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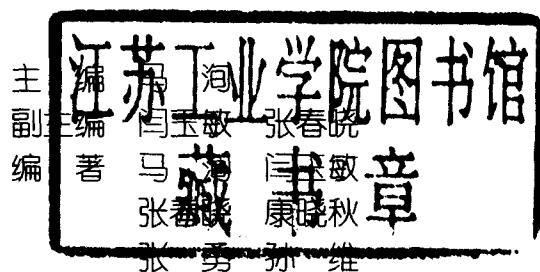
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本书作者都是多年从事自学考试英语专业社会助学辅导的教师,他们熟悉自学考试特点,对考试大纲和新编教材有较深刻的理解。

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《英语阅读(一)自学与考试》不仅是参加自学考试考生的学习津梁,而且对普通高等学校、成人高等学校学生也大有裨益。

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The Proficiency Model Test 1 (L. 1—L. 4)

Paper One

Part I Vocabulary

Complete each of the following sentences with the proper form of the words in the brackets, and write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

1. (probably) It is probable that we will take them on a tour of Australia.
2. (accept) It will be acceptable for you to come by 8:00 A. M., but not later.
3. (intend) I have no intending intention of climbing up that steep mountain.
4. (tend) He has a tendency to walk up and down the room as he lectures.
5. (manage) Do you have the management skills to supervise a large office?
6. (fortune) She was fortunately fortunate enough to have a good job.
7. (insist) It seems to me that he is one of the most insistent people I have ever known.
8. (propose) Everyone is interested in the proposal to build the bridge.
9. (care) He dressed very carefully before he went out to dinner.

10. (soft) The knight's heart was softened by all that he had heard from her.

Part II Multiple-choice Questions of Comprehension

Each of the following comprehension questions, which are based on the texts you have learned, is provided with four possible answers marked A, B, C and D. Choose the best answer to each question and mark your response on the Answer Sheet.

Questions 11 — 15 are based on the text Gifts of the Magi.

11. The story Gifts of the Magi was written by _____.
A. Mark Twain B. O. Henry
C. Guy de Maupassant D. Oliver Henry
12. The story Gifts of the Magi took place _____.
A. on New Year's Eve B. on New Year's Day
C. on Christmas Eve D. on Christmas
13. In Gifts of the Magi, _____ were two possessions of Mr. and Mrs. Young in which they took great pride.
A. gold chain and Della's hair
B. gold watch and Della's combs
C. gold chain and Della's combs
D. gold watch and Della's hair
14. In Gifts of the Magi, the reason that Della sold her treasured golden hair is _____.
A. she didn't like her long hair any more
B. she wanted to get some money to buy her husband a present
C. she intended to change her hair style
D. she liked the curls which made her look like a schoolboy
15. In Gifts of the Magi, Della chose the watch-chain as her present to her husband because _____.

- A. Jim might look at the time in any company with the chain on his watch
- B. the chain was good to go with Jim's suit
- C. the chain was made for Jim and for no one else
- D. Della liked the chain very much

Questions 16 — 20 are based on the text No Marriage, No Apologies.

16. For many couples, cohabitation provides a chance for _____.
 - A. a shared life with a shared bank account
 - B. a separate life with a shared bank account
 - C. a shared life without a shared bank account
 - D. a separate life without a shared bank account
17. Which is NOT the reason why more and more people choose to live together without a legal document?
 - A. They want to be more independent.
 - B. They want to be equal with each other.
 - C. They want to share their income.
 - D. They want more freedom.
18. Husband and wife can call each other as follows, except _____.

A. partners	B. spouse
C. deputies	D. accompany
19. For many couples who choose to live together, which sentence is correct?
 - A. They are often more committed to each other than married couples.
 - B. There is often less sexual fidelity between cohabiting partners.

- C. They always cheat on their mates.
D. Cohabiting partners tend to make more financial investment together.
20. The disadvantage of living together is _____.
A. unstableness B. steadiness
C. freedom D. equality

Questions 21 — 25 are based on the text The Decameron.

