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## 前 言

本书是英语学习练习丛书之一。

按照中学英语教学大纲,“提高学生英语阅读理解和自学英语的能力”是中学英语教学的主要目标之一,所以,在标准化考试中阅读理解部分占有极大比重。为帮助学生通过适当的练习提高阅读理解和写作能力,我们特地编写了此书。高中学生、中级英语水平的自学者均可一册在手,获益良多。

本书包括完形填空、阅读理解和书面表达三方面的练习。所选的阅读材料既有介绍国外风土人情及文化历史知识的趣味小故事,又有涉及天文、地理、自然等知识的科普短文,内容丰富,体裁多样;所选的书面表达材料大多为常见的应用文,文字浅显,实用性强。为了不增加学生的负担,书中的生词量控制在总词汇量的 2% 左右,练习的题型均按高考 MET 试卷题型设计,书末附有参考答案,以便查考。

由于编者的水平有限,书中难免存在缺点、错误,恳请读者不吝指正。

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一九九一年三月

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## Part One

### Cloze Test

Choose the correct answer for each of the numbered blanks:

( 1 )

Mrs Black was having a lot of trouble with her skin, so she went to her doctor about it. He could not find anything ( 1 ) with her. ( 2 ), he sent her to the local hospital for tests. The hospital, ( 3 ), sent the results of the tests ( 4 ) to Mrs Black's doctor, and the next morning he telephoned her to give her a list of the things ( 5 ) he thought she ( 6 ) eat, as any of them might be the ( 7 ) of her skin trouble.

Mrs Black ( 8 ) wrote all the things down on a piece of paper, which she ( 9 ) left beside the telephone while she went out to a ( 10 ) meeting.

When she got ( 11 ) home two hours ( 12 ), she found her husband ( 13 ) for her, he said, "Hello, dear. I ( 14 ) all your shopping for you."

"( 15 ) all my shopping?" she ( 16 ). "But how did you know ( 17 ) I wanted?"

"( 18 ), when I got home, I found your shopping ( 19 ) beside the telephone," answered her husband, "( 20 ) I went to the shops and ( 21 ) everything you ( 22 ) down."

Of course, ( 23 ) had to tell him that he had bought  
( 24 ) the things the doctor did not ( 25 ) her to eat!

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| ( ) 1. A. worse           | B. useful            |
| C. helpful                | D. wrong             |
| ( ) 2. A. Whenever        | B. Wherever          |
| C. However                | D. Whatever          |
| ( ) 3. A. on the contrary | B. on the other hand |
| C. of course              | D. certainly not     |
| ( ) 4. A. ahead           | B. direct            |
| C. towards                | D. straight          |
| ( ) 5. A. what            | B. when              |
| C. where                  | D. that              |
| ( ) 6. A. should          | B. shouldn't         |
| C. had to                 | D. wouldn't have to  |
| ( ) 7. A. cause           | B. beginning         |
| C. end                    | D. result            |
| ( ) 8. A. foolishly       | B. carefully         |
| C. carelessly             | D. fortunately       |
| ( ) 9. A. finally         | B. at last           |
| C. then                   | D. first             |
| ( ) 10. A. lady           | B. ladies            |
| C. lady's                 | D. ladies'           |
| ( ) 11. A. to             | B. out of            |
| C. away                   | D. back              |
| ( ) 12. A. before         | B. later             |
| C. early                  | D. earlier           |
| ( ) 13. A. wait           | B. to wait           |
| C. waiting                | D. had waited        |
| ( ) 14. A. have got       | B. bought            |
| C. have done              | D. have bought       |
| ( ) 15. A. Got            | B. Done              |
| C. Buy                    | D. Bought            |

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| ( ) 16. A. answered   | B. replied     |
| C. asked              | D. ordered     |
| ( ) 17. A. which      | B. what        |
| C. that               | D. why         |
| ( ) 18. A. Yes        | B. No          |
| C. But                | D. Well        |
| ( ) 19. A. bag        | B. list        |
| C. basket             | D. card        |
| ( ) 20. A. while      | B. so          |
| C. but                | D. yet         |
| ( ) 21. A. borrowed   | B. took        |
| C. bought             | D. sold        |
| ( ) 22. A. had lain   | B. had taken   |
| C. had put            | D. had written |
| ( ) 23. A. Mr Black   | B. Mrs Black   |
| C. the shop assistant | D. the doctor  |
| ( ) 24. A. some of    | B. a few of    |
| C. none of            | D. all         |
| ( ) 25. A. prevent    | B. offer       |
| C. allow              | D. let         |

( 2 )

Mr Johnson wondered why his son Dave was wandering in the street at that time of night, so he ( 1 ) him, trying to see ( 2 ) his son would do.

