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# 前 言

全国大学英语四级考试是由教育部高教司组织的一次大规模的标准化考试,是针对广大英语学习者,尤其是针对大学生的一种水平测试。随着英语在中国越来越广泛的应用,学习英语和参加四级考试的人越来越多。但由于四级考试大纲几次变更,题型不断变化,考生接触真题的机会又少,以致考生对四级考试动向把握不准,对考试能否过关表现信心不足。尽管市场上有不少四级考试方面的书籍,但大多在难度和深度上与考试要求相差甚远,无法满足实际考试的需要。针对这一情况,我们特将考生渴望已久的历年考试真题汇编成书,并请名师解析,即《历年大学英语四、六级考试真题解析》(四级篇)最新修订版一书。

本书与其它四级考试用书相比,至少有以下三个特色:

**一、全:**本书收集了从1994年到2000年,每年1月和6月的实考试题,共十二套,有解析和听力材料,并配有磁带四盒。

**二、真:**本书所收试卷为实考试卷,听力部分录音也是每次考试考场实放录音。

**三、精:**书中解析部分由全国几大高校,数位著名四级教师,根据自己教学经验,共同锤炼而成。语言简炼、中肯,分析透彻。

编写本书的目的是希望广大考生能通过对本书的学习,领悟四级考试的真谛,寻找出一种正确的学习方法和学习态度,真正提高自己的英语水平。

本书不仅给广大考生提供了实弹演习的机会,同时也为四级辅导班提供了绝佳教材。

书中若有遗漏,敬请指正。祝广大考生顺利过关!

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- A) maintain a regular pattern of life      B) prevent trouble that comes looking for him  
 C) avoid danger and inefficient labour      D) restore his bodily functions
23. According to the author, we cannot sleep well when we   C  . AD  
 A) are worrying about our safety      B) are overworked  
 C) are in a tent      D) are away from home
24. Cats sleep much more than horses do partly because cats   C  . f  
 A) need more time for restoration  
 B) are unlikely to be attackers  
 C) are more active than horses when they are awake  
 D) spend less time eating to get enough energy
25. Which of the following is the main idea of the passage? AJ  
 A) Evolution has equipped all creatures with a regular pattern of sleeping and waking.  
 B) The study of sleep is an important part of the evolutionary theory.  
 C) Sleeping patterns must be taken into consideration in the designing of robots.  
 D) The sleeping pattern of a living creature is determined by the food it eats.

**Questions 26 to 30 are based on the following passage.**

"Congratulations, Mr. Jones, it's a girl."

Fatherhood is going to have a different meaning and bring forth a different response from every man who hears these words. Some feel pride when they receive the news, while others worry, wondering whether they will be good fathers. Although there are some men who like children and may have had considerable experience with them, others do not particularly care for children and spend little time with them. Many fathers and mothers have been planning and looking forward to children for some time. For other couples, *pregnancy* (怀孕) was an accident that both husband and wife have accepted willingly or unwillingly.

Whatever the reaction to the birth of a child, it is obvious that the shift from the role of husband to that of father is a difficult task. Yet, unfortunately, few attempts have been made to educate fathers in this resocialization process. Although numerous books have been written about American mothers, only recently has literature focused on the role of a father.

It is argued by some writers that the transition to the father's role, although difficult, is not nearly as great as the transition the wife must make to the mother's role. The mother's role seems to require a complete transformation in daily *routine* (生活规律) and highly *innovative* (创新的) adaptation, on the other hand, the father's role is less demanding and immediate. However, even though we mentioned the fact that growing numbers of women are working outside the home, the father is still thought by many as the breadwinner in the household.

