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TEST FOR ENGLISH MAJORS (2006) - GRADE FOUR -

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TIME LIMIT: 135 MIN

PART I

DICTATION

15 MIN

Listen to the following passage. Altogether the passage will be read to you four times. During the first reading, which will be read at normal speed, listen and try to understand the meaning. For the second and third readings, the passage will be read sentence by sentence, or phrase by phrase, with intervals of 15 seconds. The last reading will be read at normal speed again and during this time you should check your work. You will then be given 2 minutes to check through your work once more.

Please write the whole passage on ANSWER SHEET ONE.

PART II

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

[20 MIN]

In Sections A, B and C you will hear everything ONCE ONLY. Listen carefully and then answer the questions that follow. Mark the correct answer to each question on your answer sheet.

SECTION A CONVERSATIONS

In this section you will hear several conversations. Listen to the conversations carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

Questions 1 to 3 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 15 seconds to answer the questions.

co	nversation, you will	be given 15 secon	ds to answer the ques	stions.
1.	How did Mark get the	ere?		
	[A] By train and by	car.	[B] By plane and	by coach.
	[C] By train and by	bus.	[D] By bus and by	y plane.
2.	Mark used to wear al	l the following EXC	CEPT	
	[A] short hair	[B] glasses	[C] moustache	[D] beard
3.	Where is the meeting	for new students to	o be held?	
	[A] In the third room	m on the right.	[B] In the Common	n Room.

	[C] In a room at the other end.	[D] In Room 501.
Qu	estions 4 to 6 are based on the following	g conversation. At the end of the
coı	nversation, you will be given 15 seconds	to answer the questions.
4.	What did Steve originally plan to do?	
	[A] To go to a park near the beach.	[B] To stay at home.
	[C] To see a new film	[D] To do some study.
5.	Maggie finally decided to go to see a film	because
	[A] there was no park nearby	
	$[\ B\]$ the weather wasn't ideal for a walk	
	$\left[\ C \ \right]$ it would be easier to go to a cinema	
	[D] Steve hadn't seen the film yet	
6.	Where did they plan to meet?	
	[A] Outside the Town Hall.	[B] Near the bank.
	[C] In Steve's place.	[D] At the cinema.
Qι	estions 7 to 10 are based on the following	ng conversation. At the end of the
co	nversation, you will be given 20 seconds	s to answer the questions.
7.	The following details are true about the ne	w device EXCEPT
	[A] it has color	[B] it has a moving image
	[C] it costs less money	[D] it is not on the market
8.	Why didn't Bill want one of them?	
	[A] He wanted to buy one from Japan.	
	[B] He wasn't sure about its quality.	
	[C] He thought it was for business use.	
	[D] He thought it was expensive.	
9.	Which of the following statements is INCC	ORRECT about the woman?
	[A] She had never read the magazine her	rself.
	[B] She knew who usually read the maga	zine.
	[C] She was quite interested in the new	device.
	[D] She agreed with Bill at the end of the	e conversation.
10	. The conversation is mainly about	·
	[A] a new type of telephone	[B] the cost of telephones
	[C] some features of the magazine	[D] the readership of the magazine
SI	ECTION B PASSAGES	
	In this section, you will hear several pass	sages. Listen to the passages carefully



and then answer the questions that follow.