21. The Decameron is a collection of _____ stories told by young people at the house party within 10 days.
A. 100 B. 10 C. 110 D. 20
22. The author of The Decameron is _____.
A. a Frenchman B. an Italian
C. an Englishman D. an American
23. After Lisabetta's brothers had found out the love affair of Lisabetto and Lorenzo, they decided to pass over the matter quietly because _____.
A. it's very normal for Lisabetta and Lorenzo to be in love with each other
B. they liked the handsome young man and were willing to marry Lisabetta to him
C. they didn't want to suffer loss of reputation
D. they would like to marry Lisabetta secretly
24. Lorenzo was killed unawares by _____.
A. a hired murderer in a remote place
B. a hired murderer inside the city
C. Lisabetta's brothers inside the city
D. Lisabetta's brothers in a deserted place
25. "She (Lisabetta) spent her time sitting close to the pot, turn-

ing all of her desire upon it, for it contained her beloved Lorenzo hidden within." The sentence implies that ____.

- A. her lover Lorenzo was hidden in the pot
- B. she had nothing to do except sitting beside her lover Lorenzo
- C. she was so grieved that she turned all of her desire on the pot in which the head of her lover was buried
- D. she gazed at the pot all the time as her lover was buried in the pot

Questions 26 — 30 are based on the text The Canterbury Tales

(I) (The Wife of Bath's Tale — What Do Women Want Most?)

26. The stories in The Canterbury Tales were supposed to have been told by ____.
- A. pardoners who sold pardons to sinners
 - B. pilgrims who were going to the Canterbury Cathedral
 - C. pilgrims who were on their way back to Canterbury
 - D. a knight who just came back from the war
27. The Canterbury Tales were written ____.
- A. about 600 years ago
 - B. 5 centuries ago
 - C. in ancient times
 - D. in 1340
28. The thing that every woman wants most of all is ____.
- A. money
 - B. happiness
 - C. fine clothes
 - D. to be head of her house
29. The pretty fairy had appeared as an old ugly woman to ____.
- A. torture the knight
 - B. see if the young man was a real good knight
 - C. see if the young man was brave
 - D. annoy the knight

30. According to the *Wife of Bath*, men should always _____.

- A. be careful with money
- B. be superior to women
- C. be obedient and generous to their wives
- D. be have control over women

Part II Reading Comprehension

Section A Reading Comprehension

In this part, there are 4 reading passages followed by 20 questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are 4 options marked A, B, C and D, you should decide on the best one and mark your response on the Answer Sheet.

Passage 1

A unique laboratory at the University of Chicago is busy only at night. It is a dream laboratory where researchers are at work studying dreamers. Their findings have revealed that everyone dreams from three to seven times a night, although in ordinary life a person may remember none or only one of his dreams.

While the subjects — usually students — are asleep, special machines record their brain waves and eye movements as well as the body movements that signal the end of a dream. Surprisingly, all subjects sleep soundly.

Observers report that a person usually fidgets before a dream. Once the dream has started, his body relaxes and his eyes become more active, as if the curtain had gone up on a show. As soon as the machine indicates that the dream is over, a buzzer awakens the sleeper. He sits up, records his dream, and goes back to sleep — perhaps to dream some more.

Researchers have found that if the dreamer is awakened immediately after his dream, he can usually recall the entire dream. If he is allowed to sleep even five more minutes, his memory of the dream will have faded.

31. According to the passage, researchers at the University of Chicago are studying _____.
A. the content of dreams
B. the meaning of dreams
C. the process of sleeping
D. dreamers while they dream
32. Their findings have revealed that _____.
A. everyone dreams every night
B. dreams are easily remembered
C. dreams are likely to be frightening
D. persons dream only one dream a night
33. The researchers were surprised to find that _____.
A. dream memories are often incomplete
B. persons sleep soundly while they dream
C. sleepers relax while dreaming
D. dreamers can record their own dreams
34. Just before a dream a sleeper will usually _____.
A. relax
B. lie perfectly still
C. fidget
D. make more eye movements
35. In the dream laboratory, the dreams are recorded _____.
A. as soon as the student wakes in the morning
B. at stated intervals during the night
C. about five minutes after the end of each dream
D. immediately after each dream