Dave stopped ( 3 ) the street corner and looked around. When he saw that nobody was following him, he rushed into a small lane (胡同). ( 4 ) Mr Johnson could see in which direction his son was going, his son ( 5 ) completely. He was so surprised that he stood there ( 6 ), ( 7 ) what to do. After what seemed ( 8 ), Mr Johnson realized



that he could do nothing but ( 9 ) back home and wait for his son.

At about three o'clock in the morning, Dave ( 10 ) with a bag in his hand. ( 11 ), he saw his father sitting on a chair.

"Father, why aren't you sleeping?" he asked.

Mr Johnson ( 12 ) at first. Instead he ( 13 ) his son up and down. Then he asked his son ( 14 ) cold smile, "What's in your bag and where ( 15 )?"

Dave answered, "There is ( 16 ) two story-books in the bag. I have been to my friend's home and borrowed these books." ( 17 ) these words, he ( 18 ) into his own room. But he didn't expect that his father was even ( 19 ). Mr Johnson snatched the bag and took out something ( 20 ). He took a look and gave a low whistle. In his hand ( 21 ) two gold necklaces. "Are these the 'books' you have borrowed?" he asked angrily.

Dave's face turned white ( 22 ) paper. He said, "This morning when I went ( 23 ) the department store, I saw some gold necklaces in the shop window. I could not resist the temptation, so I went to ( 24 ) them."

Hearing these words, Mr Johnson beat ( 25 ) and then he forced his son to a police station nearby.

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| ( ) 1. A. asked           | B. found           |
| C. followed               | D. waited for      |
| ( ) 2. A. which           | B. what            |
| C. that                   | D. how             |
| ( ) 3. A. in              | B. from            |
| C. under                  | D. at              |
| ( ) 4. A. Before          | B. After           |
| C. As soon as             | D. When            |
| ( ) 5. A. would disappear | B. had disappeared |

- C. had appeared
- ( ) 6. A. dumbfounded  
C. excited
- ( ) 7. A. not to know  
C. not knowing
- ( ) 8. A. time  
C. right
- ( ) 9. A. to come  
C. to go
- ( ) 10. A. left  
C. ran away
- ( ) 11. A. Luckily  
C. To his surprise
- ( ) 12. A. answered him  
C. made no answer
- ( ) 13. A. looked  
C. looked for
- ( ) 14. A. with  
C. in
- ( ) 15. A. have you been  
C. had you been
- ( ) 16. A. not  
C. nothing only
- ( ) 17. A. Hearing  
C. At
- ( ) 18. A. made a dive  
C. had made a dive
- ( ) 19. A. slower  
C. fast
- ( ) 20. A. else  
C. shining
- ( ) 21. A. were
- D. had been going  
B. happy  
D. being surprised  
B. did not know  
D. not having known  
B. ages  
D. interesting  
B. come  
D. go  
B. returned  
D. set out  
B. Unluckily  
D. To his joy  
B. made an answer  
D. shouted angrily  
B. looked at  
D. looked after  
B. with a  
D. in a  
B. have you gone  
D. had you gone  
B. only  
D. nothing but  
B. Having heard  
D. With  
B. was making a dive  
D. made a run  
B. quicker  
D. more faster  
B. red  
D. worthless  
B. was

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|---------|---------------------|---------------------|
|         | C. there was        | D. are              |
| ( ) 22. | A. likely           | B. as               |
|         | C. as if            | D. because of       |
| ( ) 23. | A. past             | B. passed           |
|         | C. on               | D. over             |
| ( ) 24. | A. see              | B. steal            |
|         | C. buy              | D. sell             |
| ( ) 25. | A. Dave's face      | B. the face of Dave |
|         | C. Dave in his face | D. Dave in the face |

( 3 )

The United States is discovering ( 1 ) — soccer (英式足球). Soccer is another ( 2 ) for football and it comes from the words "Association Football". It's the sort of football people ( 3 ) in most countries of the world. But until recently, the only football played in ( 4 ) was American football—usually more violent (激烈的) than soccer, and with ( 5 ).

Now soccer is becoming ( 6 ) in the U.S.A. as in other countries. Crowds of 70,000 people watch the matches ( 7 ) famous teams. Each club has its own stadium—much more modern than stadia (stadium 的复数) in ( 8 ) countries. There are ( 9 ) scoreboards (记分牌) which flash messages to the crowds: "Did you see that goal!" "This is Cosmos Country." The players don't play on real grass, they ( 10 ) on a man-made, smooth, green turf (草皮) which is much harder than ( 11 ), and on which the players can run faster.