Que	estions 11 to 13 are based on the follow	wing passage. At the end of the
pas	sage, you will be given 15 seconds to a	nswer the questions.
11.	In the old days dogs were used for the following	llowing EXCEPT .
	[A] hunting other animals	[B] driving sheep
	[C] guarding chickens	[D] keeping thieves away
12.	Which of the following is CORRECT?	
	[A] Dogs are now treated as part of a fa	mily.
	[B] Dogs still perform all the duties they	used to do.
	[C] People now keep dogs for the same	reasons as before.
	[D] Only old people are seen walking th	eir dogs.
13.	The passage is mainly about	
	[A] what dogs can do	[B] how to keep dogs
	[C] dogs and their masters	[D] reasons for keeping dogs
Que	estions 14 to 17 are based on the follow	wing passage. At the end of the
pas	sage, you will be given 20 seconds to a	nswer the questions.
14.	According to the passage, the working condi	tions in the new place
	[A] are the same as the speaker is used	to
	[B] are expected to be rather poor	
	[C] are just as adequate	
	[D] are not yet clear	
15.	What is the speaker going to do in the ne	ew place?
	[A] Traveling.	[B] Studying.
	[C] Settling down.	[D] Teaching.
16.	The speaker expects	
	[A] fewer choices of food	[B] many ways to do washing
	[C] modern lighting facilities	[D] new types of drinking water
17.	From the passage we can learn that the sp	peaker
	[A] is unprepared for the new post	
	[B] is unclear about the conditions there	,
	[C] is ready for all the difficulties there	
	[D] is eager to know more about the pos	t

Questions 18 to 20 are based on the following passage. At the end of the passage, you will be given 15 seconds to answer the questions.

18.	According to the passage, when are child	ren first expected to stud	y hard?
	[A] Before 6 years of age.	[B] Between 6 and 10.	
	[C] After 10 years of age.	[D] After 12 years of a	ge.
19.	Parents who abuse their children tend to h	ave the following problems	s EXCEPT
	[A] religious problems	[B] emotional problems	
	[C] financial problems	[D] marriage problems	
20.	Which of the following statements is COF	RECT?	
	[A] Boys and girls are equally energetic		
	[B] Parents have higher expectations for	boys.	
	[C] Some parents lack skills to deal with	their kids.	
	[D] Some parents are ill-educated and i	ll-tempered.	
SE	CTION C NEWS BROADCAST		
	In this section, you will hear several new	s items. Listen to them car	refully and
ther	answer the questions that follow.		
Qu	estions 21 and 22 are based on the fo	llowing news. At the e	nd of the
nev	vs item, you will be given 10 seconds to	answer the questions.	
21.	What has happened to the Cubans?		
	[A] They set foot in Florida.	[B] They were drowned	ł.
	$[\ C\]$ They were flown to the U.S	[D] They were sent back	k to Cuba.
22.	How did the Cubans try to enter the U. S	. ?	
	[A] In a small boat.	[B] In an old truck.	
	[C] By swimming.	[D] By driving.	
Qu	estion 23 is based on the following new	s. At the end of the n	ews item,
you	will be given 5 seconds to answer the	question.	
23.	How many cities will have air quality mo	nitoring systems installed	by the end
	of this year?		
	[A] 42 cities.	[B] 220 cities.	
	[C] 150 cities.	[D] 262 cities.	
Qu	estions 24 and 25 are based on the fo	llowing news. At the e	end of the
nev	ws item, you will be given 10 seconds to	o answer the questions.	
24.	Altogether how many were reported missi	ng?	
	[A] 68. [B] 90.	[C] 150.	[D] 40.
25.	Which of the following details is INCOR	RECT?	



	[A] The two ferries sank on different days.						
	[B] The accidents were caused by storms.						
	[C] The two ferries sank on the same river	<u>.</u>					
	[D] More people were rescued from the first ferry.						
Que	estion 26 is based on the following news.	At the end of the news item,					
you	will be given 5 seconds to answer the qu	estion.					
26.	What is the news item mainly about?						
	[A] Indonesian government policies.						
	[B] Australia's support to the UN assistar	nce mission.					
	[C] Opening of an Australian consulate in	East Timor.					
	[D] Talks between Australia and Indonesia	1.					
Que	estions 27 and 28 are based on the follo	wing news. At the end of the					
new	ws item, you will be given 10 seconds to a	answer the questions.					
27.	The news item is mainly about a joint ventu	ire between					
	[A] a US company and a UK company						
	[B] a Swiss company and a UK company						
	[C] two Taiwanese companies						
	[D] a mainland company and a US compa	•					
28.	Who will provide the distribution networks						
		B] Nestle.					
		[D] Coca Cola.					
	estions 29 and 30 are based on the follo						
	ws item, you will be given 10 seconds to a	answer the questions.					
29.	Who staged the protest on Saturday?						
	PS SS	B] The peace camp.					
		D] The hardliners.					
30.	Which of the following derails about the ne	ws INCORRECT?					
	[A] 13 soldiers were killed last week.						
	[B] 100,000 people participated in the pr						
	[C] The protesters demanded a pullout fro						
	[D] The Prime Minister rejected the pullo	ut plan.					
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Decide which of the choices given below would best complete the passage if in-

