首句提出了本段的主题：“对动物智力的研究总会使我想了解人类到底有多聪明”，接着作者对主题句中的论点举例加以论证：“考虑 Carl Zimmer 于周二刊登在《科学时代》的关于果蝇试验的短文”。四个选项中，[A] Suppose“假设”，[B] Consider“考虑，细想”，[C] Observe“观察”，[D] Imagine“想象”，只有[B] 从逻辑上符合题意，能承接上下文。

2. [A] tended

◆ 测试要点 动词用法选择。

► 解析 在四个选项中：[A] tended 常与 to 连用，表示“倾向，往往是”，[B] feared“害怕，担心”，[C] happened 与 to 连用时，表示“碰巧”，[D] threatened“威胁”。本句承接上句内容，是对果蝇实验结果的说明，空白处需要填入一个能将 be smarter 和 live shorter life 两部分连接起来的动词。首先可将[B] feared 和[D] threatened 排除。而[C] happened(to)“碰巧”不能够说明表达结果，只有[A] tended(to)“往往是”能将两部分合理地连接：“更聪明的果蝇寿命往往更短”。

3. [D] dimmer

◆ 测试要点 形容词词义辨析及逻辑推理。

► 解析 题句中的空白处应填入与所修饰的名词 bulb“灯泡”相关的形容词，在四个形容词中：[A] thinner“更薄的”，[B] stabler“更稳的”，[C] lighter“更亮的”，[D] dimmer“更暗的”。[C] 和[D] 与 bulb 相关，但根据逻辑，题句意为“这说明，越暗的灯泡寿命越长”，故答案应为[D]。

4. [B] advantage

◆ 测试要点 名词词义辨析。

► 解析 题句意为“这说明，越暗的灯泡寿命越长，不太亮是一种优势”。从上下文来看，果蝇越聪明寿命越短，灯泡越亮寿命也越短，故灯泡不太亮是一种优势。比较词义并根据题意，四个选项中：[A] tendency“趋向”，[B] advantage“优势”，[C] inclination“倾向”，[D] priority“优先”，答案应为[B]。

5. [C] turns out

◆ 测试要点 动词短语辨析。

► 解析 [A] insists on“坚持,主张”,[B] sums up“总结,概括”,[C] turns out“证明…是,结果…是”,[D] puts forward“提出,推荐”。题句是对“intelligence”的一种推断:“智力证明是一种高价选择”,是对前面“果蝇越聪明寿命越短,灯泡越亮寿命也越短”的进一步引申,比较四个选项,仅有[C]符合题意。

6. [A] off

◆ 测试要点 介词用法选择。

► 解析 [A] off“脱离,离开”,[B] behind“在…之后”,[C] over“在…之上”,[D] along“沿着”。题句意为“它(智力)需要更多的维护,燃烧更多的燃料,同时由于它依靠学习一个逐渐的过程,而不是本能,会慢慢脱离起跑线”。本句是对第一句“智力是一种高价选择”作进一步解释,学习本身也是一个逐渐的过程,与“慢慢脱离”相符,故[A]应为答案。

7. [D] gradual

◆ 测试要点 形容词词义辨析及逻辑意义理解。

► 解析 [A] incredible“难以置信的”,[B] spontaneous“自发的”,[C] inevitable“不可避免的”,[D] gradual“逐渐的”。句中的插入语的功能是解释学习是一个什么样的过程。从上句可知,智力的提升不是靠本能,而是靠慢慢的学习来提升的,所以“学习是一个逐渐的过程”,故[D]应为答案。

8. [C] stop

◆ 测试要点 逻辑意义理解。

► 解析 本句承接上句,讨论动物智力与学习的关系,题句意为“许多其他动物都会学习,显然,它们学会的一件事是什么时候该停止”。比较四个选项:[A] fight“战斗”,[B] doubt“怀疑”,[D] think“思考”,均与上下文没有直接的逻辑关系;[C] stop“停止”在句中表明:动物会学习,也知道什么时候该“停止学习”,故[C]应为答案。

9. [B] limited

◆ 测试要点 逻辑意义选择。

► 解析 [A] invisible“看不见的”,[B] limited“有限的”,[C] indefinite“不确定的”,[D] different“不同的”。本句以疑问句提出问题,起到承上启下的作用。adaptive value是“适应值”的意思,在四个选项中,表示动物智力“值”只能是“有限的”,其他选项从逻辑上可加以排除。题句意为“对于(动物)有限的智力有没有一种适应值呢?”

10. [D] backward

◆ 测试要点 副词词义辨析。

► 解析 [A] upward“向上地”,[B] forward“向前地”,[C] afterward“后来”,[D] backward“向后地,追溯”。cast a glance at意为“向…一瞥”,而句中现在完成时 have left 表示动作发生在 cast 之前,这里显然指追溯往事,只有 backward 能表达这个意义。

11. [D] costs

◆ 测试要点 名词词义和逻辑意义理解。

► 解析 [A] features“特点”,[B] influences“影响”,[C] results“结果”,[D] costs“价值,成本”。前一段第一句指出“智力证明是一种高价(high-priced)选择”,本段作者将人与动物作比较,影射人类的智力成本也很高。real costs意为“实际成本”,和前面“聪明是有代价的”逻辑意义相符。故[D]应为答案。

12. [B] on