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前言

《大学英语教学大纲(修订本)》规定,语言测试应着眼于考核学生的语言能力和交际能力、准确性和流利程度。大纲指出,大学英语教学的目的是培养学生具有较强的阅读能力、一定的听的能力和译的能力,以及初步的写与说的能力,使学生能以英语为工具,获取专业学习所需要的信息,并为进一步提高英语水平打下坚实的基础。

大学英语六级考试的目的是要考核学生的语言运用能力,同时也考核学生对语法结构和词语的掌握程度。根据大学英语考试大纲,目前的六级考试每次所考的总题型保持不变,试卷形式相对稳定。

六级考试的试题形式相对简单,但一套科学的试题,其命题是一项专业性极强的工作,每道题都是经过命题、审题、测试、计算机试题项目分析、复审等一系列复杂的程序,在确保试卷的难易度、区分度等方面都达到了规定的要求后才能实际进入施考,以保证其测试点的科学、合理性,力求对学生能力进行客观、科学的评价。

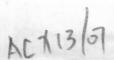
因此,在应考之前使用历年的全真卷进行模拟,是非常有效的复习方法,一是可以熟悉考题形式,二是可以准确把握考试的难度。本书收集了 10 套历年考过的四级全真题卷,每套题后除了附参考答案外,还编写了简单扼要的注解,以帮助考生进一步掌握语言点,了解六级考试的重点,从容备考。

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2000年6月大学英语六级试题

试 卷 一

Part I

Listening Comprehension

(20 minutes)

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 suggested answers 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 center.

- 1. A) Buy some traveler's checks.
 - C) Check the brakes and tires.
- 2. A) He is very forgiving and tolerant.
 - C) He is well liked by his customers.
- B) Borrow some money from a friend.
- D) Spend some time traveling.
- B) He probably has a poor memory.
- D) He has been introduced to the staff.
- 3. A) He thinks the book should include more information.
 - B) He doesn't think it necessary to provide the answers.
 - C) The answers will be added in a later edition.
 - D) The book does include the answers.
- 4. A) Announce appeals for public service.
 - B) Hold a charity concert to raise money.
 - C) Ask the school radio station for help.
 - D) Pool money to fund the radio station.
- 5. A) She talked with the consultant about the new program until two.
 - B) She couldn't talk to the consultant before two.
 - C) She would talk to the consultant during lunch.
 - D) She couldn't contact the consultant's secretary.
- 6. A) They are equally competent for the job.
 - B) They both graduated from art schools.
 - C) They majored in different areas of art.
 - D) They are both willing to draw the posters.
- 7. A) At a book store.

B) At an art museum,

C) At a newspaper office.

- D) At a gymnasium.
- 8. A) The woman received a phone call from Mark yesterday.
- B) The man injured Mark in a traffic accident yesterday.
 - C) The man met a friend by chance.
 - D) The woman contacted Mark on business.

- 9. A) The man should stay up and watch the program.
 - B) The man should read something exciting instead.
 - C) The man should go to bed at eleven.
 - D) The man should give up watching the movie.
- 10. A) Students with a library card can check any book out,
 - B) Reference books are not allowed to be checked out.
 - C) Only students with a library card can check out reference books.
 - D) The number of books a student can check out is unlimited.

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 the 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). The mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

Passage One

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

- 11. A) To find out whether they take music lessons in their spare time.
 - B) To find out whether they can name four different musical instruments.
 - C) To find out whether they enjoy playing musical instruments in school.
 - D) To find out whether they differ in their preference for musical instruments.
- 12. A) They find them too hard to play.
 - B) They think it silly to play them.
 - C) They find it not challenging enough to play them.
 - D) They consider it important to be different from girls.
- 13. A) Children who have private music tutors. B) Children who are 8 or older.

 - C) Children who are between 5 and 7.
- D) Children who are well-educated,

Passage Two

Questions 14 to 16 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 14. A) Because there weren't any professional teams in the U. S. then.
 - B) Because Pele hadn't retired from the Brazilian National Team yet.
 - C) Because this fast-moving sport wasn't familiar to many Americans.
 - D) Because good professional players received low salaries.
- 15. A) When it has a large number of fans.
 - B) When it plays at home.
 - C) When it has many international stars playing for it.
 - D) When the fans cheer enthusiastically for it.
- 16. A) It wasn't among the top four teams.
- B) It didn't play as well as expected.

C) It won the World Cup.

D) It placed fourth.

Passage Three

Questions 17 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.

17. A) Students from America.

B) Students from England.

C) Students from Australia.