serted in the corresponding blanks. Mark the best choice for each blank on your answer sheet.

There are many supe	erstitions in Britain,	, but one of the most	:1 held is
that it is unlucky to walk	under a ladder —	even if it means	32 the pave-
ment into a busy street!			
33you mu	ist pass under a la	dder you can3	bad luck by
crossing your fingers and	1 35 them	crossed until you h	ave seen a dog
, you may lick	your finger and _	a cross	on the toe of your
shoe, and not look again	at the shoe until	thehas	dried.
Another common	is that it	t is unlucky to open	an umbrella in the
house — it will either b	oring40	to the person who	opened it or to the
whole41 Any	one opening an un	brella in fine weath	ner is,
as it inevitably brings ra	in!		
The number 13 is s	aid to be unlucky f	or some, and when	the 13th day of the
month 43 on a	Friday, anyone w	ishing to avoid a ba	ad event had better
stay44 The v	worst misfortune that	at can happen to a p	person is caused by
breaking a mirror,	it brings sev	en years of bad luc	k! The superstition
is supposed to46	in ancient time	s, when mirrors we	re considered to be
tools of the gods.			
		cky in Britain, even	
47 witchcraft. It	isluc	ky if a black cat ci	rosses your path —
although in America the	exact opposite bel	ief prevails.	
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luck. This measure is n			
isolate, such as "my ca			
31. [A] broadly			
32. [A] running from			
33. [A] If			
34. [A] erase			
35. [A] keep	0.00	10 10 1 0	70), and
36. [A] Consequently			
37. [A] make	-		
38. [A] label			
39. [A] argument	[B] superstition	[C] opinion	[D] idea



40.	[A] loss	[B] difficulty	[C] tragedy	[D] misfortune
41.	[A] house	[B] household	[C] home	[D] circle
42.	[A] unwise	[B] unintelligent	[C] unpopular	[D] unfortunate
43.	[A] falls	[B] arrives	[C] drops	[D] happens
44.	[A] away	[B] outdoors	[C] indoors	[D] far
45.	[A] when	[B] as	[C] if	[D] though
46.	[A] have originate	\mathbf{d}	[B] be originating	g
	$[\ C\]$ be originated		[D] originate	
47.	[A] concerned abo	out	[B] related with	
	[C] associated wit	h	[D] connected in	
48.	[A] especially	[B] specially	[C] frequently	[D] rarely
49.	[A] as	[B] for	[C] in	[D] of
50.	[A] broken up	[B] broken off	[C] broken away	[D] broken down
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	ds or phrases marked		$[d \mid D]$. Choose one	word or phrase that
best	completes the senten			
51		on your answer she		
31.	dull he n			
52		[B] Whatever		[D] nowever
34.	If only I			[D]: abs
52		[B] could		
33.	The party,	B for which		
5/	It's high time we			
54.		[B] had to stop		
55	The student said th	-	-	
55.	to comprehend.	lete were a few poin	is in the essay he _	impossible
		[B] was finding	[C] had found	[D] would find
56				
50.	Loudspeakers were to hear the speech.		mai everyone	an opportunity
				[6] [11]
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57	[A] ought to have I am surprised	[B] must have		

