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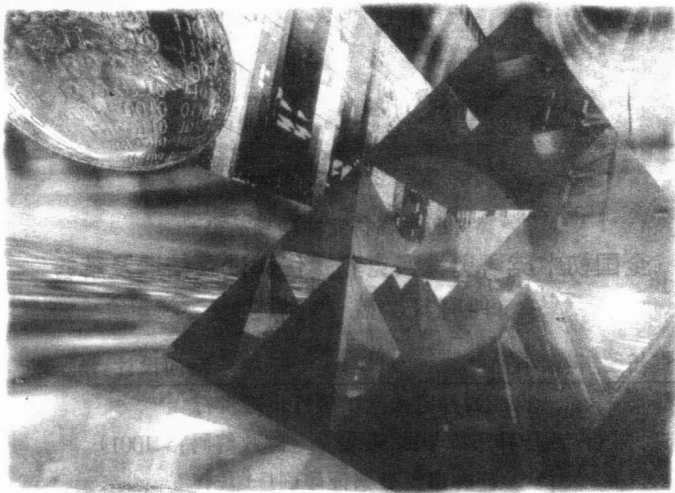


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# 前言

全国中学生各学科奥林匹克竞赛是当前我国在青少年中开展素质教育的最高层次的学科知识竞赛。它注重能力的考核,内容广泛,命题新颖,思路开阔,重视智力开发,反映了各学科发展的最新趋势,全方位与世界中学生奥林匹克竞赛接轨;它所提供的各种新信息极大地丰富了各学科的教学内容,调动了广大学生对有关学科学习的积极性,有力地推动了我国当前素质教育的开展和教学改革,在教师和中学生中产生了广泛、深远和积极的影响。

因此,了解、研究和积极参与奥林匹克各科竞赛,对广大教师和中学生来说,是一项有益的和必要的教学研究双边活动。为此,我们编写了这套“奥林匹克各科竞赛辅导丛书”。这套丛书出版后深受广大中学师生的欢迎,纷纷来信要求再版。我们在收集意见的同时,收编和精选了部分近年优秀竞赛考题,对原丛书进行了全面修订。这次全面推出数学、物理、化学、英语、生物等五种。我们希望通过丛书的修订再版,能给广大中学教师和学生提供尽可能全面的竞赛辅导资料,具有更大的帮助作用和参考价值,进一步推动教研工作和竞赛活动的开展。

从这套丛书精选的内容可以看到,近年全国各省、市初中各科奥林匹克竞赛试题,都强调了紧扣九年义务教育教学大纲、教材命题的特点。这些试题命题结构精巧、新颖,思路开阔,难度适中,接近中考各科中、高档试题的难度,命题的特色也与中考大体相同。可以说,学生做好这些试题的研究,不但对今后参加各学科的竞赛有很好的指导作用,而且还能对素质的提高、知识的深化和思维的开拓都具有极大的指导意义。因此,这套丛书的使用具有双重作用和效力,它不仅是课本内容、知

识应用的补充和深化,还是参加奥林匹克竞赛或中考学生极为有用的辅导用书、中学各学科教师极为宝贵的参考资料.

本丛书统稿和整理过程中,得到了部分省、市教研员的大力协助和支持.在此,让我们向关心、支持这套丛书出版的有关人员,以及参加奥林匹克竞赛命题的有关人员表示衷心感谢!

限于我们的水平,书中疏漏之处恐难避免,恳请各位读者批评指正.

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# International Skills Test (1997)

The University of New South Wales  
Educational Testing Centre  
**Junior Paper**

75 Questions      Time Allowed: 2 hours

## Listening Task

15 Questions (15 minutes)(略)

## Reading Task

60 Questions (1 hour 45 minutes)

For questions 16 to 21 refer to the “Weather Diary” information and choose the best answer for each question.



Sunny



Cold



Cloudy



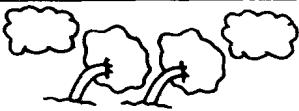









Windy



Rain

## A WEATHER DIARY

	Morning	Afternoon
Saturday April 26th		
Sunday April 27th		

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday April 28th		
Tuesday April 29th		
Wednesday April 30th		
Thursday May 1st		
Friday May 2nd		

16. On which of the following days was it windy all day?  
 A. Sunday.      B. Monday.      C. Wednesday.      D. Friday.
17. The sunniest days were \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Tuesday and Friday      B. Saturday and Tuesday  
 C. Monday and Wednesday      D. Tuesday and Wednesday
18. On Sunday it would probably be best to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. go to the beach for a swim  
 B. stay home and read a good book  
 C. take the dog for a walk  
 D. visit the zoo
19. Which cloudy morning was followed by a sunny afternoon?  
 A. Friday.      B. Saturday.