- D) Students from Japan.
- 18. A) Those who know how to program computers.
 - B) Those who get special aid from their teachers.
 - C) Those who are very hardworking.
 - D) Those who have well-educated parents.
- 19. A) Japanese students study much harder than Columbian students.
 - B) Columbian students score higher than Japanese students in maths.
 - C) Columbian students are more optimistic about their maths skills.
 - D) Japanese students have better conditions for study.
- 20. A) Physics.

B) Mathematics.

C) Environmental science.

D) Life science.

Part I

Reading Comprehension

(35 minutes)

Directions: There are 4 reading 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) and D). You should decide on the best choice and mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

Passage One

Questions 21 to 25 are based on the following passage:

In the 1920s demand for American farm products fell, as European countries began to recover from World War I and instituted austerity (紧缩) programs to reduce their imports. The result was a sharp drop in farm prices. This period was more disastrous for farmers than earlier times had been, because farmers were no longer self-sufficient. They were paying for machinery, seed, and fertilizer, and they were also buying consumer goods. The prices of the items farmers bought remained constant, while prices they received for their products fell. These developments were made worse by the Great Depression, which began in 1929 and extended throughout the 1930s.

In 1929, under President Herbert Hoover, the Federal Farm Board was organized. It established the principle of direct interference with supply and demand, and it represented the first national commitment to provide greater economic stability for farmers.

President Hoover's successor attached even more importance to this problem. One of the first measures proposed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt when he took office in 1933 was the Agricultural Adjustment Act, which was subsequently passed by Congress. This law gave the Secretary of Agriculture the power to reduce production through voluntary agreements with farmers who were paid to take their land out of use. A deliberate scarcity of farm products was planned in an effort to raise prices. This law was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court on the grounds that general taxes were being

collected to pay one special group of people. However, new laws were passed immediately that achieved the same result of resting soil and providing flood-control measures, but which were based on the principle of soil conservation. The Roosevelt Administration believed that rebuilding the nation's soil was in the national interest and was not simply a plan to help farmers at the expense of other citizens. Later the government guaranteed loans to farmers so that they could buy farm machinery, hybrid (余交) grain, and fertilizers.

- 21. What brought about the decline in the demand for American farm products?
 - A) The impact of the Great Depression.
 - B) The shrinking of overseas markets.
 - C) The destruction caused by the First World War.
 - D) The increased exports of European countries.
- 22. The chief concern of the American government in the area of agriculture in the 1920s
 - A) to increase farm production
 - B) to establish agricultural laws
 - C) to prevent farmers from going bankrupt
 - D) to promote the mechanization of agriculture
- 23. The Agricultural Adjustment Act encouraged American farmers to
 - A) reduce their scale of production
 - B) make full use of their land
 - C) adjust the prices of their farm products
 - D) be self-sufficient in agricultural production
- 24. The Supreme Court rejected the Agricultural Adjustment Act because it believed that the Act .
 - A) might cause greater scarcity of farm products
 - B) didn't give the Secretary of Agriculture enough power
 - C) would benefit neither the government nor the farmers
 - D) benefited one group of citizens at the expense of others
- 25. It was claimed that the new laws passed during the Roosevelt Administration were aimed

at

- A) reducing the cost of farming
- B) conserving soil in the long-term interest of the nation
- C) lowering the burden of farmers
- D) helping farmers without shifting the burden onto other taxpayers

Passage Two

Questions 26 to 30 are based on the following passage:

In the 1950s, the pioneers of artificial intelligence (AI) predicted that, by the end of this century, computers would be conversing with us at work and robots would be performing our housework. But as useful as computers are, they're nowhere close to achieving anything remotely resembling these early aspirations for humanlike behavior. Never mind something as complex as conversation; the most powerful computers struggle to

reliably recognize the shape of an object, the most elementary of tasks for a ten-month-old kid.

A growing group of AI researchers think they know where the field went wrong. The problem, the scientists say, is that AI has been trying to separate the highest, most abstract levels of thought, like language and mathematics, and to duplicate them with logical, step-by-step programs. A new movement in AI, on the other hand, takes a closer look at the more roundabout way in which nature came up with intelligence. Many of these researchers study evolution and natural adaptation instead of formal logic and conventional computer programs. Rather than digital computers and transistors, some want to work with brain cells and proteins. The results of these early efforts are as promising as they are peculiar, and the new nature-based AI movement is slowly but surely moving to the forefront of the field.

Imitating the brain's neural (神经的) network is a huge step in the right direction, says computer scientist and biophysicist Michael Conrad, but it still misses an important aspect of natural intelligence. "People tend to treat the brain as if it were made up of color-coded transistors", he explains, "but it's not simply a clever network of switches. There are lots of important things going on inside the brain cells themselves." Specifically, Conrad believes that many of the brain's capabilities stem from the pattern recognition proficiency of the individual molecules that make up each brain cell. The best way to build an artificially intelligent device, he claims, would be to build it around the same sort of molecular skills.