So Americans want to ( 12 ) their soccer as exciting as possible. But what's the real reason for ( 13 )? The answer is that American money has ( 14 ) some of the most famous football players from all over ( 15 ). Franz

Beckenbauer, ( 16 ), who was one of West Germany's stars a few years ago, now plays for New York Cosmos. British and Italian players have ( 17 ) to the States, too.

( 18 ) the best of all is the Brazilian player. For two years, Pele played for Cosmos before retiring (退职) in September ( 19 ). Other footballers say Pele was the most perfect footballer — he could do ( 20 ) in football better than almost everyone else. He played his ( 21 ) game in New York; for 45 minutes he played for the Cosmos, and for the other 45 minutes of the match he played for Santos, the Brazilian team he ( 22 ) famous.

It was Pele that made the Americans ( 23 ) about soccer. And it was Pele who made the rest of the world look seriously ( 24 ) American soccer. Perhaps, with Brazil, West Germany and Holland, ( 25 ) will one day find its place in the history of soccer.

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| ( ) 1. A. a new way     | B. an old sport         |
| C. a new sport          | D. an old way           |
| ( ) 2. A. ball          | B. name                 |
| C. sport                | D. thing                |
| ( ) 3. A. play          | B. buy                  |
| C. sell                 | D. throw                |
| ( ) 4. A. Britain       | B. United Kingdom       |
| C. the States           | D. New York             |
| ( ) 5. A. only one rule | B. the same rules       |
| C. no rules             | D. very different rules |
| ( ) 6. A. as interested | B. as popular           |
| C. more interesting     | D. as expensive         |
| ( ) 7. A. for           | B. from                 |
| C. between              | D. among                |
| ( ) 8. A. the other     | B. other                |
| C. another              | D. the others           |

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ( ) 9. A. huge                       | B. small                       |
| C. no                                | D. few                         |
| ( ) 10. A. stay                      | B. walk                        |
| C. run                               | D. play                        |
| ( ) 11. A. iron                      | B. stone                       |
| C. road                              | D. grass                       |
| ( ) 12. A. imagine                   | B. make                        |
| C. let                               | D. become                      |
| ( ) 13. A. its failure               | B. it's success                |
| C. it's failure                      | D. its success                 |
| ( ) 14. A. sold                      | B. stolen                      |
| C. bought                            | D. been returned to            |
| ( ) 15. A. the United States         | B. the world                   |
| C. the country                       | D. Africa                      |
| ( ) 16. A. for example               | B. however                     |
| C. therefore                         | D. what's more                 |
| ( ) 17. A. returned                  | B. run                         |
| C. moved                             | D. been sold                   |
| ( ) 18. A. Either the most famous or | B. Neither the most famous nor |
| C. Both the most famous and          | D. Not the most famous but     |
| ( ) 19. A. next year                 | B. last year                   |
| C. next month                        | D. last month                  |
| ( ) 20. A. something                 | B. nothing                     |
| C. any thing                         | D. everything                  |
| ( ) 21. A. first                     | B. last                        |
| C. next                              | D. second                      |
| ( ) 22. A. was                       | B. became                      |
| C. made                              | D. joined                      |
| ( ) 23. A. excited                   | B. exciting                    |

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|---------|----------------------|-------------|
|         | C. sad               | D. angry    |
| ( ) 24. | A. at                | B. for      |
|         | C. after             | D. like     |
| ( ) 25. | A. the Cosmos        | B. New York |
|         | C. the United States | D. Pele     |

( 4 )

Monday morning is always the ( 1 ) morning of the week. Everybody is ( 2 ); everybody is bad-tempered (脾气坏的); everybody is in a ( 3 ). Last Monday was even worse than ( 4 ).

"Hurry up, Dick!" Father shouted as he closed the bathroom door with a loud noise. "I have ( 5 ) a train to ( 6 )!"

"I am shaving (刮胡须)," Dick answered, "I'll be out in a ( 7 )."

"Breakfast is ( 8 )," Mother called from the kitchen (厨房). As she got no ( 9 ), she went upstairs to ( 10 ) what was going on. "Where is David?" she asked, "Is he ( 11 ) in bed?" She knocked at his bedroom door ( 12 ). "You'd better ( 13 ) up," she called. "It is a quarter to eight. Your breakfast is getting ( 14 )!"

"I don't ( 15 ) like any breakfast," David murmured, "I'll have ( 16 ) five minutes' sleep instead."

Mother was about ( 17 ) into his room and ( 18 ) him out of bed ( 19 ) the door bell rang. She hurried ( 20 ) to open the door. ( 21 ) was the postman.