36. A person would be most likely to remember the dream that _____.
- A. was of most interest to him
 - B. occurred immediately after he went to sleep
 - C. occurred just before he woke up
 - D. both A and B

Passage 2

In the next few decades, man will in all probability return in numbers to the deeps where life crawled millions of years ago. Divers may farm the continental shelves, raising fish in pens in the same sort of way that livestock is reared on land; they may also work on oil well-heads and repair machinery at depths below 300 metres while mining engineers prospect for reserves on the seabed in deep-diving submersibles. Machines will crawl across the sea floor, scooping up samples, laying cables and pipelines, constructing underwater dwellings and even industrial plants. Scientists will study the ocean and its life in habitats fixed to the ocean floor. Families may take holidays in warm seas, living in pressurized underwater "hotels" and going out for subsurface tour and fishing during the day.

37. The passage deals mainly with _____.
- A. the future use of the sea
 - B. holiday-making in the sea
 - C. recent developments of fishery
 - D. scientific study of sea life
38. Mining engineers in deep-diving submersibles may _____.
- A. look at reserves on the seabed

- B. search for reserves on the seabed
 - C. think about the future use of reserves
 - D. gather reserves from the seabed
39. Which of the following statements NOT mentioned in the passage?
- A. Machines will collect samples from the sea floor.
 - B. Machines will catch fish in the sea.
 - C. Machines will construct industrial plants on the sea floor.
 - D. Machines will build houses on the sea floor.
40. The phrase subsurface tour means _____.
- A. tours from sea to land
 - B. tours on the sea
 - C. tours on land
 - D. tours under water

Passage 3

Dosage: Adults sixteen years old and over take three tablets as needed, not to exceed twelve tablets per day. Children seven years old to sixteen years old take half the adult dosage, not to exceed six tablets per day.

Warning: Do not take more than the recommended dosage unless directed by a physician. Do not give to children under seven years old, or to individuals with stomach disorder, heart disease or high blood pressure. This preparation may cause headaches and drowsiness. Do not operate machinery while taking this medication. If relief does not occur within five days, discontinue use and consult your physician, for chronic cough can be dangerous.

41. According to the directions, some of the side effects of this medicine may be _____.
A. stomach disorder, heart disease and high blood pressure
B. chronic cough
C. headaches and drowsiness
D. very dangerous
42. A ten-year-old child should take _____.
A. three tablets each time
B. twelve tablets per day
C. one tablet and a half each time
D. not even one single tablet
43. If this preparation does not help within 5 days, an adult patient should _____.
A. stop taking it and see a doctor
B. take twelve tablets each time
C. double the usual dosage
D. take half the usual dosage
44. According to the directions for this medicine, an adult person is _____.
A. sixteen years old or over
B. nineteen years old or more
C. twenty years old at least
D. at least eighteen
45. Which of the following people should not take this preparation?
A. Someone who has a cough.
B. Someone with a bad cold.
C. Someone under seven years of age.
D. Someone who is under sixteen.

Passage 4

In November 1965, New York was blacked out by an electricity failure. The authorities promised that it would not happen again. Pessimists were certain that it would occur again within 5 years at the latest. In July 1977, there was a repeat performance which produced varying degrees of chaos throughout the city of eight million people. In 1965, the failure occurred in the cool autumn and at a time of comparative prosperity. In 1977 the disaster was much more serious because it came when unemployment was high and the city was suffering from one of its worst heat waves.

In 1965, there was little crime or looting during the darkness, and fewer than a hundred people were arrested. In 1977, hundreds of stores were broken into and looted. Looters smashed shop windows and helped themselves to jewelry, clothes or television sets. Nearly 4000 people were arrested but far more disappeared into the darkness of the night. The number of policeman available was quite inadequate and they wisely refrained from using their guns against mobs which are outnumbered them and included armed men.

Hospitals had to treat hundreds of people cut by glass from shop windows. Banks and most businesses remained closed the next day. The blackout started at 9:30 p. m. , when lightning hit and knocked out vital cables. Many stores were thus caught by surprise.

The vast majority of New Yorkers, however, were not involved in looting. They helped strangers, distributed candles and batteries, and tried to survive in a nightmare world without traffic lights, refrigerators, elevators, water and electrical power. For