Right now, the option that conventional computers and software are fundamentally incapable of matching the processes that take place in the brain remains controversial. But if it proves true, then the efforts of Conrad and his fellow AI rebels could turn out to be the only game in town.

- 26. The author says that the powerful computers of today _____
 - A) are capable of reliably recognizing the shape of an object
 - B) are close to exhibiting humanlike behavior
 - C) are not very different in their performance from those of the 50's
 - D) still cannot communicate with people in a human language
- 27. The new trend in artificial intelligence research stems from ______.
 - A) the shift of the focus of study on to the recognition of the shapes of objects
 - B) the belief that human intelligence cannot be duplicated with logical, step-by-step programs
 - C) the aspirations of scientists to duplicate the intelligence of a ten-month-old child
 - D) the efforts made by scientists in the study of the similarities between transistors and brain cells
- 28. Conrad and his group of AI researchers have been making enormous efforts to
 - A) find a roundabout way to design powerful computers
 - B) build a computer using a clever network of switches
 - C) find out how intelligence developed in nature
 - D) separate the highest and most abstract levels of thought
- 29. What's the author's opinion about the new AI movement?

- A) It has created a sensation among artificial intelligence researchers but will soon die out.
- B) It's a breakthrough in duplicating human thought processes.
- C) It's more like a peculiar game rather than a real scientific effort.
- D) It may prove to be in the right direction though nobody is sure of its future prospects.
- 30. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the phrase "the only game in town" (Line 3-4, Para, 4)?
 - A) The only approach to building an artificially intelligent computer.
 - B) The only way for them to win a prize in artificial intelligence research.
 - C) The only area worth studying in computer science.
 - D) The only game they would like to play in town.

Passage Three

Question 31 to 35 are based on the following passage:

Cars account for half the oil consumed in the U.S., about half the urban pollution and one fourth the greenhouse (温室) gases. They take a similar toll of (损耗) resources in other industrial nations and in the cities of the developing world. As vehicle use continues to increase in the coming decade, the U.S. and other countries will have to deal with these issues or else face unacceptable economic, health-related and political costs. It is unlikely that oil prices will remain at their current low level or that other nations will accept a large and growing U.S. contribution to global climatic change.

Policymakers and industry have four options: reduce vehicle use, increase the efficiency and reduce the emissions of conventional gasoline-powered vehicles, switch to less harmful fuels, or find less polluting driving systems. The last of these — in particular the introduction of vehicles powered by electricity — is ultimately the only sustainable option. The other alternatives are attractive in theory but in practice are either impractical or offer only marginal improvements. For example, reduced vehicle use could solve traffic problems and a host of social and environmental problems, but evidence from around the world suggests that it is very difficult to make people give up their cars to any significant extent. In the U.S., mass-transit ridership and carpooling (合伙用车) have declined since World War II. Even in western Europe, with fuel prices averaging more than \$1 a liter (about \$4 a gallon) and with easily accessible mass transit and dense populations, cars still account for 80 percent of all passenger travel.

Improved energy efficiency is also appealing. but automotive fuel economy has barely made any progress in 10 years. Alternative fuels such as natural gas, burned in internal-combustion engines, could be introduced at relatively low cost, but they would lead to only marginal reductions in pollution and greenhouse emissions (especially because oil companies are already spending billions of dollars every year to develop less polluting types of gasoline).

31. From the passage we know that the increased use of cars will _____.

A) consume half of the oil produced in the world

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- B) have serious consequences for the well-being of all nations
- C) widen the gap between the developed and developing countries
- D) impose an intolerable economic burden on residents of large cities
- 32. The U.S. has to deal with the problems arising from vehicle use because
 - A) most Americans are reluctant to switch to public transportation systems
 - B) the present level of oil prices is considered unacceptable
 - C) other countries will protest its increasing greenhouse emissions
 - D) it should take a lead in conserving natural resources
- 33. Which of the following is the best solution to the problems mentioned in the passage?
 - A) The designing of highly efficient car engines.
 - B) A reduction of vehicle use in cities.
 - C) The development of electric cars.
 - D) The use of less polluting fuels.
- 34. Which of the following is practical but only makes a marginal contribution to solving the problem of greenhouse emissions?
 - A) The use of fuels other than gasoline.
 - B) Improved energy efficiency.
 - C) The introduction of less polluting driving systems.
 - D) Reducing car use by carpooling.
- 35. Which of the following statements is TRUE according to the passage?
 - A) The decline of public transportation accounts for increased car use in western Europe.
 - B) Cars are popular in western Europe even though fuel prices are fairly high.
 - C) The reduction of vehicle use is the only sustainable option in densely populated western Europe.
 - D) Western European oil companies cannot sustain the cost of developing new-type fuels.