C. Monday.

D. Thursday.

20. Friday May 2nd was \_\_\_\_\_.

A. rainy in the morning and cold in the afternoon

B. sunny all day

C. sunny in the morning and cloudy in the afternoon

D. cold and windy all day

21. Joanne flew her kite on a day that was windy in the morning but wet in the afternoon. Joanne probably did this on \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Saturday, April 26th

B. Monday, April 28th

C. Tuesday, April 29th

D. Thursday, May 1st

**Read the passage "Snakes" and answer questions 22 to 26.**

### SNAKES

Snakes eat live mammals and reptiles as well as the eggs of birds. Animals are eaten whole after being killed by poison or by constriction. Constriction means that the snake winds its body around the prey and squeezes hard to stop its breathing.

Snakes can swallow quite large animals because their jaws are very loosely attached to their skull. This lets them open their mouths very wide. A large meal may satisfy a snake for many weeks.

Poisonous snakes inject poison or venom into their victims through hollow teeth called fangs. In some countries people are killed by snakes every year. The most dangerous snakes are the Krait of Asia, the Australian Tiger Snake and Sea Snakes.

22. The word "constriction" describes how a snake \_\_\_\_\_.

A. kills its prey by swallowing it

B. uses its very wide jaws

C. tightly winds its body around its prey

D. uses venom to kill its prey

23. Because of the way snakes eat they \_\_\_\_\_.

A. must kill prey at least twice each day

- B. should eat different kinds of food each day
  - C. should wait until the poison in their victim's body is gone
  - D. can survive for long periods of time on one meal
24. Snakes can swallow very large animals because \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. they are able to poison them  
 B. there are no bones in their jaws  
 C. their jaws are loosely attached to their skulls  
 D. their mouths are full of hollow teeth
25. Venom is a type of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. poison which may kill people  
 B. tooth which contains poison  
 C. poison which cannot kill animals  
 D. tooth which is hollow
26. The main thing the passage tells us about is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. the kinds of snakes that can hurt people  
 B. the ways snakes kill their prey  
 C. the types of food snakes eat  
 D. where snakes live

**For questions 27 to 30 choose the best words to complete the passage.**

During the summer holidays our family travelled through China. Grace   27   Susan came on holidays with us   28   I would have some friends to play with. We started our holiday at the beginning of August.   29   we visited my cousins in Xian and   30   we travelled to Beijing.

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|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 27. A. and  | B. with  | C. also  | D. first |
| 28. A. so   | B. until | C. then  | D. and   |
| 29. A. Then | B. So    | C. First | D. And   |
| 30. A. if   | B. while | C. soon  | D. then  |

**For questions 31 to 34 refer to the "Telephone Message" and choose the best answer for each question.**

### TELEPHONE MESSAGE

To: Deborah Lai (English teacher)

Mr/Mrs/Ms: Wong

☒ Telephoned ☐ Called in ☐ Wrote a note

To say: His daughter Angela will not be back at school until Thursday because she is sick. He would like to speak to you about the work she is missing. His phone number is 5859337.

Please: ☒ telephone ☐ Write a note ☐ Make a time to see  
Message taken by: Mrs Lee

Date: Monday 12 August Time: 9:05 am

31. Angela will be back at school on \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. 15th August B. 12th August  
C. Monday D. Wednesday
32. Mr Wong would like the teacher to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. return his call  
B. write him a letter  
C. make an appointment to see him  
D. telephone his daughter Angela
33. The teacher for English is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Mrs Lee B. Deborah Lai  
C. Angela Wong D. Mr Wong
34. From this information it is possible to tell that Mr Wong is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. teacher in a nearby school  
B. man who takes messages at the school  
C. father who is concerned about his daughter's progress  
D. hard working business man

**For questions 35 to 38 choose the best words to complete the passage.**  
Leo is one of the 1,500 men and women employed in a biscuit

Leo has been at the factory for one year. He brought his 36  
to a new country and now he is learning a new 37 . He is hoping  
to get a different 38 in an office.

- Look at the pictures below and answer questions 39 to 43.**

### Picture 1

### Picture 2

### Picture 3

**Picture 4**

### Picture 5

- 6

- A. relaxed while he is waiting for something to happen
  - B. excited because he is about to catch a big fish
  - C. worried about being pulled into the water
  - D. upset because the fish is so large
42. Picture 5 in this series would most likely show the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. girl also falling out of the boat  
 B. man being helped back into the boat  
 C. girl catching a fish  
 D. man catching another fish
43. From the pictures we can see that the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. people did not enjoy fishing  
 B. man had planned to jump into the water  
 C. fishing trip didn't turn out as the people had expected  
 D. fishing boat the people were in was unsafe

**For questions 44 to 49 choose the best words to complete the passage.**

Eva was standing on the sidewalk watching the traffic go past. She \_\_\_\_\_ 44 \_\_\_\_\_ the red car disappear down the street. She wondered where it was going in such a hurry and who was \_\_\_\_\_ 45 \_\_\_\_\_ it. She \_\_\_\_\_ 46 \_\_\_\_\_ always wanted to have a red car. \_\_\_\_\_ 47 \_\_\_\_\_ the time she was a young child she had liked cars. She was interested \_\_\_\_\_ 48 \_\_\_\_\_ the way they looked \_\_\_\_\_ 49 \_\_\_\_\_ in the way they worked.

