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## 第一部分 听写填空

**Directions:** In this part, there are 15 practice exercises. In each practice exercise, you will hear a passage of about 120 words three times. The passage is printed on your Answer Sheet with about 50 words missing. First, you will hear the whole passage from the beginning to the end just to get a general idea of it. Then, in the second reading, you will hear a signal indicating the beginning of a pause after each sentence, sometimes two sentences or just part of a sentence. During the pause, you must write down the missing words you have just heard in the corresponding space on the Answer Sheet. There is also a different signal indicating the end of the pause. When you hear this signal, you must get ready for what comes next from the recording. You can check what you have written when the passage is read to you once again without the pauses.

## Practice Exercise 1

Although I live in London now, because of my job, I am (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ a countryman. I am always contrasting (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of my childhood surroundings with the  
noise and the filth of (3) \_\_\_\_\_. As  
a boy I was awakened (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in  
the farm down the lane whereas it is (5) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and the screeching of brakes from the ring-road (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ that now rouses me from my slumbers. (7) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ bedroom window I would look twenty  
miles (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to the range of fells  
beyond the lake. Now (9) \_\_\_\_\_ I  
see in the morning is people (10) \_\_\_\_\_  
across the road.

## Practice Exercise 2

When my wife was expecting a baby last year, things went on fairly normal in our household. She is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and  
after she had undergone (2) \_\_\_\_\_ at  
the hospital, our doctor told her that there were no complications at all and that she could  
continue working (3) \_\_\_\_\_ before  
the baby was due. There was, however, (4) \_\_\_\_\_.  
During practically the whole nine months she (5) \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ chocolates. She used to eat at them (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, in the morning, all afternoon and evening and sometimes (7) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ the night. If she (8) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ supplies in the evening I was obliged to go out and (9) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ where I could get some more. We were  
very glad (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and she re-  
turned to a normal diet.

### Practice Exercise 3

Once When I was looking for my first house, my wife and I (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ that was owned by a widow. (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ we noticed that although the furniture and pictures and orna-  
ments (3) \_\_\_\_\_, the house had been kept  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_. There wasn't so much  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ anywhere. The widow was (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_; she talked about her beautiful garden,  
(7) \_\_\_\_\_ and her magnificent sitting-room.  
When we told her that (8) \_\_\_\_\_,  
she said she would (9) \_\_\_\_\_ be-  
cause she wasn't sure that (10) \_\_\_\_\_.

### Practice Exercise 4

When Michael was a boy, he lived in a semi-detached house (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ It was a very pleasant neighbourhood of tree-lined avenues,  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ and well-kept gardens.  
Michael went to (3) \_\_\_\_\_, which was  
very modern. He liked the teachers and, on the whole, (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. The one snag was the family (5) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. There were a lot of noisy children, (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Their father usually (7) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and then began to (8) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Michael was very glad (9) \_\_\_\_\_  
one morning and saw a removal van (10) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### Practice Exercise 5

Barbara's grandfather was rather an extraordinary character, (1) \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ of ninety-seven. He retired when Barbara (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and came to stay with her parents for a few years (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ northern England, where (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. On his arrival he announced (5) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ vegetating for the rest of his life. He  
(6) \_\_\_\_\_ the following day and see  
(7) \_\_\_\_\_. Barbara's parents were rather  
amused but naturally (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for fear  
of offending him. They were astonished (9) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and told them that he had got a job as a part-time electrician, a post (10)  
\_\_\_\_\_ at the age of ninety-seven.

### Practice Exercise 6

Michael considered himself to be a model driver. (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in good mechanical condition and had it serviced regularly. (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, he always drove very carefully and with  
due consideration (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Whenever  
he wanted to change direction he used to (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
and indicate his intention long before he turned. One day, however, he was (5) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ when he came to a village. He failed to  
notice the thirty-mile-limit sign and drove through it (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. When he got to the other end of the village he was stopped by the  
local policeman (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in his patrol car.  
The policeman told him that (8) \_\_\_\_\_  
and asked to see his documents. When Michael told him that (9) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ he was instructed to produce them at a police station  
(10) \_\_\_\_\_ within five days.

