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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 a countryman. I am always contrasting (2) the peace and beauty of my childhood surroundings with the noise and the filth of (3) the city. As a boy I was awakened (4) by the noise from the lane in the farm down the lane whereas it is (5) very quiet and the screeching of brakes from the ring-road (6) be on the window that now rouses me from my slumbers. (7) the bedroom window I would look twenty miles (8) away to the range of fells beyond the lake. Now (9) the first of the morning I see in the morning is people (10) crossing 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) very happy and after she had undergone (2) all the tests at the hospital, our doctor told her that there were no complications at all and that she could continue working (3) as normal before the baby was due. There was, however, (4) no difficulties During practically the whole nine months she (5) can't stand

_____ chocolates. She used to eat at them (6) after breakfast
 _____, in the morning, all afternoon and evening and sometimes (7) every
the middle the night. If she (8) ran there
 _____ supplies in the evening I was obliged to go out and (9)
 _____ look for shops where I could get some more. We
 were very glad (10) when a baby was born 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 or-
 naments (3) _____, the house had been
 kept (4) _____. There wasn't so much
 (5) _____ anywhere. The widow was
 (6) _____; she talked about her beau-
 tiful garden, (7) _____ and her magnifi-
 cent sitting - room. When we told her that (8) _____
 _____, she said she would (9) _____
 _____ because she wasn't sure that (10) _____
 _____.

Practice Exercise 4

When Michael was a boy, he lived in a semi - detached house (1) in a suburb of
London. It was a very pleasant neighbourhood of tree - lined avenues,
 (2) here where wide roads and well - kept gardens.
 Michael went to (3) look school, which was
 very modern. He liked the teachers and, on the whole, (4) he had very happy life.
 _____ . The one snag was the family (5) he was sniff
 _____ . There were a lot of noisy children, (6) always stomach
at them. Their father usually (7) used to
 _____ and then began to (8) move when his wife
 _____ . Michael was very glad (9) when he took one window
 _____ one morning and saw a removal van (10) neighbour's house
 _____.

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 an-
 nounced (5) _____ vegetating for the
 rest of his life. He (6) _____ the follow-
 ing 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 lo-
 cal 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 read-
ing 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 apart-
ment buildings and there are many slum tenements. There is (3) _____
_____ and a great deal of ugliness. The parks and the shops are beauti-
ful, but (4) _____ are ugly. There are
many (5) _____ and many winding sub-

ways 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.

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| 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.
B. "Gold Dust".
5. A. A film like "Star Wars".
B. A film about science.
6. A. He doesn't want a cup of tea.
B. He will not work all the time.
7. A. To study.
B. To have a better job.
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.
B. 15 pounds.
C. 60 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.
B. How to learn.
C. To make a living.
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.

9. A. Pilots.
B. Tim Johnson.
C. How to become a pilot.
D. How to get to know Tim Johnson.
10. A. She will drive him to London.
B. She will help him to meet his friend.
C. She will go to London instead of him.
D. She will lend her car to the man.

Section B

Passage I

11. A. In the middle of the night.
B. At ten o'clock.
C. At eleven o'clock.
D. At about half past eleven.
12. A. Mr Wilkinson.
B. Mrs. Wilkinson.
C. The Wilkinsons.
D. Neither of them.
13. A. He was frightened.
B. He felt surprised.
C. He felt very excited.
D. He was cowardly.
14. A. Their dog knocked down something.
B. A thief opened the window.
C. The rain scraped against the window.
D. A branch of rose bush scraped against the window.

Passage II

15. A. Other employees would not want to work under him.
B. Other employees were better qualified.
C. Other employees wanted the job themselves.
D. Other employees had carried no responsibility.
16. A. He is a black man.
B. The jobs were not well paid.
C. He was too well qualified.
D. They carried no responsibility.
17. A. The decision made him feel ill.
B. The decision disappointed him.
C. The decision made him feel angry.
D. The decision came as a shock to him.

Passage III

18. A. Two.
B. Three.
C. Four.
D. Five.
19. A. Six people were killed by a truck.
B. There was an operation in an ambulance.
C. A coach over-carried 45 passengers.
D. A coach collided with a lorry.
20. A. At 10 Downing Street.
B. At the White House.
C. At the Government Office.
D. At a public place.