	[A] that you should think	[B] by what you	are thinking
		[D] with what you	
58.	Susan is very hardworking, but her pa	y is notfo	or her work!
	[4] 1 1	[D] 1 1	
	[C] as good enough	[D] good enough	gh
59.	It is imperative that the government	more invest	ment into the ship-
	building industry.		
	[A] attracts [B] shall attract	[C] attract	[D] has to
60.	Land belongs to the city, there is	thing as p	rivate ownership of
	land.		
	[A] no such a [B] not such	[C] not such a	[D] no such
61.	My daughter has walked eight miles to	day. We never gue	ssed that she could
	walk far.		
	[A] / [B] such	[C] that	[D] as
62.	The statisticsthat living stan	dards in the area ha	ive improved drasti-
	cally in recent times.		
	[A] proves [B] is proving	[C] are proving	[D] prove
63.	There are only ten apples left in the b	askets,th	e spoilt ones.
	[A] not counting	[B] not to count	
	[C] don't count	[D] having not co	ounted
64.	It waswe had hoped.		
	[A] more a success than	[B] a success mo	ore than
	$[\ C\]$ as much of a success as	[D] a success as	much as
65.	There used to be petrol station near the		
	[A] didn't it [B] doesn't ther		
66.	It is an offence to showagai		ent races.
	[A] distinction	[B] difference	
	[C] separation	[D] discrimination	on
67.	A great amount of work has gone into	the Cath	edral to its previou
	splendor.		
	[A] refreshing [B] restoring	100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100	
68.	The thieves fled with the local police		
	[A] backs [B] necks	-	
69.	The economic recession has meant that	ıt jobis a	rare thing.



	[A] security	[B] safety	[C] prot	tection	[D] secureness
70.	Many people nowad	lays save money to		for their	old age.
	[A] cater	[B] supply	[C] prov	vide	[D] equip
71.	The tone of the arti	iclethe w	riter's mo	od at the	time.
	[A] reproduced	[B] reflected	[C] ima	gined	[D] imitated
72.	This is not the right	tto ask fo	or nay help	; I am fa	r too even to listen!
	[A] moment	[B] situation	[C] opp	ortunity	[D] circumstance
73.	The job of a studen	t accommodation o	fficer	a	great many visits to
	landladies.				
	[A] concerns	[B] offers	[C] ask	s	[D] involves
74.	Our family doctor's	s clinic	at the junc	ction of tw	o busy roads.
	[A] rests	[B] stands	[C] stay	ys.	[D] seats
75.	She was so fat that	she could only jus	t	_ through	the door.
	[A] assemble	[B] appear	[C] squ	eeze	[D] gather
76.	After the heavy rain	, a builder was calle	d to repair	the roof; v	which was
	[A] leaking				
77.	The reception was	attended by	membe	rs of the	local community.
	[A] excellent	[B] conspicuous	[C] pro	minent	[D] noticeable
78.	Share prices on the	Stock Exchange p	lunged sha	rply in th	e morning but
	slightly in the				
	[A] regained	[B] recovered	[C] rest	tored	[D] revived
79.	Hisbrain	has worked away	on the idea	a of a uni	versal cure.
	[A] rich	[B] quick	[C] pro	ductive	[D] revived
80.	The couple has dor				
	[A] inconsiderable	e	[B] ince	onsiderate	2
	[C] inaccurate			omparable	
PA	RT V	READING CO	MPREHE	ENSION	[25 MIN]
	In this section there	e are four passages	followed by	auestions	or unfinished state-
mer	uts, each with four s			-	
	oose the one that you			3, 2	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
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	In the case of mol	oile phones, chang	e is every	thing. Re	ecent research indi-
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cates that the mobile phone is changing not only our culture, but our very bodies as well.

First, let's talk about culture. The difference between the mobile phone and its parent, the fixed-line phone, is that a mobile number corresponds to a person, while a landline goes to a place. If you call my mobile, you get me. If you call my fixed-line phone, you get whoever answers it.