### Practice Exercise 7

I heard the story once of a man who was very proud of himself because he thought  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_. He never paid (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ anything. One day he was (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ which was selling trousers (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ that one would normally (5) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. The first day he wore them, he (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of rain. Imagine his surprise (7) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ disintegrate and he found himself (8) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Luckily, there was nobody about. So (9) \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ and called his wife (10) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ urgently.

### Practice Exercise 8

I generally go to school by subway. The subway (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and I don't often (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. In the subway, on my way to school, (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on the walls of the car, (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, and read the newspaper headlines over someone's shoulder. It (5) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to get to school. (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and my last class (7) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. After school hours, I sometimes (8) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ or to a coffee house (9) \_\_\_\_\_  
for an hour or so. Afterwards, (10) \_\_\_\_\_.

### Practice Exercise 9

Books are, in a sense, one of the necessities of human beings. People often say that  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_ in the world. But I believe that reading  
books is more valuable than anything else, (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Books can broaden our minds, (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and inform us of many of the things which (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Books are our teachers. They teach us (5) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of life. We have to learn (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Our life is limited, and (7) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. There are also many which should be avoided. (8) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and what is evil. Books (9) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ the good and the bad. So reading more books  
is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ young people.

### Practice Exercise 10

To most visitors, New York is both a fascinating and frightening city. It is a city (1)  
\_\_\_\_\_. There are many rich people, (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, too. There are many luxury apartment build-  
ings and there are many slum tenements. There is (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and a great deal of ugliness. The parks and the shops are beautiful,  
but (4) \_\_\_\_\_ are ugly. There are many  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ and many winding subways



underground. (6) \_\_\_\_\_, but some things are free. The cost of entertainment (7) \_\_\_\_\_, but there are usually (8) \_\_\_\_\_. There is an "East Side" and a "West Side" and an "Uptown" and a "Downtown". There are people (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and people who work all night. (10) \_\_\_\_\_. New York seems unfriendly but it really isn't.

### Practice Exercise 11

The English classroom is on the tenth floor of the Commerce Building. It is a large room (1) \_\_\_\_\_. The walls are light green and brown (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Under the windows there are two painted radiators for (3) \_\_\_\_\_. On the opposite wall, near one end, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and next to it there is a thermostat. There is a large blackboard (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the room with chalk and erasers on the ledge. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ is in front of this blackboard. In the back of the room there is a row of hooks in the wall (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and jackets. There are about (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in the room for the students. (9) \_\_\_\_\_. This arm is the student's desk. On the whole, it is (10) \_\_\_\_\_.

### Practice Exercise 12

It is three o'clock in the afternoon now and I am sitting in the library and writing you this letter. It is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and I am looking out the window at Washington Square Park. There are (2) \_\_\_\_\_ today. There are many mothers and children (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The children are playing games and (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The mothers are standing or (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and talking to each other. Some mothers (6) \_\_\_\_\_. There are many old people in the park this afternoon too. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and some are just resting on the benches. There are also a lot of university students in the park today. Some of the college boys and girls are (8) \_\_\_\_\_. There are lots of pretty girls in the park today also and I am very busy "Girl-watching". This is (9) \_\_\_\_\_. It is more interesting than doing homework. However, I must say "Good-bye" and (10) \_\_\_\_\_.



### Practice Exercise 13

I usually go to work by subway. I get to work by 8:00 A.M. Before I start my job, I (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and look at myself in the mirror and (2) \_\_\_\_\_. At 8:30 in the morning, (3) \_\_\_\_\_. I usually eat lunch from twelve to one and generally (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning and in the afternoon. (5) \_\_\_\_\_, I go off duty. (6) \_\_\_\_\_. I meet all kinds of people and talk to everyone. (7), and I give them the necessary information. (8) \_\_\_\_\_. I never stay in one place long. On the contrary, I am constantly on the move. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in my car. Sometimes I tell passengers to put out their cigarettes. (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and others ignore me. My life is a series of "ups" and "downs".