26. According to the author, being a father   B  .  
 A) brings a feeling of excitement to some men f C  
 B) has a different meaning for those who have daughters  
 C) makes some men feel proud and others uneasy  
 D) means nothing but more responsibilities

27. It is stated in the passage that A.
- A) some parents are not prepared to have a child
  - B) young couples do not like children at all
  - C) working couples do not have much time to take care of their children
  - D) many parents look forward to having a boy as their first child
28. In the second paragraph, the author C.
- A) criticizes fathers for not taking enough responsibilities in bringing up their children
  - B) excuses the American writers for ignoring the difficulties of being a father
  - C) supports the idea that the chief role of a father is to earn money for the family
  - D) complains about the lack of social programs to help husbands adjust themselves to being a father
29. The transition to the mother's role requires that the wife B.
- A) change her life style in a highly innovative way
  - B) make a complete change in her everyday life to deal with the new situation
  - C) stay at home to take care of the baby
  - D) help her husband in his resocialization process
30. Some writers argue that with respect to the change of roles, fathers, compared with mothers, A.
- A) have to shoulder more burdens
  - B) have to make more difficult adaptations
  - C) have an easier job to do
  - D) can usually do a better job

**Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following passage.**

Reading is thought to be a kind of conversation between the reader and the text. The reader puts questions, as it were, to the text and gets answers. In the light of these he puts further questions, and so on.

For most of the time this "conversation" goes on below the level of consciousness. At times, however, we become aware of it. This is usually when we are running into difficulties, when mismatch is occurring between expectations and meaning. When successful matching is being experienced, our questioning of the text continues at the unconscious level.

Different people converse with the text differently. Some stay very close to the words on the page; others take off imaginatively from the words, interpreting, criticising, analyzing and examining. The former represents a kind of comprehension, which is written in the text. The latter represents higher levels of comprehension. The balance between these is important, especially for advanced readers.

There is another conversation which from our point of view is equally important, and that is to do not with what is read but with how it is read. We call this a "process" conversation as opposed to a "content" conversation. It is concerned not with meaning but with the *strategies* (策略) we employ in reading. If we are advanced readers our ability to hold a content conversation with a text is usually pretty well developed. Not so our ability to hold a process conversation. It is precisely this kind of conversation that is of importance when we are seeking to develop our

reading to meet the new demands being placed upon us by studying at a higher level.

31. Reading as a kind of conversation between the reader and the text becomes conscious only when ~~A~~ D.
- A) the reader's expectations agree with what is said in the text  
B) the reader has trouble understanding what the author says  
C) the reader asks questions and gets answers  
D) the reader understands a text very well
32. At a lower level of comprehension, readers tend to C.
- A) read a text slowly  
B) read without thinking hard  
C) interpret a text in their own way  
D) concentrate on the meaning of words only
33. A "process" conversation has to do with ~~A~~ B.
- A) the application of reading strategies  
B) matching our expectations with the meaning of a text  
C) the development of our ability to check the details  
D) determining the main idea of a text
34. According to the passage, it is of great importance for readers at a higher level to maintain a balance between C.
- A) conscious and unconscious levels of comprehension  
B) the reader's expectations and the meaning of a text  
C) lower and higher levels of comprehension  
D) interpreting and criticizing a text
35. If we want to develop our reading ability at an advanced level, we should ~~A~~ B.
- A) learn to use different approaches in reading different texts  
B) make our reading process more conscious  
C) pay more attention to the content of a text  
D) take a critical attitude towards the author's ideas

**Questions 36 to 40 are based on the following passage.**

Although April did not bring us the rains we all hoped for, and although the Central Valley doesn't generally experience the atmospheric sound and lightning that can accompany those rains, it's still important for parents to be able to answer the youthful questions about thunder and lightning.

The reason these two wonders of nature are so difficult for many adults to explain to children is that they are not very well understood by adults themselves. For example, did you know that the lightning we see flashing down to the earth from a cloud is actually flashing up to a cloud from the earth? Our eyes trick us into thinking we see a downward motion when it's actually the other way around. But then, if we believed only what we think and we see, we'd still insist that the sun rises in the morning and sets at night.

Most lightning flashes take place inside a cloud, and only a relative few can be seen jumping between two clouds or between earth and a cloud. But, with about 2,000 thunderstorms taking

place above the earth every minute of the day and night, there's enough activity to produce about 100 lightning strikes on earth every second.

