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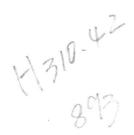
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前 言

大学英语四级考试从 1987 年开始至今已走过了 15 个年头。它对促进我国的大学英语教学起到了不可磨灭的作用。尽管还存在着诸多不足,但尚无更积极、更有效的考试形式来取而代之。因此,在今后相当长的时间里必将继续存在下去。

大学英语考试在这漫长的 15 年中也在不断地发展。其难度、效度以及信度有了长足的进步。考分本身具有一定的说服力。如果能考得优秀,就更说明你在全国的大学生中,英语是佼佼者。突破 85 分,无限风光就在前面。

大学英语四级考试采用的是一种标准化试题。既有标准必然就有其规律可循。因此,在精心分析了考试的标准、全面解剖其试题的基础上编写而成的仿真模拟试题,必定会起到举足轻重的指导与参考作用。

本书是以考优为出发点,因此颇具一定的难度和深度。学生应从做题中发现自己的不足之处,以便加以改进、提高。比如在听力测试中自己是忽略细节处理,还是推理不当;在阅读测试中是对中心思想把握不定,还是深层含义理解不透;在词汇测试中是词汇量不够,还是未掌握词汇习惯搭配,或者是辨义能力不强;在语法测试中是基础语法知识匮乏,还是审题不够仔细;在完形填空测试中是自己知识面狭窄,还是理解过程中的前后脱节;在作文测试中是语法掌握得不好,还是文法不通,是用词缺乏深度,还是句型把握不当,或是构思不当以致落笔无力等等。总之,只有努力发现自己的不足,并尽力为此改进者,那么就有希望突破高分,考出优异成绩。

愿本书成为一面镜子,通过对照,发现不足,努力改进,深受启迪,创出佳绩。书中所有试题均配有答案,写作参考范文,以及听力理解录音文字稿,音带另配。

参加本书编写的教师还有李芳、文弟,以及王星等。本书还得到了许多同仁的帮助,在此一并表示衷心感谢。

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Chapter One Objective Parts

Test 1

Part I Listening Comprehension

Section A Conversations

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

Now you will hear an example:

M: How is Mary feeling today?

W: She's still running a fever.

Q: What does the woman say about Mary?

You will read: A. She's still running.

- B. She's all right.
- C. She's still suffering.
- D. She's very uncomfortable.

Sample Answer

[A] [B] [C] [D]

From the conversation, We know that Mary is sick and still running a fever. So C "She's is still suffering." is the best answer. Therefore, you should choose C on the Answer Sheet and mark it with a single line through the centre.

- 1. A. Six hundred dollars.
 - C. Two hundred dollars.
- 2. A. Tuesday.
 - C. Next Tuesday.
- 3. A. She is not qualified for the job.
 - C. She just could not get a chance.
- 4. A. The winner is proud of herself.

- B. Four hundred dollars.
- D. One hundred dollars.
- B. Thursday.
- D. Next Thursday.
- B. She might be competent to the job.
- D. She is unable to be promoted.

- B. The winner is pleased with his achievement.
- C. The winner is complained about by losers.
- D. The winner is nothing but a swimmer.
- 5. A. The house was too small.
 - C. The house was neither big nor small.
- 6. A. To catch a train.
 - C. To drive someone to a station.
- 7. A. More people would be unemployed.
 - C. More automation would be used.
- 8. A. In a hospital.
 - C. On board a ship.
- 9. A. His job is rather boring.
 - C. His job is worth doing.
- 10. A. Bob.
 - C. Bobby.

- B. The house was big enough.
- D. The house was for the married.
- B. To attend a meeting.
- D. To take a trip in New York.
- B. More jobs would be offered.
- D. More problems would be caused.
- B. In a restaurant.
- D. At a dinner party.
- B. His job is very interesting.
- D. His job is heavy indeed.
- B. Betty.
- D. Beck.

Section B Passages

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 one question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A, B, C, D. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

Passage 1

Questions 11 to 13 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 11. A. Cleaning the windshield.
 - C. Filling the oil up.
- 12. A. If you have no money.
 - C. If the car is badly burned.
- 13. A. 20.
 - C. 8.

- B. Checking the tires out.
- D. Asking for the help.
- B. If the car runs for a long distance.
- D. If you enjoy no regular service.
- B. 10.
- D. 4.