### Practice Exercise 14

Very few people were coming to eat at the White Rose Restaurant, and its owner (1) \_\_\_\_\_. The food in his restaurant was (2) \_\_\_\_\_, but nobody seemed to want to eat there.

Then he did something (3) \_\_\_\_\_, and in few weeks his restaurant (4) \_\_\_\_\_ with their lady friends. Whenever a gentleman came in with a lady, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ gave each of them a beautiful menu. The menus (6) \_\_\_\_\_ on the outside, but there was (7) \_\_\_\_\_. The menu that he gave to the man gave the correct price (8) \_\_\_\_\_, while the menu that he gave to the lady (9) \_\_\_\_\_! So when the man calmly ordered dish after dish and wine after wine, the lady thought (10) \_\_\_\_\_ than he really was!

### Practice Exercise 15

During the last war, most of the men were fighting or working in factories, so it was very difficult (1) \_\_\_\_\_. The headmaster of a school wanted a gardener, but (2) \_\_\_\_\_ was an old retired farmer.

The old man (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in the school



garden that (4) \_\_\_\_\_. He thought that the  
old man might (5) \_\_\_\_\_ if he continued like  
that, so he suggested to him that he should (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and rest more. But the old man continued (7) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. At last the headmaster went to the man's wife and asked her to  
speak to her husband.

"All right," she answered, "but I don't think (8) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. You see, he has worked for himself (9) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, never for anybody else, so he (10) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to work slowly."





## 第二部分 听力理解

### Practice Exercise 1

#### 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.

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1. A. Painting.                        | C. Watching football                  |
| B. Sailing.                            | D. Going to the cinema.               |
| 2. A. To meet Steve.                   | C. To buy some pictures.              |
| B. To write an article.                | D. To go shopping with Steve.         |
| 3. A. A receptionist.                  | C. A shop-assistant.                  |
| B. A teacher.                          | D. A manager.                         |
| 4. A. To have a good rest.             | C. To see Morica.                     |
| B. To go abroad for the weekend.       | D. To take an exam.                   |
| 5. A. 3 pills.                         | C. 8 pills.                           |
| B. 6 pills.                            | D. 10 pills.                          |
| 6. A. At once.                         | C. Tomorrow.                          |
| B. At 12 o'clock                       | D. Before 12 o'clock.                 |
| 7. A. Stop smoking and take exercises. | C. Think of her problems carefully.   |
| B. Take some medicine.                 | D. Be on diet.                        |
| 8. A. It was not him.                  | C. He greeted his son's friends.      |
| B. He was angry.                       | D. He had fever.                      |
| 9. A. He is tired of the routine work. | C. He had something special.          |
| B. He feels ill.                       | D. He has just had his dinner.        |
| 10. A. After nine o'clock every day.   | C. After twelve o'clock on Wednesday. |
| B. Before four o'clock every day.      | D. 4 days a week.                     |

#### 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 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 I

11. A. Computers have become part of our daily lives.



- B. Computers have disadvantages as well as advantages.  
C. People have different attitudes to computers.  
D. More and more families will own computers.
12. A. Computers can bring financial problems.  
B. Computers can bring unemployment.  
C. Computers can be very useful in families.  
D. Computerised robots can take over some unpleasant jobs.
13. A. Computers may change the life they have been accustomed to.  
B. Spending too much time on computers may spoil people's relationship.  
C. Buying computers may cost a lot of money.  
D. Computers may take over from human beings altogether.
14. A. Affectionate. C. Approving.  
B. Disapproving. D. Neutral.

### Passage II

15. A. He had nowhere else to play. C. He had to earn some money.  
B. He wanted to entertain people. D. He liked the way of playing.
16. A. He felt nervous. C. His violin was out of tune.  
B. The trains made a lot of noise. D. He was standing too near the wall.
17. A. He was too busy to stop. C. He dropped the money by mistake.  
B. He was a criminal. D. He did not want to attract attention.