This has several implications. The most common one, however, and perhaps the thing that has changed our culture forever, is the "meeting" influence. People no longer need to make firm plans about when and where to meet. Twenty years ago, a Friday night would need to be arranged in advance. You needed enough time to allow everyone to get from their place of work to the first meeting place. Now, however, a night out can be arranged on the run. It is no longer "see you there at 8", but "text me around 8 and we'll see where we all are".

Texting changes people as well. In their paper, "Insights into the Social and Psychological Effects of SMS Text Messaging", two British researchers distinguished between two types of mobile phone users: the "talkers" and the "texters" — those who prefer voice to text messages and those who prefer text to voice.

They found that the mobile phone's individuality and privacy gave texters the ability to express a whole new outer personality. Texters were likely to report that their family would be surprised if they were to read their texts. This suggests that texting allowed texters to present a self-image that differed from the one familiar to those who knew them well.

Another scientist wrote of the changes that mobiles have brought to body language. There are two kinds that people use while speaking on the phone. There is the "speakeasy": the head is held high, in a self-confident way, chatting away. And there is the "spacemaker": these people focus on themselves and keep out other people.

Who can blame them? Phone meetings get cancelled or reformed and cameraphones intrude on people's privacy. So, it is understandable if your mobile makes you nervous. But perhaps you needn't worry so much. After all, it is good to talk.

- 81. When people plan to meet nowadays, they _____
 - [A] arrange the meeting place beforehand
 - [B] Postpone fixing the place till the last minute



	[C] seldom care about when and where to meet
	[D] still love to work out detailed meeting plans
82.	According to the two British researchers, the social and psychological effects
	are mostly to be seen on
	[A] talkers [B] the "speakeasy"
	[C] the "spacemaker" [D] texters
83.	We can infer from the passage that the texts sent by texters are
	[A] quite revealing [B] well written
	[C] unacceptable by others [D] shocking to others
84.	According to the passage, who is afraid of being heard while talking on the
	mobile?
	[A] Talkers. [B] The "speakeasy".
	[C] The "spacemaker". [D] Texters.
85.	An appropriate title for the passage might be
	[A] The SMS Effect
	[B] Cultural Implications of Mobile Phone Use
	[C] Changes in the Use of the Mobile
	[D] Body Language and the Mobile Phone

TEXT B

Over the last 25 years, British society has changed a great deal — or at least many parts of it have. In some ways, however, very little has changed, particularly where attitudes are concerned. Ideas about social class — whether a person is "working-class" or "middle-class" — are one area in which changes have been extremely slog.

In the past, the working-class tended to be paid less than middle-class people, such as teachers and doctors. As a result of this and also of the fact that workers' jobs were generally much less secure, distinct differences in life-styles and attitudes came into existence. The typical working man would collect his wages on Friday evening and then, it was widely believed, having given his wife her "housekeeping", would go out and squander the rest on beer and betting.

The stereotype of what a middle-class man did with his money was perhaps nearer the truth. He was — and still is — inclined to take a longer-term view. Not only did he regard buying a house "as a top priority, but he also considered the education of his children as extremely important. Both of these provided him

and his family with security. Only in very few cases did workers have the opportunity (or the education and training) to make such long-term plans.

Nowadays, a great deal has changed. In a large number of cases factory workers earn as much, if not more, than their middle-class supervisors. Social security and laws to improve job-security, combined with a general rise in the standard of living since the mid-fifties of the 20th century, have made it less necessary than before to worry about "tomorrow". Working-class people seem slowly to be losing the feeling of inferiority they had in the past. In fact there has been a growing tendency in the past few years for the middle-classes to feel slightly ashamed of their position.

The changes in both life-styles and attitudes are probably most easily seen a-mongst younger people. They generally tend to share very similar tastes in music and clothes, they spend their money in having a good time, and save for holidays or longer-term plans when necessary. There seems to be much less difference than in previous generations. Nevertheless, we still have a wide gap between the well-paid (whatever the type of job they may have) and the low-paid. As long as this gap exists, there will always be a possibility that new conflicts and jealousies will emerge, or rather that the old conflicts will re-appear, but between different groups.