Passage 2

Questions 14 to 17 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 14. A. Different problems of learning English. B. Reading skills of learning English.
 - C. Many differences of learning English. D. Four ways of learning English.
 - B. 70.

15. A. 100. C. 50.

D. 25.

16. A. Listening.

B. Reading.

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C. Speaking.

- D. Writing.
- 17. A. Problems in them can be changeable.
 - B. Problems in them vary from person to person.
 - C. Problems in them are hard to solve.
 - D. Problems in them can be come up with.

Passage 3

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

- 18. A. From the private sector of business.
 - B. From a federal committee on Foreign Investment.
 - C. From the close investigation of government agencies.
 - D. From home or foreign parent companies.
- 19. A. Transportation.

B. Public service.

C. Foreign investment.

- D. Foreign companies.
- 20. A. U.S. economic strength is based on the private sector of business.
 - B. U. S. Department of Commerce exerts too much impact on foreign investment.
 - C. Government paperwork adds many protections on the private sector of business.
 - D. Government agencies restrict the activities of foreign investors in U.S.A.

Part I Reading Comprehension

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, D, you should decide on the best choice and mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

Questions 21 to 25 are based on the following passage.

A firm may select from two basic pricing strategies for new products: skimming and penetration. Skimming uses a relatively high initial price, followed by subsequent price reductions to tap successively more price elastic market segments. Penetration uses a relatively low introductory price to create and maintain mass market appeal.

A skimming price strategy is particular well suited to the introduction of revolutionary products, those products that are dramatically different and create entirely new markets, such as electric cars and personal computers. Under such circumstances, demand is usually fairly inelastic with respect to price, simply because consumers have no meaningful idea as to what such a product is worth. A substantial change in consumer behavior is required, so market resistance is high, and only a very limited number of people are willing to assume the risk involved in an untried product. This affluent group can well afford the product and may actually be attracted by a high price because of its implied exclusivity. Because the new product does not yet have real rivals, its vulnerability to competitive prices is low. As the product becomes better known and more widely

accepted, competition appears on the scene and consumer responsiveness to price incentives increases significantly.

In light of the uncertainties associated with the launching of a new product in the marketplace, skimming is the safer pricing strategy. The idea behind setting introductory prices high is to recover the cost of development and introduction before the competitors enter and initiate competition based on cost. It is always easier to reduce a price that is too high (to generate sufficient volume) than to increase a price that is too low (to provide a satisfactory profit). A company can afford to use skimming if it is likely to be the sole supplier of a new product for some time into the future. This may be due to advanced technology, a patent or license, or simply a wait-and-see attitude on the part of potential competitors.

21.	The difference between Skimming and pe	enetration price strategies lies in that th
	former	
	A. is an expensive pricing strategy	B. is a successful marketing strategy
	C. is a way to promote products	D. is a strategy to reduce price
22.	A skimming price strategy is commonly to	used in putting a new market because it i
	<u> </u>	
	A. more economical	B. more ideal
	C. more costly	D. more initiate
23.	From the passage we know consumers v	will have a strong to the new
	product.	
	A. demand	B. desire
	C. resistence	D. response
24.	Competition will be getting more and more	e severe as the products are
	A. much cheaper	B. widely accepted
	C. of high quality	D. known to all
25.	What will the passage continue to talk abo	out?
	A. How to reduce prices	B. Ways of dealing with consumers
	C. Advantages over potential competitors	D. Penetration Price Strategy

Questions 26 to 30 are based on the following passage.

Smith considered himself to have been very fortunate in life. From his father he had inherited, at the age of seventeen, an easy-going disposition (性情), five hundred pounds in cash from a life insurance policy, and a good mathematical brain. The first legacy had enabled him to endure without resentment (怨恨) the supervision of a reluctant and ill-tempered guardian (保护人); the second had enabled him to use the scholarship he had won to a university; the third resulted in his gaining a science doctorate in his middle twenties. By the time he was thirty he was in the employ of a large engineering concern and running one of the experimental departments, a little surprised that he should be financially so well rewarded for pursuing his personal interests.