### Passage III

18. A. He did nothing. C. He continued to play the violin.  
B. He felt very tired. D. He did not make so much money.
19. A. Play in different streets.  
B. Leave all the money in the hat.  
C. Empty the hat at regular intervals.  
D. Leave a small amount of money in the hat.
20. A. They had criticized his playing.  
B. They were embarrassed by what they had said.  
C. They were confused by his playing.  
D. They felt sorry for him.

## Practice Exercise 2

### Section A

1. A. His father. C. The state government.  
B. Himself. D. His university.
2. A. He is a famous writer. C. He is a student of the school.  
B. He is a famous pop star. D. He is a rebel of the students.
3. A. They liked classical music very much.  
B. The man wanted to sleep when she asked him to the concert.  
C. The man was not interested in classical music.



- D. Finally they went to the concert together.
4. A. The song of number 1. C. "Sweet Girl".  
B. "Gold Dust". D. None of the above.
  5. A. A film like "Star Wars". C. A film which can make her laugh.  
B. A film about science. D. A film which can make her cry.
  6. A. He doesn't want a cup of tea. C. He will study all the time.  
B. He will not work all the time. D. He wants to enjoy himself.
  7. A. To study. C. To go into management.  
B. To have a better job. D. To have a qualification.
  8. A. It's very difficult for him to get a job.  
B. It's easy to say but difficult to do.  
C. He has tried everything to get experience.  
D. He is an honest man.
  9. A. To leave the insurance company tomorrow.  
B. To be keen on pottery.  
C. To start his own business.  
D. To get enough money.
  10. A. 12 pounds. C. 60 pounds.  
B. 15 pounds. D. 90 pounds.

## Section B

### Passage I

11. A. He doesn't want to make a living like ordinary people.  
B. Only the prison can help him to control himself.  
C. Once being in prison, he is more like to commit crimes.  
D. He can't find a job when he gets out of the prison.
12. A. Provide them more train for jobs while in the prison.  
B. Offer them more jobs when they get out.  
C. Ask people not to look down on them.  
D. Give them more money to keep their living.
13. A. An announcement to the prisoners.  
B. A speech at an academic conference.  
C. A report to the government.  
D. A free talk among friends.

### Passage II

14. A. To learn languages. C. To make a living.  
B. How to learn. D. To learn a skill.
15. A. They read books that were not taught at school.  
B. They worked hard all their lives, wasting not a single moment.  
C. They did thousands of experiments.  
D. All of the above.
16. A. Great scientists invented a lot of things.

- B. They read a lot of books in school.
- C. They did many experiments.
- D. They saved every moment.

### Passage III

- 17. A. His brother. C. A salesman.
- B. His boss. D. A friend.
- 18. A. £ 60. C. £ 45.
- B. £ 50. D. £ 15.
- 19. A. He sent the drill back and asked for his deposit.
- B. He went to the salesman for exchange.
- C. He had no choice but to keep the drill.
- D. He threw away the drill.
- 20. A. They took no notice of his complaint.
- B. They thought that he broke the drill himself.
- C. They agreed to return his deposit.
- D. They sent him another drill.

## Practice Exercise 3

### Section A

- 1. A. Everyone loves to go to Dave's party.
- B. They have been to Dave's party.
- C. The man invited everyone to Dave's party.
- D. The woman doesn't want to go to the party with the man.
- 2. A. He wants to make a long-distant telephone.
- B. He wants to save money.
- C. He wants to talk to the operator.
- D. He wants to know the best time to make a long-distant telephone.
- 3. A. Fiji. C. Switzerland.
- B. Singapore. D. Italy.
- 4. A. He visited Cresta last year.
- B. He was ill there.
- C. He felt shameful.
- D. He is going to visit Cresta and Barcelona this year.
- 5. A. 3 C. 5
- B. 4 D. 6
- 6. A. To solve her problem. C. To go to the seaside with her.
- B. To pay attention to her house. D. To have his eye checked.
- 7. A. Forty-five pounds. C. More than ninety pounds.
- B. Ninety ponds. D. Less than ninety pounds.
- 8. A. She is going to be a ballerina. C. She wants some children.
- B. She wants a very rich husband. D. She will raise some animals.

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