"Good morning, Mrs Crawford," he said ( 22 ). "It is a lovely day, isn't it?"

"You ( 23 ) think so if you lived here," Mother an-

swered.

“( 24 ) Mondays this place is ( 25 ) a madhouse.”

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|--------------------|-------------|
| ( ) 1. A. worst    | B. worse    |
| C. bad             | D. badly    |
| ( ) 2. A. sleeping | B. sleepy   |
| C. asleep          | D. in bed   |
| ( ) 3. A. car      | B. hurry    |
| C. dream           | D. quarrel  |
| ( ) 4. A. usual    | B. special  |
| C. Sunday          | D. usually  |
| ( ) 5. A. had      | B. gained   |
| C. got             | D. found    |
| ( ) 6. A. meet     | B. miss     |
| C. catch           | D. have     |
| ( ) 7. A. car      | B. hour     |
| C. day             | D. minute   |
| ( ) 8. A. here     | B. gone     |
| C. cooked          | D. ready    |
| ( ) 9. A. voice    | B. noise    |
| C. reply           | D. sound    |
| ( ) 10. A. look    | B. notice   |
| C. see             | D. find out |
| ( ) 11. A. already | B. quietly  |
| C. up              | D. still    |
| ( ) 12. A. gently  | B. loudly   |
| C. heavy           | D. deeply   |
| ( ) 13. A. build   | B. pick     |
| C. bring           | D. get      |
| ( ) 14. A. cold    | B. hot      |
| C. thick           | D. dry      |
| ( ) 15. A. think   | B. want     |
| C. need            | D. feel     |

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| ( ) 16. A. another  | B. other           |
| C. the other        | D. others          |
| ( ) 17. A. going    | B. to go           |
| C. coming           | D. to come         |
| ( ) 18. A. make     | B. advise          |
| C. force            | D. drag            |
| ( ) 19. A. when     | B. while           |
| C. before           | D. since           |
| ( ) 20. A. upstairs | B. downstairs      |
| C. to the bedroom   | D. to the bathroom |
| ( ) 21. A. He       | B. She             |
| C. It               | D. That            |
| ( ) 22. A. cheering | B. angrily         |
| C. cheerfully       | D. proudly         |
| ( ) 23. A. wouldn't | B. won't           |
| C. don't            | D. didn't          |
| ( ) 24. A. In       | B. At              |
| C. When             | D. On              |
| ( ) 25. A. like     | B. as              |
| C. likely           | D. so              |

( 5 )

If you think you are sick, you are sick no matter what anyone else says. ( 1 ), if you have belief in your ( 2 ), and if he tells you that you're going to feel better, you ( 3 ) will. The effect of ( 4 ) upon the body is real and powerful, and it happens whether one knows it or not.

Take the case (病症) of Mrs Brown for example. She was ( 5 ) to get to sleep at night. She lacked (缺少) energy and was too ( 6 ) during the day even ( 7 ) the simple thing that she used to ( 8 ). Occasional headaches, which



were becoming more frequent (频繁的), ( 9 ) reading or watching TV. The more she thought about her condition, ( 10 ) she felt. ( 11 ), she went to see her doctor, ( 12 ) she had known for years. The doctor listened to her complaints (诉说) and gave her a ( 13 ) thorough examination. Then, he said to her, "There is ( 14 ) seriously wrong ( 15 ) your physical condition, but I ( 16 ) the fact that you don't feel well. I am going to give you some pills (药丸) that should ( 17 ). I want you to take one after dinner and ( 18 ) a half hour before going to bed tonight. Call me tomorrow and tell me ( 19 )."

The next morning Mrs Brown ( 20 ) to say, "Doctor, it's very nice of you. I had the first ( 21 ) night's sleep last night in two months. ( 22 ) in those pills?"

The doctor said, "It's an old formula (方子) I ( 23 ) for years. Just ( 24 ) taking them for a week." Turning to his nurse, he said, "It's ( 25 ) what a little soda (苏打片) can do."

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| (    ) 1. A. As a result | B. On the contrary     |
| C. On the other hand     | D. As a matter of fact |
| (    ) 2. A. parent      | B. doctor              |
| C. friend                | D. teacher             |
| (    ) 3. A. certainly   | B. really              |
| C. immediately           | D. probably            |
| (    ) 4. A. the mind    | B. the memory          |
| C. the illness           | D. the interest        |
| (    ) 5. A. able        | B. unable              |
| C. going                 | D. about               |
| (    ) 6. A. hungry      | B. worried             |
| C. excited               | D. tired               |
| (    ) 7. A. from        | B. in                  |