At the age of thirty-two he had made his first trip abroad. It had been a success. To their delight, his employers discovered that, in addition to technical ability which earned the respect of all those whom he dealt with, he had the faculty of making himself popular, which was rare in a man of his particular qualifications. And so, in the years that followed, occasional trips abroad had become part of his working life. The excitement he felt on arriving in strange cities never dulled. He enjoyed meeting men of other nationalities and learning some knowledge of their languages, especially the former. It did not take him long to appreciate that all men were individuals and that none could truly be called "typical" of his nation.

26.	Smith's father was						
	A. very wealthy	B. an ill-tempered person					
	C. mathematically gifted	D. a reluctant guardian					
27.	Smith's attitude to his guardian could be described as						
	A. reluctant	B. grateful					
	C. resentful	D. tolerant					
28.	From this passage we can know that Smith was						
	A. the employer of a large engineering concern						
	B. a well-qualified manager of a company						
	C. the leader of an experimental department						
	D. a financially rich businessman						
29.	Which did Smith enjoy most?						
	A. Learning some knowledge of foreign languages.						
	B. Meeting men of other nationalities.						
	C. Finding men typical of their nations.						
	D. Appreciating that all men were individ-	uals.					
30.	It is suggested in the passage that men of Smith's qualifications						
	A. earned respect easily	B. were always successful in their careers					
	C. travelled abroad quite often	D. were not usually popular socially					

Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following passage.

The concept of "environment" is certainly difficult and may even be misunderstood; but we have no handy substitute. It seems simple enough to distinguish between the organism and surrounding environment and to separate forces acting on an organism into those that are internal and biological and those that are external and environmental. But in actual practice this system breaks down in many ways, because the organism and environment are constantly interacting so that the environment is modified by the organism and vice versa.

In the case of man, the difficulties with the environmental concept are even more complicated because we have to deal with man as an animal and with man as a bearer of culture. If we look at man as an animal and try to analyze the environmental forces that are acting on the organism, we find that we have to deal with things like climate, soil, plants, and such-like factors common to all biological situations; but we also find, always, very important environmental influences that we can only class as "culture", which modify the physical and biological factors. But man, as we know him, is always a bearer of culture, and if we study human culture, we find that it, in turn, is modified by the environmental factors of climate and geography. We thus easily get into difficulties from the necessity of viewing culture, at one moment, as a part of the man and, at another moment, as a part of the environment.

31.	Which	of	the	following	$words\cdot can$	best	describe	the	popular	understanding	of
	"enviro	nm	ent"	as the auth	nor sees it?						
	A. Ela	bor	ate.			I	3. Oversii	mplif	ied.		

C. Faultless. D. Prejudiced.

32. According to the author the concept of "environment" is difficult to explain because

A. the organism and the environment influence each other

B. in involves both internal and external forces

C. it doesn't distinguish between the organism and the environment

D. the relationship between the organism and the environment is unclear

33. In analysing the environmental forces acting on man the author suggests that _____.

A. biological factors are less important to the organism than cultural factors to man

B. man and other animals are modified equally by the environmental forces

C. man is modified by the cultural environment as well as by the natural environment

D. physical and biological factors exert more influences on other organisms than on man

34. As for culture, the author points out that _____.

A, it develops side by side with environmental factors

B. it is generally accepted to be part of the environment

C. it is also affected by environmental factors

D, it is a product of man's biological instincts

35. In this passage, the author is primarily concerned with

A. the evaluation of man's influence on culture

B. the discussion on organism and biological environment

C. the comparison between internal and external factors influencing man

D. the interpretation of the term "environment"

Questions 36 to 40 are based on the following passage.

Criticism of research lays a significant foundation for future investigative work, but when students begin their own projects, they are likely to find that the standards of validity in field work are considerably more rigorous than the standards for most library research. When students are faced with the concrete problem of proof by field • 6 •

demonstration, they usually discover that many of the "important relationships" they may have criticized other rsearchers for failing to demonstrate are very elusive (难以捉摸的) indeed. They will find, if they submit an outline or questionnaire to their classmates for criticism, that other students make comments similar to some they themselves may have made in discussing previously published research. For example, student researchers are likely to begin with a general question but find themselves forced to narrow its focus. They may learn that questions whose meanings seem perfectly obvious to them are not clearly understood by others, or that questions which seemed entirely objective to them appear to be highly subjective to someone else. They usually find that the formulation of good research questions is much more subtle and difficult task than is generally believed by those who have not actually attempted it.