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|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 44. A. seen   | B. was seen | C. watching | D. watched |
| 45. A. driven | B. drove    | C. driving  | D. drive   |
| 46. A. had    | B. did      | C. was      | D. have    |
| 47. A. When   | B. From     | C. About    | D. For     |
| 48. A. to     | B. for      | C. in       | D. at      |
| 49. A. and    | B. but      | C. however  | D. because |

**Read the passage "Harp Seals" and answer questions 50 to 54.**

### HARP SEALS

The harp seal is one of nature's most beautiful and appealing

creatures. Many years ago it was hunted for its pure white fur. Hunting harp seals is now illegal.

The seals spend the summer months migrating in large groups. Harp seals close their nostrils and ear holes when diving in water, but have to surface frequently to breathe. Their favourite place to rest is on the top of icebergs.

The female harp seal gives birth in February or March and feeds her pups for 14~18 days. Baby harp seals begin to lose their white fur at around six to eight weeks of age. As an adult, the harp seal has brown skin. At birth, harp seals weigh 12kg but can weigh up to 130kg as adults. Harp seals eat small fish, shrimps and krill. However, they are able to switch from one food to another depending on what is available. Males have a lifespan of 29 years while females usually live for longer than 30 years.

Since the Canadian Government introduced laws to protect the seal pups from hunters their numbers have increased to more than one million. Now every year, thousands of tourists flock to the pack ice to witness the wonderful sight of new pups born in spring.

50. In the past harp seals were hunted \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. for their fur  
B. for their meat  
C. because they were a nuisance  
D. because they were easy to catch
51. An adult harp seal could be described as being \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. brown in colour and weighing 12kg  
B. brown in colour and weighing 130kg  
C. white in colour and weighing 12kg  
D. white in colour and weighing 130kg
52. According to the passage which of the following statements is TRUE?

Adult harp seals \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. only eat shrimp
- B. eat different foods at different times
- C. prefer to eat krill
- D. catch small fish to feed their young

53. The best word to replace “frequently” in the passage is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. quickly
- B. sometimes
- C. mainly
- D. often

54. The best word to replace “witness” as used in the passage is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. view
- B. locate
- C. report
- D. describe

**For questions 55 to 60 choose the best words to complete the passage.**

Kim was at the bus stop waiting for his bus to 55. He wasn't feeling very 56 because his friends had left and he was forced to wait 57 in a dark street, late at night. Luckily, he had a mobile telephone with him and he would be able to use it to 58 for help if there was any sign of 59. He was worried when he saw a group of youths walking towards him. However, just at that 60 the bus came around the corner.

- 55. A. stand                      B. drive                      C. begin                      D. arrive
- 56. A. friendly                      B. different                      C. safe                      D. interested
- 57. A. alone                      B. before                      C. beside                      D. always
- 58. A. answer                      B. call                      C. listen                      D. speak
- 59. A. accident                      B. mistake                      C. trouble                      D. problem
- 60. A. chance                      B. direction                      C. appearance                      D. moment

**Read the “Annual Arts and Crafts Festival” information and answer questions 61 to 65.**

THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY PRESENTS ITS

Annual Arts and Crafts Festival

This year's festival will be held on

SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER

10 AM UNTIL 3 PM

22, 5F LANE 21

HANG CHOW RD

ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE:

ART EXHIBITION FEATURING SELECTED  
WORKS OF FAMOUS ABORIGINAL ARTISTS  
INFORMATION ON ART CLASSES AVAILABLE  
CRAFT DISPLAYS INCLUDING POTTERY,  
WEAVING AND WOODWORK CRAFT STALLS,  
PLANTS, TOYS, REFRESHMENTS, CAKES,  
JAMS, RIDES... AND MORE!

TREE OF GOOD WISHES

(DONATIONS FOR A LOCAL CHARITY  
ARE RECORDED ON THE TREE)

ENTRANCE FEE: ADULTS 5 *Yuan*

CHILDREN 2 *Yuan*

61. What time does the Arts and Crafts Festival finish?  
A. 10:00 am    B. 10:00 pm    C. 3:00 am    D. 3:00 pm
62. The notice tells us that at the Arts and Crafts Festival there will be \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. dancing and craft displays  
B. an art exhibition and refreshments  
C. music and an art exhibition  
D. refreshments and singing
63. Vish who is 9 years old wants to take his Mum and Dad to the Arts and Crafts Festival. It will cost \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. 5 *Yuan*+2 *Yuan*                      B. 2 *Yuan*+2 *Yuan*  
C. 5 *Yuan*+5 *Yuan*+2 *Yuan*            D. 2 *Yuan*+2 *Yuan*+5 *Yuan*
64. At the Arts and Crafts Festival, visitors could expect to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. view a collection of art works



65. The Arts and Crafts Festival is held .

## MOVING IN

Rita did not care whether she lived in the country or not, but she liked the magpies and she liked watching them fly from one tree to another. They were noisy and bold and clever and their sharp black eyes noticed everything and everyone that passed by—children, cats, lizards and an occasional rabbit.

66. Rita's new house \_\_\_\_\_.

67. Which of the following statements about Rita is TRUE?