Passage Four

Questions 36 to 40 are based on the following passage:

Reebok executives do not like to hear their stylish athletic shoes called "footwear for yuppies (雅皮士,少壮高薪职业人士)". They contend that Reebok shoes appeal to diverse market segments, especially now that the company offers basketball and children's shoes for the under-18 set and walking shoes for older customers not interested in aerobics (健身操) or running. The executives also point out that through recent acquisitions they have added hiking boots, dress and casual shoes, and high-performance athletic footwear to their product lines, all of which should attract new and varied groups of customers.

Still, despite its emphasis on new markets, Reebok plans few changes in the *upmarket* (高档消费人群的) retailing network that helped push sales to \$1 billion annually, ahead of all other sports shoe marketers. Reebok shoes, which are priced from \$27 to \$85, will continue to be sold only in better specialty, sporting goods, and department stores, in accordance with the company's view that consumers judge the quality of the brand by the

quality of its distribution.

In the past few years, the Massachusetts-based company has imposed limits on the number of its distributors (and the number of shoes supplied to stores), partly out of necessity. At times the unexpected demand for Reebok's exceeded supply, and the company could barely keep up with orders from the dealers it already had. These fulfillment problems seem to be under control now, but the company is still selective about its distributors. At present, Reebok shoes are available in about five thousand retail stores in the United States.

Reebok has already anticipated that walking shoes will be the next fitness-related craze. replacing aerobics shoes the same way its brightly colored, soft leather exercise footwear replaced conventional running shoes. Through product diversification and careful market research. Reebok hopes to avoid the distribution problems Nike came across several years ago, when Nike misjudged the strength of the aerobics shoe craze and was forced to unload huge inventories of running shoes through discount stores.

36.	One reason why Reebok's managerial personnel don't like their shoes to be called
	"footwear for yuppies" is that
	A) they believe that their shoes are popular with people of different age groups
	B) new production lines have been added to produce inexpensive shoes
	C) "yuppies" usually evokes a negative image
	D) the term makes people think of prohibitive prices
37.	Reebok's view that "consumers judge the quality of the brand by the quality of its
	distribution" (Line 5, Para. 2) implies that
	A) the quality of a brand is measured by the service quality of the store selling it
	B) the quality of a product determines the quality of its distributors
	C) the popularity of a brand is determined by the stores that sell it
	D) consumers believe that first-rate products are only sold by high-quality stores
38.	Reebok once had to limit the number of its distributors because
	A) its supply of products fell short of demand
	B) too many distributors would cut into its profits
	C) the reduction of distributors could increase its share of the market

39. Although the Reebok Company has solved the problem of fulfilling its orders, it

D) it wanted to enhance consumer confidence in its products

A) does not want to further expand its retailing network

B) still limits the number of shoes supplied to stores

C) is still particular about who sells its products

D) still carefully chooses the manufacturers of its products

^{40.} What lesson has Reebok learned from Nike's distribution problems?

A) A company should not sell its high quality shoes in discount stores.

B) A company should not limit its distribution network.

C) A company should do follow-up surveys of its products.

D) A company should correctly evaluate the impact of a new craze on the market.

Part I

A) treaty

B) lease

Vocabulary

Directions: There are 30 incomplete sentences in this part. For each sentence there are four

(20 minutes)

	choices marked A), B), C) and	D). Choose the ONE that	best completes the
	sentence. Then mark the corres	ponding letter on the Ansa	wer Sheet with a
	single line through the center.		
41.	For many patients, institutional care is th	ne most and benef	icial form of care.
	A) pertinent B) appropriate		D) persistent
42.	Among all the changes resulting from the		to the work force.
	the transformation that has occurred i		
	important.		
	A) massive B) quantitative	C) surplus	D) formidable
43.	Mr. Smith became very when i	t was suggested that he had	l made a mistake.
	A) ingenious B) empirical		
44.	Rumors are everywhere, spreading fea	ir, damaging reputations,	and turning calm
	situations into ones.		
	A) turbulent B) tragic	C) vulnerable	D) suspicious
45.	The cycle of life and death is a s	subject of interest to scientist	ts and philosophers
	alike.		
	A) incompatible B) exceeding	C) instantaneous	D) eternal
46.	She remains confident and untr	oubled by our present probl	ems.
	A) indefinitely B) infinitely	C) optimistically	D) seemingly
47.	Fiber-optic cables can carry hundreds of	telephone conversations	•
		B) spontaneously	
	C) homogeneously	D) contemporarily	
48.	The police were alerted that the escaped		•
		C) court	D) jail
49.	Whether you live to eat or eat to live, foo		
	A) nutrition B) expenditure		
50.	Now a paper in Science argues that org	ganic chemicals in the rock	come mostly from
	on earth rather than bacteria o		
	A) configuration B) constitution		
51.	There is much I enjoy about the changing	seasons, but my favorite ti	me is the
	from fall to winter.		
	A) transmission	B) transformation	
	C) transition	D) transfer	
52.	I think we need to see an investment	before we make an e	xpensive mistake.
	A) guide B) entrepreneur	C) consultant	D) assessor
53.	The on this apartment expires	in a year's time.	