- 36. What does the author think about the criticism of other people's research?
 - A. It should only be attempted by experienced researches.
 - B. It may cause researchers to avoid publishing good work.
 - C. It is currently being done to excess.
 - D. It can be useful in planning future research.
- 37. What is one major criticism students often make of published research?
 - A. The research has not been written in an interesting way.
 - B. The research has been done in unimportant fields.
 - C. The researchers did not adequately establish the relationships involved.
 - D. The researchers failed to provide an appropriate summary.
- 38. How do students in class often react to another student's research?
 - A. They react the way they do to any other research.
 - B. They are especially critical of the quality of the research.
 - C. They offer unusually good suggestions for improving the work.
 - D. They show a lot of sympathy for the student researcher.
- 39. What do student researchers often learn when they discuss their work in class?
 - A. Other students rarely have objective comments about it.
 - B. Other students do not believe the researchers did the work themselves.
 - C. Some students feel that the conclusions are too obvious.
 - D. Some students do not understand the meaning of the researchers' questions.
- 40. According to the passage, student researchers may have to change their research projects because .
 - A. their budgets are too high
 - B. their original questions are too broad
 - C. their teachers do not give adequate advice
 - D. their time is very limited

Part I Vocabulary and Structure

Directions: There are 30 incomplete sentences in this part. For each sentence there are four choices marked A, B, C, 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.	It really took him several month	hs to do this experiment, but so far it has made little
	A. distinct	B. outcome
	C. consequence	D. difference
42.	It's believed that the graduates	will take a interest in development work in
	the West.	
	A. sharp	B. keen
	C. considerable	D. weighty
43.	It will be best if you can make a	careful of any mistakes you make more than
	once.	
	A. consideration	B. notice
	C. preparation	D. note
44.	Has there been any or	n the proposal from the board of directors.
	A. reaction	B. criticism
	C. comment	D. controversy
45.	As more oil and coal is burned	d each year, the world's stocks are being
	exhausted.	
	A. steadily	B. promptly
	C. readily	D. simultaneously
46.	If you want children to work ha	ard you must their interests instead of their
	sense of duty.	
	A. stand up to	B. give way to
	C. appeal to	D. give rise to
47.	Proficiency in a foreign langua	age is considered to be acquired through actual use
	achieved through teac	
	A. rather than	B. more than
	C. other than	D. less than
48.	I would like to express our	to the host for their kindness in inviting us to
	attend such a wonderful party.	
	A. gratitude	B. gradient
	C. fraction	D. fragment
49.	Never blindly at the b	olank and the one word before or after it. Always look
	at the whole idea.	

	A. glace	B. stare
	C. outlook	D. glimpse
50.	Well, have you any suggestions as to wh	
	A. condition	B. environments
	C. occasion	D. circumstances
51.		apologized many times to the guests for the
	oversight.	
	A. ashamed	B. nervous
	C. embarrassed	D. anxious
52.		s been for the lack of sufficient
	evidence.	
	A. dismissed	B. discarded
	C. discharged	D. disapproved
53.		camera recorder by qualified service
•	personnel.	
	A. repaired	B. examined
	C. tested	D. checked
54.		that all defective parts could be replaced
	without	•
	A. money	B. charge
	C. fee	D. fund
55.		e skill of our hands has been true since the
	of science.	
	A. outset	B. start
	C. down	D. openning
56.		essons earnestly before the achievement test.
•••	A. incredible	B. credible
	C. sensible	D. sensitive
57.		is generated by the of hydrogen to
	helium.	
	A. transformation	B. conversion
	C. transmission	D. transition
58.	In 1911 Sir Ernest Rutherfold took two	
•	foundation of nuclear physics.	•
	A. founded	B. found
	C. laid	D. lain
59	There is no point of the experi	
٠٠.	A. in complaining	B. to complain
	C. to complaining	D. at complaining
	c, 15 cop.c	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