86.	Which of the following is seen as the cause of class differences in the past?
	[A] Life style and occupation. [B] Attitude and income.
	[C] Income and job security. [D] Job security and hobbies.
87.	The writer seems to suggest that the description ofis closer to truth.
	[A] middle-class ways of spending money
	[B] working-class ways of spending the weekend
	[C] working-class drinking habits
	[D] middle-class attitudes
88.	According to the passage, which of the following is NOT a typical feature of
	the middle-class?
	[A] Desiring for security. [B] Making long-term plans.
	[C] Having priorities in life. [D] Saving money.
89.	Working-class people's sense of security increased as a result of all the fol-
	lowing factors EXCEPT
	[A] better social security [B] more job opportunities



- [C] higher living standard. [D] better legal protection
- 90. Which of the following statements is INCORRECT?
 - [A] Changes are slowly taking place in all sectors of the British society.
 - [B] The gap between working-class and middle-class young people is narrowing.
 - [C] Differences in income will remain but those in occupation will disappear.
 - [D] Middle-class people may sometimes feel inferior to working-class people.

TEXT C

For several days I saw little of Mr. Rochester. In the morning he seemed much occupied with business, and in the afternoon gentlemen from the neighour-hood called and sometimes stayed to dine with him. When his foot was well enough, he rode out a great deal.

During this time, all my knowledge of him was limited to occasional meetings about the house, when he would sometimes pass me coldly, and sometimes bow and smile. His changes of manner did not offend me, because I saw that I had nothing to do with the cause of them.

One evening, several days later, I was invited to talk to Mr. Rochester after dinner. He was sitting in his armchair, and looked not quite so severe, and much less gloomy. There was a smile on his lips, and his eyes were bright, probably with wine. As I was looking at him, he suddenly turned, and asked me, "Do you think I'm handsome, Miss Eyre?"

The answer somehow slipped from my tongue before I realized it: "No, sir."

"Ah, you really are unusual! You are a quiet, serious little person, but you can be almost rude ."

"Sir, I'm sorry. I should have said that beauty doesn't matter, or something like that."

"No, you shouldn't! I see, you criticize my appearance, and then you stab me in the back! You have honesty and feeling. There are not many girls like you. But perhaps I go too fast. Perhaps you have awful faults to counterbalance your few good points."

I thought to myself that he might have too. He seemed to read my mind, and said quickly, "Yes, you're right. I have plenty of faults. I went the wrong way when I was twenty-one, and have never found the right path again. I might have been very different. I might have been as good as you, and perhaps wiser. I am

not a bad man, take my word for it, but I have done wrong. It wasn't my character, but circumstances which were to blame. Why do I tell you all this? Because you're the sort of person people tell their problems and secrets to, because you're sympathetic and give them hope."

It seemed he had quite a lot to talk to me. He didn't seem to like to finish the talk quickly, as was the case for the first time.

"Don't be afraid of me, Miss Eyre." He continued. "You don't relax or laugh very much, perhaps because of the effect Lowood school has had on you. But in time you will be more natural with me, and laugh, and speak freely. You're like a bird in a cage. When you get out of the cage, you'll fly very high. Good night."

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71.	At the	Deginning	MIISS LIVIC	5 111	ipiessions or	IVII.	Hochester	were an	LACLI

	[A] busy	[B] sociable	[C] friendly	[D] changeable		
92.	In " and all my k	nowledge of him wa	s limited to occasion	al meetings about th		
	house ," (the s	econd paragraph),	the word "about" m	neans		
	[A] around	[B] on	[C] outside	[D] concerning		
93.	Why did Mr. Rock	nester say " and	l then you stab me	in the back!" (th		
	seventh paragraph) ?					
	[A] Because Jane had intended to kill him with a knife.					
	[B] Because Jane had intended to be more critical.					
	[C] Because Jane had regretted having talked to him.					
	[D] Because Jane had said something else to correct herself.					
94.	4. From what Mr. Rochester told Miss Ewe. we can conclude that he wanted t					
	•					
	[A] tell her all hi	s troubles	[B] tell her his	life experience		
	[C] change her op	oinion of him	[D] change his	circumstances		
95.	. At the end of the passage, Mr. Rochester sounded					
	[A] rude	[B] cold	[C] friendly	[D] encouraging		
TEXT D						