C) engagement

D) subsidy

54.	The elderly Russians f	ind it hard to live on th	neir state .				
	A) pensions	B) earnings	C) salaries	D) donations			
	There is supposed to collide.	be a safety	which makes it impos	sible for trains to			
		B) accessory	C) machine	D) mechanism			
		e same job his enthusias		D) mechanism			
00.			C) dissipated	D) duringd			
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			of adequate sleep. C) stripped	D) contrived			
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	For years now, the people of that faraway country have been cruelly by a dictator,						
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<i>c</i> 1			the neighborhood at the				
01.	A) advocated	that he had not been in		time of the crime.			
	C) addressed		B) alleged				
co			D) announced				
62.	Although the colonists to some extent with the native Americans, the Indians' influence on American culture and language was not extensive.						
		culture and language v					
	A) migrated		B) matched				
2.0	C) mingled	1111 1 1 1 1	D) melted	•			
63.	E-mail is a convenient, highly democratic informal medium for conveying messages that						
	well to hum			D)			
			C) conforms	D) satisfies			
64.		still after it					
			C) flapped				
65.	The disagreement ove	r trade restrictions coul	d seriously rel	ations between the			
	two countries.						
	A) tumble	B) jeopardize	C) manipulate	D) intimidate			
66.	When you put up wal other?	lpaper, should you	the edges or put	them next to each			
	A) coincide	B) extend	C) overlap	D) collide			
67.	Under the present	system, state enterp	rises must	all profits to the			
	government.						
	A) turn down	B) turn up	C) turn out	D) turn in			
68.	Oil companies in the	U.S. are already begini	ning to feel the pressure	. Refinery workers			
	and petroleum-equipment-manufacturing employees are being						
	A) laid out	B) laid off	C) laid down	D) laid aside			
69	We'll you fo	or any damage done to	vour house while we are	in it.			

A) comp C) supp	-	B) remedy D) retrieve herself as a man.	
A) deco		C) fabricate	D) fake
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Part [V	Error	Correction	(15 minutes)
Directions:	This part consists of a short p mistakes, one in each numbered word or delete a word. If y correct word in the correspond (Λ) in the correct place and we a word, cross it out and be sur	l line. You may have to ch ou change a word, cross ing blank. If you add a w rite the missing word in the	ange a word, add a it out and write the ord, put an insertion blank. If you delete
Example:	sion is rapidly becoming the liter	eature of our period	1. time
	e arguments having used for the		2. /
	ect are valid for Λ study of telev		3. the
school subje	set are valid for A study of telev		
When	you start talking about good and	l had manners you	
	y start meeting difficulties. Man		
	they mean. We asked a lady, w		
-	u could tell a well-mannered per		71.
	e space around them — for exar		
	ks down a street he or she is cor		72.
	ch people never bump into other		
	ver, a second person thought the		
	civilized behavior as good mann		73.
•	on told us a story, it he said was		74.
	merican who had been invited to		75.
	76.		
	countries of the Middle East. There is much about the kind of food		
	77.		
better.	wn about American food, he mi	6	
	diately before him was a very fla	t piece of bread that	
	him, very much as a napkin (\$		78.
	it into his collar, so that it falls		79.
	nost, who had been watching, s		80.
	y copied the action of his guest.	-	

And that, said this second person, was a fine example of

good manners.

Part V

Writing

(30 minutes)

Directions: For this part, you are allowed thirty minutes to write a composition on the topic: Is a Test of Spoken English Necessary? The first sentence has already been written for you. You should write at least 120 words, and base your composition on the outline given in Chinese below:

- 1. 很多人认为有必要举行口语考试,理由是……
- 2. 也有人持不同的意见……
- 3. 我的看法和打算

Is a Test of Spoken English Necessary?

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