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60.	He several students at rand	lom from the class to help him with the
	experiment,	
	A. selected	B. elected
	C. chose	D. picked
61.	More and more fire fighters were assigned	to the raging forest fire.
	A. put off	B. put out
	C. put away	D, put down
62.	The doctor once warned him that	should he take on overwork any more.
	A. at no time	B. in no way
	C. on no account	D. under no circumstance
63.	Robin was not in the environm	ent outside the hospital where she spent so
	much of her time.	
	A. at heart	B, at large
	C. at ease	D. at home
64.	If one link in a chain is broken, the chain	will not function
	A. accurately	B. properly
	C. reliably	D. promptly
65.	Remember to the battery pack fr	om the camera recorder to extend its operate
	life.	
	A. replace	B. remove
	C. recharge	D. refresh
66.	Strangely enough, some personnel's still t	think that man is to woman in not
	only strength but in competence.	
	A. superior	B. inferior
	C. favourite	D. unfavourable
67.	They are still reluctant to inform them of the	e method by which each person was
	A. conveyed	B. conducted
	C. confirmed	D. contacted
68.	The retailer must always be	of opportunities for improving operating
	efficiency.	
	A. characteristic	B. approved
	C. aware	D. conscious
69.	The large general mechanized store	a transformation to a series of specialty store.
	A. underwent	B. undermined
	C. witnessed	D. withstand
70.	Without sunlight, enough energy for artificia	l light to grow plants could not be
	A. widespread	B. cultivated
	C. generated	D. accelerated

Part IV Cloze

Directions: There are 20 blanks in the following passage. For each blank there are four choices marked A, B, C, D on the right side of the paper. You should choose the ONE that best fits into the passage. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

As energy costs continue to climb,		7			
everyone is looking for suggestions that will					
save watts and BTU's71 beware!	71.	A.	While	В.	Or
Some of the measures do not deliver the		C.	But	D.	Therefore
savings they72_ while others can cause	72.	A.	profit	В.	protect
		C.	provide	D.	promise
damage to the home or <u>73</u> health and	73.	A.	favour	В.	create
safety problems.		C.	encourage	D.	maintain , ,
Turning down the hot water heater will			,		
save energy, but there are 74. If you	74.	A.	problems	В.	difficulties
have a dishwasher, solid wastes will		C.	drawbacks	D.	shortcoming
probably not be completely 75 . That is	75.	A.	damaged	В.	removed
		C.	washed	D.	cleaned
because dishes will not be 76 cleaned.	76.	A.	simply	В.	properly
In a clothes washer, the water will not be		C.	regularly	D.	evenly
hot enough for <u>77</u> , athletic clothes,	77.	A.	work	В.	working
and so on.		C.	worked	D.	works
Turning the refrigerator was 78 markets	.78.	A.	to	В.	down to
warmer temperature will save only pennies a		C.	down	D.	up to
day and may 79 food spoilage. Keep	79.	A.	risk	В.	risk of
the food section below 40 F and the freezer		C.	take a risk of	D.	risking
80 zero, Coal-burning and wood-	80.	A.	to	В.	near
		C.	from	D.	around
burning stoves that are not81 properly	81.	A.	developed	B.	designed
can actually increase your heat loss as well		C.	equipped	D.	installed
as create 82 fire disasters, stoves	82.	A.	serious	B.	severe
		C.	separate	D.	secure
should also have fireproofing on all83	83.	A.	occasions	B.	ways
In addition, the temperature in winter		C.	sides	D.	aspects
were too low, some old people will be weak					
rather 84 health, thus causing	84.	A.	with	В.	of
circulating problems. Some children may be	-	C.	in	D.	on

susceptible to a possibly 85 drop in	85. A. essential	B. deadly
body temperature. An automatic timer that	C. fatal	D. killing
lowers and 86 the furnace thermostat	86. A. raises	B. rises
	C. arises	D. increases
can 87 heating. But if someone is	87. A. shorten	B. reduce
	C. decrease	D. minimize
uaually at home to 88 the thermostat	88. A. adjust	B. adapt
	C. suit	D. fit
manually, you can 89 the timer cost	89. A. save	B. cut
	C. reduce	D. shrink
(about \$175). If you do one, it90_	90. A. will	B. shall
have a UL label. Some unapproved models	C. should	D. would
have caused fire		

Part V Writing

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a composition on the topic: **The Development of Internet.** Your composition should be based on the outline given in English and it should be no less than 120 words. Remember to write your composition on the Composition Sheet.

Outline:

- 1. popularity of Internet
- 2. problems of Internet
- 3. prospect of Internet

The Development of Internet				
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