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The ideal companion machine — the computer — would not only look, feel, and sound friendly but would also be programmed to behave in a pleasant manner. Those qualities that make interaction with other people enjoyable would be imitated as closely as possible, and the machine would appear to be charming, and



easygoing. Its informal conversational style would make interaction comfortable, and yet the machine would remain slightly unpredictable and therefore interesting in its first encounter it might be somewhat hesitant, but as it came to know the user it would progress to a more relaxed and intimate style. The machine would not be a passive participant but would add its own suggestions, information, and opinions: it would sometimes take the initiative in developing or changing the topic and would have a personality of its own.

Friendships are not made in a day, and the computer would be more acceptable as a friend if it imitated the gradual changes that occur when one person is getting to know another. At an appropriate time it might also express the kind of affection that stimulates attachment and intimacy. The whole process would be accomplished in a subtle way to avoid giving an impression of over-familiarity that would be likely to produce irritation. After experiencing a wealth of powerful, well-timed friendship indicators, the user would be very likely to accept the computer as far more than a machine and might well come to regard it as a friend.

An artificial relationship of this type would provide many of the benefits that people obtain from interpersonal friendships. The machine would participate in interesting conversation that could continue from previous discussions. It would have a familiarity with the user's life as revealed in earlier contact, and it would be understanding and good-humored. The computer's own personality would be lively and impressive, and it would develop in response to that of the user. With features such as these, the machine might indeed become a very attractive social partner.

- 96. Which of the following is NOT a feature of the ideal companion machine?
 - [A] Active in communication.
- [B] Attractive in personality.
- [C] Enjoyable in performance.
- [D] Unpredictable in behaviour.
- 97. The computer would develop friendships with humans in a(n) way. [A] quick
 - [B] unpredictable

[C] productive

- [D] inconspicuous
- 98. Which of the following aspect is NOT mentioned when the passage discusses the benefits of artificial relationships?
 - [A] Being able to pick up an interesting conversation.
 - [B] Being sensitive to earlier contact.
 - [C] Being ready to learn about the person's life.
 - [D] Having a pleasant and adaptable personality.

99. Throughout the pas	sage, the author	is in hi	s attitude towards th		
computer.					
[A] favourable	[B] critical	[C] vague.	[D] hesitant.		
100. Which might be the most appropriate title of the passage?					
[A] Artificial relationships.					
[B] How to form intimate relationships.					
[C] The affectionate machine.					
[D] Humans and	computers.				

PART VI

WRITING

[45 MIN]

SECTION A

COMPOSITION

35 MIN

Recently a Beijing information company did a survey of student life among more than 700 students in Beijing, Guangzhou, Xi'an, Chengdu, Shanghai, Wuhan, Nanjing and Shenyang. The results have shown that 67 percent of students think that saving money is a good habit while the rest believe that using tomorrow's money today is better. What do you think?

Write on ANSWER SHEET TWO a composition of about 200 words.

You are to write in three parts.

In the first part, state specifically what your opinion is.

In the second part, support your opinion with appropriate details.

In the last part, bring what you have written to a natural conclusion or a summary.

You should supply an appropriate title for your composition.

Marks will be awarded for content, organization, grammar and appropriateness. Failure to follow the instructions may result in a loss of marks.

SECTION B

NOTE - WRITING

Write on ANSWER SHEET TWO a note of about 50 words based on the following situation:

You have got to know that your classmate, Michael, is organizing a weekend excursion for the class. And you are thinking of joining the trip. Write him a note expressing your interest in the excursion and asking for information on two details