Parents can use thunder and lightning to help their children learn more about the world around them. When children understand that the light of the lightning flashing reaches their eyes almost at the same moment, but the sound of the thunder takes about 5 seconds to travel just one mile, they can begin to time the interval between the flash and the crash to learn how close they were to the actual spark.

36. According to the author, in the area of the Central Valley, A.
- A) rains usually come without thunder and lightning
  - B) it is usually dry in April
  - C) children pay no attention to natural phenomena
  - D) parents are not interested in thunder and lightning
37. We believe that lightning is a downward motion because B.
- A) we were taught so by our parents from our childhood
  - B) we are deceived by our sense of vision
  - C) it is a common natural phenomenon
  - D) it is a truth proved by science
38. What is TRUE about lightning according to the passage? (A D)
- A) Only a small number of lightning flashes occur on earth.
  - B) Lightning travels 5 times faster than thunder.
  - C) Lightning flashes usually jump from one cloud to another.
  - D) There are far more lightning strikes occurring on earth than we can imagine.
39. The word "activity" (Par. 3, Line 3) is most closely related to the word(s) B.
- A) "cloud"
  - B) "lightning strikes"
  - C) "lightning flashes"
  - D) "thunderstorms"
40. It can be concluded from the passage that C.
- A) we should not believe what we see or hear
  - B) things moving downward are more noticeable
  - C) people often have wrong concepts about ordinary phenomena
  - D) adults are not as good as children in observing certain natural phenomena

**Part III** **Vocabulary and structure** (20 minutes)

**Directions:** There are 30 incomplete sentences in this part. For each sentence there are four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Choose the ONE answer that best completes the sentence. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

41. Before he left for his vacation he went to the bank to \_\_\_\_\_ some money.
- A) pull
  - B) pick
  - C) gain
  - D) draw
42. By the end of the year all but two people \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) have left
  - B) will leave
  - C) will be leaving
  - D) will have left

43. Frankfurt, Germany, is in one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ populated regions of Western Europe.  
 A) densely      B) vastly      C) enormously      D) largely
44. Everyone had an application form in his hand, but no one knew which office room \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) to send it to      B) to send it      C) to be sent to      D) to have it send
45. The police set a \_\_\_\_\_ to catch the thieves.  
 A) plan      B) device      C) trap      D) trick
46. We \_\_\_\_\_ to start our own business, but we never had enough money.  
 A) have hoped      B) would hope      C) had hoped      D) should hope
47. We have to try every means to \_\_\_\_\_ the costs of the construction project.  
 A) bring off      B) bring forth      C) bring down      D) bring back
48. The students were participating \_\_\_\_\_ an international energy-saving competition between towns in New England and Canada.  
 A) for      B) in      C) to      D) at
49. When she was criticized, she claimed that it was outside her \_\_\_\_\_ of responsibility.  
 A) field      B) limit      C) extent      D) range
50. While \_\_\_\_\_ the sun, the satellite has sent more than four billion bits of information back to earth.  
 A) having orbited      B) being orbited      C) having been orbited      D) orbiting
51. Language is a city, to the building of \_\_\_\_\_ every human being brought a stone.  
 A) which      B) that      C) it      D) this
52. \_\_\_\_\_ of the two books holds the opinion that the danger of nuclear war is increasing.  
 A) None      B) Either      C) Both      D) Neither
53. Government cannot operate effectively \_\_\_\_\_ it is free from such interference.  
 A) so long as      B) so that      C) unless      D) because
54. We welcome rain, but a(an) \_\_\_\_\_ large amount of rainfall will cause floods.  
 A) extensively      B) extremely      C) specially      D) constantly
55. Beethoven is my favorite musician. I regard him as \_\_\_\_\_ other musicians.  
 A) superior to      B) more superior than      C) more superior to      D) superior than
56. I hope that you'll be more careful in typing the letter. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ anything.  
 A) withdraw      B) omit      C) reduce      D) leak
57. We don't need air conditioning, \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) nor can we afford it      B) and nor we can afford it  
 C) neither can afford it      D) and we can neither afford it
58. She is a very \_\_\_\_\_ secretary: she never forgets anything or makes a mistake.  
 A) anxious      B) effective      C) adequate      D) efficient
59. The Browns \_\_\_\_\_ here, but not any more.  
 A) were used to living      B) had lived      C) used to live      D) had been living
60. I'll accept any job \_\_\_\_\_ I don't have to get up early.  
 A) lest      B) as long as      C) in case      D) though



almost in a whisper, she 75 everyone that the pilot had 76 and asked if any of the passengers knew anything about machines - or at 77 how to drive a car. After a moment's 78, a man got up and followed the hostess into the pilot's cabin.

Moving the pilot 79, the man took his seat and listened carefully to the 80 instructions that were being sent by radio from the airport 81. The plane was now dangerously close 82 the ground, but to everyone's 83, it soon began to climb. The man had to 84 the airport several times in order to become 85 with the controls of the plane. 86 the danger had not yet passed. The terrible 87 came when he had to land. Following 88, the man guided the plane toward the airfield. It shook violently 89 it touched the ground and then moved rapidly 90 the runway and after a long run it stopped safely.

75. A) inquired B) insured  
 C) informed D) instructed
76. A) fallen B) failed  
 C) faded D) fainted
77. A) best B) least  
 C) length D) first
78. A) hesitation B) surprise  
 C) doubt D) delay
79. A) back B) aside  
 C) about D) off
80. A) patient B) anxious  
 C) urgent D) nervous
81. A) beneath B) under  
 C) down D) below
82. A) to B) by  
 C) near D) on
83. A) horror B) trust  
 C) pleasure D) relief
84. A) surround B) circle  
 C) observe D) view
85. A) intimate B) familiar  
 C) understood D) close
86. A) Then B) Therefore  
 C) But D) Moreover
87. A) moment B) movement  
 C) idea D) affair
88. A) impression B) information  
 C) inspections D) instructions
89. A) as B) unless  
 C) while D) so
90. A) around B) over  
 C) along D) above

**Part V**

**Writing**

(30 minutes)

**Directions:** For this part, you are allowed thirty minutes to write a composition on the topic **The World Is Getting Smaller and Smaller**. You should write at least 100 words and you should base your composition on the outline (given in Chinese) below.

1. 现代化的交通工具越来越发达
2. 人与人之间的交往越来越频繁
3. 结论





some questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear 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 One**

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

11. A) In about 20 years. B) Within a week.  
 C) In a couple of weeks. D) As early as possible.  
 12. A) Yes, of course. B) Possibly not.  
 C) Not mentioned D) Definitely not.  
 13. A) Her complaint was ignored. B) The store sent her the correct order.  
 C) The store apologized for their mistake. D) The store picked up the wrong items.

**Passage Two**

**Questions 14 to 17 are based on the passage you have just heard.**

14. A) The prison gates are always open. B) Its prisoner can work outside.  
 C) The prison has no armed guards D) The prison is open to the public.  
 15. A) The prisoners are provided with jobs on release.  
 B) Its prisoners are seldom made to work overtime.  
 C) It is run on the principle of trusting prisoners.  
 D) It has no security measures.  
 16. A) One year. B) Two years. C) Thirteen years. D) Fourteen years.  
 17. A) Doubtful. B) Positive C) Critical D) Indifferent.

**Passage Three**

**Questions 18 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.**

18. A) It's good for training one's character but not good for one's health  
 B) It cannot prepare pupils to be good citizens.  
 C) It has less effect on a child's character than sports and games.  
 D) It's as important as after-class activities.  
 19. A) Because pupils there have to spend most of the time studying.  
 B) Because the school authorities insist on traditional ways of teaching.  
 C) Because the school authorities have neglected discipline.  
 D) Because pupils there are too fond of playing.  
 20. A) Practical work. B) Collective activities.  
 C) Teacher's encouragement. D) Book knowledge.

**Part II**

**Reading Comprehension**

(35 minutes)

**Directions:** There are 4 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 centre.

**Questions 21 to 25 are based on the following passage.**

People tend to be more impressed by evidence that seems to confirm some relationship. Thus